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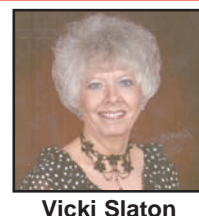
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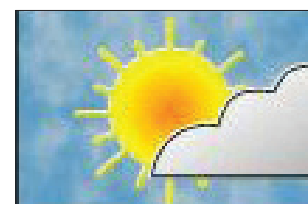
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Alon trial set to begin

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Alon USA, owner of the Big Spring Refinery, will square off with the Howard County Appraisal District Monday morning in 118th District Court, as the petrochemical company's suit alleging inflated tax valuations from 2006 and 2007 goes to trial.

The trial, which will be heard by District Court Judge Robert H. Moore III, is set to begin at 9 a.m. with the court's docket currently cleared until the end of the week to hear testimony.

In 2007, Alon USA disputed its \$320 million tax appraisal, claiming it should only have to pay taxes on approximately \$152 million. The \$320 million assessment was later upheld by the appraisal district's review board, spurring the company to file a lawsuit in 118th District Court.

According to reports following the filing of the lawsuit, Alon agreed to pay \$80 million in taxes until the matter is resolved, leaving the county with a shortfall of more than \$700,000 and Big Spring Independent School District picking up a \$264,000 loss.

According to county officials, Alon representatives are expected to concentrate a great deal of their testimony on the depreciation of value on much of the equipment at the Big Spring Refinery.

Brett McKibben, chief appraiser for the Howard

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Courtesy Photo

Texas radio personality Tumbleweed Smith will be the guest speaker at the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. Smith is the producer of The Sound of Texas, a widely syndicated radio show in Texas featuring the colorful ever day characters who make up Texas.

Storyteller

Tumbleweed Smith to headline Tuesday's United Way luncheon

Herald Staff Report

Texas radio personality Tumbleweed Smith will be the guest speaker at the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Kick-Off Luncheon Tuesday.

"My speech focuses on what makes Big Spring a wonderful place to live," said Smith, a long-time resident of the city. "I'll talk about some of the characters and play some voices of the people who gave this city its personality. My presentation is intended to be fun, enjoyable, nostalgic, historic and informative."

Tumbleweed Smith is producer of "The Sound of Texas," a radio series that began in Big Spring and became

What: United Way of Big Spring and Howard County Kick-Off Luncheon.

Where: FUMC Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry..

When: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

the most widely syndicated radio show in Texas.

The luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry St. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third. For more

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Candidate convicted of assault in '73

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County sheriff candidate Pat Carter, who will be running for the office on the Democratic ticket in November, confirmed Friday he was arrested and convicted of misdemeanor assault in Abilene more than 35 year ago.

According to reports from the Taylor County Sheriff's Office, Carter, who recently served as a deputy with the Howard County Sheriff's Office, was arrested June 26, 1973, and charged with assault with intent to commit rape in the city of Abilene.

According to the arrest report filed by Arthur Blakery, the arresting officer, a report of "a man beating on a woman" was received and the officer was dispatched to the residence, where he found a 16-year-old girl running from Carter.

"A strong odor of alcoholic beverage was about his (Carter's) person and he was unsteady on his feet," Blakery wrote in his report, which is currently on file with the Taylor County Sheriff's Department. "The defendant was drunk when he was arrested and was drunk when

"I guess we all have things we did in our lifetime that we wouldn't do them the same way again, and this is obviously one of them."

—Pat Carter, candidate for Howard County sheriff



booked."

The charge was later dropped to misdemeanor assault, according to court records. Carter received a trial by jury in Taylor County Court and was found guilty of misdemeanor assault. He was sentenced to two years probation, required to pay a fine of \$960 and required to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings twice a week and meetings with the Abilene Council on Alcoholism once a month.

Carter said he successfully completed his probation and alcohol-related classes and meetings.

"At that time, just a

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CRIMESTOPPERS

Help sought in vandalism cases

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Big Spring Area Crimestoppers is seeking information on a string of vandalism over the past

two weeks that all have one thing in common: red, clay-type bricks.

"Big Spring Crimestoppers is requesting assistance from the citizens regarding numerous reports of criminal mischief dur-

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Debate coaches lose cool

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — An argument between two debate coaches that was caught on video was not the sharp-witted dialogue typically associated with college debate teams. Instead, the two traded profanity-laced barbs and one of them pulled down his shorts, exposing his underwear.

An eight-minute segment of the argument, in which each cursed repeatedly and one student near the camera can be heard crying, was posted on YouTube on Aug. 2 and has garnered more than 100,000 hits.

Pays to be blind

ROANOKE, Ind. (AP) — A man's forgotten bifocals led to a \$3 million lottery jackpot.

Bobby Guffey usually plays the same combination of numbers representing the birthdays of his five children. But he left his glasses at home when he bought the winning ticket Aug. 6, accidentally entering the last number as 48 instead of 46.

The Hoosier Lotto ticket ended up being worth \$3 million.

"My wife says it pays to be blind," Guffey said Thursday.

What were they thinking?

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Here's a mind-bending idea: The U.S. military is paying scientists to study ways to read people's thoughts.

The hope is the research could lead to a gadget capable of translating the thoughts of soldiers who suffered brain injuries or even stroke patients in hospitals. But the research also raises concerns that the technology could be used in other ways. Scientists are studying brain signals to try to decipher what a person is thinking and to whom the person wants to direct the message.



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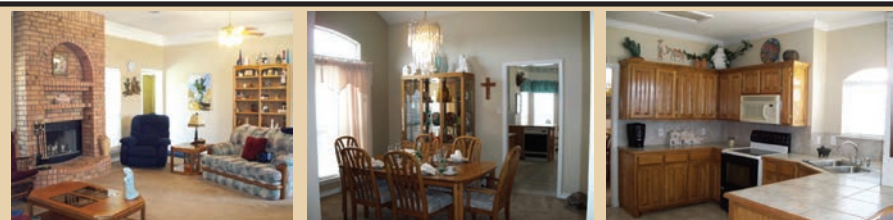
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Hector wins second race

Big Spring native wins, despite rough conditions

Herald Staff Report

ABILENE — Not even poor track conditions could slow down Big Spring native Gene Hector and his Small Block Mafia.

Hector won the second race of his career in the Texas Outlaw Promod Association at the Texas Raceway in Kennedale Aug. 8.

Hector topped 10 other drivers and defeated for-

mer world record holder Doug Reisterer in the finals, despite having his slowest ride of the evening.

"The track just went away. The conditions weren't the best at all," confirmed Hector. "It wasn't a pretty win, but we'll take what we can get."

Hector finished the

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HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring Lady Steers Volleyball Coach Meghan Blake instructs players during practice at the Big Spring Junior High Gymnasium Aug. 6. The Lady Steers played in a tournament in Monahans this weekend and went 1-2 on the first day of bracket play. See Page 2B for the full story.

Summer Olympics



AP photo/Petr David Josek

United States' Michael Phelps, front, trails Serbia's Milorad Cavic (in the background) in the men's 100-meter butterfly final during the swimming competitions in the National Aquatics Center at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, Saturday. Phelps edged Cavic in the race by one-hundredth of a second, winning his seventh gold medal and tying Mark Spitz's record for most gold won at an individual Olympic Games.

Bolt of lightning

Jamaican cruises to 100-meter win

By EDDIE PELLIS

AP National Writer

BEIJING — Imagine if he had really tried. Pounding his chest, turning up the palms of his outstretched arms, mugging for the cameras before he even crossed the finish line, Usain Bolt rewrote the record books again and captured his first Olympic medal Saturday, toying with the field and running the 100-meter dash in a stunning 9.69 seconds.

His left shoe was untied when he crossed the finish line. Not that it mattered much. He could've walked across.

It was a blowout, a rout, no contest, as the 21-year-old Jamaican took a huge lead halfway through the race and finished upright, looking to his right to find not a challenger but instead a bunch of photographers recording history.

"It wasn't planned," the newly crowned "World's Fastest Man" said of his running celebration. "My aim was to come out and win. When I saw the time, I'm celebrating. I'm happy."

He broke his own record, set in May in New York, by .03 second and became the first sprinter to set the world record in the Olympics since Donovan Bailey ran 9.84 at the 1996 Atlanta Games.

"No one will get near it," fellow Jamaican Michael Frater, the sixth-place finisher, said of Bolt's record.

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The greatest ever? Yes

Mark McGwire breaks the single-season home run record.

Cal Ripken Jr. becomes baseball's iron man.

Emmitt Smith sets the NFL's all-time rushing yards record once held by the late, great Walter Payton.

All of these are memorable and historic sporting events that have happened in my lifetime. After



JONATHAN HULL

Friday night, I get to add another moment to this list.

Michael Phelps ties Mark Spitz's 36-year-old record, winning seven gold medals at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

Of course, by Saturday night, Phelps will have most likely broken the record, claiming his eighth gold in the medley relay race.

Unfortunately, the deadline for Sunday's edition will be well past

by the time Phelps dives into the water, but frankly, it's a foregone conclusion that an eighth gold will be added to Phelps' Beijing resume. After all, the United States has lost the 4x100 medley relay just once since the race was added in 1960 and enter the 2008 version of the contest heavily favored to finish first.

So, let's assume Phelps is now the all-time leader in gold medals at an individu-

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Sports in brief

BSHS QB Club meeting Monday

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club is meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center. All parents of football players from junior high to high school are encouraged to attend.

Also, the deadline for advertisements to be placed in the 2008 Steers Football Program is Monday. Contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685 to place your ad.

Crossroads Youth Football Association sign-ups continue

The final early sign-up date for the Crossroads Youth Football Association is Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Big Spring 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.

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association sign-ups last all week

Sign-ups for the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association 2008 season continue through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day and end Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

Boys and girls from ages 4-11 are eligible to play. The sign-up fee is \$60 with no fund raiser.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 213-0430.

Registration open for v-ball league

Registration for the Big Spring Youth Volleyball League continues through Aug. 30 at the local YMCA.

The league is open for children entering grades 4, 5 and 6 this school year.

Registration fee is \$50; financial assistance is available for families that qualify.

Teams will be formed at a coaches' meeting Sept. 2 and games will be played on Saturdays beginning Sept. 20.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

Stanton site for Sept. 1 5K run

Stanton will host a 5 kilometer run/walk Sept. 1. Registration will be held at 7:30 a.m., with the race starting an hour later at 1101 W. Broadway (the Martin County EMS Building).

Early registration costs \$15 — race day registration will cost \$20.

There will be awards to the top three male and female runners in several age groups.

For more information, call Bob Teveni at 661-8597 or pick up entry forms at Dr. Pablo Teveni's office at 109 E. First St. in Stanton.

How to Raise Life-Long Readers

FAMILY FEATURES

Books open a window to the world, taking readers to other times and other places — introducing them to new thoughts and ideas. Yet reading does much more than expand the imagination, especially for children.

Research shows that exposure to books in early childhood — even in infancy — is critical to future reading development. It's a building block for early learning experiences, contributing to language development, better grades in school and enhanced productivity in adult life.

In 2007, the National Center for Educational Statistics released its annual "Reading Report," finding that a staggering 33 percent of all fourth-graders in this country still cannot read at even the basic level. Worse yet, deficient readers run higher risks of failure in personal, professional and social areas.

Even those who do read at grade level face additional challenges. For instance, as children age, research shows that time spent reading decreases. Eighth grade seems to be the tipping point where children stop reading for pleasure due to more homework and competing interests. On average, young people between the ages of 15 and 24 spend almost two hours a day watching TV, but only seven minutes of their daily leisure time reading.

So what can parents and caregivers do to give children a solid reading foundation and help them become life-long readers?

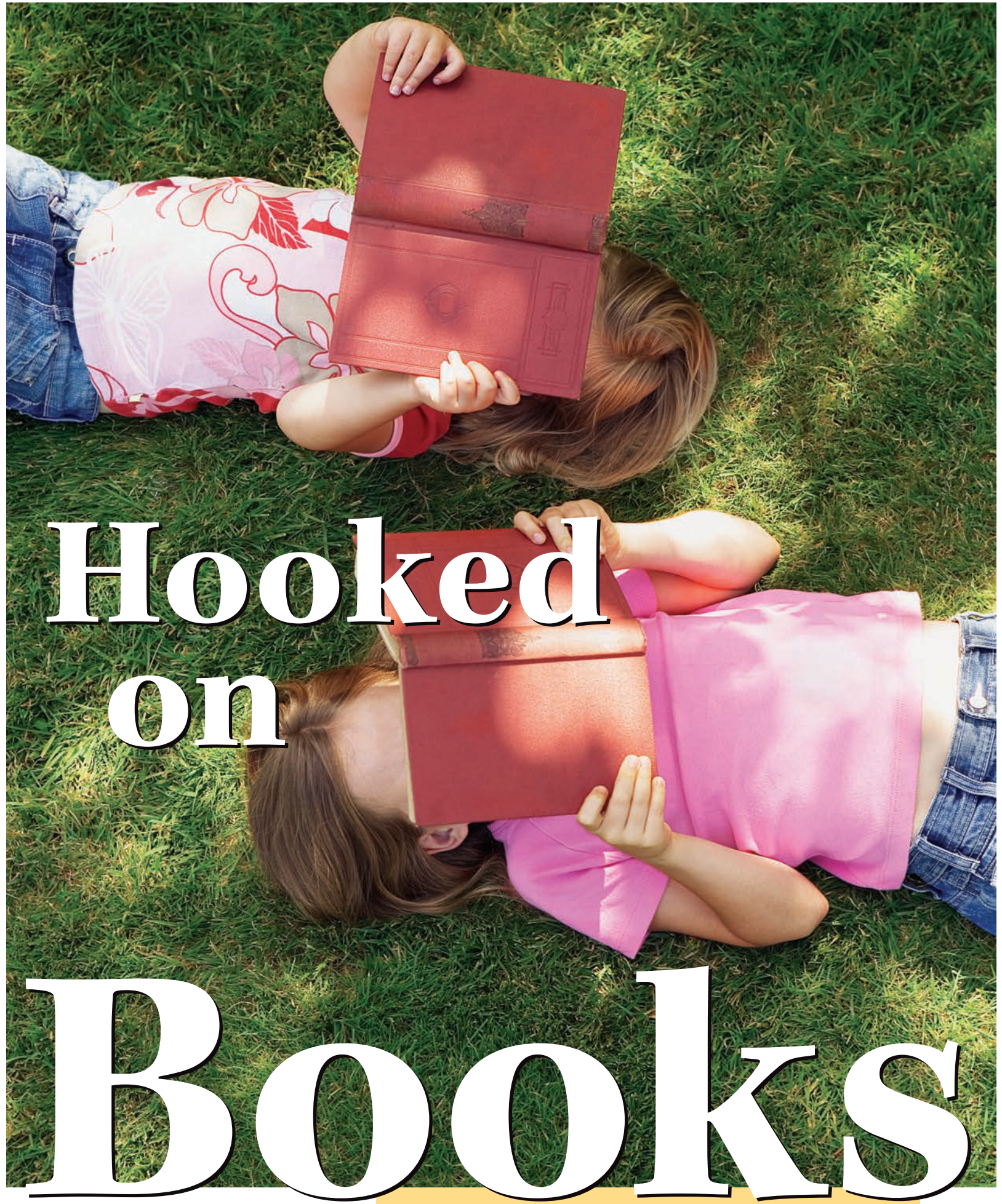
Read with them. Reading aloud to a child is one of the most important things you can do. At least once every day, try to set aside some time to read together, even if it's just a few minutes. It can be from a book, a magazine, a newspaper — anything. Reading not only exposes children to language, rhythm and sounds, but it's also a great time for bonding.

Feed their interests. Help your children find books or articles that focus on their interests; they'll be more motivated to read about a topic that's exciting to them. And respect their choices in reading materials — if it keeps them turning pages, it's helping them.

Praise their efforts. Positive reinforcement is a powerful motivator.

