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County tax rate hearing

set Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Taxpayers will get a chance to speak their minds Monday afternoon, as Howard County commissioners hold a public hearing concerning the proposed tax rate, which exceeds the government body's rollback rate by more than four cents.

The meeting — slated for 4:30 p.m. per County Judge Mark Barr's request to better accommodate area taxpayers unable to attend the court's normal morning gatherings — will include the tax rate hearing, which is the first of two required by state law.

Last month commission- See COUNTY, Page 3A



ers agreed to a proposed tax rate of .5362 cents per \$100 valuation, eclipsing the effective rate of .4134 cents per \$100 valuation

Olson and exceeding this year's rollback rate of .4912 cents per \$100 valuation. The rate is expected to produce an additional levy of \$2.7 million more than last year's rate, ac-

Jackie Olson. "The additional levy would provide for \$730,000 for new debt, \$250,000 for

cording to County Auditor

Good books, great price

Friends of Library annual sale slated this month

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

If you're a book lover looking for bargains, the Friends of the Library have a deal for you.

The organization, which supplemental provides support for the Howard County Library, will hold its annual book sale Sept. 19-21 in the basement of the library.

Hours are 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. the first two days and 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sept.

Although the organization supports the library throughout the year with various activities, the book sale is its biggest fundraiser.

Persons wishing to donate books or audio/visual items such as DVDs, books on tape or video tapes are requested to bring them to the library during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Members ask that no periodicals or

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Triathlon a splash hit







Clockwise, from top: Participants in Saturday's **Comanche Warrior Triathlon begin the** swimming portion of the competition in Comance Trail Lake; a participant prepares to begin the biking portion of the triathlon; men's overall winner **David Rogouski of** Lubbock relaxes after crossing the finish line.

HERALD photos/ Steve Reagan and Ron Midkiff

Questions remain on Palin vetting

By DAN JOLING

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — John McCain's presidential campaign did not speak with the Alaska House speaker and other leading Republicans before McCain tapped Gov. Sarah Palin as his running

The low-profile vetting allowed McCain to spring Palin onto the



fications.

Palin said John Harris, speaker of the

paign open to criticism that McCain did not fully explore her quali-"I haven't heard of

ored by media scrutiny.

But it has left the cam-

anybody being contacted, not that that's bad,"

national scene uncol- state House of Representatives. "I just haven't heard of anybody."

> The subject is now closed, said McCain campaign spokesman Tucker Bounds.

> "Gov. Palin was fully vetted as previously described and we are no longer commenting on the vetting process," Bounds said Friday.

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Dine Out Day

Dell's Cafe at 1608 E. Fourth St. is this week's Dine Out Restaurant assisting the United Way

for Big Spring and Howard County.

Proceeds from Friday's sales at Dell's will benefit United Way. Future participat-



ing restaurants will include Papa Georgio's Pizza, Cowboy's Steakhouse, Greg's Grill and others.

Driver safety course

A senior citizen driver safety course will be taught at the Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler Drive, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 11-12. The course will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m. each day, with a half-hour off for lunch.

There is a \$10 fee for the book. Many auto insurance companies will give a discount on insurance preminums when the course is completed.

To register, call the Senior Center at 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35. The course is for motorists age 50 and older and is especially designed for seniors.

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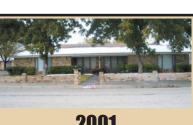
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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP



Denison Herald Democrat photo/Gary Sewell

Big Spring quarterback Matt Ritchev carries the ball in the Steers' 44-37 loss to the Denison Yellow Jackets Friday in Denison.

Steers fall in thriller

Denison scores late to top Big Spring, 44-37

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

DENISON - Heartbreak.

It's something the Big Spring Steers didn't experience last season, at least, not to the degree suffered Friday in Denison.

The Steers saw a 23-7 first quarter lead dissipate as the Denison Yellow Jackets rallied behind a lethal 1-2 punch in their backfield for a 44-37 win.

The Steers actually tied the game at 37 with 1:01 left to play, but Denison running back D.J.

Jackets courtesy of a 56-yard touchdown scamper with 19 seconds remaining. Jones finished the game with 184 rushing yards and three touchdowns on 14 carries, despite playing only in the second half.

Complimenting him was quarterback Jordan Taylor, who carried the load for Denison in the first half, rushing for 180 yards and one touchdown on 15 carries.

"I don't know that I've ever seen a more athletic backfield See STEERS, Page 3B

Jones grabbed the win for the tandem than the one Denison put on display tonight," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "The quarterback kind of surprised us. We knew they had a great running back, but the quarterback was a wide receiver last year. We didn't realize he had that type of abili-

The only reason the game can be called a heartbreaker is because



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Coahoma running back P.J. Daylong attempts to escape three Forsan defenders led by Jeremy Freitag (20) in

Coahoma edges Forsan in Howard County Bowl

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

FORSAN — You know how sometimes you hear the hype of the latest blockbuster movie and you just can't wait to get in line and buy your ticket? The cast and director are the best in Hollywood and the theater is standing room only.

But, in the end you walk away dis-

appointed because you allowed your expectations to run too high and you bought into all the hype.

Well, the latest version of the Howard County Bowl was nothing like that at all.

Forsan and Coahoma played to a packed house Friday night, and gave the audience exactly what they wanted, playing to the bitter end, as the Bulldogs (2-0) escaped Buffalo

Field with a one point win, 21-20.

"This game meant a lot, to a lot of people," said Bulldogs Head Coach Stacey Martin. "It was a good win for us against a Forsan team that really gave us a fight. They are a tough team and they are going to be very good."

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Area roundup: Stanton, Grady suffer tough losses, **Garden City pitches shutout**

Herald Staff Report

BIG LAKE - Last season, Stanton's win over Reagan County was considered one of the bigger upsets of that particular week.

The same magic didn't carry over for the Buffaloes, though, as the Owls shut down Stanton's offense for a 21-6 victory.

The Buffs didn't get on the board until the fourth quarter, when running back Robbie Noland scored with 6:51 left to play, pulling Stanton within three of the Owls, 9-6.

However, Reagan Co. answered with 12 unanswered points within 27 seconds and pulled out the 15-point victory.

The Owls' final score ame on a 35-yard interception return by Jackson Taylor. It was the fifth interception thrown by Tyler Fulton in the game.

Stanton (0-2) hosts longtime rival Colorado City Friday.

Stanton 0 0 0 6-6 Reagan Co. 0 6

Second quarter RC - Joe Gillis 1 run (kick failed),

Third quarter RC – Junior Evans 28 FG, 8:00 Fourth quarter

SHS - Robbie Noland 12 run (kick failed), 6:51 RC - Gillis 9 run (kick failed),

RC – Jackson Taylor 35 interception (kick failed), 2:55

Individual leaders Rushing: Stanton - Noland Passing: Stanton – Fulton 6-19-5 131.

Garden City 54, **EP Jesus Chapel 0**

GARDEN CITY - Garden City's Bearkats ran 27 plays to 36 for El Paso Jesus Chapel. However, the Bearkats outgained their opponent 245-6 in total yards as the game was called at halftime due to the 45-point mercy rule.

Five different Bearkats crossed the goalline. Jake Schwartz scored on a 53-yard run and also caught a 70-yard pass from Levi Schaefer. Adrian Arzola also found paydirt twice, scoring on runs of a 1 yard and 5 yards.

Defensively, the Bearkats held EPJC minus-44 yards rushing and surrendered just one first down.

A 3-yard plunge by Brian Hirt capped Garden City's scoring with 18 seconds remaining in the first half.

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Sands tramples Wilson at annual Roundup, 47-0

Improved Mustangs push their season record to 2-0 with dominant performance

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

ACKERLY — When things are going right for you it seems as if everything you attempt is successful. Friday night the Sands Mustangs had one of those nights as they demolished the Wilson Mustangs, 47-0, in a game called with just over seven minutes left in the third quarter due to the mercy rule which governs Texas six-man football games.

"We just came out and played with a lot of confidence from the beginning," Sands Head Coach Wayne Henderson said after the game. "We came out and took it to them."

Sands scored less than a minute into the contest as freshman fullback Michael

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Sands Mustangs running back Daniel Armendariz avoids a Wilson tackler during Sands' 47-0 victory Friday in Ackerly.

CROSSROADS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

WEEK 1

Denison 44 **Big Spring** 37

Coahoma 21 **Forsan** 20

Reagan Co. 21 Stanton

Sands 47 Wilson Meadow 70 Grady 20

Garden City 54. Jesus Chapel

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Charley West, a 1964 Big Spring High School graduate, played professional football from 1968-1979.

Heritage Museum's

he Heritage Museum is heading to the stars again, this time featuring the many professional athletes who have once called Howard County

"We're very excited to be able bring this level of exhibit to the community," said Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney. "We've already received a large amount of interest from the community."

Sports Stars is currently on display in the museum's downstairs gallery. A catered reception is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 13, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., during the week of Big Spring High School's homecoming celebrations.

Almost 30 individuals and teams from the fields of baseball, football, softball, bowling, volleyball and drag racing are featured in the exhibition, complied and researched by the Heritage Museum staff and volunteer Janet Abner from information sent in by the community.

Among the many photographs, trading cards and other memorabilia displayed is the uniform worn by 1984 U.S. Olympic Volleyball team member Rose Mager Powell, donated by the silver medalist herself.

"We were very surprised and pleasantly surprised about the incredible amount of athletes and athletic talent that has come out of Big Spring and Howard County," Raney said. "In fact we've had a few people who've come back since then and said there are a few more professionals that we've missed. It's going to be an incredible exhibit."

Raney is quick to add this exhibit is made possible through the active support of the

"We advertised for people to bring us memorabilia, photographs, things like that for the exhibit," she said. "The exhibit was actually complied mostly from information given to us. We had information on hand at our museum that Curator Nancy Schrecengost used but most of the items and information on display was made possible through the

generous effort of our community."

In fact, Raney said, the museum received enough written information to create a supplemental booklet which will be on sale for \$10. Proceeds from the sale are used for the daily operation of the museum.

"By the time it was all said and done we ended up with probably 19 pages of just information on the athletes," she said. "The booklet profiles each person featured in the exhibit along with photographs."

Although the museum would like to have featured all the great athletes of Howard County — professional and non — Raney said the research and compilation of that information is beyond the resources of the museum.

"There are so many outstanding local athletes out there that have gone on to do great things in their life that we had to limit the exhibit to a narrow subject" she said. "To do an exhibit of that kind would be of such enormous size that it is just beyond our capabilities."

Fans of R.E. "Peppy" Blount — a 1943 Big Spring High School graduate and 1948 Chicago Bears player — will have a chance to snap up his book, "Mommies Don't Let You Babies Grow Up To Be Football Players," at the reception. Blount, who is a lawyer in Longview, served as a state representative for this area at the same time he played football for and attended the University of Texas. He is the youngest member ever to be elected.

Copies of his book, autographed by the author, are on sale for \$19.99. Raney said the museum has a limited supply.

Sport Stars will be on exhibit through Oct.

Admission to the Heritage Museum is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors. The museum, located at 510 Scurry, is open from Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Heritage Museum

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Featured Professional Athletes

FOOTBALL

Melvin "Swede" Pitman

1924 BSHS graduate Pittsburg Steelers Early 1930s

Bob Flowers

1935 BSHS graduate Green Bay Packers 1942-1949

Olie Cordill 1936 BSHS graduate

Cleveland Rams 1940 Miami Seahawks 1946

Harry C. Burrus

1936 BSHS graduate All-American Conference New York Yankees & Brooklyn Dodgers

1946 to 1950

Cliff Patton

1941 BSHS graduate Philadelphia Eagles 1946-50 Chicago Cardinals 1951

R.E. "Peppy" Blount

1943 BSHS graduate Chicago Bears 1948

Billy "Chop" Van Pelt

1949 BSHS graduate attended Howard College Los Angeles Rams 1954

Charley Johnson

1956 BSHS graduate St. Louis Cardinals 1961-69 **Houston Oilers**

1970-71 **Denver Broncos** 1973-75

James E. "Jimmy" Evans

1956 BSHS graduate New York Jets 1964-65 **Buffalo Bills** 1966

Danny Birdwell

1958 BSHS graduate Oakland Raiders 1962-69

Thurman Randle

1964 BSHS graduate Philadelphia Eagles 1968

Charley West

1964 BSHS graduate Minnesota Viking 1968-73

Detroit Lions 1974-77 **Denver Broncos**

1978-79

John Thomas "J.T." Smith

1974 BSHS graduate Washington Redskins 1978 Kansas City Chiefs 1978-84 St. Louis/Phoenix Cardinals 1985-1990

Putt Choate

1975 CHS graduate Atlantic Falcons 1982 Denver Gold 1983 San Antonio Gunslingers 1984-1985 Green Bay Packers

1987

Kenneth Coffey

1978 BSHS graduate Washington Redskins 1982 - 1986

D.L. "Bubba" Franks

1996 BSHS graduate Green Bay Packers 2001 - 2007 New York Jets 2008 to Present

BASEBALL

Robert "Huck" Doe

1947 BSHS graduate Cincinnati Reds 1948 Cleveland Indians 1950-53 Cosden Cops 1954-55

Aramis "Tito" Arencibia

Came to the US from Cuba in 1950 **Big Spring Broncos** 1951 to 1954

Big Spring Broncos Professional Baseball Team

1947 - 1956 During the mid to late 50's, the roster included six home town hero's. Leamon Bostick Lloyd Patterson Huck Doe James Tidwell **Bobby Martin** Jake McClain Manager - Pat Stasey

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Obituaries

Billie Eggleston



Billie Eggleston, 83, of Midland, died Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008, at VA Medical Center in Big Spring. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, 2008, at Kelview Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Berry and the Rev. Bill Skaggs, officiating. Interment will be at 4 p.m. at Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring. The family will receive friends Sunday, Sept. 7 from 4 p.m.-5 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory.