Be a good role model. Let your child see you read. Talk about books that you're reading and share interesting passages with them.

Give them plenty to read. Take them to the library regularly, and keep books and other reading materials in reach. It doesn't matter if the materials are owned or borrowed, new or used; what's important is that reading is a natural part of everyday life.



Hooked on Books

It's been said that children become readers on the laps of their parents. Whether a single parent, working parent, grandparent or caregiver, adults have the power to enhance a child's life, improve their learning and foster a life-long love of reading — and it all starts with, "Once upon a time ..."

A Book for Every Child

Not everyone has the means to build up a home library. In fact, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, 12.8 million children live in poverty. Library use by low-income families drops dramatically if they live more than six blocks from a public library. And when school closes for holidays and vacations, these children often don't have access to any books at all.

"Reading is the first step to getting an education and having a successful future," says Karen Proctor, Vice President of Community Affairs at Scholastic, the global children's publishing, education and media company, which strives to help children around the world to read and learn. "Literacy statistics in our country — especially for those living in poverty — are staggering. Exposing children to books and reading during their formative years is crucial. It is the responsibility of every community to encourage reading and help to improve the outlook for the next generation."

To get books into the hands of economically disadvantaged children, The UPS Store is sponsoring the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation's first year-round initiative, the Toys for Tots Literacy Program.

Throughout the year, participating The UPS Store locations are collecting donations for their *Buck a Book* program. All money donated to the Toys for Tots Literacy Program will place a book into the hands of an economically disadvantaged child.

Cash donations made through the Toys for Tots Literacy Program will be used to purchase books for children who need them most, as well as for libraries, schools and existing educational programs that support children in need. The program will help children in the communities where the funds are raised, or if an economic need does not exist in that community, in a neighboring area that has such a need.

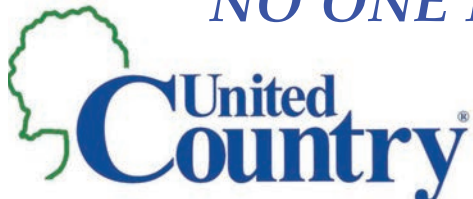
For more information on the Toys for Tots Literacy Program, please visit www.ToysforTotsLiteracy.org.

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Cubicle Chaos: How To Manage Workplace Stress

Family Features

Just about everyone feels some job stress at times. And it doesn't always come from the work itself. A survey commissioned by Hormel Compleats found that 51 percent of people say their co-workers are the biggest source of stress.

Whether it's dealing with gossip, favoritism or real-life personal dramas, there's a lot to make you wish for long, leisurely lunches to escape from the madness for a while.

But even that proves difficult. The average lunch break is only 32 minutes, and nearly half (49 percent) of those surveyed said they end up eating lunch at their desk at least three times a week.

So what can you do to lessen work stress and make the most of your busy day? Workplace humor expert Scott Christopher, co-author of "The Levity Effect: Why It Pays to Lighten Up," has some tips to help you lighten up and stay sane.

- **Attitude of Gratitude.** It's not always easy to see the best in people, especially in some of the more quirky co-workers. The right attitude makes a big difference in your work relationships, so focus on the positive. Start the day off by thanking someone who deserves it, either in person or via email. Your day will start off better, and so will theirs.

- **Constructive Chatter.** Commit to avoiding negative conversations at least one day a week. That day, say only positive things to people. You may agree with someone's laundry list of gripes or accusations, but staying out of that negative conversation will make your day—and the office environment—much better.

- **Mini-Mental Vacation.** Decorate your

workspace with pictures of loved ones and memories of good times. When your boss is yelling, or a co-worker is being negative, use the pictures as a tangible reminder of what's really important.

When you can't get away for a relaxing lunch, find ways to make your quick lunch more satisfying. Put work aside and indulge in a favorite book or magazine while you eat. Listen to some favorite music while you take a short walk in the fresh air.

And pay attention to what you eat for lunch. Nearly half (49 percent) of those surveyed said they feel hungry again within just three hours of their midday meal. And it's hard to be positive and productive when you're out of fuel. The new line of Hormel Compleats is a quick, satisfying and inexpensive lunch option that comes in several healthy and hearty varieties. They meet the USDA guidelines for healthy lifestyle, are under 320 calories and have less than 3 grams saturated fat. And you'll be able to think about work instead of food later in the day.

It's possible to create a healthy work environment despite the craziness that goes on around you. Making positive choices, eating right and taking short breaks can make your day calmer, even when it's chaos for those around you.

For more information, visit www.hormelfoods.com/compleats.

Courtesy of Family Features

• *The HORMEL(r) COMPLEATS(tm) "Office Culture" survey was conducted by Kelton Research between March 6 and March 11, 2008, of 501 nationally representative American office workers ages 18 and above. The results indicate a margin of error +/- 4.4 percent at a 95 percent confidence level.*

Take Note

- **Bauer Elementary "Meet the Teachers"** will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21.

- **A blood drive for Elmer "Edman" McMurray**, who has been diagnosed with acute leukemia, will be held from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, in the Big Spring H-E-B parking lot. McMurray will need one to two units of blood daily for six weeks. All blood types are needed, however B negative and O negative are especially needed. You may also donate at Midland United Blood Services in Midland. Those donating for McMurray are asked to give his full name at the time they donate, so that he will receive credit.

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

- **Big Spring High School Class of 1988's 20-year reunion** will be held the weekend of Sept. 12-13. Contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe at 432-268-9587 or reibe1@suddenlink.net for information. The class still needs classmates' contact information so please contact Cheri to pass those along.

- **HATS (Hope After The Sadness)**, an American Cancer Society Resource

Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

- **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.

- **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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1300 block of Tucson.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C/ FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Sheppard.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 3700 block of Parkway and the 3600 block of Parkway.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 300 block of Presidio.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

- **RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy**, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

- **AA open discussion meeting** from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting**, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.






SUNDAY

- **Alcoholics Anonymous** meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

MONDAY

- **Encourager's Support Group** for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

Your Local Weather

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 80/65 Showers and scattered thunderstorms. High around 80F.	 78/64 Scattered thunderstorms possible.	 82/63 Isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 86/63 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm.	 89/67 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

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Bulletin Board

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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 Buffet.

- **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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- **Big Spring Band Boosters** meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

- **Big Spring Art Association** meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

- **Order of the Eastern Star No. 67** meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

WEDNESDAY

- **Optimist Club** meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- **Free blood pressure screenings** from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.

- **Downtown Lions Club** meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- **Duplicate Bridge Club** meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

- **Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie** meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- **Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association** meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.

Lottery

The winning numbers from Friday night's Mega Millions lottery drawing: 8, 23, 29, 30, 57; Mega Ball 7.

The winning numbers from Friday night's Cash Five drawing: 2, 13, 21, 25, 27.

The winning numbers in the Friday night Daily Four drawing: 4, 6, 0, 1; Sum It Up: 11.

The winning numbers in the Friday night Pick 3 drawing: 5, 9, 2; Sum It Up: 16.

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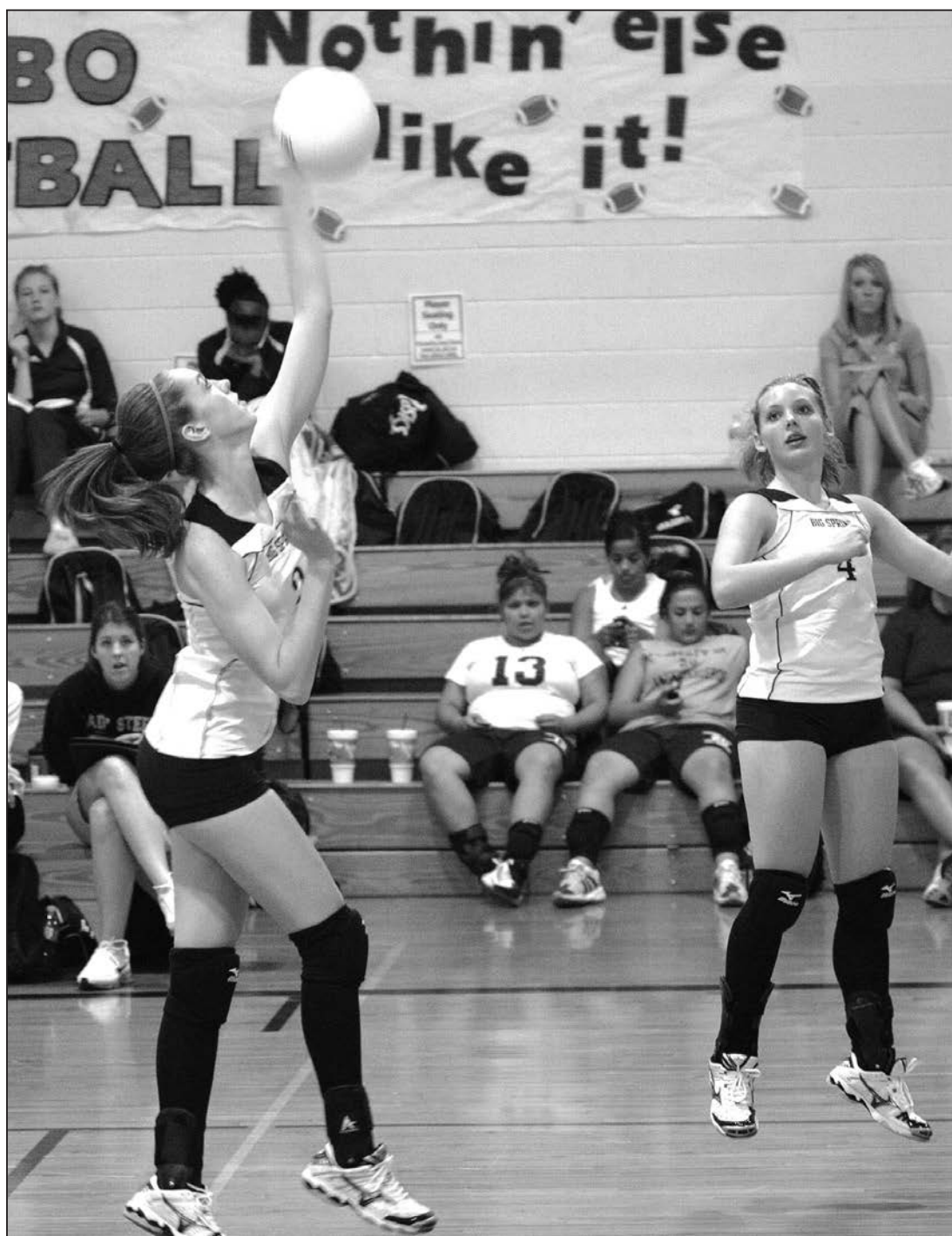
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Lady Steers go 1-2 in Monahans



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Big Spring's Macy Graves (left) spikes the ball over the net as teammate Belle Feaster looks on in a tournament match against Odessa Permian in Monahans Friday. The Lady Steers went 1-2 on the first day of bracket play.

Herald Staff Report

MONAHANS — So much pressure can be relieved from picking up the first win of a season, let alone, the first victory of a coaching career.

New Big Spring Lady Steers Head Coach Meghan Blake had to push the Lady Steers through four tough defeats before claiming her first win as a coach, but finally prevailed in her fifth match as the team's skipper Friday night in Monahans.

The Lady Steers dropped their first two matches in a tournament in Monahans Friday, losing to El Paso Franklin, 25-17, 25-6, and Odessa Permian, 25-11, 25-19, before finally earning their first victory of the season.

Big Spring topped Sierra Blanca in straight sets, 25-17, 25-21.

"It feels pretty good and I'm glad to finally have a win under my belt," Blake said. "We were in control 90 percent of the time against Sierra Blanca. We kept them out of their system and if we can do that, then most of the time we're going to win."

"We played a more confident game, too," she continued. "Blanca was scrappy. They got to a lot of balls defensively that most teams wouldn't. They fought back. We just pushed back harder in the end."

Pushing teams back has been something Blake has been preaching since the Lady Steers' first game of

the season Tuesday. According to her, the Lady Steers have put up a strong fight at times during the season, but never as consistently as they did Friday night against Sierra Blanca.

"We pushed in our first two games against Franklin and Permian, but we didn't push back for the entire 25 points of the game," she explained. "They would score four or five points in a row and then we'd score two. We have to equal or better our opponent in that regard. When you push and are in control, then you'll be successful."

"We hit the ball well against Sierra Blanca, too," Blake continued. "I think we finally started seeing the court better. We played with finesse. We didn't try to swing to the high heavens every time. We simply put the ball where they weren't."

Baylea Fox did a nice job of finding the open court with her serves. Fox had at least one ace in each of the Lady Steers' three games and totaled five aces overall.

She was also the team's leading digger, picking up 10. Freshman Cerbi Ritchey led the team with 36 assists in the three games.

Sophomore Desiree Anderson led with seven kills, with all of them coming in the Sierra Blanca match.

Halee Thomas had six kills and Macy Graves finished the day with five.

Graves also led the team with two blocks.

The Lady Steers played three more games Saturday.

Full results will be available in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

El Paso Franklin defeats Big Spring

25-17, 25-6
Aces — Baylea Fox 1, Mirrella Torres 1.
Kills — Halee Thomas 4, Macy Graves 3, Belle Feaster 1, Andrea Claxton 1, Torres 1.

Assists — Cerbi Ritchey 10.

Digs — Thomas 3, Fox 3, Claxton 2, Torres 2, Feaster 1, Porsha White 1.

Odessa Permian defeats Big Spring

25-11, 25-19
Aces — Fox 1.
Kills — Thomas 2, Graves 2, Claxton 2, Feaster 1.

Blocks — Feaster 1.5, Graves 1, Ritchey 1, Anderson .5.

Assists — Ritchey 7.
Digs — Fox 5, Claxton 2, Anderson 1, Thomas 1, Ritchey 1.

Big Spring defeats Sierra Blanca

25-17, 25-21
Aces — Fox 3, Ritchey 3, Feaster 2, Anderson 1.

Kills — Anderson 7, Thomas 4, Claxton 3, Graves 1, Ritchey 1, Feaster 1.

Blocks — Graves 1.
Assists — Ritchey 19.

Digs — Thomas 4, Fox 2, Ritchey 1, Feaster 1, Anderson 1.

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90th Birthday



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William Allen Shafer, a long-time resident of Big Spring and now retired to Kerrville, celebrated his 90th birthday on July 12, 2008. Attending the party were several friends and his two daughters, Barbara Shafer Wallace of Kerrville and Peggy Shafer Davis of San Angelo. His son, Jimmy Shafer of Amarillo, was unable to attend. Pictured William Shafer and daughters, Barbara and Peggy.

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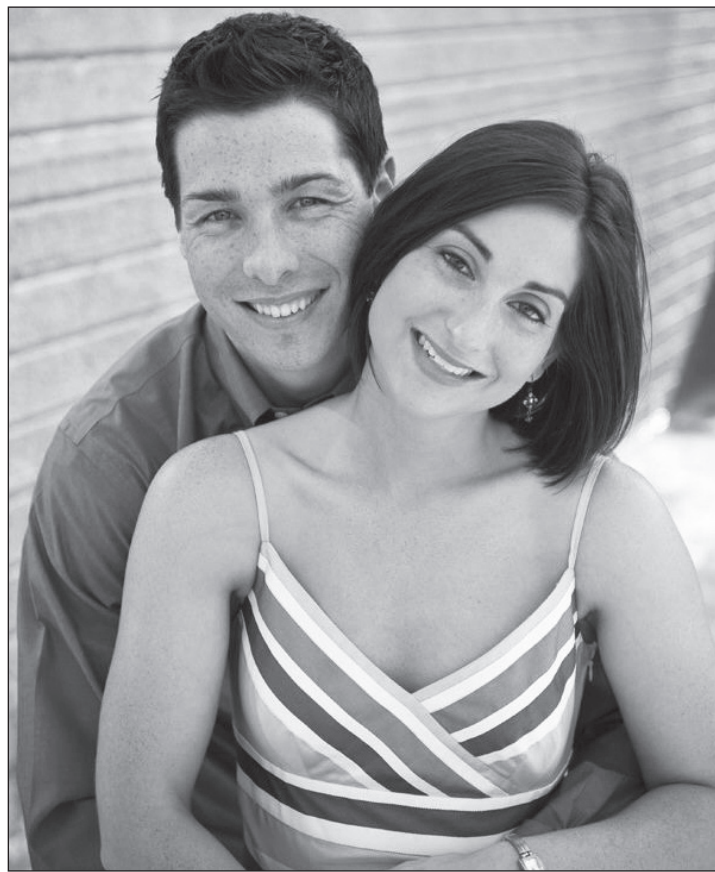
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Chandra McBee & Michael Brooks
April 18, 2009, in Grapevine

Bridget Cain of Big Spring and Joseph Triepke of Odessa plan to marry Sept. 27 at First Baptist Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Dr. Randy Cotton officiating.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Tim and Mary Cain of Big Spring. Her grandmothers are Mildred Franklin and Betty Cain, both of Big Spring.

She is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2006 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in finance. She is a financial analyst employed by KPMG LLP in Houston.

Her fiancé is the son of Darryl and Sandy Triepke of Odessa. He is the grandson of Clarence Peterson and Doris Bigelow of California.

He is a 2000 graduate of Odessa High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in finance. He is a financial analyst by Jefferies & Co. Inc. in Houston.

Chandra McBee of Big Spring and Michael Brooks of Coahoma will be united in marriage on April 18, 2009, in Grapevine.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Barry McBee of Big Spring and Kelly McBee of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of LaJoyce McBee of Lubbock.

The future groom is the son of Marty and Melissa Brooks of Coahoma and Lee and Sherry Cook of Midland. He is the grandson of Charlie and Betty Smith of Stanton and Stella Brooks of Big Spring.

Chandra is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2003 graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelors in psychology. She graduated from Hardin Simmons in 2005 with a master in education. She is the director of Continuing Education and Workforce Training at Howard College.

Michael graduated from Coahoma High School in 1997 and graduated Texas Tech University in 2001 with a bachelors in agriculture economics. He is a farmer in Coahoma.

Evening with Muses Monday

Beethoven and Pat Metheny in Blue Jeans will be on tap for the next Evening with Muses Monday. The program will include artistic expressions by local residents Paul Nabors and Mary Dingus; and On the Road with Bob Dylan and Jack Kerouac, readings and songs from acclaimed American folk poets.

Muses begins at 7 p.m. in the St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish Hall and the event is open to anyone interested in art, culture, spirituality and fun. There is no admission charge.

For more information call St. Mary's at 267-8201 The church is located at 1001 South Goliad.



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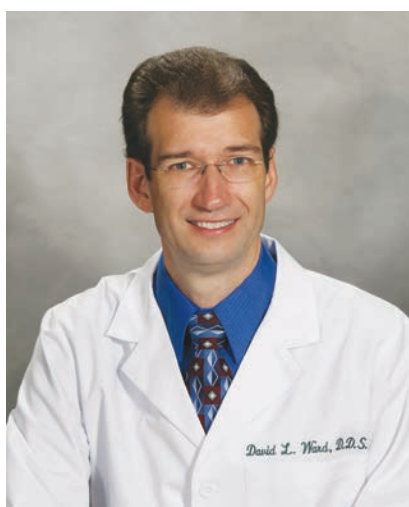


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County Appraisal District, said in a previous report a great deal of the argument over valuations has to do with comparisons to other refineries.

"They can say valuations at refineries in other areas have come in lower, but I'm in a situation where I'm not allowed to take those situations into consideration," said McKibben. "I have to base the valuations strictly on Howard County's numbers, not what they are doing toward the coast or in Central Texas."

Several taxing entities in Howard County will be watching the trial very closely, according to County Judge Mark Barr, as county commissioners try to anticipate the outcome and the effect it could have on the coming year's tax rate.

"If the Alon situation changes for the better, it (the tax rate) could go down. It probably will go down," said Barr. "We also have a time conflict here, because if it goes

in to the court and the judge makes a ruling on it, either side has about 30 days to go through the appeal process. When you put 30 days on that, we've run out of time. Hopefully things will happen pretty rapidly and we'll know what's going to happen before we have to set this rate in concrete."

County commissioners recently agreed to move forward with a tax rate of .5362 cents per \$100 valuation — a slight decrease from the .5412 cents the court was previously eyeing — a rate that exceeds the rollback rate by approximately five cents and is expected to produce an additional levy of \$2.7 million more than the effective rate.

The shortfall from Alon USA's failure to pay taxes on its full valuation is expected to be approximately \$1.2 million.

Alon USA will be represented by attorney Mark Hutcheson, while attorney Sandra Griffin will represent the appraisal district.

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Residents ban together to fight wind turbines

LINGLEVILLE (AP) — Johnny and Tesa Whitley bought 350 acres in rural Erath County to raise horses and enjoy the breathtaking sunsets, but their view is now marred by something they never expected: two dozen wind turbines.

The 400-foot-tall turbines tower over trees atop ridges, some just a mile away. At night the structures' bright red lights blink intermittently, even reflecting in their lake, Tesa Whitley said.

"We had a beautiful horizon, and now all we see is turbines," she said.

Folks in several nearby towns, about 100 miles southwest of Dallas, are fighting to make sure the same thing doesn't happen to them.

They are warning their neighbors about the 99-year leases being offered by an energy company, saying they are full of restrictions and false promises of big bucks. They say the companies are swooping in — even into areas that

aren't as windy — because federal tax credits for wind developers expire at year's end unless Congress extends the subsidy.

Opponents also are holding meetings and erecting yard signs against turbines, disputing that wind energy works at all. They say wind doesn't blow enough during peak demand, so it is a small part of the electricity grid's generating capacity. They say that unreliability isn't worth sacrificing their scenic vistas and high property values.

"The reason people bought here is because of the view," said Gary Key, whose home atop a Morgan Mill ridge has a panoramic view of the rolling tree-dotted countryside. "We've got a huge investment, so we can't afford to pick up and move."

Texas already generates more wind power than any other state, about 5,600 megawatts.

CANDIDATE

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touch could be considered aggravated assault," said Carter. "They had a prosecutor at the time — Billy John Edwards — who was trying to build his name. Today, this case would never have gone to trial. It would have been pleaded out and everyone would go their merry way. Someone had to dig pretty hard to go back 35 years. This is on all of my employ-

ment applications, this assault. I was arrested for it.

"I actually completed three years of Alcoholics Anonymous and learned that, at that time, I didn't have as much of an alcohol problem as I had a living problem, which manifested in drinking. The statement (from the arresting officer) is true. I know me, and I used to really hate authority. My integrity really won't let me lie. If you accuse me of something I did, I'll tell you straight out I did it. I guess we all have things we did in our lifetime that we wouldn't do them the

same way again, and this is obviously one of them."

As for the situation surrounding his arrest so many years ago, Carter said the details are pretty vague.

"Basically, it was a party that turned into kind of a brawl," said Carter. "The little girl was in the wrong place, that sort of thing. It was in the middle of the day. Most of this whole day was vague."

As for bid for the sheriff's office, Carter said he won't back down.

"I figure they (the opposition) must be grasping at straws if they have to go 35

years back," said Carter.

Carter will face off against Republican candidate Stan Parker in the November contest.

Parker, a former Big Spring Police Department lieutenant, had his employment with the BSPD terminated in 2004 after an altercation at the Greyhound Bus Station lead to his arrest on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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VANDALS

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ing the past two weeks," said Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department. "During that time, numerous vehicle

have been damaged by vandals. Windows have been broken and damage to vehicle bodies has been reported. In all of these cases the vandals used red, clay-type bricks as their weapons."

Everett said there seems to be no geographical connection between the

crimes, but that hasn't stopped the criminals from putting quite a price tag on the damages.

"The latest incidents happened at Bob Brock Ford," said Everett. "They are happening in numerous parts of town, and at this point there are no witnesses to the crimes. We

need the help of the citizens to solve these crimes."

Everett said anyone with information regarding these criminal acts should call the local Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477) or 264-TIPS (8477).

"You may be eligible for a reward," said Everett.

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information, call 267-5201.

Along with his impressive 40-year career in broadcast journalism, Smith has also authored two books, produced 10 CDs, been recognized by the Texas Legislature and is a world traveler.

Smith has gathered the largest private collection of oral history in the United States. Texas Highways Magazine states he has probably recorded the voices of more Texas characters than anyone else.

Smith graduated from Baylor University, earned his master's in journalism from the University of Missouri and studied law at Drake University.

He owns an advertising and production company and has won international recognition for his work. His honors include two Clio advertising awards, the governor's award for tourism, the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Cultural Achievement Award and two Freedoms Foundation Awards.

Smith has taught broadcasting and speech at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin for 34 years. He is a syndicated newspaper columnist and his three one-man shows have been performed across Texas and in six other states and three foreign countries.

He is an active member in the community and has served as past district governor of Rotary International. He is married to Susan and the couple have two sons and four grandsons.

"What I really like to do

is travel down small Texas roads and meet the characters and storytellers who live there," he said. "Then share my findings with audiences all over the country."

He has performed at some of the most unique events in Texas: The Toad Holler Hoot in De Soto, the Luling Watermelon Thump, the Hondo Hootenanny, the Rabbit Twister Pageant in Robert Lee, the Anvil Shoot in Hamilton and the Fire Ant Festival in Marshall.

Monies raised from the annual campaign, which runs from Sept. 1 to Nov. 15 this year, are used to fund the following 15 area non-profit agencies:

- The American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter. This agency provides disaster relief services, assistance to military personnel and their families and offers first aid instruction.
- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) of West Texas. CASA volunteers serve as advocates for abused and neglected children who are in the care of Child Protective Services when the court is considering the permanent placement for the child. Location, 210 Third; St. Phone, 263-4162.
- Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America. This is an educational and character-building pro-

gram for boys and young adults. Location, 610 Scurry; Phone, 263-3407.

• Big Spring Humane Society. The Humane Society provides shelter and care for abandoned, abused and neglected cats and dogs and also arranges pet visitations for elderly and disabled. Location, W. I-20 North Service Road; Phone, 267-7832.

• Boy's Club of Big Spring. The program offers guidance, instruction, recreation and leadership to boys 6-17 years of age. Location, 212 E. Third St.; 263-1822.

• Northside Community Center. Northside provides clothing, household articles, rent and utility payments, emergency shelter and counseling for those in need. Location, 108 N.E. Eighth St.; Phone, 263-2673.

• Dora Robert Rehabilitation Center. This is a rehabilitation program to help improve the health and welfare of disabled children and adults. No one is turned away due to their inability to pay. Location, 306. W. Third; Phone, 267-3806.

• Isaiah 58. The program provides food, clothing and other essential of daily life to those in need. It also provides assistance with prescription drugs, rent and utilities. Location, 107 Runnels St.; Phone, 263-4758.

• Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin. Girl Scouts provide programs aimed for girls age five through 17.

• The Salvation Army. The Salvation Army provides a number of services for the poor including meals and lodging for the homeless. Location 811 W. Fifth St.; Phone, 267-8239.

• Victim Services. The volunteers for victim services for immediate after-crises support for victims of rape and sexual assault. 24-hour support hotline, 263-3312.

• Y.M.C.A. of Big Spring. The YMCA offers a number of physical activities for children and adults along with after school and summer activities. Location, 801 Owens; Phone, 267-8234.

• Westside Community Center. This program provides an education-based, after-school and summer programs for public school children. Location, 1311 W. Fourth St.; Phone, 267-6680.

• Westside Day Care

Center. This program provides day care and education for children ages 0-12 but the parents must be employed or participate in training that will lead to employment. Location: Big Spring Industrial Park; Phone, 263-7841.

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What test? Redeem Team clobbers Spain

By **BRIAN MAHONEY**

AP Basketball Writer

BEIJING — Four down, four to go. The U.S. men's Olympic team is halfway back to the top of the basketball world.

And not even the world champions — on paper anyway — could give the Americans a game.

Unleashing a lethal 3-point barrage for the first time in Beijing, the Americans turned the marquee matchup of the preliminary round into another romp, beating Spain 119-82 Saturday night to clinch the top seed in their group.

LeBron James scored 18 points for the United States (4-0), which hit seven of its first 10 attempts from behind the arc after making only 29 percent in its first three games. They finished at 48 percent (12-of-25), an almost unfair total for a team with unmatched athleticism.

"We shot 45 percent from the 3 and we shot close to 80 from the free throw line, so that's a plus if we can do that," James said. "We know we're going to defend, we know we're going to get fast break points, but when we can

shoot the ball from the outside like that and shoot free throws well it's going to be tough to beat us."

Every U.S. player scored — even Jason Kidd for the first time in Beijing — as the Americans turned the matchup of unbeaten into their easiest victory yet. Dwyane Wade and Carmelo Anthony each finished with 16 points.

The Americans will face the No. 4 seed from Group A, either Australia or Croatia, in the quarterfinals. They also wouldn't have to face Lithuania, the other remaining unbeaten and top seed from the other side, or Spain again until the gold-medal game.

Felipe Reyes scored 19 points for Spain (3-1), the 2006 world champion. The Spanish have won eight of their last 10 Olympic games, but the two losses were against the Americans. They hope to get another crack next Sunday on the final day of the Beijing Games.

The Americans need to play eight games to win the gold medal. They can lose Monday's now-meaningless game to close

pool play against Germany, but have to be perfect for the final three starting Wednesday.

They look up for the task. Ignoring early foul trouble for Bryant and Anthony, the Americans turned to top reserves Wade and Chris Paul to ignite an early 13-3 spurt that gave them a 13-point lead late in the first quarter, and Spain never made much of a dent in the deficit even while shooting 58 percent in the first half.

The Spanish tried to slow the Americans with a zone defense, but crisp ball movement set up open 3-pointers — and the U.S. players finally made them. James and Bryant hit from behind the arc on consecutive possessions after Spain trimmed the U.S. lead to eight midway through the second quarter, and Deron Williams nailed another during a 9-0 burst that made it a 20-point game late in the half.

The Americans led 61-45 at the break, then Anthony hit two more 3s during an 11-3 surge to open the second half that made it 72-48 when Kidd sank a layup on a pass from James — his first shot attempt in Beijing.

Kidd joked the shot ruined his whole Olympic experience.

"My man gave me the ball I had to take the layup," he said, "even though I didn't want to."

With the packed crowd still buzzing from China's thrilling victory against Germany earlier in the night session, the Olympic basketball arena had an energy that had been missing since the Americans' victory against the Chinese on opening night.

James was already walking toward the Spanish team's line of players for the pregame handshakes and exchange of gifts before Spain's national anthem was even finished. Realizing the opponents weren't ready, he stopped at midcourt and tried to get his teammates to do the same, but some walked right past.

That made it clear: James and his teammates were ready to go.

"They wanted to make a statement in this game, playing against us, and they did," Gasol said. "They sent a message to everybody in the tournament."

James opened the game with a steal and layup and added seven more points in the first period.

After needing 1½ quarters to start pulling away from their first three opponents, the Americans needed barely 8 minutes to take a double-digit lead in this one.

And that was with Bryant missing most of the period in foul trouble. He flattened Pau Gasol, his Los Angeles Lakers teammate, while trying to run through a pick 2 minutes into the game, then collected an offensive foul with 5:50 remaining.

No matter. U.S. coach Mike Krzyzewski just sent in Wade, who came in averaging 18.3 points, trailing only Argentina's Manu Ginobili for the tournament lead. His alley-oop dunk on a pass from James put the Americans at the 90-point mark with still 9 minutes left in the game.

It wasn't long after that before they blew past the 101 points they rang up against China, their previous high here. Paul scored 14 points, and Bryant and Williams each had 11.