He was born Jan. 10, 1925, to Bertha and Claude Eggleston.

After the service he joined the National Guard where he served as a 2nd chief warrant officer. He was instrumental in obtaining a new building for the National Guard in Big Spring. After relinquishing his duties in the Guard, he went into the cattle business. He was an independent cattle buyer until the late 1990s when he retired due to poor health. He was a deacon at Trinity Baptist Church when he resided in Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary McKee Eggleston; three children, Kathryn Martin and her husband Jerry of Midland, Mike Eggleston and his wife Kathie of Dunn and Don Eggleston and his wife Carol of Midland; grandchildren, Rebecca and Joe Bob Ransom of Midland, Angela and Dr. Mario Gross of Midland, Scott Hull of Dallas, Evan and Christy Eggleston of Big Spring, Brandon Eggleston and wife of Andrews, Wesley Eggleston of Midland, and Dustin Eggleston of Andrews; six great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Caroline and Abigayle Ransom, Tyler and John-Michael Eggleston and Sophie Gross; sisters, Beatrice Hardin of Odessa and Faye Walker of Big Spring; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers and two

The family would like to offer a special thanks to the staff at the VA Hospital in Big Spring.

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

Dorothy Collum

Dorothy Collum, 85, of Big Spring, died Friday, Sept. 5, 2008, at her home. Funeral services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www. npwelch.com

Support Groups

• 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.
- 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.

TUESDAY

- Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.
- •The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright
- •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.





Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- DAVID WILLIAM BOOTH, 40, 2607 Hunter, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- LINDA LAREZ, 48, 507 N. Main, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- RICKY LEE TATE, 20, 2609 Wasson No. 35, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance and a Howard County warrant.
- JAMES JENNINGS, 54, no address given, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- WALLACE TERRY VIASANA, 53, 604 Abrams, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and a capias
- RENE ANGEL VALDEZ JR., 47, 404 S. Aylesford, was arrested on a citation and a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of Austin.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa Highway.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87. • DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED/THIRD OR MORE
- OFFENSE was reported in the 300 block of Bell.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of Settles.

Take Note

- Big Spring High School Class of 1998 10-year reunion will be held Sept. 12-13 during the BSHS homecoming weekend. To get details and register, visit www.freewebs.com/bshs1998 or contract Traci Bellinghausen at (817) 308-9845 or Jacob Cordova at (432) 935-0533.
- 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.
- \bullet Ackerly Lunch Bunch will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at $14^{\mbox{th}}$ and Main Church of Christ Fellowship Hall at 1401 S. Main St. in Big Spring. Lunch will be catered by Al's and Son Barbecue and served at noon. Cost will be \$11 per plate, including dessert and drink. RSVP to Betty Pitts at 267-1449 or Sissy Jones at 213-
- 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 disgnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.
- The Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a community health survey. The information will be used to study barriers to health care and other public health issues. Your personal information will not be used, other than the comments portion of the survey. You will not be asked for your name. The survey is available online and takes about 15 minutes to complete. For the English survey, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625. For the survey in Spanish, go to www.questionpro.com/akira/ TakeSurvey?id=929626.

Lottery

The grand prize in the Mega Millions multistate lottery has grown to \$24 million.

The rollover occurred because no player matched all

the winning numbers from Friday night's drawing. The winning numbers were: one, six, 15, 27, and 46. The Mega Ball number was 39.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 35-4-34-8-2 Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-1-8. Sum It Up: 17.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-0. Sum It Up: 15



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- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.
- · Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.
- The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 264-6116.
- Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221
- The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more informa-

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets. • League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC
- Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited. • American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203
- W. Highway 80. • The Prospector's Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at 606 E. Third St. The public is invited to these meetings. For more information contact Lola Lamb at 263-3340.
- · Neighbors and Newcomers Club meets. New members are welcome. Call 263-2005 for more informa-

FRIDAY

- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281.
- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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It may take the Buffaloes (0-2) longer to feel that way after a difficult loss to their natural rivals. Forsan Head Coach Tommy Thompson, while taking nothing away from Coahoma, feels they may have let a big win slip

"Losing by one point, especially in a game like this, in your own house, against a big rival is very hard," Thompson said. "We feel like we should have won the game. If we make two routine extra points, we put ourselves in a solid position to win. Coahoma is a tough enough team to beat even if we played flawless foot-

Forsan seemed to have the momentum early on, stopping the Bulldogs on their first offensive series, forcing a punt after just three plays.

After a fair catch at their own 44-yd line, the Buffs quickly moved down the field to score with 5:58 left in the quarter. However, a holding call negated the touchdown and they were forced to a field goal try from inside 20 yards.

The Bulldogs got major penetration, though, and blocked the kick which was scooped up by Lupe Abrego, who raced 83-yards to pay dirt, allowing Coahoma to draw first blood and take the

"That 6-point swing, right when we thought we were going to go up, really deflated us a good bit," said Thompson, "but we fought through the adversity

and eventually things started to go our way in the second."

The Buffs also had to overcome two Alex Huckabee interceptions, both by Abrego, before they saw things start to go in their favor.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, they were unable to make the Buffaloes pay for their miscues.

After seeing their own offense stopped on the Forsan 10-yard line on 4th down and another three-and-out series, they found their backs against the wall as the Forsan offense lined up at the Coahoma 21-yd line with 3:20 left to play in the half.

Huckabee dropped back to pass, after just hooking up with Jace Sandridge for a 45-yard gain, and found Jeremy Robbins in the left corner of the end zone for a touchdown, drawing even with the Bulldogs, 7-7.

But the excitement was just getting started for both teams, as the final three minutes of the half packed some quality drama.

Coahoma took over after the ensuing kickoff, hoping to move into position for a score before the end of the half. However, Bulldogs quarterback Josh Paniagua coughed up the football and the Buffs' Anthony Neighbors came up with the loose ball.

The Buffs built on their momentum, as the end of the half drew near, and after another Huckabee-to-Robbins connection took Forsan down to the Coahoma 4-yard line, senior running back Jeremy Freitag burst into the end zone, giving the Buffs the lead, 14-7, with just 47 seconds left before halftime.

"Things did not look pretty for us in the first half," CHS Coach Stacey Martin said. "We were struggling to find any momentum, and Forsan was beginning to find their own. But, we knew what we were capable of and we never got down on ourselves."

After just being held to one yard rushing in the first half, especially when P. J. Daylong had just come off a 198-vard performance last week, the Bulldogs had plenty of reason to get

But, with time still left on the first half clock, Coahoma lined up on offense again and this time moved in the right direction.

Paniagua hooked up with Corey Roberts for a 47-yard touchdown pass with just 11 second left in the second, knotting the score at 14.

"That score at the end of the half gave us momentum we really needed," said Martin. "After that, our locker room was full of energy and our seniors really stepped up and took over. They challenged everyone to go out step up the intensity and rise to the occasion."

However, that challenge was pushed to the very edge as the Buffs came back out in the second half and almost immediately took the lead.

With barely three minutes gone in the third quarter the Buffs moved into scoring position on their first possession.

Thompson dialed up a quarterback keeper around the left end that worked to perfection as Huckabee ran 29 yards, virtually untouched, to give the Buffs the lead. However, Coahoma blocked the extra point, leaving Forsan without a critical score.

Trailing 20-14, Coahoma did not waste any time, returning the kickoff to the Forsan 46-yard

The Bulldogs went for the quick strike, very nearly scoring, on a 38-yd pass from Paniagua to Rey Gutierrez that landed Coahoma on the Forsan 1 with a first and goal.

The Buffs held Coahoma out of the end zone for two plays until Daylong lunged in from 3 yards out with 5:38 left in the quarter.

The extra point by Chase Clanton was good and the Bulldogs took a slim lead, 21-20.

"Obviously, we were disappointed in ourselves missing on another extra point attempt," said Thompson. "Our defensive line did such an amazing job stopping their backs all night. We just shot ourselves in the foot and left them an opening. I was very proud of how our frontseven played tonight, but if you give a team too many chances, your odds become slimmer of stopping them every time."

Forsan made one last gasp at scoring, taking over at its own 44 with 3:01 left on the clock. The Buffs received the great field position due to a Bulldogs' failed attempt at converting a fourth down.

"We had faith in our defense and our senior leadership,' Martin said. "They had played their guts out in the fouth quarter and we knew they were up to the task at hand. We wanted to keep the ball out of Forsan's handes, but the fourth down play didn't go in our favor. Our guys really knuckled down in those final three minutes of the game."

The Buffs quickly moved into Coahoma territory, but a holding call set them back at the Bulldog 42 yard line with a third down upcoming.

An incomplete pass to Robbins left the Buffs with a fourth and 11 with only 1:50 on the game clock. However, Huckabee was able to find Freitag for first down yardage, even after defensive holding was called on Coahoma.

The Buffs moved as close as the Bulldogs' 3, but Huckabee was unable to get out of bounds on a second down run and a pass to Robbins fell incomplete, leaving Forsan with a fourth down and only 1:20 left in the game.

Forsan lined up in the spread, sending out four receivers as Huckabee dropped back, desperately looking for an open man.

Unfortunately for the Buffs, his pass sailed too high as he tried to connect with Sandridge, and the Buffs turned the ball over on downs allowing Coahoma to run out the clock and retain bragging rights, winning the 2008 Howard County Bowl,

"While the loss is very disappointing, I am extremely proud of the way our guys played," Thompson said. "The O-line really matured tonight and gave our backs a chance to do what they do best. Coahoma has got a very solid team and they should do well this year, but I think we showed what we are capable of and I am really looking forward to the rest of this year.

The Buffs will be home next week for homecoming against Irion County.

AREA

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First quarter

GC - Adrian Arzola 1 run (Levi Schaefer kick), 5:40

GC - Josh Colunga 35 run (kick failed), 2:37

GC - Jake Schwartz 70 pass from Schaefer (Shaefer kick), 1:05

Second quarter GC - Jake Schwartz 53 run (Schaefer kick), 8:26

GC - Reggie Halfmann 14 run (Schaefer kick), 6:31

GC-Adrian Arzola 5 run (Schaefer kick), 5 run

GC - Brian Hirt 3 run (Schaefer

Meadow 70, Grady 20

LENORAH - Meadow struck hard and fast and before the Wildcats knew it they were down by 30 points.

Meadow's Rico Rocha scored the game's first four touchdowns and Meadow took a 30-0 advantage into halftime. Rocha finished the night with five touchdowns and 283 yards on the ground.

Grady did have quarterback Dylan Cox, whose status was unknown for much of the week due to a knee injury. However, Cox's presence and three touchdown passes weren't enough as the Wildcats were defeated by the 45-point mercy rule with 5:47 left to play.

Meadow 14 16 16 24-70 Grady 0 0 6 14-20

First quarter

Meadow - Rico Rocha 13 run (kick failed), 6:34

Meadow - Rocha 15 run (Chase Smith kick), 0:17

Second quarter Rocha 63 run (Smith Meadow kick), 7:14

Meadow - Rocha 1 run (Smith kick), 2:32 Third quarter

Grady - Johan Wiebe 6 pass from Dylan Cox (pass failed), 6:28 - J.D. Tizer 2 run (Smith Meadow

- Rocha 32 run (Smith Meadow kick), 3:27

Fourth quarter

Grady - John Ramirez 2 pass from Cox (kick failed), 9:56 Meadow - Tizer 42 run (Smith kick). 9:10

Grady - Jacob Rodriguez 21 pass from Cox (Joe Cook kick), 7:23 Meadow - Matt Bell 44 kickoff return (Smith kick), 7:11

Meadow - Safety, 6:22 Meadow - Tizer 12 run, 5:47

SANDS

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Gomez punched the ball in on a 2-yard burst up the middle, putting Sands up

From there, things went from bad to worse for Wilson as the visiting Mustangs where unable to get anything going on their first possession, giving the ball back to Sands after just three plays.