Gasol finished with 13 points for Spain, which closes pool play against winless Angola.

PHELPS

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al Olympics. Two questions come from this accomplishment.

Does this make Phelps the greatest Olympian in history?

Where does this feat rank amongst the greatest accomplishments in the collective history of sports?

The easier of the two questions to answer is the first and the response is a simple, quick "Yes."

How could he not be? Even without winning eight, he's already won more gold medals overall than any other athlete in Olympic history and he's not done yet. Chances are he'll be returning for at least the 2012 Olympics in London and it's not an unreasonable thought for Phelps to compete in 2016 as well.

But apparently, this question has to be asked, which is an insult to Phelps' accomplishments. I was shocked to turn on ESPNNEWS Saturday morning and hear two out of three sports writers hesitate to call Phelps the greatest Olympian of all time. I question whether these two writers have even watched the Olympics. Obviously, these guys make a living off writing bull rather than reporting an opinion that has so many substantial points to back it up, it nearly becomes a fact.

Phelps is competing against the fastest and most competitive field of swimmers in the history of the sport and he is crushing them in most races. Six of his seven gold medals have been world records and the one that wasn't still had an olympic record attached to it, making it the second fastest time in history.

By the way, in case you weren't watching Phelps tie Spitz's record Friday night, his seventh gold came in very dramatic fashion. He somehow inched out Serbia's Michael Cavic at the wall to win the 100-meter butterfly, winning the event by one one-hundredth of a second.

He was seventh coming out of the turn and stormed to the front of the pack. Still, with 25 meters to go, it looked as if the eight gold medal dream was over. But even the

greats have to have a little luck every now and then. Serbia is protesting the results. However, the results are very unlikely to be overturned.

Now, for the second question, I think that without a doubt Phelps' eight, or even seven if the U.S. lost the relay Saturday night, gold medals is the greatest accomplishment in the history of sports.

Yes, this topic is up for great debate. There are some great landmarks that have been accomplished, but none stick out to me as incredible as Phelps'.

He's essentially swam 40 miles over an eight day period and done it in world record fashion. Spitz couldn't keep up with that. In fact, the Olympic great said after hearing of Phelps' accomplishment, "It goes to show you that not only is this guy the greatest swimmer of all time and the greatest Olympian of all time, he's maybe the greatest athlete of all time. He's the greatest racer who ever walked the planet.

"I'm ecstatic," he said. "I always wondered what my feelings would be. I feel a tremendous load off my back. Somebody told me years ago you judge one's character by the company you keep, and I'm just happy to be in the company of Michael Phelps. That's the bottom line."

The country has essentially stopped for Phelps' achievements. The television ratings for this year's Olympics are at an all-time high. This after the interest in the Games had dropped to an all-time low after 2004.

There isn't a bigger star in America than Phelps, where even the superstars of this country are taking time out what they're doing to witness this mind-blowing feat. LeBron James, Kobe Bryant — who might be the biggest American star to the Chinese people — Jason Kidd and Dwayne Wade have made a point of being at every Phelps' race.

Bryant has sent Phelps text messages of congratulations. Even active and former Baltimore Ravens' players are taking great pride in the fact that Phelps is a huge fan of the team.

Phelps, who is a native of Baltimore, received a jersey signed by every member of the 2008 Ravens. He was showing it off more than the gold medal he had just won. The Ravens played a preseason game Saturday night against the Minnesota Vikings. The team encouraged fans to stick around after the game as a live telecast from Phelps' attempt at eight gold medals was aired on the stadium's big screens.

As the most popular sports league in America, it's rare for the NFL to do something to promote another sport. That's the wavelength that Phelps' accomplishments are transcending. Right now, the man could be President and not have to campaign a day.

In Michael Phelps we trust. Hopefully, you have watched his Olympics performance because quite honestly, it's something that might never be witnessed again.

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Marlow and Rodriguez



Mr. & Mrs. Rodriguez

Melissa Ann Marlow and Marcous Kyle Rodriguez were married July 26, 2008, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.

The Rev. Barry McLean officiated the double ring ceremony. Scripture reader was the bride's godmother, Ruth Salazar. Vocals were provided by Linda and Richard Light, Debra Light, Laurie Barraza, Rosie Franco, Diana Barraza and organist Betty Krager.

The bride is the daughter of Tom and Theresa Marlow of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Lupe Barraza and Wilma Marlow, both of Big

Spring.

The groom is the son of Juan and Liz Rodriguez of Snyder. He is the grandson of M.F. Bearden of Colorado City and Juan and Eva Rodriguez of Pecos.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore a one-piece satin, strapless gown. The beautiful beaded, metallic lace bodice added to the flowing skirt which was tucked throughout, creating a motif of fullness.

The bridal bouquet was designed using white daisies and yellow roses accented with blue jewels

throughout.

The brides attendants wore tea length, cornflower blue and canary yellow A-line chiffon dresses.

Maid of Honor, Andrianna Marlow, sister of the bride, wore the canary yellow dress. Bridesmaids were Krystal Hughes of Big Spring and Halie Schaefer of Garden City. Junior Bridesmaid was Skydra Sanford of Big Spring, cousin of the bride. All the bridesmaids wore the cornflower, blue dresses and carried yellow roses and white daisies like the bride's bouquet.

Juan Rodriguez served his son as Best Man. Groomsmen were Jordan Dea of Snyder, Robert Saucedo of Snyder, brother of the bride, and James Marlow of Big Spring.

The groom wore a black, pin-stripe tuxedo while his groomsmen, who also wore black, pin-stripe tuxedos wore cornflower blue vests and ties. The Best Man wore a canary, yellow vest and tie.

Flower girls were Baylee and Hannah Garcia, nieces of the groom. Joshua Garcia, nephew of the groom, served as ring bearer. Ushers were Anthony Gipson of Jal, N.M., cousin of the bride, and Eddie Garcia of Snyder, brother-in-law of the groom.

A reception was held at Kokopelli's.

The bride's four-tier cake was delicately decorated with tiny flowers and a satin ribbon. Mexican wedding cookies, made by Eva Rodriguez, grandmother of the groom, added a special touch. Beautiful

fruit ring displays in the punch bowl added to the exquisite arrangement of Cala Lilies displayed in Eiffel Tower vases.

The groom's three-tier chocolate cake was topped with strawberries decorated with white and chocolate drizzle. Adorning the table were individual strawberries, each one designed to look as if it was carefully dressed in a chocolate tux. Yankee memorabilia including a framed picture of the couple in front of Yankee Stadium where Marcus proposed to Melissa were scattered around the table.

Each table was beautifully decorated with a beach theme where sea shells, pearls, starfish and different colored candles in various sizes and shapes accented the tables. Palm trees and lanterns added to the ambience.

A separate children's table was decorated in zebra print and hot pink designs and adorned with containers filled with a variety of candy, which appealed to both young and old alike. Reception decorations were done by long-time friend Tracy Newton.

Melissa is a manager at Victoria's Secret and is attending Angelo State University where she is pursuing a marketing/communications degree. Marcus is working at Dillard's and is pursuing a career in law enforcement.

After the honeymoon in Jamaica Sandals Beach and Resort, the couple resides in San Angelo.

Who's Who

Academic Honors



Shelly Parent

Shelly Marie Parent, daughter of Jewel and David Fowler of Big Spring and Dean Parent of Grenada, Miss., will participate in a White Coat Ceremony honoring first professional year pharmacy students. She is the sister of Danielle Strickland of Big Spring and Dr. Morgan Denise Ward of Hernando, Miss.

The ceremony was held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 14, 2008, at Gertrude C. Ford Performing Arts Center in Oxford, Miss.

The white coat is a universal symbol of the health care professions. It identifies the wearer as a member of a highly trained team of individuals who have devoted themselves to the healing arts. The donning of the white coat also signifies the acceptance of responsibility for assisting our fellow man in improving and maintaining his or her health status.

The White Coat Ceremony has been instituted at the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy as a way of formally initiating students into their professional academic training. It also is a visible expression of the serious nature of that endeavor as they work toward becoming members of the health care team.

National American Miss Pageant Finalist



Hailey Jo Grant

Four-and-half-year-old Hailey Jo Grant was a finalist in the National American Miss Pageant. The pageant was held in Addison July 25-26. There were 132 little girls from across Texas who completed for the Princess crown, ranging from four to seven years of age. Hailey was the youngest to compete.

Although Hailey was not a finalist for the crown, she did very well. Out of 123 girls that performed in the talent part of the competition, Hailey was second runner-up. Hailey performed her first public solo dance to "I'm Cute" by the Animaniacs. It

was a Jazz dance choreographed by her dance teacher Stevie McKinnon.

Hailey received a trophy and this honor has made her eligible to compete in the Nationals to be held in California this November.

When the "Sex Coupons" Are Not from Your Wife

Dear Margo: I found a sexually explicit card and sex coupons from my husband's lover. He insists nothing went on and that it was just a fluke that he received such cards and coupons. If I can't get him to tell me what went on, is it OK to go after the "other woman" and get her to give me some details? I want to work through things to save my marriage, but I need to know what happened in order to do so. — *At a Loss for Words*

Dear At: Forgive me, but I am unfamiliar with "sex coupons." My best guess is they are like the ones for the supermarket, only you

redeem them for ... well, never mind.

I would think your main problem is not a sexually explicit card and sex coupons, but your suspicion that Romeo has a lover. By the way, he must have a lot of nerve to tell you the steamy mail was "a fluke."

Rather than going to the other woman for details — which I am sure she'd be happy to give you — I think a better move would be to tell your husband you are considering such a move. You might also tell him that the "casa chica" situation, as our Spanish-speaking friends refer to

it, is not acceptable to you and that you are voting for monogamy.

If your vote does not carry the day, tell him it's couples' therapy or "hasta la vista."

Oh, and you might try to horn in on the other babe's act by handing out a few sex coupons of your own.

— *Margo, reciprocally*

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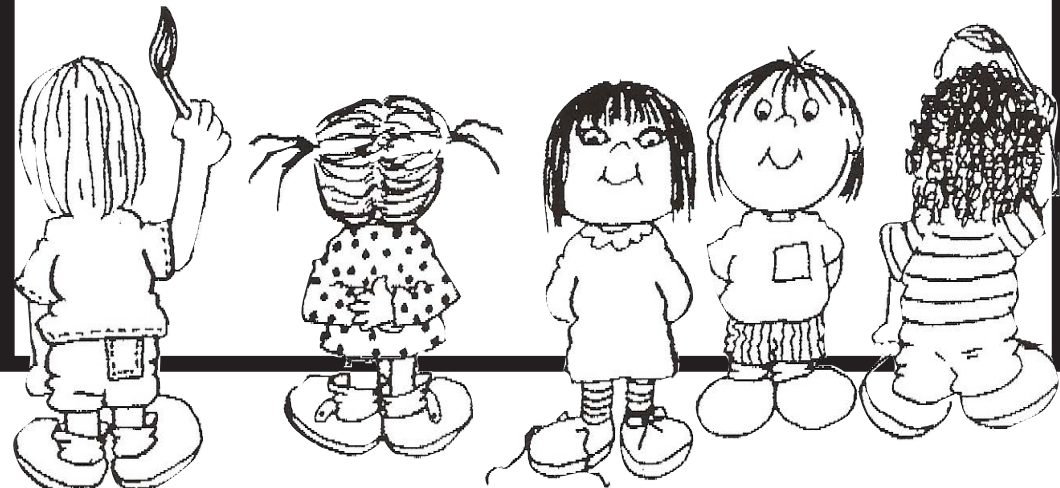
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YOUR VIEWS

No School

To the Editor,

Here is something for our lawmakers to consider. It is called No School Sept. 11.

Everybody stay home from school on Sept. 11. No matter what school you go to or what state you live in. Think about it, teachers show up and no one is in class. Then they will leave. Tell a lot of people and let's see if we can make it on the news.

Why Sept. 11? Because it's a day we should not be in school because of what happened. We get school off for a bunch of dead presidents, but not for a mass murder of people we probably did or did not know and all of the firefighters that died for this country.

Just keep praying that we can let families that lost loved ones know that we will always remember that sad day, Sept. 11.

ALEXIA RAWLS,
5TH GRADE STUDENT
BIG SPRING

Ode to Wal-Mart

To the Editor,

What is wrong with Big Spring? This Wal-Mart store is cleaner, brighter, more organized and generally a much nicer store.

Most of the Wal-Mart employees are helpful, so if the store does not carry a certain brand, instead of griping, find an alternative or find a store that does carry what you want. I think it is a pleasure to use the wider and brighter aisles and not be run over by other carts or unruly children.

I have a family member working at Wal-Mart and I want the people of Big Spring to realize the extra

hours of sweat and tears these Wal-Mart employees have given to help make shopping Wal-Mart better for everyone. Take a look around town, Big Spring, and count your blessings.

JEAN GLEASON
BIG SPRING

P.S. I have an item they don't carry. (I go to H-E-B for it.)

To the Editor,

My name is Christina. I am an employee at Wal-Mart. I wanted to write and clarify some things for the people who do not understand why most things are the way they are.

I've read a couple of cruel letters about Wal-Mart, and I think it's time someone defended the company. First of all, I have no power in the company, therefore I am not capable of making any changes. However, I would like to apologize to everyone about the inconvenience of certain things.

I'm sorry that we no longer carry fabrics. I do not know the reason for this. Another point, we are remodeling our store.

Everything is out of place. For that, I'm sorry. I guarantee, once our store is finished, it will look nice and you will be grateful. The reason some departments were "shrunk" is because we expanded other departments. I think it's better that way. Sure, it's inconvenient now but, we only have ... 13 days, I believe.

Now, as for prices, everything has gone up. The reason for this (a little economic explanation) is that the gasoline prices have gone up. Someone even yelled at me for the prices rising. I tried to explain the gas prices, adding a laugh to make it light-hearted, and he yelled that

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A round-up of reflections

Miscellaneous rules as summer winds down, and the Olympics heat up. Observations herein were gathered from "hither and yawn."

With Beijing's "smogginess" roughly six times that of Los Angeles', it's a good bet that the "air condition" is a major topic of conversation among Olympic participants. Two women, reportedly members of the USA's curling team, offered hair spray when they heard two others bemoaning a "bad hair day."

What a misunderstanding! The complainants were actually lamenting a "bad air day." We should forgive them—words filtered through air masks lack clarity.

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My Uncle Mort often worries about back-burner issues that sometimes aren't even "pilot light warm." Now, he's warning friends that cranes are "headed for extinction."

I challenged him with strong statistical support: "Whooping crane numbers have grown by six fold in three decades." I added that when the birds dipped into double-digits back in the 1970s, one aviary expert said we might need to "teach 'regular' cranes to whoop."

We were on different tracks, as usual. "I'm not talking about cranes that fly," Mort clarified, "I'm talking about cranes that fall."

He's all excited about the upcoming football season.

His friends chuckle when he admits to being "headstrong;" most of 'em think his admission is off by 180 degrees, and some claim he's "headweak." For example, he's convinced he knows why the Dallas Cowboys took the train ride down to San Diego for the season's first exhibition game.

"They can blame the loss on 'rail lag,'" he joked, but a five-hour train ride after a loss "feels" longer.

Mort also wanted to inform me that he believes there are three kinds of working men. I braced myself, hardly knowing what to expect.

He continued, "There are a few men with their names on buildings, many with their names on their doors or desks, and hoards of us with names stitched on our shirts."

My 90-year-old uncle told me about the preacher who had "hoof and mouth" disease, explaining that the parson "refuses to visit and can't preach a lick." Our conversation ended abruptly when it was his turn to shuffle the dominoes.

"Hold the mayo. Hold the mustard. Hold the catsup." Sounds like orders to a short-order cook, right?

Wrong! It's Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez's cancellation of packaged condiments for jail prisoners. With a budget awash in red ink, it's a \$150,000 lick at a \$6 million shortfall.