The Mustangs didn't waste the opportunity as quarterback Johnny Rogers found a wide-open Seth Fry in the middle of the end zone to push the score to 14-0 after just three minutes of play.

Sands looked as if it was going to end the game at the half as the Mustangs took possession of the ball holding a 41-0 lead with 1:13 left in the second quarter, but it was not to be as the Wilson defense stiffened to stop Albert Ybarra iust short of the end zone as time elapsed in the first half, forcing the teams to come back after halftime.

After Wilson stalled to open the second half, he Mustangs ended the contest two plays later as Ybarra escaped around the right side of the Wilson defense for a 40-yard touchdown for the final margin.

"These boys took a beat-

ing last year," Henderson said of his team. "We were just outmatched most of the time last season. With that being said though, I think that it helped toughen us up some. When we saw the realignment, we knew that we had a chance to win some games this

"We are just going to have to keep working hard." he continued. "We did a lot of things right tonight, but they where severely outmanned. Wilson only suited up seven players for the contest. They had a couple kids injured that would have helped them."

Leading the way for Sands was Daniel Armendariz. The junior running back tallied 95 yards on seven carries including touchdowns of 3 and 30 yards, while Ybarra added 61 yards on seven carries with one score.

Rogers ended the evening going 3-of-4 through the air for 84 yards and two touchdowns.

Sands' defense, not to be overshadowed, had a spectacular day as well for the Mustangs, stifling anything Wilson attempted and holding the visiting Mustangs to minus-2 yards in offense on the night.

"Our defense was rock solid all night," Henderson said. "The boys really got after it."

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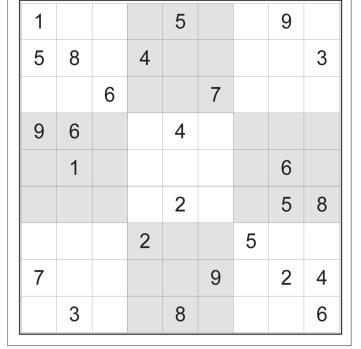
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Schwartz-Petty

with Austrian crystal picks. A crystal rhinestone "C" and "J" and her mother's rosary, which was blessed in Israel, completed the bridal bouquet.

Something borrowed was her sister's wedding handkerchief, something new was her attire complete with hot pink shoes and something blue was a rosary bracelet from Italy that was blessed by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome.

Matron of honor was Kamie Hamilton of Tyler, sister of the bride; and the maid of honor was Nicole Schwartz of Atlanta, Ga., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Taylor Fritschen of Midland, Jacquelynn Schumann of Eastland, Jodi Hartman of Amarillo, Danielle Sage of Seminole, Alex Martin of Fort Worth, Chandler Petty of Midland, sister of the groom; Amber Merydith of Booker; Shelby Schwartz of Garden City and Megan Doe of Mesquite, cousins of the bride.

They wore long, black gowns of their choice and carried bouquets of hot pink roses, bright orange roses and green orchids.

The flower girls were sisters Lauren and Blair Danley of Midland who wore bright, green gowns with hot pink sashes and crystal tiaras. They carried pink rose baskets and dropped hot pink rose petals down the aisle. Jacie Hamilton, the bride's 4-month old niece, wore a white tutu and angel wings that were sprinkled with crystals and rhinestones as she was carried down the aisle by her mom, Kamie.

The groom wore a black tuxedo complete with a white vest and tie. His boutonniere was a green cymbidium orchid and orange rose. The groomsmen and ring bearers wore black tuxedoes, black vests and ties with green cymbidium orchid boutonnieres.

The best man was lifelong friend Travis Anderson of Caraway, Ark.. The groomsmen included Jeff Hamilton of Tyler, brother-in-law of the bride; Russell Jones of Midland; Garrett Taylor, Casey Couch and Brooks Hatch of Caraway, Ark.; Brannon Qualls and Less Goodson of Lake City, Ark.; and Rusty Jackson of Manila, Ark. The ring bearers were Easton Hatch of Caraway, Ark.; and Easton Jones of Keller.

Proceeding the bridesmaids down the aisle were Chelsea's Lone Star Princesses from the Miss Texas Organization including Madeline Walker of Midland, Daeley Havlak of Godley, Morgan Hartsell of Lubbock, Tristan Chancy of Hale Center, Morgan Cox of Sterling City and Holly Halfmann, Hope Halfmann, Sarah Hoelscher and Maddie Hoelscher, all of St. Lawrence.

They wore white dresses and their crowns from the Miss Texas pageant and carried white rose flower balls accented with feathers, crystals and a green cymbidium orchid.

Candle lighters were the bride's cousins, Leslie Jansa of College Station, Elizabeth Holik of San Angelo and Michelle Halfmann of Midland. The lector and reception mistress of ceremonies was Chasity Jansa of Arlington, Virginia, cousin of the bride.

The vocalists were sisters Jordan and Tatum Sheets of Lubbock and the organist was Diane Eggemeyer of

Midkiff. The alter servers included Cody Halfmann, Kamie Halfmann, Ashley Halfmann of St. Lawrence and Riley Eggemeyer of Midkiff.

Eucharistic ministers were Barbara Fuchs of St. Lawrence and Mary Kay Halfmann of Midkiff, aunt of the bride.

The official witnesses for the couple were the bride's godparents, Mitchell and Lynette Jansa of Garden City, who were celebrating their 28th anniversary that day.

Ushers were the bride's cousins, Marcus Halfmann of Midkiff, Cole Schwartz of Garden City and Brett Doe of Mesquite as well as the groom's brother, Josh Bickerstaff of Corinth, Miss. The program attendants were Marianne Halfmann of Garden City, Bonnie Pelzel of San Angelo and Holly Lange of Denton.

A reception, dinner and dance followed immediately in the new parish hall which was decorated with a tropical elegance theme.

The bride's cake, atop a black cloth, was strawberry with five layers of pink, orange, green and black crown stripes, diamonds and circles, topped with her Miss West Texas crown. A miniature wedding gown and crystal candleholders with white glitter candles completed the table.

The groom's cake, also atop a black covering, was two layers of German chocolate and one layer of chocolate decorated with Mossy Oak camouflage topped with a picture of his Weimaraner, Layla. Deer horns, feathers, black candles and a personalized bottle of wine surrounded the cake.

The wedding cake was four layers of white and silver confection complete with wedding date and featured the couples monogram in Swarovski crystals atop a silver platform and a whit bouffant lighted table covering.

As the wedding party toasted the newly married couple with champagne and raspberries, Chelsea and Justin toasted with Cana Wedding Wine of the Holy Land in Galilee, where her parents renewed their vows in 2006.

A barbecue brisket dinner followed the reception. A specially decorated school bus, belonging to the bride's uncle and aunt, was decorated with a "Honeymoon Dear Blind" theme as a special surprise for the couple before the dance began, providing entertainment and photo opportunities for all.

The wedding march was led by Mitchell and Lynette Jansa followed by a little girl's bouquet toss, little boy's garter toss and the traditional bouquet and garter toss and parent /child dances.

The newlyweds were sent off to begin their life together by well wishers with sparklers, confetti and bubbles. Following a honeymoon trip to Sandals Resort and Spa in Antigua, the couple is now at home in Midland.

Chelsea is a 2003 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2007 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a degree in mass communications. She is a dance instructor at Dee Ann's Studio of Dance as well as a certified fitness trainer and pageant coach. She is a member of the Junior League of Midland.

Justin is a 1999 graduate of Riverside High School in Caraway, Ark. and attended Arkansas State University. He graduated in 2005 with a degree in resort management from Texas Tech University and is employed as a sales representative with Linco Electromatic Inc. in Midland.

Chelsea Brianne Schwartz and Justin lynn Petty were united in holy matrimony July 26, 2008, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in St. Lawrence with the Rev. Francis Njoku officiating. Chelsea is the daughter of Martha and Floyd Schwartz.

Mr. & Mrs. Petty

July 26, 2008

St. Lawrence Catholice Church

Chelsea is the daughter of Martha and Floyd Schwartz of St. Lawrence and the granddaughter of Rose and Joe Schwartz of Garden City, Emma Doe of Big Spring and the late Robert (Huck) Doe.

Justin is the son of Karla and Bob Petty of Midland. His grandparents include Juanice and Ed Buie of Midland and Eva and Jake Petty of Clyde.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her dad, the bride's gown was of candlelight chiffon and tulle, featuring a strapless ruche bodice with a sweetheart neckline. The skirt and chapel length train were of tiered cascading ruffles that were sprinkled with Swarovski crystals and rhinestones.

Her cathedral length veil was sprinkled with Swarovski crystals, crowned with a crystal tiara and accented with crystal and rhinestone combs. She carried a cascading bouquet of hot pink roses, bright orange roses and green cymbidium orchids, encrusted

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Moughon-Ryan



Kristopher Klay Ryan and Miranda Bond Moughon were wed July 24, 2008, in Incline Village, Lake Tahoe, Nev. The ceremony was officiated by Nance Leifkin in the presence of the bride and groom's immediate family.

Mr. & Mrs. Ryan

July 24 Incline Village Lake Tahoe, Nev.

The bride is the daughter of Edward and Rebecca Moughon of Big Spring and the groom is the son of George Ryan of Little Rock, Ark., and the late Virginia

Ryan of Big Spring.

The bride wore a strapless, beaded Alfred Angelo dress. The newlyweds vacationed in San Francisco, Calif., before returning to their home in Big Spring

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Parsons-Gannaway



Miranda Jane Parsons and Paul "Greg" Gannaway, both of Midland, announce their intention to marry at 7 p.m. Sept. 20, 2008, in the Cuthbert Mansion in Midland

The bride elect is the daughter of Robert and Cathy Parsons of Big Spring and the granddaughter of the late Herbert and Charlotte Immel, Fred and Ruby Parsons

Miranda Parsons & Greg Gannaway

Sept. 20, 2008
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son of Lynn Gannaway and Donna Gannaway, both of Big Spring. He is the grandson of the late Bill and

The future groom is the

Wanda Gannaway and Dub and Dorothy Coates.

Miranda is a graduate of Howard College's School of Dental Hygiene. She is employed as a hygienist for Dr. Keith Poe in Midland

in Midland.
Greg is an FedEx Express courier for downtown Midland .

COUNTY

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increases in fuel costs and \$450,000 for pay raises for full time employees and increases in benefits and longevity," said Olson. "That includes \$3,000 per full time employee, not including elected officials, and a raise of \$1 an hour for the county's part time employees.

"The loss from Alon, which is \$1.2 million, is also included in the additional levy, along with \$100,000 for new equipment and the sealcoat program."

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 petro-chemical company to file a lawsuit that is still pending in 118th District Court.

According to reports following the filing of the lawsuit, Alon agreed to pay taxes on an undisputed valuation of \$80 million 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.

Alon USA paid approximately \$225,000 in taxes last year — based on an undisputed assessment of \$80 million that was reduced to \$54 million by abatement agreements — considerably less than the \$1 million levied against the company, according to Olson.

Barr had expressed hopes the lawsuit would be settled before the county's deadline to set the tax rate, hopes that may have been dashed when the trial eclipsed its one-week schedule with closing statements set to be delivered Tuesday

"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.'

Commissioners are also expected to hold a budget work session during the meeting, which will be held in the commissioner's courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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► At a glance

Aircraft assembly workers strike Boeing Co. after contract negotiations nosedive

EVERETT, Wash. (AP) — Boeing Co. machinists walked out on strike Saturday after talks with a federal mediator failed to produce an agreement.

About 100 union members hoisted their strike signs at 12:01 a.m. outside the Boeing plant in this city north of Seattle, cheering and blasting air horns at passing cars, many of which honked back.

"It's been about lack of respect," said Steve Morrison, 42, a tester at the Everett plant. "They always tell us we're valued much but labor is the first out the door, the first to be outsourced."

This is the machinists' second strike in as many contract negotiations with Boeing. They struck for 24 days in

The machinists assemble Boeing's commercial planes and some key components. Key strike issues include pay, outsourcing, retirement and health care benefits.

Election results show Benazir Bhutto's widower has won Pakistan's presidential election

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The widower of slain former leader Benazir Bhutto will succeed Pervez Musharraf as the president of Pakistan.

Partial results announced by officials Saturday after separate votes in the federal and provincial assemblies showed that Asif Ali Zardari won an overwhelming majority of the votes.

Pro-Zardari lawmakers, some of them in tears, shouted "Long live Bhutto!" as the results came in. The couple's two teenage daughters, one of them holding a portrait of their late mother, smiled down from the gallery.

But Saturday also brought a brutal reminder of the threats to this nucleararmed nation's stability: a suicide car bomber killed a dozen people in volatile northwest Pakistan.

Obama asks voters to fire GOP and feel safe with him

DURYEA, Pa. (AP) — With two months left, the presidential election seems likely to turn on whether Barack Obama can make himself sufficiently acceptable to millions of disgruntled Americans eager to toss Republicans from the White House if they see a safe, competent alternative.

President Bush, though not on the ballot, has overshadowed this election from the start. His approval ratings are hovering at record lows, and Democrats have done all they can to tie John McCain to him so tightly that they look like one person.

The Obama camp wants Nov. 4 to be a referendum on the Bush presidency, the closest they can come to running against the incumbent. In such elections, challengers must persuade most voters to do two things: Be open to firing the incumbent and agree the challenger is acceptable. If they succeed at both, the incumbent — or in this case, presumably, his party — loses.

With Bush so unpopular and millions of voters seemingly bent on making all Republicans pay, McCain must tackle both questions. He has tried to distance himself from Bush without infuriating the GOP base, going so far as to run a TV ad saying, "We're worse off than we were four years ago."

Government may soon take over troubled mortgage finance giants Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is expected to take over Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac as soon as this weekend in a monumental move designed to protect the mortgage market from the failure of the two companies, which together hold or guarantee half of the nation's mortgage debt, a person briefed on the matter said Friday night.

Some of the details of the intervention, which could cost taxpayers billions, were not yet available, but are expected to include the departure of Fannie Mae CEO Daniel Mudd and Freddie Mac CEO Richard Syron, according to the source, who asked not to be named because the plan was yet to be announced.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and James Lockhart, the companies' chief regulator, met Friday afternoon with the top executives from the mortgage companies and informed them of the government's plan to put the troubled companies into a conservatorship.

The news, first reported on The Wall Street Journal's Web site, came after stock markets closed. In after-hours trading Fannie Mae's shares plunged \$1.54, or 22 percent, to \$5.50. Freddie Mac's shares fell \$1.06, or almost 21 percent, to \$4.04. Common stock in the companies will be worth little to nothing after the government's actions.

With an impressive roster of stars, Stand Up to Cancer telethon takes over network TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Three TV networks, cancer research advocates and more than 60 celebrities from music, sports, TV and film made history Friday night with a live telethon that aired simultaneously on NBC, ABC and CBS.

Jack Black, Jennifer Aniston, Halle Berry and Keanu Reeves — along with presidential nominees John McCain and Barack Obama — were among the stars participating in "Stand Up to Cancer," an hourlong, commercialfree fundraising show spearheaded by entertainment-industry heavyweights whose lives have been touched by the disease.

"This is an absolutely historic night, thanks to the unbelievable generosity of the three networks," producer and cancer survivor Laura Ziskin told the audience at the Kodak Theatre before the show began. "We hope we're going to make you laugh, and I know we're going to make you cry."

BOOKS

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condensed books be donated.

"We just want to assist the library any way we can," said organization member Ruth Ann McKay. "We always have books as chairs, computer software

and other items for sale, but this and book drops. is our big push and the community always supports it very well.

The Friends of the Library use funds from the sale to help fund programs such as the library's summer reading program, as well as to purchase items such

McKay promises that book lovers will have a large selection of items to purchase at reasonable

"There will be pretty nice books at pretty nice prices," she said. "I always look forward to the sale because I can't always af-

first comes out ... Instead of paying \$20 or \$25 for books, you can get them for \$4 or \$5 or less."

In addition to buying books or movies, persons attending the sale will be welcome to join the Friends of the Library. Applications are available at the library ford to buy a book I want when it meetings are held at noon on the ald.com

third Thursday of each month, McKay said.

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PALIN

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"She was selected, is qualified and is ready to serve."

Attorney Arthur B. Culvahouse Jr. led the review and told The Associated Press earlier this week that Palin underwent a "full and complete" examination.

But Harris, state Senate president Lyda Green and GOP chairman Randy Ruedrich said no one called them in advance to talk about the governor.

"I've not heard of one person who was talked to," said Green, who lives in Palin's hometown of Wasilla and has feuded with the governor.

Palin also has had a rocky relationship with Ruedrich, whom she tried to oust as party chairman.

It was the same story at one of Palin's previous elected offices. Mary Bixby, executive assistant to Wasilla Mayor Dianne

Keller, said no one contacted the office for information about Palin before her selection. Since the announcement, the only attention had been from

"Nobody has been here," Bixby said.

reporters.

Culvahouse said Palin's review, like others, began with two dozen people sifting through information from public sources: speeches, financial records, tax information, litigation, investigations, ethical charges, marriages and divorces.

For Palin, the team studied online archives of the state's largest newspapers, including the Anchorage Daily News.

Palin answered a personal data questionnaire with 70 "very intrusive" questions, Culvahouse said, and was asked to submit years of tax returns. Culvahouse conducted a lengthy interview.

"They obviously felt like they did enough research and were comfortable,"

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Harris said.

Henry Brady, professor of political science and public policy at the University of California, Berkeley, said Friday that campaigns should be more diligent about examining the record and background of lesser-known candidates than well-known ones.

"Any sensible due diligence would include not just looking at the public record, not just looking at the newspaper, but also talking to people," he said.

When Democrat Walter Mondale picked Geraldine Ferraro in 1984, she was not fully vetted, Brady said. Questions about her husband's financial holdings and tax returns became a central issue in that election, won in a landslide by Ronald Reagan.

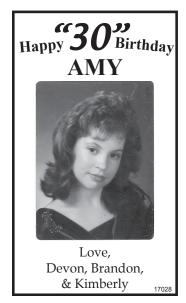
Since the Palinannouncement, snippets of potentially damaging information have dribbled out — Todd Palin's youthful intoxicated driving con-

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viction, the pregnancy of the Palin's unmarried daughter, Palin's lack of international traveling, reality vs. hype on her effectiveness as a gover-

"The question is whether all these other little shortcomings are going to accumulate into a not-such-agreat picture," Brady said.

The process does, however, reflect on McCain's decision making. McCain wrapped up the GOP nom-



ination in March, giving him plenty of time to investigate potential running mates. "You've got months to

make this decision," Brady said.

He called it astonishing that with so many unknowns about Palin, more was not done. Brady said he suspects McCain did not seriously consider Palin until just before he picked her.

Still, he said, "This is one where there was time

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to do it right."

In the end, it may not matter, Brady said.

"She's worked out pretty well," he said of Palin. "She gave a heck of a speech."

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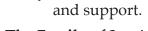
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STEERS

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Spring actually believed it could win. That's not something that held true when Ritchey first came to Big Spring as the team's offensive coordinator last season.

"A very good team won this game tonight, but a very good team also lost tonight," Ritchey said. "Last season, we would've folded after Denison took the lead. This year, we fought back and had some opportunities to win this game. It's unfortunate the game played out the way it

"We're not going to treat this as a big loss, though," he continued. "This was a non-district game. We're not going to fret over this loss. Sure, it would have been nice to win, but we can wait for some big wins during the district season. This is a good football team. I keep telling these guys that."

Leading the Steers offensively was quarterback Matt Ritchey, starting just his second varsity game at the position. Ritchey finished with 143 rushing yards on 13 carries to go with 187 yards through the air, completing 9-of-20 passes.

"There's going to be a lot of talk about Denison's quarterback, but we've got a pretty special player at the position ourselves," Phillip Ritchey said. "Matt defines our team with the amount of heart he plays the game with. Our whole team has the same fighting spirit Matt does. It sticks out more in him on the field because of the position he plays. I'm very proud of his performance tonight."

Early in the contest, it appeared Big Spring might run away with the game as Denison turned the ball over three times in its first six offensive plays.

On the first play from scrimmage, Taylor fumbled the football and Big Spring's Kaegan Hunt scooped it up at the Jackets' for a touchdown. Dennis Merworth connected with Martin Yanez for the 2-point conversion, giving the Steers an early 8-0 lead.

On the Jackets' third offensive play. Taylor threw over the middle only to be picked off by Matt Ritchey, who had dropped into a zone from his outside linebacker position. Ritchey returned the ball to the Denison 32, where he then conducted a sixplay drive, ending with a 4-yard touchdown run by Monte Anderson.

The early struggles for Taylor continued as he threw his second pick of the game on Denison's sixth offensive snap. This time it was safety LaRay Woodard who broke on the ball, diving in front of a Jackets' receiver to snatch the ball out of the air.

Unfortunately, Big Spring couldn't turn that final mishap into more points, but were still content with a 16-0 lead.



Denison Herald Democrat/Gary Sewell

Big Spring Steers running back Monte Anderson breaks into the open field during the Steers' 44-37 loss to the Denison Yellow Jackets Friday night in Denison. Big Spring plays its first home game of the season Friday against Pampa. the game also serves as the 2008 edition of homecoming.

just one play to make up for the three early turnovers, scampering for a 59-yard touchdown on the first play of Denison's next position. The extra point was good and Big Spring's lead was cut to 16-7.

Ritchey had an answer, though, as he broke of a 51-yard touchdown run, trampling over two Jackets' in the process.

Trailing 23-7 heading into the second quarter, Taylor finally started to take over. Denison's junior quarterback led an offense that outproduced Big Spring in total yards in the quarter 104-1. By the time Taylor was finished owning the Steers' defense for a period, Big Spring was clinging to a 23-18 lead at halftime.

Enter Jones, who needed just two carries before he found the end zone for the first time. After gaining 11 yards on first down, Jones broke off a 69-yard scoring run, giving Denison its 45-yard line, returning it first lead of the game 24-23 with 7:19 left in the third.

Denison added to their lead with 11:14 left in the game courtesy of a 21-yard pass from Taylor to Devin Jackson. A successful extra point put the Jackets up by 8.

Big Spring appeared to be struggling to consistently move the ball until Ritchey connected with Zamir Linton in the middle of the field for a 59-yard gain down to the 6. Anderson scored his second touchdown of the contest on the next play and Linton successfully ran in the 2-point conversion, knotting the score.

The Jackets responded quickly with Jones scoring for the second time on a 15-yard run. However, the extra point was missed, leaving an opportunity for Big Spring to take the lead.

On fourth and 9 on the Denison 25, Ritchey threw a strike to Thaddeus Straughter, who caught the ball in stride and car-However, Taylor needed ried it to the 4. Ritchey

took the ball in from five yards out two plays later, tying the game at 37 with an extra point to come.

Big Spring debated whether to go for two or just one on the point after attempt and ended up using two timeouts for the decision. The Steers elected for one, but the hold couldn't handle the snap and the score remained tied with 1:01 left to play.

Turns out that was a few more seconds than Denison would even need to win the game. After two consecutive 4-yard pass completions by Taylor, he handed the ball off to Jones at Denison's 44.

Jones took the ball off the right side, broke a tackle and outraced the Steers to paydirt, scoring the game-winning touchdown with 19 second left to play.

"I really can't say enough about the battle this team put together tonight," raved Ritchey. "We fought back from a late deficit and could've won this game. Denison is a very talented ball club. This

game."

The Steers play their first home game Friday, which also serves as the premier event for homecoming week beginning Monday. Big Spring takes on Pampa at 7:30 p.m.

"We're very appreciative of all the Steer faithful who made the trip to Denison. It was a long drive and quite a few made the trip," Ritchey said. "We look forward to finally playing our first home game next week and we hope there will be quite a few in attendance was a great football for homecoming. This is a 1-2, Sean Brown 1-2.

great football team and we're ready to show them off in front of a home crowd."