Historically, similar actions haven't set well with inmates. They've been howling about jail conditions since locks were installed on cell doors. The late Lew Sterrett, for two decades Dallas County Judge whose name now adorns the justice center, had a word for the protestors, in the form of a suggestion: "Those who don't like the Dallas County Jail should commit their crimes in some other county."

Those crunches we hear all over the country are coming straight from the budget sheets. Most agencies, institutions and organizations show negative balances.

The American Ballet Theatre in New York City may be the exception. Its annual budget includes \$350,000 for shoes—that's \$7,500 per ballerina.

It's "point"less, I guess, to suggest that they take old shoes to the cobbler. When "pointy-toed" shoes are gone, they're gone.

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The evolution of running mates

When Barack Obama and John McCain finally choose their running mates, voters can feel sure that these two people were carefully vetted from every possible angle and, if elected, will play a real role in the next administration.

It was not always so. Indeed, this pre-convention lull may be a good time to recall that the person who deserves credit for taking the vice presidency more seriously is one of our lesser presidents, Jimmy Carter.

It took two disastrous vice-presidential selections to end the tradition of naming a running mate at the last minute, without much scrutiny.

One was Spiro Agnew, ultimately forced to resign as part of a plea bargain over charges of evading taxes on bribes from Maryland contractors.

Richard Nixon picked the Greek-American at the 1968 Republican National Convention over another ethnic candidate, Italian-American John Volpe of Massachusetts. Nixon liked the first-term Maryland governor's hard line against racial demonstrators.

A federal probe brought Agnew down in the midst of the Watergate scandal. The government moved quickly, as Nixon faced possible impeachment.

When he picked House Republican leader Gerald Ford to succeed Agnew under the 25th Amendment, Congress gave him far more scru-

tiny than prior vice presidents had received.

The other disastrous pick was George McGovern's 1972 choice of Thomas Eagleton. Aside from an aide's brief question about whether he had skeletons in his closet, Eagleton received no scrutiny.

Two weeks later, Bob Boyd and Clark Hoyt of Knight Newspapers reported that the Missouri senator had been hospitalized for depression and undergone electric shock treatment. Within weeks, he was forced to quit the ticket.

So when Carter neared the 1976 Democratic nomination, he asked a close friend, Atlanta lawyer Charles Kirbo, to organize a discreet process to investigate the financial and personal backgrounds of likely running mates. Carter would personally interview seven candidates, but only the three summoned to his Plains, Ga., home were serious contenders.

The interviews proved revealing. When Carter and Sen. Walter Mondale faced reporters, the mood was relaxed, even jovial.

By contrast, Carter's interview with Sen. John Glenn went so poorly that the former Georgia governor cut it short and took the former astronaut on a tour of local landmarks, including his ancestors' graves.

Their news conference showed little rapport; I recall Carter standing stone-faced while Glenn swatted gnats.

Mondale prepared carefully for his meeting with Carter, after Dick Moe, his astute chief of staff, helped persuade him to seek the spot.

Moe's interesting 2006 account in Minnesota History, reprinted

good" stories, and, God be thanked, they're still around. Maybe we should all look harder for "larger than life" figures.

Often, unlikely heroes step forward. Consider Neil Sauter, a 24-year-old Michigander who was saluted for completing an 830-mile walk. Earlier this summer, he walked across Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas.

Oh, I failed to mention that this cerebral palsy victim made the walk on stilts. And that he raised \$16,000 for United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan.

...

Two recent accidents in Texas and New York that typically would have resulted in obituaries had happy endings. Near Fort Worth, a man survived a 40-foot fall into a hole at a gas field drilling site, and in Manhattan, a 12-year-old girl survived a 14-story fall down a chimney.

Firefighter Derek Izzo was lowered into the hole to rescue the "wedged" victim. Sporting a barn door-wide smile when it was clear that the victim had been spared serious injury, he was asked if he drew the assignment because he had the most experience. "Nope, the least seniority," he answered.

Authorities in New York said that the youngster lucked out because of the make-up of the final two feet in her 180-foot fall: soot and ashes. Sudden stops rarely are so cushioned.

I fully expect to find some new heroes at in-service programs of several public schools where I'm committing speeches during the next couple of weeks.

My memory floods at thoughts of long-ago heroes at school. Does yours?

And their jobs grow tougher with each passing year.

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A SHORT PRAYER

Lord, thank you for all the beauty that you have placed in this world.

Amen



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BOLT

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Bolt beat Richard Thompson of Trinidad and Tobago by 0.2 second — more than a body length — while American Walter Dix was third. The race marked the first time six runners broke 10 seconds in the Olympics. There was no wind — the reading was 0.0.

Asafa Powell, the Jamaican who held the world record for three years before Bolt grabbed it, continued his string of disappointments in big races, fading to fifth for

the second straight Olympics.

American Tyson Gay, who was supposed to be the third part of a so-called dream race, didn't even make the final, eliminated with a fifth-place finish in his semi.

Bolt's specialty has been the 200 meters, and he will be a heavy favorite to win that one next week in what would be the first men's Olympic sprint double since Carl Lewis in 1988. But Bolt persuaded his coach 13 months ago to let him try the 100, too — and what quick progress he has made.

Bolt is 6-foot-5, one reason he was never really

pegged to run the 100 — men that tall aren't supposed to be able to get out of the starting blocks fast enough to win the shortest sprint.

Bolt actually skidded from the blocks in this one — not perfect, but then again, he didn't really need to be. He needed 41 strides to cover the 100 meters and practically loped past the finish line, looking to his right but finding no other runners there.

When he crossed, he kept running about halfway around the track. He did a hip-swiveling dance, blew kisses to the crowd, clowning around with arms out like a bird in flight, and held up the Jamaican flag. Later, he took off his golden spikes, which will, of course, look great next to his gold medal.

Bolt had always seemed Olympic champion material in the 200 meters, and

there was long and spirited debate between him and his coach, Glen Mills, about which other race to make part of his program.

Mills liked the 400, thought Bolt was better built for that. Bolt didn't like that kind of work — too grueling.

So he committed to working on his starts, so important in these races. After less than a year of training in earnest, he lined up on Randall's Island in New York and routed Gay to set the world record at 9.72 seconds.

Even then, Bolt and Mills played games about whether he would go for the double at the Olympics. They were just messing with everyone. A guy this fast doesn't say no when the chance is there.

After he set the world record the first time, Bolt said he was happy to have it but wanted the Olympic

gold as well. Records, he said, can be broken. Olympic golds last forever.

Bolt, of course, has both but insists he was only going for the win this time.

"I didn't come here to run the world record, because I was the world record-holder," Bolt said. "I came here to win."

He did, and he should be relatively fresh for the 200. He was able to let up in each of his four 100 races.

World record-holder Michael Johnson said earlier this summer that he's prepared to say goodbye to his 12-year-old record of 19.32 seconds, set in similarly stunning fashion at the Atlanta Games.

"Spectacular" and "untouchable," Powell called his friend and countryman. "He's definitely the greatest."

This wasn't a bad night

for Thompson, the reigning NCAA 60-meter indoor champion who was in his first big-time final and hadn't run under 10 seconds this season. He was not in the conversation in the lead-up to a race that was anticipated as a three-man showdown between Bolt, Powell and Gay.

Dix also wasn't considered a contender, though the NCAA 100-meter outdoor champion has one thing in common with Bolt: He's also entered in the 200 and has a chance at two Olympic medals.

If Gay is going to medal, it will have to be in the 400-meter relay. The 2007 world champion in the 100 and 200 didn't qualify at the longer distance after pulling up lame at the Olympic trials six weeks ago. These Olympics were his first competition since then and they ended prematurely.

HECTOR

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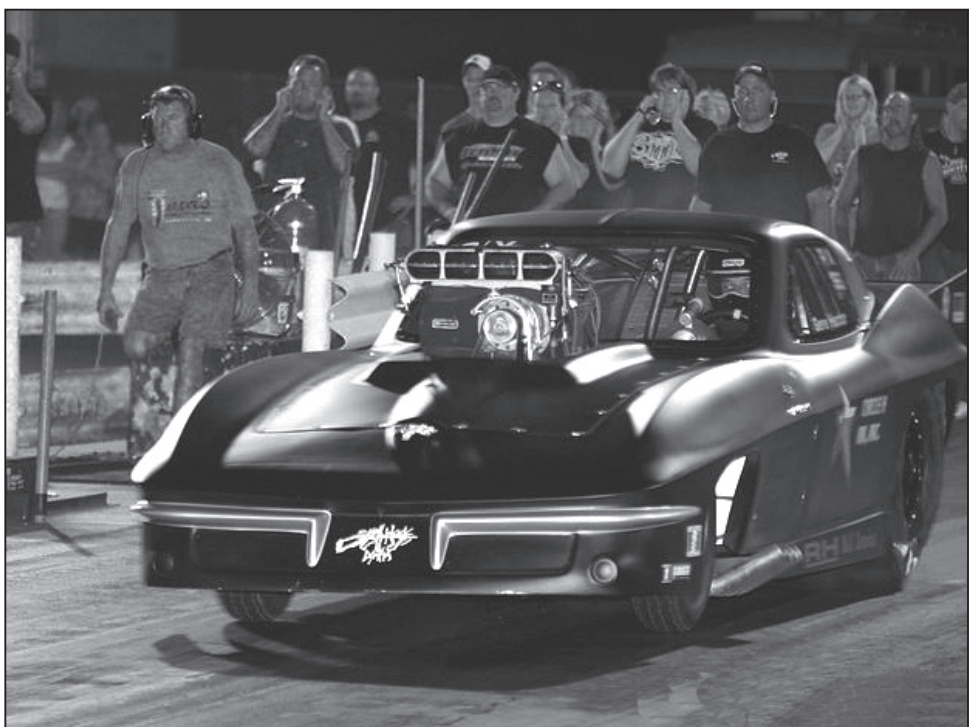
finals with time of 4.697, traveling at 137 mph. Reisterer had more difficulties, though, and only got his car up to 62 mph. However, Hector and his crew had the most consistent car on the track, posting to two fastest times during the elimination rounds.

Hector posted a 4.170 in the first round, traveling 173 mph across the track. He didn't fair much worse in the semifinals, topping out at 161 mph for a time of 4.204.

Hector has had several second-place finishes over the course of the past year and says the feeling of coming out No. 1 can't be topped.

"These are difficult races to win. Everything has to go right throughout a competition," Hector explained. "We're pretty excited to get this one."

Hector and Co. took home a prize purse of \$3,000. The Small Block Mafia team currently sits second in the Texas Outlaw Pro Mod Association standings. They're 16th in the national American Drag Racing League standings, but haven't been able to compete in many races.



Courtesy photo

Gene Hector races in a Texas Outlaw Pro Mod Association event earlier this year. Hector won the second race of his career Aug. 8 at the Texas Raceway in Kennedale.

"A lot of ADRL races have been cancelled due to bad weather and the ones that have gone off have been in places like Michigan. That's further than we really want to travel," Hector said. "We're still quali-

fied for the world finals, though. Those are in Ennis later in the year."

For more information on Hector and his Small Block Mafia, visit www.smallblockmafia.com.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Right Choice

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	J 9	♥	4 2
♦	J 10 7 3	♣	Q 10 9 8 5
WEST			
♠	7 4 3	♥	J 9 6 5
♦	8 5	♣	A 7 6 2
EAST			
♠	Q 10 8 6	♥	A 8 7 3
♦	A 9 4 2	♣	3
SOUTH			
♠	A K 5 2	♥	K Q 10
♦	K Q 6	♣	K J 4

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Opening lead — five of hearts.
Assume you're in three notrump and West leads the five of hearts. East wins with the ace and returns the three to your king.

Judging from the opponents' leads to the first two tricks, it would seem that the hearts are divided 4-4. Whatever the case, though, you have to attack diamonds or clubs next, and the question is which one.

In the actual deal, if you play the wrong suit first, you go down, assuming correct defense. But if you play the right suit, you make the contract.

To illustrate the wrong approach,

let's say you attack your longest suit, clubs. You lead the king, which West ducks, and then the jack, which West also ducks.

You are now at the end of your tether, for whether you play a third club or lead the K-Q of diamonds, both ducked by East, you wind up with only eight tricks. You score two tricks in each suit, period.

But if you attack diamonds first, you get home clean as a whistle. East ducks the K-Q and takes the third diamond, but the best he can do is return a heart.

You win and lead a low club to the eight. In the actual deal, the eight wins the trick and you cash the jack of diamonds, after which you revert to clubs.

Regardless of when West takes the club ace, you finish with nine tricks — two spades, two hearts, three diamonds and two clubs. The opponents, in the meantime, score only two hearts, a diamond and a club. That's your reward for tackling the shorter suit rather than the longer suit at trick three. The outcome would be the same if East rather than West held the club ace.

The shorter suit is attacked first because you are guaranteed to score three tricks in that suit rather than two regardless of the actual location of the minor-suit aces or how the opponents elect to defend.

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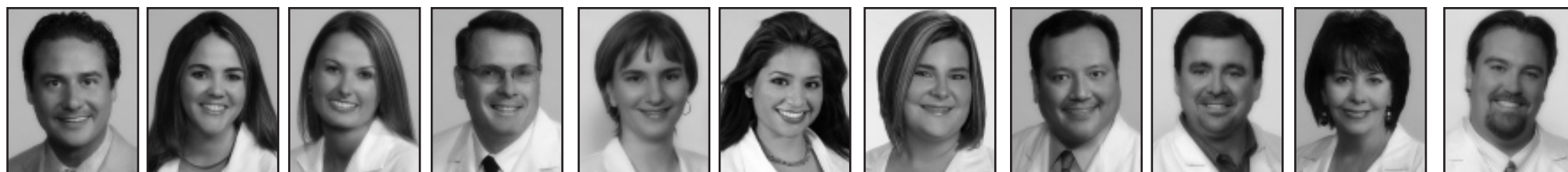
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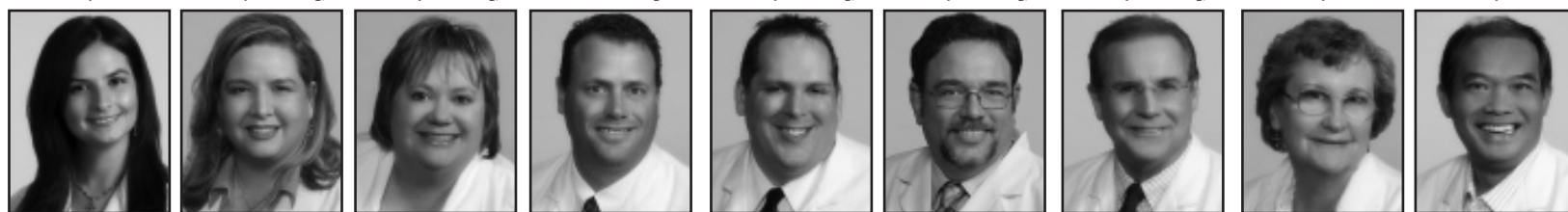
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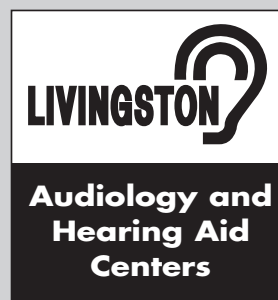
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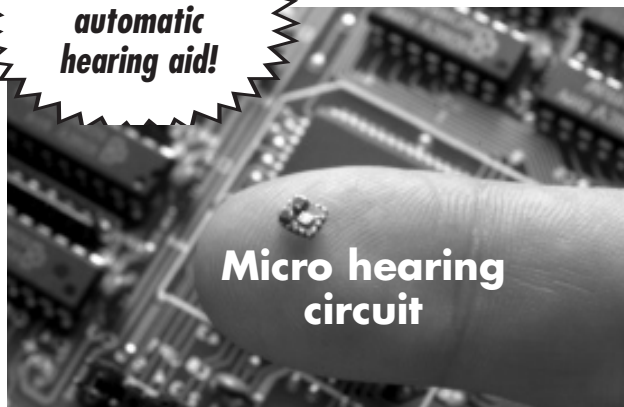
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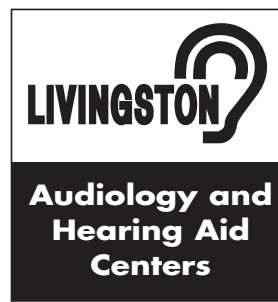


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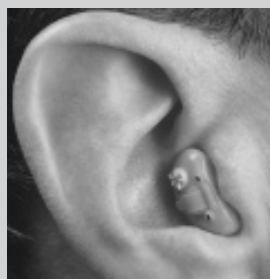
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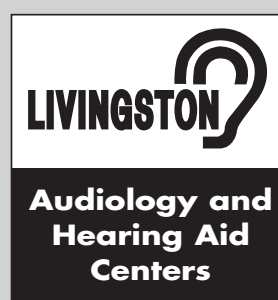


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LETTERS

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we have a refinery "down the road." I have been aware of this for quite some time. That's not the point. Unfortunately, we get our products from all over the world. It takes gas to get the products shipped to us and gas is really expensive. I have noticed that it's gone down 20 cents but that won't make much of a difference.