Big Spring 23 0 0 14-37 7 11 6 20 - 44 Denison

First quarter

BS - Kaegan Hunt 45 fumble return (Martin Yanez pass from Dennis Merworth), 11:41

BS - Monte Anderson 4 run (Merworth run), 7:34

Den - Jordan Taylor 59 run (Jacob Powell kick), 5:22

BS - Matt Ritchey 51 run (Ritchey kick), 2:53

Second quarter

Den - 35 FG Powell, 10:15 Den - Sean Brown 1 run (Taylor pass from Hudson Milford), 6:50

Third quarter

Den - D.J. Jones 69 run (run failed), 7:19

Fourth quarter

Den - Devin Jackson 21 pass from Taylor (Powell kick), 11:14 BS - Anderson 6 run (Zamir Linton

run), 9:08 Den - Jones 15 run (kick failed), 7:26

BS - Ritchey 5 run (run failed), 1:01

Den - Jones 56 run (Powell kick), 0:19

Team stats

First downs - BSHS 15, DHS 21; Rushes-Yards - BSHS 35-177, DHS 39-402; Passing yards - BSHS 187, DHS 72; Comp.-Att.-Int. - BSHS 9-21-2, DHS 8-13-2; Punts-Avg. -BSHS 5-34, DHS 2-38.5; Fumbles-Lost - BSHS 2-0, DHS 1-1; Penalties-Yds. BSHS 6-50, DHS

Individual stats

Rushing: Big Spring - Matt Ritchey 13-143, Monte Anderson 17-66, Zamir Linton 3-(-8), Team 2-(-24); Denison - D.J. Jones 14-184, Jordan Taylor 15-180, Sean Brown 6-26, Jeffery Brandon 1-15, Ben Williams 3-(-3).

Passing: Big Spring - Ritchey 9-20-2 187, Linton 0-1-0 0; Denison - Taylor 8-13-2 72.

Receiving: Big Spring - Linton 3-76, Thaddeus Straughter 2-69, LaRay Woodard 2-21, Tevian Parnell 1-19, Anderson 1-2; Denison -Hudson Milford 4-38, Aston Hughes 1-7, Matt Davis 1-4, Devin Jackson

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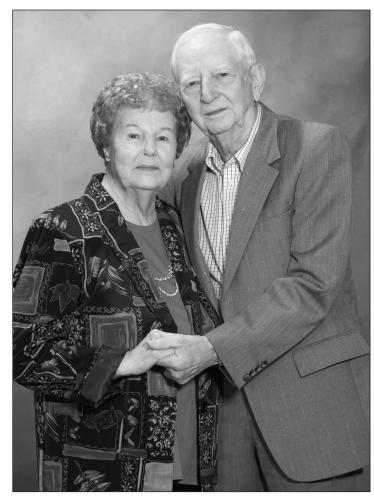
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The couple were married Sept. 3, 1943, at the Base Chapel by Chaplain James Patterson. The reception was held at the Settles Hotel Ballroom. Their first home was Room 902 of the hotel.

Jay, the son of Elvie and Mary Hoover, was born and raised in DuBois, Penn., joining the U.S. Air Force in 1941 after graduating from Sandy High School.

While stationed at the Big Spring Bombardier School, later becoming Webb Air Force Base, he met Lucy Sparks, the daughter of J.W. and Pearl Sparks, while she was working at the Cadet Headquarters.

Lucy was born in Forrest, N.M., and moved to Big Spring after graduating from Forrest High School.

They have made their home in Big Spring for 59 years. Jay is retired from Price Construction and Lucy is a homemaker. He enjoys woodworking and she likes to read and work with crafts. They both enjoy traveling.

Jay and Lucy have two children: Carolyn and her husband, John Freeman, of Big Spring; and Randy and his wife, Lisa, of Austin. Their grandchildren are Kevin and Karen Freeman and Chad and Kara Freeman, all of Big Spring. They have four great-grandchildren Chandler and Sterling Freeman and Ross and Ty Freeman.



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Mr. and Mrs. Ulis Johnson of Big Spring celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008, at the Heritage Museum with 50 years of memories with the blessing of their family and

The couple were married Sept. 1, 1958, in the home of and by Evangelist Brother Dan Johnson.

Ulis, the son of Izell Johnson and the late Will Johnson, is retired from Price Construction Inc. He is an evangelist at the Dallas & College Street Church of Christ in Colorado City.

His wife, Frances, is the daughter of the late Chester and Fannie (Williams) Harrison. She is retired from the Big Spring State Hospital. She enjoys gardening, teaching, traveling, visiting others and studying the Bible.

Ulis was born in Smithville while Frances was born in Sparkman, Ark. The couple were introduced by a friend at the Big Spring home of Frances' sister, Zadie.

They have four children: Gerald Johnson and his wife, Doris, of Big Spring; Vickie Johnson of Arlington; David Johnson of Lewisville; and Stanley Johnson, and his wife, Sonja, of Fort Worth; and special daughter Phyllis. They have four grandchildren, Shameka Johnson, Chalesa Johnson, Taylor Johnson and Bryce Johnson.

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Who's Who



Melisa Myers, center, with Dallas Banjo Band Melissa Myers, 14, recently practiced with the Dallas Banjo Band.

The fun-loving group were generous with their knowledge and advice giving the young banjo player some pointers.

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Bullying is when one person hurts or threatens someone in their peer group. Anyone can be a bully, and bullying can be carried out in different ways. Physical bullying may include shoving, pushing, and hitting. Words and non-verbal behavior can also be used to hurt someone by spreading rumors, taking part in gossip, or threatening someone with looks, notes, or pictures. Bullies may choose to pick on peers who are smaller or younger than they are, or who are from a different race or culture, or they may pick on someone who is different in some other way.

Bullying might happen once or over and over again. If bullying includes physical or sexual harm or damage to property, makes you feel intimidated or afraid to go to school, or disrupts the regular school day in a threatening way, it is probably also assault or harassment. These behaviors are against school rules and many are also against the law. If a bully attacks you or steals something from you, you can report the incident to the police. You can also report school-related bullying to your school, and you should expect the school to take action to confront the behaviors, discipline the bully, and ensure your safety at school, traveling to and from school, and at school activities. Check with an adult in your school to find out more about your rights.

If You Are a Victim of Bullying, You Might:

- Feel angry, sad, lonely, or depressed.
- Feel like you have no friends.
- Find that you are getting into fights.
- Want to hurt someone else or yourself. Feel like taking steps to defend yourself.
- Feel helpless to stop the bullying.
- Feel hopeless that anything can be done.
- Be afraid to go to school, or feel anxious all the time.
- Feel bad about yourself.



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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Your Views

Security needed?

TO THE EDITOR,

Has anyone noticed the criminal mischief and other unlawful activities going on at Wal-Mart lately? I have been in Wal-Mart late at night and seen gang members tossing merchandise on the floor. throwing fruit like baseballs across the store and bowling melons down the aisle, only to see Wal-Mart employees keep their distance until they are gone and then rushing in to clean up behind them.

Not long ago I was walking across the Wal-Mart parking lot when I was met by Wal-Mart personnel rushing out the doors and cop cars pulling up behind me. Standing there not certain what to do. I was made aware that some thug had just rushed out of the store holding what appeared to be a firearm. I did not see him. How on Earth I got between the cops and Wal-Mart employees can only be explained as "my luck." Just this past week, six thugs jumped another in the cashier lane and beat the fool out of him, leaving him almost naked. By the time the police got there, all were gone. And we are all the time hearing rumors of some lady getting her purse snatched

away.

Now let me paint a future prediction for you here. Lea Country, N.M., has a population of over 55,000. The city of Hobbs has a Wal-Mart SuperCenter that was at one time the fifth largest of the Wal-Mart chain. Do you know they close their doors each night, open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.? And they would have you believe that they close because business is slow at night. Of course we know that is not true; we support our local store 24/7 with 20,000 fewer people. Oh, and have you noticed that some of our convenience stores are now closing at night? I am told because employees are afraid to work at night. Are we leading up to closing this town down after dark?

I am not criticizing our local law enforcement, they indeed have their hands full and are doing an excellent job, but we can help. Why can't Wal-Mart hire some visible uniformed security guards to protect Wal-Mart employees and customers while at the same time allowing local law enforcement to patrol our streets near our homes and not be rushing to Wal-Mart every time some thug needs his "mischief fanny" thrown out of the store? Oh, those security cameras in the parking lot and throughout the store are not there for your protection as the signs have you believe. They are there for Wal-Mart liability protection. For as

many cameras they have, there's no one watching all those monitors in your best interest, but they can provide the police a poor quality video of any crime 30 days after it happened.

So in short, if the people of this community cannot shop in their own town at night, they will shop in a store in another town at night and day! Remember, the Midland Wal-Mart is less than an hour's drive down interstate and they are surrounded by ah! so many wonderful restaurants.

> A.W. REYNOLDS **BIG SPRING**

Inflated gas prices To the Editor,

Here we go again! Same song, next verse. We spent the weekend in Denton and found gas to be much cheaper than it is here in our city.

I filled my car for \$3.44 per gallon. It had gone up from \$3.36 because of Hurricane Gustav. On our way back home we saw gasoline advertised at \$3.29 at a Wal-Mart store.

When we got home and went to buy groceries the first sign I saw at Wal-Mart was \$3.65 per gallon. Twenty-one cents a gallon more than I paid in Denton. Why? Shaft 'em while you got 'em? Still we say "Shop Big Spring first?"

> **Clem Jones Big Spring**

Effective birth control

TO THE EDITOR,

The new Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin's teenage daughter's pregnancy has certainly shed some light on the results of the GOP's conservative policies. Hundreds of thousands of teens get pregnant every year in the U.S. and Texas leads the nation. Thousands more will contract a sexually transmitted infection or disease. These figures have been rising steadily since the conservative base of the Republican party's religious right has pushed comprehensive sex education out of the classroom and replaced it with ineffective and irresponsible abstinence-only programs.

For 37 years, Title X, America's family planning program, has helped reduce the number of unintended pregnancies by providing contraception and related health care services to low-income women. They (mostly known as Planned Parenthood) provide condoms, birth control pills, STD, HIV and cervical cancer screenings to America's low-income and poor women. Planned Parenthood also provides breast

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Uncle Mort: Agless wonder

Then my Uncle Mort accused me of "dealing loosely with the truth," I knew that facts were stacked heavily in his favor. Were I not in his close circle of kinfolks, the charge might well

have been one for bald-faced lying. "You've been writ-

ing about me in your column for four years," he blurted. "And from day one, I've been your '90-year-old uncle'."

He opined that it's one thing to round numbers off, but even then, he recom-

mended periodic updating. "Particularly when you missed my age by a couple of years at the git-go," he scolded. "Charlie Brown hung around comic strips for a halfcentury, "aging" from four to eight in that period." Adding that he's "not Charlie Brown," he closed the thought with a classic "good grief" exclamation.

Uncle Mort added that it shouldn't matter a whit whether he's a real person or merely a figment of my imagination. He warned me of my duty to "at least get his age right."

I was surprised to learn that July 4th marked his 96th birthday, and half expected him to break out candles. He'd already broken into song, desecrating George M. Cohan's patriotic "Yankee Doodle Dandy"

When he bragged about being "a real life hero of My Uncle Sam," I was mulling over multiple past references to "my 90-year-old uncle."

I was defenseless, "hubbing it," in my old dad's words. Mort was right; I should always list his age correctly. I pledged to do so in the future. Hereafter, I promise to reference "his 97th year" until July Fourth of

Needing a subject change, I asked Uncle Mort about his political feelings.

"I've digested dozens of long speeches at both national conventions," he responded. "Speakers spent 20 minutes inspiring us, and then 20 minutes talking us out of

Aunt Maude, his wife of 75 years (or so), confirmed his claim. "The more he digests, the more indigestion I get," she laughed.

Mort, a basic conservative who wants government to just defend our shores and deliver our mail, says one sobering thought is entrenched: One of these guys is going to be elected president.

Reminded that Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin has "zero Washington experience," Mort answered, "She gets points for that."

He's fascinated by the Alaskan's varied background--governor/ mayor/sports broadcaster/"soccer mom"/wife. And her hubby is a snowmobile racing champion.

"Just think, when her political career is over, she can slide off into the sunset," Mort joked, with an afterthought that if at that time global warming has set in, she can swim/ sail/ski toward the setting sun. This depends, of course, on whether her career completion coincides with "sun-setting season" in the icy northwest.

Mort asked what I thought about "handguns in Harrold," the little school in the remote northwest corner of Texas where certified personnel have been authorized to carry concealed firearms.

"That should give Mary's lamb second thoughts about following her to school," I answered. Mort agreed that lambs "making children laugh and play" could quickly transform lambs to scapegoats.

I remember a convenience store, where a sign placed boldly under a one-way mirror worked wonders. It read "An employee holding a sawed-off shotgun stands behind this mirror one night each week. YOU guess which night." At the school, maybe all employees could

wear signs, proclaiming that "One of us has a concealed weapon. YOU guess which one."

My uncle asked me about interesting people encountered on my recent "speaking rounds" to kick off public schools' in-service programs

for employees. Pleasant memories include Glen Rose Superintendent Wayne Rotan, who laughed when a soon-to-be second-grader told him why he was so eager to get back to school. "I've forgotten a bunch of my words over the summer," he explained.

There's excitement in Andrews over new state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.

Superintendent David Mitchell is proud of his community which has always gone "thumbs" up for bond proposals, including two since 2002 totaling almost \$50 million. Center pieces include two new elementary schools and a marvelous performance hall.

At Brazosport ISD, frenzied beginnings were ignited by Superintendent Joe Ripple, who dashed about leading "the wave" to generate excitement for the new school year. And his enthusiasm "rippled" through the ranks of the family of educators.

Speaking of family, folks in Abernathy re-define "close-knit" as they minister to a senior boy who is dealing with cancer. (More detail on this next week.)

Uncle Mort was quiet as I rattled off details of the 2,000-mile trek that included nine speeches over the course of four days. Maybe good listening habits, so elusive for more than nine decades, emerge when uncles reach their 97th year. I thanked him, urging that he look after Aunt Maude and her indiges-

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No birth control in Alaska?

had dinner last night with a Republican-leaning independent who was despondent over John McCain's choice of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his run-

ning mate. She had been looking forward to supporting McCain as a fiscal conservative with a deep understanding of foreign relations. But all she could now see was that picture of Palin's pregnant

17-year-old looking defiant and stupid as she held mom's fifth baby.

Many religious conservatives are jubilant. They regard Palin as a swell choice because her high-schooler was going to have the baby. The line sent my friend into shock. This is not a matter of abortion politics, she said, but of managing one's own affairs.

"Don't they have birth control up in Alaska?" she asked.

If that view has any currency among Republican-leaners, you can imagine what other independents are thinking. Or disaffected supporters of Hillary Clinton. Barack Obama's recent pandering toward the Clinton holdouts didn't do the Democrat a fraction of the good that McCain is doing him. McCain's apparent belief that dangling any woman before diehard Clinton fans would win them over may be optimistic.

Until now, one could counter the Democrats' argument that a

McCain presidency would amount to a third term for Bush. After all, McCain is a deficit hawk. He cares about the environment. Many prochoice voters were willing to overlook McCain's generally anti-abortion stance on the belief that he didn't really care about the issue. And the widespread concern regarding McCain's age could have been assuaged by the choice of a competent vice president.

Then who does McCain pick for VP? A 44-year-old who parades her dysfunctional family as a posterchild for conservative values. Who has virtually no foreign policy experience. Who as mayor of an Alaskan town of 6,700 hired lobbyists to reel in \$27 million in federal pork. That's \$4,030 of the U.S. taxpayers' money per resident. We thought McCain wanted to close down the trough.

Democratic House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has five children, but she waited until they were grown before she ran for high political office. Palin returned to the job three days after giving birth to a special needs child, all the while her 17-year-old is entertaining a lover. And what about plans to have the girl wed the stud, author of some very unromantic remarks on Facebook? Note that she's been pregnant for five months and still no matrimony. These nuptials couldn't be a last-minute political move, could they?

Palin supporters insist that her out-of-control home life will resonate with many American families. Yes, if they're from Mars or perhaps on welfare.

What a McCain presidency now promises is another four years of Terri Schiavo and other artifacts of the cultural right. You remember Schiavo's husband having to fight the Bush administration and Republican Congress to remove his wife — in a vegetative state for 15 years — from life support. It's four more years of national humiliation as our leadership undermines the teaching of evolutionary science, and if something happens to John McCain, opposes stem-cell

research. One tries to untangle McCain's political calculations. The Schiavo case, creationism and similar excesses appeal to a passionate but small slice of the electorate. They are one reason voters are booting Republicans out of power. So while some religious conservatives may be "energized" by the Palin pick, most everyone else is revolted.

You can't figure McCain. He had been doing well up to now — holding even with Obama in a dreadful year for Republicans and building support among the independents who call the shots in swing states. This Palin deal makes you question not only his judgment, but — if he really had vetted Sarah Palin — his sanity.

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Texas schoolboy scores

CLASS 5A

Abilene 55, Plano East 17 Austin Bowie 38, Round Rock 21 Baytown Lee 17, La Porte 14 Baytown Sterling 36, Pasadena South Houston 0

Brazoswood 27, Angleton 25 CC Carroll 63, Laredo Nixon 14 Cedar Hill 34, WF Rider 27 Cedar Park 28, Temple 20 Conroe Oak Ridge 31, Tomball 28 Coppell 39, Dallas Jesuit 14 Copperas Cove 41, Waco 20 Cypress Ridge 41, Klein 21 Dallas Skyline 27, Dallas Kimball 0 Deer Park 52, Houston Aldine 14 Eagle Pass Winn 17, Crystal City 0 Edinburg Economedes 25, McAllen Memorial 22

EP Hanks 57, Gadsden, N.M. 0 EP Socorro 21. Onate. N.M. 14. OT Flower Mound 36, Keller Fossil Ridge

Fort Bend Elkins 35, Rosenberg Lamar 28

FW Paschal 38, Irving Nimitz 37 Galena Park North Shore 33, Aldine Eisenhower 14

Galveston Ball 35, La Marque 6 Garland 23, Duncanville 20 Garland Naaman Forest 35, Lewisville

Garland Sachse 47, McKinney 35 Georgetown 42, Seguin 21 Houston Clear Lake 28, Houston Strake Jesuit 3

Houston Lamar 27, Fort Bend Marshall 12 Houston Northbrook 48, Houston

Milby 33 Humble Atascocita 40, Channelview

Hurst Bell 35, Haltom City 33 Justin Northwest 10, Burleson 3

Katy Cinco Ranch 34, Cypress Springs 15 Katy Mayde Creek 49, Richmond

Katy Morton Ranch 23, Travis High

Keller 48, Midlothian 34 Keller Central 42, Carrollton Smith

Killeen Ellison 59, Del Valle 19 Klein Forest 17, Houston Langham

Creek 14 Las Cruces Mayfield, N.M. 35, EP

Montwood 13 League City Clear Springs 14, Manvel

Lubbock Coronado 35, Amarillo 28 Lubbock Monterey 21, Amarillo

Lufkin 13, Tyler 12 Mansfield 33, Mansfield Legacy 7 McAllen Rowe 28, Mission Memorial

Mesquite 23, Lewisville Hebron 14 Midland 20, Midland Lee 13 N. Richland Hills 36, Irving 14 New Braunfels 35, New Braunfels

North Mesquite 33, North Garland

Odessa Permian 46, San Angelo Central 14

Pasadena Memorial 35, Fort Bend Clements 21

Plano West 27, Flower Mound Marcus

Richardson Berkner 24, North Crowley 6

Round Rock Stony Point 33, Pflugerville Connally 17 Round Rock Westwood 45, Harker

Heights 23 SA Brandeis 38, Fischer Canyon

SA Jav 35. Del Rio 34 SA Johnson 15, Laredo Cigarroa 6

SA Marshall 10, SA Churchill 7 Smithson Valley 23, Converse Judson

South Grand Prairie 27, Arlington Martin 17

Southlake Carroll 44, Arlington St. Paul 10

Spring 35, Humble 7 The Woodlands 47, Katy 0 Wylie 52, Arlington Seguin 13 **CLASS 4A**

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Pflugerville Hendrickson 18, Burnet

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Stockdale 13, Jourdanton 6 Three Rivers 49, Yorktown 0 Tom Bean 8. Anna 7 Universal City Randolph 35, Ingram Moore 14

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The Winning Way Don't Buy Into Mediocrity

within each of a strong desire to be extraordinary. I believe it is an implanted inheri-

tance from God — a part of our spiritual blood-This line. yearning to above average was put within each of us by Him in order for us to live above the defeating elements of



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planet earth and to become the examples to the world that His heart yearns for us to be. But sadly, many of His family never reach that potential.

After Adam sinned in the garden, God asked in Genesis 3:9, "Adam, where are you?" Notice that God called Adam by his name and He is still calling the names of His family today. God personally knows you. He is asking you questions in regard to His plan for your life.

Where are you concerning the gifts and talents He has given you? Have you attained the dreams and hopes that He birthed

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ception? These gifts and talents were put there for the purpose of enhancing your life beyond anything you might imagine. He plants no vision or yearning in your heart that He does not intend to satisfy.

God never created His family to live a life of mediocrity. He created you as an original, not a copy of someone else. Therefore, if vou settle for living an average life, you are settling for second best, forfeiting the real person he designed you to be. He never intended for you to be a clone of someone else. Copies have neither direction nor foundation, but merely mimic something

It is easy to predict a person's future once they settle for mediocrity. They will never excel in their calling nor be recognized for their gifts. They will simply blend in to the shadows. The significance of a person is determined in the way he lives his life and the price he is willing to pay to arrive at his destination. What you set your heart on will determine how you spend your

Proverbs 29:18 reminds us that, "Where there is no vision, the people

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od has placed within your spirit at con- perish." And having no vision is most certainly not God's will for your life. God created His family to have vision, dreams, desires and plans and to accomplish those plans.

Mediocrity is not a part of God's plan for any of us. God's nature is abundance. He never created shortage of any kind. Why would God, the supreme power of the universe, create shortage for His family in the world in which He designed for them to live?

Most of the shortages we face today are created by greed. Greed is a state of not being satisfied with what one has. It matters little to a greedy person that it is the less fortunate who pay for their insatiable appetites.

Mediocrity is the norm for many. They want to do as little as possible and still get by, but God's plan is for us to be people of excellence and integrity.

I am always amazed at the young athletes who make it to the Olympics. If the average person had any idea the price these young people pay to get there, it would boggle their minds. They are prime examples of the opposite of mediocrity and are true pictures of perseverance, dedication, determination, and old-fashioned sweat and hard work. We should tip our hats to all of them.

"But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also bountifully." reap Corinthians 9:6.

What we give to our lives is what we can expect to get back. It is a law of the universe designed by God. God bless!

Area Menus

Coahoma ISD Monday

Breakfast: waffles, sau-

Lunch: spaghetti, corn sliced bread, mixed fruit cups, milk, barbecue on

Tuesday

Breakfast: donuts, sau-

Lunch: breaded steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.

Wednesday

Lunch: lasagna, tossed salad, sliced bread, corn,

Breakfast: biscuits, gravy, sausage, jelly, grape juice, milk.

Lunch: taco beef pie, pinto beans, salad, milk,

Breakfast: oatmeal, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch: hamburgers,

slices, milk.

Big Spring City's Monday

mashed potatoes, broccoli cauliflower, biscuit/milk, mixed fruit.

Tuesday

Wednesday

milk, ambrosia.

Thursday

sweet potatoes, mixed greens, cornbread/milk,

Friday

Smothered steak, macaroni & cheese, green beans, rolls, milk, cake.

Monday

Breakfast: cereal, Pop

Tarts, juice, milk.

sage, apple juice.

milk.

bun.

sage, applesauce cups.

Breakfast, French toast,

ham, syrup, grape juice, milk.

milk, corn dogs.

Thursday

burritos.

Friday

salad, trays, chips, apple

Senior Citizen's Center

fingers/gravy, Steak

Grilled chicken, boiled new potatoes, English pea salad, milk/bread, yellow cake with chocolate frost-

Stew, salad, crackers,

Ham/pineapple slices,

applesauce.

Forsan ISD

Lunch: hamburger, lettuce/tomato & pickle, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, chocolate pudding cups,

Tuesday

Breakfast: pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

Lunch: chicken & noodles, green beans, fruited gelatin, Texas toast, frozen yogurt, milk.

Wednesday

Breakfast: toast, peanut butter w/jelly, juice, milk. Lunch: carne guisada, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, flour tortillas, milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

Lunch: barbecue on bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple bar, milk. tidbits.

Friday

Breakfast: breakfast on a bun, juice, milk

Lunch: golden fish strips, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, fresh fruit, hot rolls, milk.

Big Spring ISD Monday

Breakfast: Elementary cereal, fruit cocktail. milk; High School -French Tst. Sand BB,

Lunch: corn dog, potato rounds, orange halves, broccoli salad, milk.

Tuesday

Breakfast: Elementary grilled cheese uncrustables, grape juice, milk; High School — ham/cheese pocket, apple juice, Lucky Charms BB, milk.

Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes (pearl), orange-pineapple gelatin, wheat rolls, strawberries,

Wednesday

Breakfast: Elementary blueberry loaf, applecherry juice, milk; High School – ham/cheese juice, pocket, apple Cinnamon Toast BB,

milk.

Lunch: fish nuggets, mac & cheese, carrots, brownies, peaches, milk.