How can Wal-Mart keep slashing prices if the companies we buy from won't drop theirs? This is going on, not only in Wal-Mart, but everywhere. It's the changing of the times. I don't like it, either. I've even cut back on buying name brands in some things to save money. One thing I would like to know ... how much money is saved after buying on-line and paying shipping and handling? Plus, you have to wait for the product even longer.

I would really like to apologize on behalf of the employees that are said to be rude. I always make sure that I smile and greet every customer. I love my job and I want that to reflect through me. Without the customers, there is no Wal-Mart and therefore, I would have no job there.

Now, about the carousel problem: I personally was never told that I couldn't help a customer with loading their groceries. Yes, I have heard the customer is suppose to do it. I think the carousels were put there for customer convenience. To me, once my carousel is full and the customer has not loaded their groceries, I'll do it.

I can't speak for everybody but, I want to make it a pleasant experience for our customers. The only thing I ask is, once emptied, bring the basket to the front of the carousel so that I may easily and quickly load them.

Well, I hope my letter has made a positive impact. To Rita, I hope that I will see you in our store someday, smiling.

Thank You,

CHRISTINA RIOS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR,

I am not very good at writing, but I sincerely want to try to express my opinion. For some time now, I have been reading the letters to the editor in the "Your Views" with particular interest to the comments about our local Wal-Mart. I have read some pretty harsh words about Wal-Mart employees being rude and uncaring. I frequently shop Wal-Mart and I do not see this; all I see are exhausted employees working as rapidly as possible to meet our demanding needs as customers. These are citizens (people-neighbors) of our community working at Wal-Mart, and we need to understand that they too are experiencing hard times and daily life matters as we all do here in Big Spring.

About a month ago I was in one of the cashier lines at Wal-Mart for checkout. From the adjacent cashier line came a disturbing sound that horrifies any mother, a child chok-

ing! As we all looked to see what was happening, I could see a child sitting in a basket choking on a piece of hard candy, desperately gasping for air. There was a 40-foot circle of crowded people who stood frozen in a complete stare, even the mother stood frozen in fear, unable to respond.

All of a sudden, a Wal-Mart lady cashier came out from behind the counter, took the child from the basket and with a single swift motion dislodged the hard candy from the child's throat. You could hear the gasp for free air while she cradled the child in her own arms for protection. It seemed an eternity of time had passed and not a soul moved or blinked an eye as that Wal-Mart lady alone consoled that crying child.

Finally the mother took back her child and you could hear everyone sigh a relief of held breath. The mother graciously thanked the Wal-Mart cashier and even told the child to thank the lady. We all smiled with warm feelings when the child looked at the Wal-Mart cashier and said in a soft and shy voice, "Thank you."

This event took place over a month ago and I am appalled not to have seen any mentions of recognition for that lady Wal-Mart cashier. Need I not detail the relevance of how serious the outcome of this incident could have become? Need I explain how common it is for most of us to stand frozen in shock during an emergency and how amazing it is for one person to react in such a professional manner.

If this had happened at a Wal-Mart in Midland or Abilene, they (being Wal-Mart management) would have paraded that employee up and down Main Street with praise of recognition. What happened to our Wal-Mart? Our Wal-Mart needs to understand that the most valuable asset they have are their employees and we also need to remember that these employees are our neighbors, residents of our community!

As for the lady Wal-Mart cashier whom I see as a tremendous asset to Wal-Mart and to our community, I truly hope your heroic efforts did not go without merits from Wal-Mart. It certainly seems your neighbors of your community have overlooked you as nothing more than just another Wal-Mart employee. I say "God Bless You!"

PAIGE BARNES
BIG SPRING

Obama inexperienced

TO THE EDITOR,

Have you wondered or had occasion to think what is the experience, background and training Senator Barack Obama possesses to serve as Commander in Chief of the greatest nation on the planet?

From the time that Senator Obama was sworn in as United States Senator, to the time that he announced he was forming a presidential exploratory committee, he logged exactly 143 days of actual experience in the United

States Senate.

You might further ask what are his accomplishments that qualify him to be President of the United States?

He has never held a job, made a payroll or gotten his hands dirty or gotten his head beaten down in the private practice of the law.

After 143 days of work experience in the United States Senate, Mr. Obama believed he was ready to be Commander in Chief, leader of the free world and fill the shoes of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, FDR, JFK and Ronald Reagan.

The one single Senate committee that he headed has never met one time. Is this the individual you would choose to take that 3 a.m. life or death call in the morning? Think about it — 143 days — 20.4 weeks — 4.7 months.

Maybe we should lower the training and experience requirements for doc-

tors, lawyers, engineers, airline pilots, etc. I believe this would truly bring about the change that Senator Obama is emphasizing we need.

Sincerely,
PEPPY BLOUNT, P.C.
LONGVIEW

Where are the Christians?

TO THE EDITOR,
I have lived in Big Spring since 1961. During that time I have seen Cosden, Fina, Alon remain steadfast while other major industries are gone.

They have provided a living for many people in the area and thus have helped the local economy.

I have seen the administration participating in civic and community activities over the years.

Now, this faithful business is being blamed for the national gas crisis and our local tax problems.

In the Herald's recent

supplement I believe there were about 60 churches listed. I wonder where all the Christians are.

H.J. Crandall
Big Spring

Why raise our taxes?

TO THE EDITOR,
Why raise our taxes? That is a good question?

Why should Howard County residents have their taxes raised just because the county and Alon can't come to an agreement? We shouldn't have to fix your mistakes.

You have already raised taxes because of the stupid jail. Each one of you need to quit burying your head in the ground and wake up and start facing all these problems head on. You know, middle class, and people who are poverty level are already having a hard time making ends meet. A lot of these people have to quit buying medicines, groceries or even

quit paying bills ... then there is the high price of gasoline and now you want to raise the county taxes? What in heaven's name are you going to do next?

JUDY LATIMER
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Computer forensics: An emerging necessity in the 'on-line' experience

By CINDY SMITH

Howard College
Director of Information

The Internet and World Wide Web have allowed us to meet people online, set up Web sites, shop on-line, and interact with people all over the world using social networking. On a daily basis, people use personal computers for banking, shopping, accessing information, chatting with friends and even making reservations. Computers have become a valuable tool for everyone and are interlaced throughout all aspects of our lives.

On the darker side, we must ask ourselves: are we really safe out there in cyberspace? Who or what is lurking around, tracing our steps and actions as we surf the internet? In our homes, we lock the doors and check the windows to make sure people cannot get in but how do we protect ourselves, our companies and our children when we're "on the Web?"

Howard College is offering a course that will empower people to protect themselves, their family or company. Computer Forensics, ITDF 1300, will be



Courtesy photo
Associate Professor Lloyd Lacy works with a student in a computer class at Howard College.

held Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. during the fall semester. In a nutshell, Computer Forensics is the process of checking, finding and cataloging information saved to electronic media. In this class, you will learn to use some of the tools that criminals use to get information.

You will learn how to keep your computer safe from those who are looking to take information that does not belong to them and use it for their own personal gain.

The course, being taught by Associate Professor Lloyd Lacy, offers opportunities for a lay person

interested in computers as well as a student interested in pursuing computer forensics as a career.

"In this class, students will learn about different operating systems, how to find information on a computer that has been format

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Energy Watch



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

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



Geopolitical news finally made its way back into the energy market headlines last week. On Wednesday, as television pundits and newspaper reporters wrote about the surprise drop in gasoline inventories, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert announced that he will not seek re-election at his party's primary in September.

The explanations for Olmert's announcement are varied, but most chock it up to multiple, ongoing corruption investigations. This makes the Prime Minister a lame duck. As such, the work that Israel has done toward negotiating a Mideast peace accord is ostensibly put on hold for the time being. All eyes now turn to the September primary where the ruling Kadima party will pick a new leader who will have until October to form a majority coalition. If a coalition cannot be formed, full elections will be held, further delaying any peace process.

The sudden shift in the Israeli political landscape roiled energy markets on Wednesday afternoon. If one were to look at an intra-day chart of the price action, you could see that the announcement of Olmert's resignation coincided with a near \$6 surge in crude oil prices almost to the minute. This could be because of the delay Olmert's departure would create with respect to the peace process. Other explanations are much darker. Some analysts might say that Olmert's new status as a lame duck somewhat increases the odds of an attack on Iran because it lessens the political consequences of such a decision. Others say that the change in leadership, coupled with the upcoming U.S. presidential election, creates too much uncertainty as to the likelihood of a peace accord or of military intervention in Iran. Either way, markets have always hated uncertainty and Wednesday was no exception as prices surged on the news.

All of the other news affecting energy markets until Prime Minister Olmert's resignation had been bearish. Further evidence of demand destruction in previous weeks had led to a complete collapse in energy futures. Crude oil, which gets a majority of the headlines, had sold off from a high of more than \$147 on July 11th to within an earshot of \$120 on Tuesday this week. Tuesday's sell-off took crude oil through one of its strongest support levels at the \$122 level.

Many thought more bearish news on Wednesday could take crude down another \$10 before reaching its next support. Unfortunately for traders on the short side, Wednesday's news was not nearly as bearish as they hoped. Before news of Prime Minister Olmert's resignation had even hit the news wires on Wednesday, the Department of Energy released its weekly Petroleum Status Report. They key data, as it has been for weeks now, was the gasoline data and specifically the demand data. How much was on hand, how much was produced, how much was imported, and especially how much was used were all scrutinized.

Television pundits like to say that the fall in gasoline inventories caused the markets to rally. In fact, the inventory number is just a snapshot of stockpiles at a certain time. To understand energy markets, one must figure out why gasoline inventories dropped. If production and imports never change, drops or builds in inventories would be easy to interpret. In the final analysis, there were two important parts to the "why" story last week.

First, imports of gasoline fell off by 100,000 barrels per day, a deficit of 700,000 barrels in a week, or 20 percent of the inventory drop. That alone would be very bearish because it indicates further demand destruction. However, the other piece, and undoubtedly the most important, was the gasoline demand number, which increased some 300,000 barrels per day above last week. That amounts to more than 2 million barrels in a week and accounts for 60 percent of the drop in inventories. This is the largest increase in weekly demand for the entirety of the calendar year and definitely set a bullish tone for the energy markets before the geopolitical news broke later in the morning.

In the coming weeks, it will be increasingly important to watch the gasoline demand number.

Many traders have made assumptions that the demand destruction that we've seen this summer is indicative of a permanent change in consumption patterns by Americans. If they're right, it's bearish. However, if this week's up tick in consumption continues into the coming weeks, it could point to the conclusion that Americans only made temporary adjustments to their habits and may revert back to their old ways as gasoline prices fall back below the \$4 per gallon level as they did last week.

Portions of this article were produced by Nathan Golz, futures researcher. Its publication is a collaborative effort and the information is obtained from sources considered reliable, however accuracy is not guaranteed by A.G. Edwards. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results and additional information is available upon request (432) 684-7335.

Flenniken named GM of local Rhattigan stations

Special to the Herald

Veteran broadcaster Malinda Ellison Flenniken has been named general manager of the Big Spring cluster of radio stations, KBST-FM (95.7), KBST-AM (1490) and KBTS-FM (94.3), according to Michael Rhattigan, president of the stations.

Flenniken joined the Big Spring cluster in April as an executive consultant, focused on improving customer service and sales procedures.

"With the strong, visible changes and overwhelming feedback from



Flenniken

customers and civic leaders, Rhattigan Broadcasting is pleased to announce Malinda's promotion to general manager," Rhattigan said.

Prior to joining the Big Spring stations, Flenniken spent 16 years in Los Angeles, nine of which she was the executive producer for the Rick Dees Weekly Top 40, one of the nation's top-rated radio programs. She also worked in marketing and on-air in

Lubbock.

Flenniken is a Big Spring native and is married to Danny Flenniken.

"We are very excited about having someone of Malinda's experience join us in Big Spring. She has already made many valuable contributions to our operations in Big Spring and we are excited about the future with Malinda leading the team," Rhattigan said.

Rhattigan Broadcasting owns 12 radio stations throughout Texas, located in Big Spring, Plainview, Uvalde and Eagle Pass.

United Country receives President's Honor Group Award

Special to the Herald

United Country Real Estate, headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., recently announced that United Country - Heart of the City Realtors of Big Spring, has earned the company's President's Honor Group Award based on closed sales volume for the first



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half of 2008.

"Heart of the City Realtors is having an outstanding year, despite today's real estate market," said Dan Duffy, chief executive officer of United Country Real Estate. "They've continued to grow and prosper by using our national advertising and advanced technology to provide excellent customer service to both buyers and sellers."

Owned by Sherri Key, United Country - Heart of

the City Realtors finished the first six months of the year in the top ten percent of United Country's more than 700 offices located across the nation.

"I'm so proud of our team," said Key. "Our results are directly related to their positive outlook and dedication to hard work, as well as the many tools our home office provides, and we're looking forward to helping even more customers in the second half of 2008."

United Country - Heart of the City Realtors can be contacted by phone at (432) 714-4555, by e-mail ats-key@unitedcountry.com, or online at www.hear-to-the-cityrealtors.com.

United Country Real Estate is the only national real estate franchise system specializing in properties in and around the small cities and towns of America. The company has been an innovator in rural real estate marketing since 1925.

Famed record producer dies at 91

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK—Legendary record producer Jerry Wexler, who helped shape R&B music with influential recordings of Aretha Franklin, Ray Charles and other greats, and later made key recordings with the likes of Bob Dylan and Willie Nelson, has died, said his son, Paul. He was 91.

Paul Wexler said his father died at a hospice in Sarasota, Fla., about 3:45 a.m. Friday of congenital heart disease; the death was first confirmed to The Associated Press by David

Ritz, co-author of Wexler's 1993 memoir, "Rhythm and the Blues."

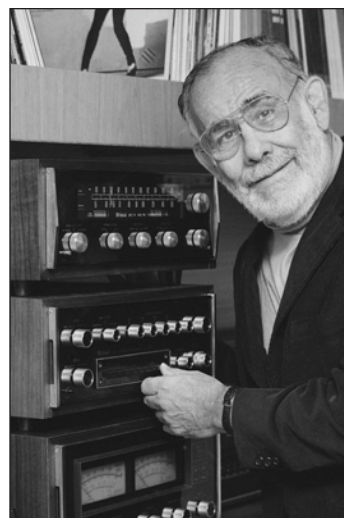
Both his son and daughter Lisa were present at the time of his death. Paul Wexler told the AP his father's death was "a tremendous loss."

"The number of artists that he was involved with and helped significantly or just made great records with, the list is almost unbelievable," Paul Wexler added. "And many of them are gone now."