Thursday

Breakfast: Elementary French toast sticks, orange juice, milk; High School - ham/cheese pocket, apple juice, Coco Puff BB, milk.

Lunch: pork roast, herbed broccoli & cauliflower, cooked white rice, pineapple chunks, yeast rolls, milk.

Friday

Breakfast: Elementary – ham/cheese pocket, peaches, milk; High School chocolate chip muffins, pineapple chunks, milk.

Lunch: barbecue beef on roll, pickles, baked beans, fresh fruit, orange cream

Stanton ISD Monday

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LETTERS

Continued from Page 4A exams, pregnancy testing, prenatal care and infertility counseling.

The Republican-controlled Texas legislature in 2005 directed \$5 million in family planning funds to crisis pregnancy centers. It also took \$20 million over two years away from traditional family planning providers and sent it to "health centers" who don't provide half the services of real family planning clinics. This is like putting the cart before the horse. The clear intent of both of these initiatives was to undercut funding for women's clinics like Planned Parenthood who actually provide real family planning and health care to women who can least afford to have unwanted pregnancies.

The budget slashing of Title X has happened all across the country despite the ever-increasing number of women who qualify for publicly funded family planning services. This, along with the abstinenceonly sex education, defies common sense. Add to this insanity a proposed Bush administration regulation that would classify most birth control pills, the Plan B emergency contraceptive and intrauterine devices as forms of abortion because they prevent the development of fertilized eggs into fetuses.

The rule, which does not require congressional approval, would allow health care workers who object to abortion on moral or religious grounds to refuse to counsel women on their birth control options or supply contraceptives. Pharmacists could refuse to fill birth control prescriptions and insurance companies could cite it as a basis for declining to cover the cost, although they would continue to cover the cost of Viagra for men. A very small number of Planned Parenthood organizations perform abortions. That's the amazing thing about these many attempts to undermine family planning. Our tax dollars don't pay for abortion. What our tax dollars do with these agencies is prevent abortion in the most effective, real world way we know — birth control.

Understanding that some people are going to have sex whether the purity police want it or not and that covering basic birth control is a lot less expensive than a lifetime of welfare is a no-brainer for me. I was once one of those low-income women that Planned Parenthood provided basic services for which I will always be grateful. I feel the women of this country have the right to control their own reproductive health and destiny without being compromised by religious extremists or meddling politicians and judges.

> CAROL SMITH **BIG SPRING**

Lesson from Little Hope

TO THE EDITOR,

Public respect and appreciation to Keep Big Spring Beautiful volunteers, other citizens, youth and those who took the gift of time a Saturday from their families — and cleaned the Big Spring City Park, Comanche Lake and waters of the historic spring. They recognize the limits of city park employees (who also devoted their Saturday day off) who service our huge, oversized municipal park system, lake, cemetery, golf course, swimming pool, sports places

and other city areas. With bended back and sweat on their brows, volunteers removed discarded beer and water bottles, disposed diapers, beer and soda cans, glass, plastic, food containers and every description of litter that an undisciplined part of our population deposits into and onto our most important namesakes.

Graffiti scars its tattoos there, too. Twenty-four hours of every day these symbols, the historic Big Spring, Comanche Lake and park represent and present our community face to the eyes and impressions of all visitors. Not all visitors are tourists.

Some come to make value judgments and hold economic choices about our community — perhaps the kind of jobs, income, technical skills they would bring to our community in the competitive world of today. Persistent debris degradation of these community assets portrays and undesirable impression and erroneous example of city character. In ways — we — can participate in the possibilities of economic choice.

Are efforts to improve appearance and maintain a disciplined community face worthwhile? Do clean efforts really matter and are they important and ever successful? The following is an example:

There is a town located near a village with the odd name of Little Hope. A small U.S. rural city like thousands of others — it economically spiraled all the way down to little more than a vacant warehouse, it's own memories and a city square of dilapidated, vacant buildings. They restarted with a simple attitude of clean. Today — despite being a long distance from an interstate — the revitalized town square is appealing and they're a successful, state-recognized tourist magnet. The answer was unbelievably simple — yet profound and regenerative. it might be said they found the best of themselves within a change of community attitude. In the entire down square — no "throw away" could be found. Not a single toothpick, cigarette butt, digit of paper, plastic sack, drive-in sandwich container or loose debris littered the square.

So magnificent was the renewed attitude and results it attracted the attention of the Texas Municipal League which now invites their leaders to address Texas communities with their success and methods. The community - imperfect like any other

- works avidly at being clean and the best they can be. Compared to what they had to work with, Big Spring is a treasure of al-

most unbounded limits. A disciplined attitude toward community appearance was not, of course,

all the answer. It was, we

were told, a beginning. BOBBY McDonald **BIG SPRING**

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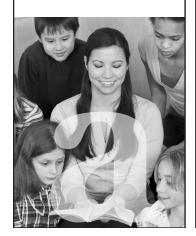
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Fina Oilers 1988 Texas Flyers 1992-98 Houston Nine 1998-2001 Austin Manor 2008

Johnny Mize

1978 BSHS graduate 1978 - Present

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BASKETBALL

Jan Loudermilk

1956 BSHS graduate Los Angeles Lakers 1962

Jerald Wrightsil

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1983 BSHS graduate Asian & European Professional Leagues 1988-1998

VOLLEYBALL

Rose Magers Powell

1978 BSHS graduate 1984 US Olympics Volleyball Team Silver Medalist Played in Japan as a professional/coach 1984-1993

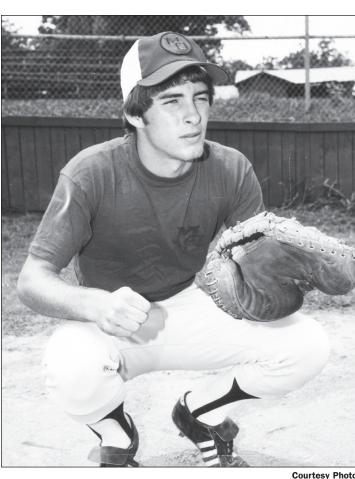
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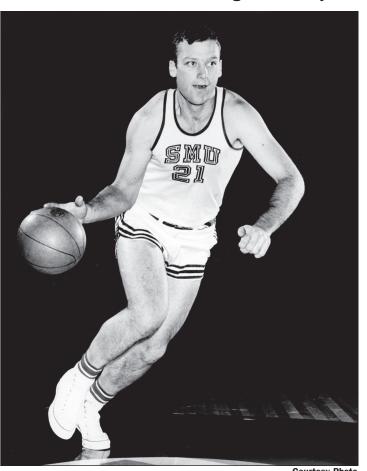
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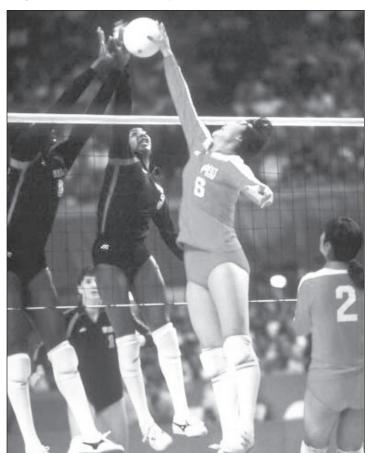
D.L. "Bubba" Franks, a 1996 BSHS graduate, catches a pass from Brett Favre during a Green Bay Packers game. Franks now plays for the New York Jets.



Courtesy Photo Bobby Doe is professonal Softball Player. He has played for the Fina Oilers, Texas Flyers, Houston Nine and Austin Manor. He is the son of professional baseball player Huck Doe, who is also featured in the Heritage Museum's Sports Stars exhibition.



Jan Loudermilk, a 1956 BSHS graduate, played for the Los Angeles Lakers in 1962. At SMU, He shattered seven SMU records, embracing one held by Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain, and tied another.



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Rose Magers Powell graduated from Big Spring High School in 1978 and went on to win a silver medal in the 1984 Olympics as a member of the U.S. Volley Ball team.

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Passwords, the lifeblood of internet security

asswords. In essence, they are the lifeblood of Internet security, allowing millions of people all over the world to store and and share

sensitive information that, in the wrong hands, could be their undoing.

Of course, Internet security experts will rail on for hours about the best way to create

your passwords — using numbers and symbols in addition to letters, staying away from obvious names and dates, using at least 16 characters, and so on and so on — but your password itself isn't nearly as dangerous as the way you retrieve lost passwords.

JENKINS

Ever since the Internet was still in its infancy, underneath your login fields has been that cute little link that usually says, "forgot your password?"

It's a luxury a lot of people myself included — have come to take for granted.

For example, I've never been able to memorize my password for my online Sprint account, partially because they have an odd requirement that makes it unlike any of my other passwords, and partially because each time you "retrieve" your password you have to change it. I know, the effort is minimal. There's just so much other stuff to remember, OK?

So, you click your little friend and you're transported to what I like to think of as a security airlock, complete with questions presumably only you can answer. And it's here we make our biggest and sometimes most costly — mistakes.

In the old days, your security question was almost always your mother's maiden name. However, as the Internet began to grow and hackers became smarter — not saying they weren't smart in the beginning, mind you — the sale and trade



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of lists of users' mothers, complete with maiden names, took off like a wily buzzard circling Barack Obama's religious minis-

And, with that in mind, security designers began employing a number of other questions, including your pet's name. I mean honestly, how would some hacker know my pet lizard's name is Hal, right?

Wrong, and if you don't believe me, just ask bim-

bo-extraordinaire Paris Hilton.

Hilton recently lost control of an Internet account because someone — we won't say a hacker because, in all honesty, anyone with a computer and half a brain could have figured this one out - gained access through the "forgot my password" function. Guess what her security question was. That's right, it was the famous name-my-pet inDepending on

quiry.

your Internet connection speed, the name of her dog can be found online in, oh, say about 12 seconds. Honestly, I'm surprised she could spell Tinkerbell correctly, but I digress.

OK, but Hilton's a star — if not a dim one - complete with paparazzi, so that sort of information is expected to be out there. Joe Blow down the block's information is safe, right?

Maybe, but it's doubtful, especially if Joe has any sort of online presence such as a MySpace account or a blog.

Reading someone's blog, you can gather a plethora of information about them. How many children do they have? How old are they? What are their names? Birthdays? Anniversaries and important dates? Favorite animals, colors or foods?

Sure, your blog or online journal is a great way to keep a diary, but it's also a total playground for hackers looking for information to take over and exploit your online accounts and information.

Some time ago, a friend of mine lost his password and couldn't remember the answer to his security question.

Hey, it's happened to the best of us, so don't judge. We were an hour away from our fantasy football draft and he desperately needed to get into his account.

It took me 15 minutes

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to figure out his security question, and while I'm sure most Web crooks don't have the luxury of the account holder sitting next to them to answer questions, I certainly wouldn't want them targeting my account.

So, how do you keep this from happening to you? It's simple. Don't use information readily available online or through public records, which includes your address past and present — pets, birthdays, maiden names and so on.

When you sign up and they ask for your mother's maiden name, give them a phony name, just be sure to write it down somewhere. Most security programs will let you put whatever you want, as long as it matches your answer later. I have a friend that likes to use "ihatemybiologyprofessor" when it asks for his dog's name. What can I say, he has some unresolved issues, especially when you consider he graduated from college back in the late 1990s.

Let's leave the really boneheaded mistakes to the likes of Ms. Hilton, who probably has no clue what her zip code is, much less the best way to keep her Internet accounts safe. Beside, losing a few thousand dollars is most likely a minor inconvenience to her. For us working stiffs, it could be the difference between a steak dinner and a month of Ramen noodles.

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In the above photo, **Tractor Supply Co. store** assistant manager Gary Morgan, left, and store manager Heath Harrison pose for a picture in this ATV on the store's first day of business Wednesday. The store is located at 1104 W. Interstate 20. At right, store clerk Valerie Martin, center, helps brothers Efrain, left, and Martin Mier make a clothing selection. The store's grand opening is scheduled for mid-November.

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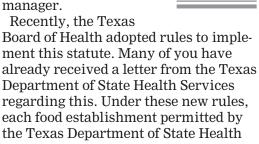
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Food manager certification training course to be offered

Statistics indicate that foodborne illness continues to be a health issue in the United States. Each year, one in

four Americans will become sick, one in 1,000 will become hospitalized, and 5,000 will die because of foodborne illness.

During a past legislative session, a statute was amended that allowed the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to require each food establishment to have one certified food manager.



Services must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Howard County, is offering a food manager certification training course. This program will be offered for \$89 on Oct. 15-16 at the Howard County Library, 500 South Main St, in Big Spring. Cost includes training, materials and the state food manager certification examination. Registration deadline is Oct. 3.