Wexler earned his reputation as a music industry giant while a partner at Atlantic Records with

another legendary music figure, the late Ahmet Ertegun. Atlantic provided an outlet for the groundbreaking work of African-American performers in the 1950s and 1960s. Later, it was a home to rock icons like Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones. He later helped Dylan win his first Grammy by producing his 1979 "Slow Train Coming" album.

Wexler helped boost the careers of both the "King of Soul," Charles, and the "Queen of Soul," Franklin. Wilson Pickett, Solomon



AP photo

Jerry Wexler, who helped boost the careers of Ray Charles and Aretha Franklin, died Friday.

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Walter Brumley, left, with the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club presents Carl Condray the Paul Harris Fellow Award. Condray, Big Spring fire marshal, has been a very active member of Rotary for a number of years.



Courtesy photo

LETTERS

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for all their great support for our national hang gliding competitions in Big Spring. Big Spring has the best conditions in the world for a hang gliding competition and the hang glider pilots love to come here. They also really appreciate all that you folks do for us, with special thanks to Jim Little, the airport manager, and Terry Wofford, the head of the many helpful volunteers.

Thanks also to the council and convention and visitors bureau for their support.

This year we had an especially memorial competition as we set the record for longest task ever called and made — 215 miles to the town of Panhandle (how appropriate). We had to make our way over the Palo Dura canyon near the end of the flight, and that made for a lot of excitement.

Again, we had a very safe competition with no injuries to any of the pilots. The only mishap was an ultralight pilot practicing landings

after the competition pilots had left on their task. He is quickly recovering and attended the prize giving dinner.

We hope to be back next year with the US National Hang Gliding Championships. Thanks again for making it all possible.

There is significant media exposure of Big Spring and the competition. You can find links to it here: <http://ozreport.com>, a daily hang gliding report. The stories start here: <http://ozreport.com/12.153#3>

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Courtesy photo

Rhetta and Victor Yanez IV pose for a photo. Victor is a specialist with the 412th A. Co. currently in Balad, Iraq.

Yanez family receives Veterans Fund check

The Veterans Families Fund, using money donated by people in the Big Spring area, as presented a check for \$500 to the Victor Yanez family.

Victor is a specialist with the 412th A. Co., which is currently in Balad, Iraq supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Victor Yanez IV, of Big Spring has been in the United States Army for four years. Three of those years have been spent in Anbach, Germany with his wife, Rhetta Yanez, and two-year-old son, Lee Yanez.

While in Iraq, Victor has been in combat in Basra and has received a Combat Medal and an Army Achievement Medal. Victor has also been to Artillery Training with the German National Army where he received the Shoot and

Snare Medal for artillery excellence. Along with these, Victor has received eight physical training medals and one Army Achievement Medal for his extreme accomplishments in physical training.

Victor will be returning from his tour in Iraq in October.

The check is a “thank you” to veterans and their families for their sacrifices during service to their country. Donations can be sent to The Wood Forest National Bank, Veterans Families, account No. 5901848, 201 W. Marcy Dr., Big Spring 79721.

“We appreciate all donations,” said J. Gale Kilgore, who heads up the Veterans Families Fund.

The Yanez family is expecting their second child in October.

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County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Brianna Graham, theft – more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Sentence: Jeff Clark Forshee Jr., driving while license suspended, \$500 fine, \$274 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Prince Corp Vanderbilt, driving while license invalid, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jayson William Waters, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice – giving false information, \$100 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 3 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Abel Guzman, burglary of a vehicle, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Christopher Brocker, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Jesse Rendell Woodruff, possession of marijuana – more than two ounces less than four ounces, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Del Ray Scheiber, theft – more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Johnny Jorge Rodriguez Jr., consumption of alcohol by a minor – third or more offense enhanced, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Benjamin Edward Moore, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Kerry Ryan Mills, possession of a controlled substance – more than four grams less than 24 grams, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Joe Keith Rubarts III, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Kyle Monroe Highfield, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Daniel Toller, sale to certain person (sale of alcohol to an intoxicated person), \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Clifford Leon Anglin, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Martha Ann

Crenshaw, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Tina Marie Flentge, racing on highway, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Frances Maurice Overton, criminal mischief – more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Justin ray Rodriguez, resisting arrest, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Tracy Lynn Gonzales, bail jumping and failure to appear, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Jesus Enrique Garcia, hunting from vehicle, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Bobby Lee Agüero Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Jessica Blanco, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Ryan Douglas Kendrick, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Bryan Heath Pearson, fictitious counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Ryan Douglas Kendrick, theft – more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Abel Guzman, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less, \$328 court costs, 60 days in jail.

District Court Filings:

Michelle M. Carrasco vs. Reynaldo S. Carrasco, family court.

State of Texas vs. Lee Roy Kitchell, civil suit.

Stephanie Yeats vs. Matthew Yeats, divorce.

Melissa Darden vs. Ray Darden, divorce.

Patricia Barron vs. Furmin Barron III, divorce.

Gary L. Chrane vs. Karen K. Chrane, divorce.

State of Texas vs. Monica Reae Polk for \$3,200 in currency, civil suit.

Laredo Paving Inc. vs. Austin Bridge and Road LP and Federal Insurance Company, accounts, notes and contracts.

Julie A. Cruses vs. Abel Vigil, protective order.

Randi Jo Reaves vs. Matthew Scott Reaves, divorce.

Ginger Montgomery vs. Anthony Montgomery, divorce.

The State of Texas vs. Rosalyn Denise Young for \$2,447 in currency, civil suit.

The State of Texas vs. Thaddeus Rashad McCalister for \$950 in currency, civil suit.

Roxanne Juarez vs. Salvador Gonzales, protective order.

Marriage Licenses:

Justin Lee Flentge, 19, and Brandy Ann Winters, 17, both of Big Spring.
Joshua Craig Caudill, 21, and Alexis Renee Bollier, 22, both of Big Spring.
Edward Rangel, 46, and Ida Robledo Rangel, 47, both of Big Spring.
David Allen Parrish, 28, and Patricia Gail Diaz, 37, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Russell J. Walters and Helen L. Walters
Grantee: Donald W. Chandler
Property: 4.98 acre tract of land in the E/2 of Tract 25, Silver Heels Subdivision out of the NE/4 of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T. & P. RR. Co.
Date: August 1, 2008

Grantor: Gary Hopper
Grantee: Mark Compean and Toni Rodriguez
Property: Lot 5, Block 1, Hillcrest Terrace Addition
Date: August 4, 2008

Grantor: Lyco Financial, Inc. et al
Grantee: Jimmy Cook and Debra Cook
Property: Lots 16 and 17, Block 7, Wasson Place Addition
Date: August 5, 2008

Grantor: Bill M. Ballard and wife, Barbara H. Ballard
Grantee: Sylvia Mendoza Gamble
Property: E/47' of Lot 10, and all of Lot 11, Block 23, Boydston Addition
Date: August 5, 2008

Grantor: Barbara Faye Lankford, Rodney Velly Fuqua, Juanita Belle Wright and Gary Mac Fuqua et al
Grantee: William Reed and Katherine Reed
Property: .59 acre tract of land out of Section 40, Block 32, T-1-N, T. & P. RR. Co.
Date: August 5, 2008

Grantor: Gary Fuqua
Grantee: William Reed and Katherine Reed
Property: 1 acre tract of land in Section 40, Block 32, T-1-N, T. & P. RR. Co., and .96 acre tract of land out of Section 40, Block 32, T-1-N, T. & P. RR. Co.
Date: August 5, 2008

Grantor: Dorrace J. Smith
Grantee: Jimmy Dan Webb
Property: Lo 8, Block 2, Wiley Terrace Addition
Date: August 5, 2008

Grantor: Dorrace J. Smith
Grantee: Jimmy Dan Webb
Property: Lot 9, Block 2, Wiley Terrace Addition
Date: August 5, 2008

Grantor: Ricky Paul Watkins
Grantee: Property Pros of Texas LLC

Property: Lot 9, Block 5, Stanford Park Addition
Date: Aug. 7, 2008

Grantor: Grant Hayes
Grantee: Marron Inc.
Property: Lot 6, Block 49, Original Town of Big Spring; and Lot 1 and the N/2 of Lot 2, Block 48, Original Town of Big Spring.
Date: Aug. 8, 2008

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lein:
Grantor: Manuel Cervantes and Kayla Cervantes
Grantee: Christopher A. Wooding and wife, Jessica E. Wooding
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Sunset Palace Addition
Date: July 31, 2008

Grantor: Faith Builders By Price Holdings, LLC
Grantee: Whitney T. Payte and Brenda C. Payte
Property: Lot 6, Block 2, a replat of Lots 2-8, Block 1, and Lots 5-8, Block 2, Jordan Park Estates #1 ***
Date: July 31, 2008

Grantor: Donald Peterson and wife, Carol Peterson
Grantee: Gary L. Bayes and wife, Debbie A. Bayes
Property: 5.27 acre tract of land out of the NW/4 of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T. & P. RR. Co.
Date: August 1, 2008

Grantor: Barbara Lavelle Pierce Mamouliades et al
Grantee: Jesus Soliz and wife, Kristi L. Soliz
Property: Lot 3, Block 1, Wipoorwill Hill Drive
Date: August 1, 2008

Grantor: Dana Wolff and spouse, Sean Wolff
Grantee: Jacob Marquez
Property: Lot 14, Block 3, Suburban Heights Addition
Date: August 1, 2008

Grantor: Timothy Haynie and Marlena Haynie
Grantee: LRS Financial Network Inc.
Property: Lot 7, Block 8, Kentwood Addition
Date: August 1, 2008

Grantor: Steve Bingham and Debi Bingham
Grantee: Josh Nalley
Property: Lot 10 and the S/2 of Lot 11, Block 25, original Town of Big Spring
Date: Aug. 8, 2008

Grantor: Albert Ernest Thomas and Rebecca Thomas
Grantee: Mindy J. Sedberry
Property: All of Lot 1, the S/10 feet and S/40 feet of Lot 2 and all of Lot 3, Block 7, McDowell Heights
Date: Aug. 12, 2008

FORENSICS

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ted, how to protect computers from hackers and how to spot incursions into computers,” said Lacy.

For those students with a stronger interest in computer forensics and law enforcement, this class can be combined with a law enforcement degree at Howard College that includes using computers to find criminals using electronic gear and software. “There are jobs in law enforcement and in the busi-

ness world,” said Lacy. “Many large and small corporations employ people to check and track down improper use of company computers and electronic devices and this degree program will provide students with the skills needed to land those jobs.”

Registration is going on now at Howard College for this and other classes in the fall semester. Classes begin Aug. 25.

Check online at www.howardcollege.edu for more information and online registration or come by the offices at 1001 Birdwell Lane for personal assistance.

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Burke and Percy Sledge were among the other R&B greats who benefited from Wexler’s deft recording touch. He also produced Dusty Springfield’s classic “Dusty in Memphis,” considered a masterpiece of “blue-eyed” soul.

Burke said Wexler was the ultimate music man.

“He loved black music, R&B music and rhythm and blues was his foundation. He had a feeling for it, he had the knack to keep it going in his heart and recognize the talent that he felt was real,” Burke told the AP after learning of his death.

“Jerry Wexler didn’t change the sound of America, he put the sound to the public. He open the doors and windows to the radio stations ... and made everybody listen.”

Among the standards produced by Wexler: Franklin’s “Respect,” a dazzling, feminist reworking of an Otis Redding song; Sledge’s deep ballad “When A Man Loves A Woman” and Pickett’s “In the Midnight Hour,” with a horn vamp inspired by

Wexler’s admittedly rhythmless dancing.

Wexler was named to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1987.

“No one really knew how to make a record when I started,” he said in a profile on the rock hall’s Web site. “You simply went into the studio, turned on the mike and said, ‘Play.’”

In the studio, Wexler was a hands-on producer. Once, during a session with Charles, the tambourine player was off the beat. Wexler, in his award-winning autobiography, recalled grabbing the instrument and playing it himself.

“Who’s that?” asked Charles.

“Me,” Wexler told the blind singer.

“You got it, baby!” Charles said.

The son of Polish immigrants and a music buff since his teens, Wexler landed a job writing for Billboard magazine in the late 1940s after serving in World War II and studying journalism in college. There he coined the term “rhythm and blues” for the magazine’s black music charts; previously, they were listed under “race records.”

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Suspect in abduction of Texas woman found at motel

SCOTLAND, Texas (AP) — Deputies were questioning a suspect Saturday in the abduction of a rural grocery store clerk, but the missing woman has not been found, a Texas sheriff said.

Law officers found a black sports utility vehicle Saturday morning parked outside a motel in Bowie, a North Texas town about 40 miles east of where 46-year-old Mindy Daffern was taken at gunpoint Friday. The SUV matched the description of the late 1990s black Ford Explorer used in the abduction, which was captured by surveillance cameras, Archer County Sheriff Ed Daniels said.

"The female is not with this guy," Daniels told The Associated Press. "This is where the heavy questioning comes in. We have to find out where that girl is."

Daffern has not contacted her family, Daniels said.

In the video, a man casually walks into the store and hands Daffern a cup. She disappears from behind the counter for a moment. When she returns, the man pulls a handgun and points it at her face.

A clip from a different camera shows the gunman walking her out of the store as he sips from the cup. Daffern continues to keep

her hands up and appears to plead with the man.

A third clip taken outside shows the SUV leaving the empty parking lot. The SUV heads south on U.S. 281, which is the route to Bowie.

The abduction occurred about 3 p.m. Friday at the small, yellow brick store, which is near the intersection of U.S. 281 and Farm-to-Market Road 172 in rural North Texas.

Authorities were alerted by a 911 call.

Daniels, who knows Daffern, said she is a mother and a grandmother, a member of a tight-knit family. He said he is "very worried" about her safety.

"They're just fantastic people," he said in a story in the Wichita Falls Times Record News. "It's not going to help him in any way to harm that woman. This lady needs to be back with those children."

The suspect was described as a white male, 5 feet, 8 inches to 5 feet, 10 inches tall and about 160 to 175 pounds. He was wearing a black ball cap with a Chevrolet emblem, a black T-shirt, blue jeans and tennis shoes.

Tattoos are on his arms, beginning at his wrists. The man's hair was described as brown and curly, possibly collar length.



Law enforcement officers talk outside the Grocery Store in Scotland, Texas, where a cashier was kidnapped and gunpoint Friday.

AP Photo, Jeffrey Haderthauer

Police described the Ford Explorer as black with silver trim and a rectangular sticker in the back right window.

Scotland, which has less than 500 residents, is about

Texas ends cases involving 34 polygamist sect kids

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Custody cases involving 34 children taken from a polygamist sect's West Texas ranch have been dropped because child welfare authorities no longer believe court oversight is needed, an agency spokeswoman said Friday.

Child Protective Services filed paperwork in San Angelo on Thursday asking that the cases involving 10 families be dropped, and Texas District Judge Barbara Walther agreed, said CPS spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner.

The action does not necessarily end the agency's involvement with the families but means officials believe the children can be kept safe without court intervention, she said.

While the reasons vary, child welfare cases are typically dropped when investigators decide there is no abuse, or if there is, that parents or another relative can ensure a child's safety, Meisner said.

In June, Texas authorities were forced by the state Supreme Court to return roughly 440 children swept into foster care from the Yearning For Zion Ranch. The court said the action was overly broad, given the relatively limited evidence of abuse the agency presented in the chaotic April court hearing that covered all the children.

The agency has continued to investigate since the return of the children and asked parents to limit the children's contact with men accused of being involved in underage marriages.

At least four mothers have allegedly refused, and CPS has asked that those eight children be placed

back in foster care. Hearings on those children are scheduled to begin in San Angelo on Monday.

Cases involving the remaining children remain under review, Meisner said.

The custody cases are separate from the criminal investigation into allegations that men from the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which runs the YFZ Ranch, were marrying and having sex with underage girls.

Suspect nabbed in Oklahoma indicted in Texas

SHERMAN (AP) — A Dallas man arrested last month in Oklahoma has been indicted in Texas on a bank robbery charge.

Federal prosecutors on Friday announced the indictment of 29-year-old Ryan Christopher Hitchins.

Hitchins was indicted over the June 30 holdup of Texans Credit Union in Plano.

Oklahoma City police on July 8 arrested Hitchins during a traffic stop. A police officer had noticed a vehicle with a damaged windshield and an expired license plate.

The FBI has said Hitchins is under investigation for other holdups in the Dallas area and in Oklahoma.

2 soldiers die in El Paso crash

EL PASO (AP) — Two Fort Bliss soldiers have died in a motorcycle accident, authorities said Friday.

Army Sgt. Joshua U. Rodriguez and Pvt. 1st Class Paul A. Honto crashed

near a curve in the road Thursday evening, police said. Rodriguez was driving, and Honto was a passenger on the 2004 Kawasaki motorcycle.

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A keynote address from Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen highlighted Keep Big Spring Beautiful's annual awards banquet Tuesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Walter Ward, above left photo, received the Outstanding Volunteer Award, while Pat Simmons, at center in the above photo, received the Above and Beyond Award. The Big Spring Wal-Mart was recognized with the Business Support Award. In the photo below, Kathryn Wiseman, left, and Verna Davis conducted a demonstration during the banquet.



Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Howard College conducted public hearings on August 11, 2008 and August 15, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Howard College from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 13.64 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.289083 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$5,400,249.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.278000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$6,130,072.

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The Board of Trustees of Howard College is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 25, 2008 at Board Room in The Dora Roberts Student Union Bldg on the Howard College Campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas at 12:30 p.m.

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Bush warns Russia over Georgian dispute

By DEB RIECHMANN

Associated Press Writer

CRAWFORD—President Bush sent a stern warning to Russia on Saturday that it cannot lay claim to two breakaway provinces in neighboring Georgia, a U.S. ally. "No room for debate on this point," the president said.

Searching for signs of progress, Bush said Russian President Dmitry Medvedev's signing Saturday of a cease-fire plan was "an important development. That's a hopeful step," Bush told reporters at his ranch. "Russia now needs to honor that agreement" and withdraw forces from the much smaller former Soviet state.

The Russian foreign minister said Thursday that Georgia could "forget about" getting back the two separatist regions, South Ossetia and Abkhazia. Medvedev also met with their leaders in Kremlin this past week, raising the prospect that Moscow could absorb the regions even though the territory is internationally recognized as being within Georgia's borders.

Bush disputed the claim that two areas may not be part of Georgia's future. They are of Georgia now, he said at the ranch, and reaffirmed that they are within recognized borders. There is "no room for debate on this," the president said.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who briefed Bush after a quick trip to Georgia, said that "when it is resolved, I mean the underlying conflict, it must be resolved on the basis of the territorial integrity of Georgia."

Rice did not specify what, if any, repercussions Russia might face for its actions.

"We'll take our time and look at further consequences for what Russia has done," she said. The U.S. and the European Union already have raised concerns "about the way Russia has done this. I think you will start to see reports come out about what Russian forces engaged in."

She said that unlike in the past, Russia cares deeply about its global reputation. "I think actually Russia will care about this talk, because it's not just talk, it's about Russia's standing in the international community," Rice said.

The cease-fire agreement calls for both forces to pull back to positions they held before fighting erupted Aug. 8. That was when Georgia launched a massive barrage to try to take control of the Russian-backed separatist region of South Ossetia. The Russian army quickly overwhelmed the forces of its small U.S.-backed neighbor, and Moscow's troops drove deep into Georgia.

The agreement, Rice said, is specific about future Russian troop presence in Georgia.

"The world has watched with alarm as Russia invaded a sovereign neighboring state and threatened a democratic government elected by its people," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "This act is completely unacceptable to the free nations of the world."

Keeping up the diplomatic pressure, Rice planned

to go to Brussels next week for meetings with the foreign ministers of NATO allies and European Union officials.

The crisis has chilled relations between the United States and Russia. The fighting comes as the U.S. is sealing the deal on a missile shield in Europe — an issue already unraveling ties between the two former Cold War foes.

Poland and the U.S. signed a deal Thursday for Poland to accept a missile interceptor base as part of a system the U.S. says is aimed at blocking attacks by adversaries such as Iran.

Moscow feels it is aimed at Russia's missile force. A Russian general was quoted by Interfax News Agency on Friday as saying that by accepting a U.S. missile defense battery, Poland was "exposing itself to a strike."

The missile deal awaits approval by Poland's parliament.

That is sure to further antagonize Russia. But the U.S. wants to be careful to alienate Moscow and drive Russian leaders away from further integration with the West.

"Russia's actions in Georgia raise serious questions about its role and its intentions in the Europe of the 21st century," Bush said. "In recent years, Russia has sought to integrate into the diplomatic, political, economic, and security structures of the West. The United States has supported those efforts. Now Russia has put its aspirations at risk by taking actions in Georgia that are inconsistent with the principles of those institutions."



President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice face reporters at the president's ranch in Crawford early Saturday. Bush sent a stern warning to Russia that it cannot lay claim to two breakaway provinces in neighboring Georgia, a U.S. ally.

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The first public hearing will be held on August 25 @ 9:00 AM at Glasscock County Courthouse Courtroom.

The second public hearing will be held on August 29 @ 9:00 AM at Glasscock County Courthouse Courtroom.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

- FOR: W.E. Bednar, Jimmy Strube, Mark Halfmann, Marck Schafer, Michael Hoch
- AGAINST: None
- PRESENT and not voting:
- ABSENT

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Glasscock County last year was \$35,631.00 (average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older). Based on last year's tax rate of \$.343165 (preceding year's adopted tax rate) per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$122.27 (tax on average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the preceding tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

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If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$.2634 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$98.31 (tax on the average taxable value of a residence homestead in the taxing unit for the current tax year, disregarding residence homestead exemptions available only to disabled persons or persons 65 years of age or older).

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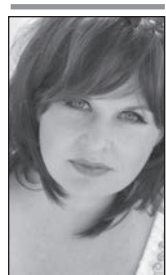
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Yes, what occurs in the next 24 hours is mundane — but in the best possible way. Average moments are works of art. The best part

is that you can appreciate them as such. It's a beautiful, normal day.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's remarkable how you are able to navigate today's fast and furious events without losing your equilibrium. Your success secret is no secret at all to anyone who knows you — you truly care to do your best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It feels like it's been a long time since you had a profound realization. Well, that all changes now with a series of rapid-fire breakthrough thoughts. Everything could change from this day forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're interested in meeting new people, and yet

you're so choosy that it's very rare for you to actually add someone to your even the outermost realms of your circle.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're punctual, as a rule. Usually you consider it rude to make someone wait for you. But maybe this person should wait, just a little while, in order to draw excited attention to your fabulous arrival.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Funny questions will run across your mind, like, is anyone really listening to me? Rest assured, each person gives you the degree of attention that they are capable of giving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before you leave the house, arm yourself with some interesting topics of conversation. You'll be meeting people who resonate on the same upbeat level as you. Still, it's good if you can keep the conversation rolling.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you notice that someone might be lonely or in need, you reach out. The recipient of your intention may not respond in the manner of your preference, but at least you can feel good about your gesture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be assessing relationships and your needs

regarding them. You're able to be yourself. That's the greatest prize of intimacy. If you feel that you are not able to be yourself, the relationship isn't intimate.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're making inroads in arenas that have, until now, been closed to you. You're not different; it's the atmosphere that's changed. This is your time, so make the most of it.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am an Aquarius in a relationship with a Gemini. When we first began, it was great and I was really emotionally involved. He seems like the perfect guy for me. Now I feel like I should be in this relationship, but am emotionally detached. I keep telling myself I am in a funk and it will pass. I don't know if I should just ride it out and see what happens, or if I should just end it and move on."

For Aquarius, the intensity can get draining, dull, lackluster, boring ... and there are far more enlightened things to explore, like your projects, your people and your politics. You both thrive on variety and independence, and while other signs find the following blissful, I really hope you aren't emotionally and physically in each other's

business 24/7. I think you just need time out from heavy breathing. Go away for the weekend with your girlfriends. Get immersed in a work project and let it consume all of your hours. Gently distance yourself and make no decisions about how to define your relationship for at least two weeks. Upon your return to him, you'll see things differently and know immediately what to do.

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The Winning Way: Living to Give

God is the greatest giver the world has ever known. A well-known and often-quoted scripture is John 3:16. It says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

What a role model we have in God! He gave to us first. His motivation for giving was love, so our motivation must also be love.

God gave to us for a specific reason. That reason was to rescue us from the fall after Adam and Eve had sinned in the garden. His deepest desire was to have man restored back to Himself, so in order to get that need met, He gave us His best, His son, Jesus Christ.

Giving is really our way of receiving. It's like a farmer planting his crop. He plants, the rains come, and the seed comes up and produces for him an abundant harvest. Was the farmer expecting to receive

when he planted? Yes he was, and we should expect to receive when we give.

We were created to be givers. Why shouldn't we be? We were created to act just like our Heavenly Father. When we reach out to others in need, God will see that our needs are met.

About a year ago, one of my friends was waiting in line at the supermarket. The little lady in line ahead of her, did not have enough cash to pay for the food she had bought and was trying to decide what she could put back.

She carefully looked over the items she had and began to cry. The cashier was trying to help, but as she would suggest an item, the old lady would reply, "Oh no, I need that."

My friend being the giver that she was, stepped up to the cashier and asked how much money the lady needed. The cashier said, "She needs \$2.42."

"I'll pay that for her," she said. The gracious old lady, with tears in her eyes and shock on her face, could not believe a complete stranger would pay the amount she was lacking.

That's just what Jesus

did for us at Calvary. He paid the debt that you and I could not pay. This is what I call living to give.

Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these brethren, you did it to Me." A quote from Saint Francis of Assisi, says, "It is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life."

This quote is the very essence of the scripture in Acts 20:35, when Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

So often we shop in a rush and are completely unaware of the needs of those around us. Many times because of our hurrying, we fail to be the "need supplier" to those we rub shoulders with.

Our busy lives hinder us from being God's delivery agent, His voice and His helping hands.

When our oldest daughter, Judy, was in first grade, one of her little friends had lost her lunch money that day. Since both our daughters had been taught to be givers from early in their lives, she gave her friend her lunch money.

When the bell rang for the lunch hour, the children lined up to go to the cafeteria. Judy got in line, too even though she had given her lunch money to her friend. When she approached the cashier to pay for her food, she simply told the lady she gave her money to her friend who had lost hers.

The cashier smiled and said, "Well don't forget to bring the money tomorrow."

If you want to see the favor of God in your life, start living to give. Do it with passion and a grateful heart. Being sensitive to others is one of the greatest ministry platforms we can have.

According to the Apostle Paul, all of us are called to minister. We don't need a pulpit in order to minister to others. Our daily lives do that for us, whether we are aware of it or not.

Remember, God has our score. He sees everything we do. He knows our thoughts, and the motives behind the thoughts, even before we think them. Can He trust you to do what He put you on this planet to do?

If more of us would have an attitude that says, Who can I bless today? I believe we would experience a

new level of joy. Ask yourself, do I have a closed fist, or an open hand?

You may feel you have nothing to give, but you can always give an encouraging word. You can visit someone in the hospital or in the nursing home.

How you treat other people can have a great impact on the degree of blessings and favor you experience from God. We cannot treat others in a disrespectful way and expect blessings. The Bible says, "aim to show kindness and seek to do good."

Proverbs 11:24 says, "There is one who scatters, yet increases more: And there is one who withholds more than is right, but it leads him to poverty."

God bless!
Send email to. thewinningway@suddenlink.net



JERRIE STOCKS

The United Way Kick Off Luncheon Tuesday at First United Methodist

The United Way Kick Off Luncheon is Tuesday, Aug. 19 in First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall, at 400 Scurry St.

Radio personality Tumbleweed Smith, a Big Spring resident, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third. For more information, call 267-5201.

Area Agencies which receive funding through the United Way are: The American Red Cross, Court Appointed Special Advocate (C.A.S.A.) of West Texas, Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, Big Spring Humane Society, Boy's Club of Big Spring, Northside Community Center, Dora Robert Rehabilitation Center, Isaiah 58, Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin, The Salvation Army, Victim Services, Y.M.C.A. of Big Spring, Westside Community Center and Westside Day Care Center.

Public Seminar Lyme Disease - AKA:

Fibromyalgia
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Steve and his co-founder, Doctor Elto Rivera have successfully treated over 40 Incurable diseases. The link between Lyme disease and degenerative diseases is overwhelming. Lyme is difficult to diagnose and often very difficult to treat.

Steven Hines is rapidly becoming known as one of the few qualified experts in the country on the subject of Lyme and Lyme related diseases. A Lyme

patient himself, Steven knows through his own personal experience, how it feels to be victim and then victor! Don't miss this event. If you or someone you know suffers from any of the conditions listed above, this meeting will save lives.

Place: Howard College Cactus Room

Date & Time: August 19, 2008 7:00 p.m.

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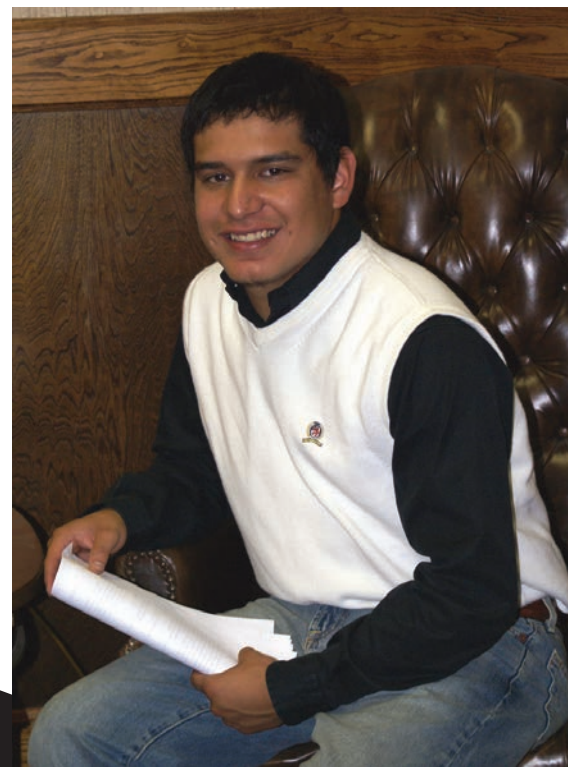
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-Stephanie

COMING EVENTS

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- Sept 25 - HC Speaker Series**
- Jim Morris "The Rookie"**
- Oct 2,3,4,5 - HC Theater "Leading Ladies"**
- Nov 20,21,22 - HC Theater "Macbeth"**
- Nov 22 - FFA Area II Leadership Conference**

Classes begin August 25

Howard College welcomes Mark J. Myers as the new Provost for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) campus.

Coming to Big Spring from Canton Center, Connecticut, Myers has been currently working as the Director of the Collegiate Education for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons department at the Northwestern Connecticut Community College in Winsted, Connecticut.

He brings with him over 18 years of management and supervisory experience in the community-technical colleges system, in private non-profit and governmental agencies in the field of higher education, in rehabilitation and in community-based services to persons who are deaf and hard of hearing. Additionally, he has extensive experience working with legislative procedures, practices and grant writing with private foundations and corporations.

Myers, who became profoundly deaf due to spinal meningitis at the age of 11 months, obtained an impressive educational background after graduating from St. Mary's School for the Deaf, including a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Gallaudet University and a Master of Arts in Deafness Rehabilitation from New York University.

Mark and his wife Alyssa have moved to the Big Spring community over the summer. "We look forward to this new adventure in our lives and learning about Big Spring and its neighboring communities," says Myers. "I am sure we will enjoy the warm climate and the culture of the 'west' in Texas."

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Community Education

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