This program is designed to not only prepare foodservice managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied.

Foodborne illnesses are estimated to

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Howard County 4-H sets kickoff

Howard County 4-H, the youth development arm of Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Howard County, will hold its annual kickoff event on Saturday, Sept. 13 from noon until 5 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barns. Enrollment forms for this year will be completed.

Each year, beginning Sept. 1, youth who participate in the 4-H program must complete a new enrollment form.

The afternoon will be filled with food — hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings — fun and learning how to prepare a family disaster kit. All young people in the third

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Business briefs

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Loan troubles break records again

WASHINGTON (AP) — The source of trouble in the mortgage market has shifted from subprime loans made to borrowers with bad credit to homeowners who had solid credit but took out exotic loans with ballooning monthly payments.

The Mortgage Bankers Association said Friday that more than 4 million American homeowners with a mortgage — a record 9 percent — were either behind on their payments or in foreclosure at the end of June.

"The problem that policymakers and Wall Street once assured us was 'contained' to subprime mortgages has proven to be anything but," Mike Larson, a real estate analyst with Weiss Research, said in a research note.

As the economy falters and home prices keep falling, concern is building about a second wave of mortgage defaults flooding the market through 2010.

On Friday, the Labor Department said the nation's unemployment rate shot up to a five-year high of 6.1 percent in August. A drop in income — whether through a lost job, divorce, death of a spouse, or health problems — is the No. 1 reason people fall beyond on their mortgages and lose their homes.

Jobless rate jumps to 5-year high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's unemployment rate zoomed to a five-year high of 6.1 percent in August as employers slashed 84,000 jobs, dramatic proof of the mounting damage a deeply troubled economy is inflicting on workers and businesses alike.

The Labor Department's report, released Friday, showed the increasing toll the housing, credit and financial crises are taking on the economy.

The report rattled Wall Street again. The Dow Jones industrial average was down about 40 points in midday trading. All the major stock indexes tumbled into bear territory Thursday as investors lost hope of a late-year

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Energy Watch



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Last week was very interesting for energy prices because a bevy of very bearish reports were released while a large hurricane was growing larger and risked damage to offshore energy production equipment in the Gulf of Mexico. This allowed for some interesting price action as those traders who focus on demand destruction went head-to-head with the traders who focused on the growth of hurricane Gustav.

After Tropical Storm Fay failed to deliver much of a blow to offshore energy production infrastructure, much of the risk premium in oil and natural gas futures was sold off. At the time, there was another tropical depression forming in the Atlantic, as they often do at this time of year, but little was known about the future of the storm. On Tuesday, as Tropical Storm Gustav approached Haiti, forecasts for the future of the storm became worrisome. The new forecasts showed that not only was the storm expected to grow into a hurricane, but there was a 40 percent chance that the storm would become a major hurricane by the weekend. What's worse, the forecast also showed the 5-day projected path as the dead center of the Gulf of Mexico. Though the path of a forming hurricane can change dramatically from day to day, the fact that the projected path was in the middle of the Gulf caused traders to worry that no shift could keep it away from all of the offshore production areas.

The impact of the forecasts was very predictable. When traders came to work Tuesday morning, they saw natural gas futures up more than 30 cents on the news. As traders grew increasingly nervous, gas spiked higher by as much as 55 cents by midday before giving up a small portion of those gains late in the day. This pattern of spiking and selling is typical when there is a large storm threatening the Gulf. The longer the forecasts go while continuing to project a large storm and a dangerous path, the more premium will be built into the market. However, if the forecasts suddenly alter the size of the storm or the path in such a way that dramatically decreases the threat to offshore production, the risk premium built into the market early in the week may disappear quickly.

Beyond the weather forecasts, there was also a lot of bearish fundamental news out last week. The most headline worthy was that EIA's revisions of June energy demand. Each week we report on the data in the Petroleum Status Report, which is published each Wednesday morning. The report moves energy markets instantly, but few people probably know or at least appreciate the fact that the data is really just an estimate. The EIA is free to make revisions as more and better data are received in the future. On Tuesday, the EIA released a data revision for June and the numbers were startling.

To start this discussion, it is important to remember that we've been writing about demand destruction for several weeks. It was June when this demand destruction story first started to become evident in the weekly data. Tuesday, the EIA revised the already bearish demand numbers for oil, distillates and gasoline. The revisions were all to the downside and they were all substantial. Oil usage was lowered almost 5 percent, making June's oil demand the lowest in a decade. Gasoline usage was lowered by almost 3 percent versus previous estimates making June's gasoline demand the lowest for any June since 2001. Distillate demand, the only piece of data that bulls were able to cling to throughout the summer, was revised lower by a staggering 9.8 percent. June's distillate demand was the lowest for any June since 2002.

All of these revisions are staggering in their magnitude and lead us to wonder how the EIA was so far off in its initial estimates. Whatever the reason, the data serve to further reinforce the notion that demand destruction is going to be the key piece of the energy puzzle in the coming months. If demand continues to fall in the U.S. and economic weakness overseas causes similar cutbacks, oil prices could resume their downward trajectory.

Meanwhile, another interesting piece out last weekend came from the *New York Times*. The paper printed a chart that looked at the year over year change in miles driven in the U.S. Again, we've been writing for several weeks about the slumping gasoline demand in the U.S., but the chart made the situation much easier to grasp. Currently, Americans are driving about 3 percent fewer miles this year than they did last year. That may not sound like a lot, but that 3 percent equates to 7.1 billion miles in a month. Add to that the fact that until this year, the U.S. had not seen a year over year decline of more than 1 percent since 1980. We continue to believe, this paints a very bearish picture for demand in the United States.

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News in brief

Police: Mom, teen daughter kill man in \$15 robbery

PASADENA (AP) — Two teenage girls are accused of stabbing a 75-year-old man to death in a robbery that netted them just \$15, and police say the mother of one of the teens helped put them up to it.

Dannette R. Gillespie, 38, gave knives to her 15-yearold daughter and Vanessa Anne Ocampo, 19, then waited in the back seat of their car while the teens robbed and killed Eugene Palma, according to a probable cause

All three were charged with capital murder Friday. It was not immediately clear if they had attorneys.

Palma, a bar owner, was found stabbed several times in the driveway of his suburban Houston home Wednesday. He did not know the women, Pasadena police said.

Ocampo told police the three had been looking for someone to rob that morning, according to the war-

"He would've given them money — that's the crazy thing," Kim Nawrot, a bartender at Palma's bar, told the Houston Chronicle. "He was the kind of guy that would've given anyone the shirt off of his back.'

Gillespie and her daughter, who is not being identified because she is a juvenile, were arrested in Pasadena. Ocampo was arrested in San Antonio. They were being held without bond.

2nd trial starting for infamous Texas KFC murders

HOUSTON (AP) — When Darnell Hartsfield saw the inside of a Texas prison cell for the first time in 1984, it was for an aggravated robbery he committed the previ-

But prosecutors contend the Tyler man was involved in a far more heinous crime just three days before his arrest for the September 1983 robbery that earned him 25 years in prison.

This week, Hartsfield, 47, goes on trial for his part in one of Texas' oldest unresolved mass murder cases the notorious slayings a quarter-century ago of five people taken from a Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant in Kilgore in East Texas.

Prospective jurors were to gather Monday at the Brazos County Courthouse in Bryan, where Hartsfield faces trial on five capital murder charges. The trial was moved to Bryan, about 150 miles southwest of Kilgore, because of local publicity.

Hartsfield's cousinand co-defendant, Romeo Pinkerton, took a plea deal midway through his capital murder trial in far northeast Texas, avoiding a possible death sentence by accepting five life prison terms.

Hartsfield is apparently not in any similar negotiations, said State District Judge J. Clay Gossett.

Pinkerton's deal did not compel him to testify against

The five victims were found dead along an oilfield road about 15 miles from the KFC restaurant in Kilgore where they were abducted during a holdup the previous night, Sept. 23, 1983.

Killed were David Maxwell, 20; Mary Tyler, 37; Opie Ann Hughes, 39; Joey Johnson, 20; and Monte Landers, 19. All but Landers worked at the restaurant about 25

miles east of Tyler. Landers was a friend of Maxwell and Johnson and was visiting them as the restaurant was closing for the night.

Company found guilty of organized criminal acts

McKINNEY (AP) — A Dallas company that provides food services to jails around Texas was found guilty Friday of engaging in organized criminal activity and will pay a \$100,000 fine.

Mid-America Services Inc. had entered into a plea agreement in a Collin County court.

In a separate, related case on Thursday, Mid-America Services president Robert Austin Jr. pleaded guilty to giving a gift to a public servant. He was sentenced to two years probation and fined \$4,000, The Dallas Morning News reported Friday.

Austin had originally been charged with engaging in organized criminal activity for offering money and other benefits to Potter County Sheriff Michael Shumate to keep the company's contract at an Amarillo jail. The case was tried in McKinney on a change of venue.

Shumate was removed from office in June after an Amarillo jury convicted him of engaging in organized criminal activity. He is serving a 180-day jail sentence. Shumate was fined \$5,000 and ordered to serve eight years of probation.

Wheelchair robber rolls

in, rips off 7-Eleven

DALLAS(AP) — A wheelchair getaway at a 7-Eleven has police looking for an unusual robbery suspect.

Authorities said Friday that a man in a wheelchair entered a Dallas convenience store this week, rolled straight toward the cash register and began hitting it with a baseball bat.

But he didn't grab any cash. The suspect instead stole 10 boxes of condoms and an energy drink before making his getaway Wednesday afternoon, Dallas police Cpl. Kevin Janse said.

Janse said the culprit may have been homeless and probably intoxicated at the time.

Texas man pleads

quilty, faces life

AMARILLO (AP) — A Panhandle man who authorities say tried to sell a 25-gallon drum of cyanide to an FBI informant has pleaded guilty in federal court to one count of prohibition against chemical weapons, the U.S. Attorney's office said Friday.

Jeffrey Don Detrixhe, 38, of Higgins, faces up to life in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced in November. He pleaded guilty Wednesday, the news

Detrixhe was arrested in southeastern Oklahoma in May. FBI agents taped conversations with an informant in which Detrixhe allegedly offered to sell the cyanide for \$10,000, a thermal imager and an assault rifle. The FBI affidavit also alleges Detrixhe bragged he could "kill a city" with the cyanide.

An indictment accused him of possessing approximately 62 pounds of sodium cyanide, four rifles, two revolvers, a semiautomatic pistol and a shotgun.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention describes cyanide as a "rapidly acting, potentially deadly chemical" that prevents the body from processing oxygen.

The chemical also is used in manufacturing, metallurgy and pest extermination.

Waco officials hope mammoth site opens next year

WACO (AP) — The resting ground of two dozen Columbian mammoths that died in a mudslide some 68,000 years ago may be open to visitors in about a

The site in the thick woods along the Brazos and Bosque rivers, where the first bone was found in 1978. has curling, fossilized tusks protruding from the dirt.

It is believed to be the world's largest known concentration of prehistoric mammoths dying in the same natural event.

The site has never been open to the public.

A groundbreaking Thursday kicked off the first phase of a project being done by the city of Waco and Baylor University's Mayborn Museum: building a climatecontrolled pavilion to protect the bones, a small visitors center and roads.

The city and museum are using \$3 million donated to the nonprofit Waco Mammoth Foundation, said Ellie Caston, director of the Mayborn Museum Complex.

"We're steaming ahead; we didn't have time to wait because the bones are too fragile and need protection,' Caston said. "What we're doing is in harmony with what they would be doing."



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Katie Blair Richters vs. Rickey Dean Richters, divorce.

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All current 4-H members and interested families are encouraged to come to the Fair Barns Sept. 13 to meet Lorena Gomez, new County Extension Agent — 4-H and Youth Development for Howard County.

Call the Howard County Office of Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 264-2236 if you have any questions.

BRIEFS

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recovery. With the employment situation deteriorating, there's growing worry that consumers will recoil, throwing the economy into a tailspin later this year or early next vear.

The jobless rate jumped to 6.1 percent in August, from 5.7 percent in July. And, employers cut payrolls for the eighth month in a row. Job losses in June and July turned out to be much deeper. The economy lost a whopping 100,000 jobs in June and another 60,000 in July, according to revised figures. Previously, the government reported job losses at 51,000 in each of those months. So far this year, job losses totaled 605,000.

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Hanna leaves rain, flooding in wake

By WHITNEY WOODWARD **Associated Press Writer**

RALEIGH, N.C. Tropical Storm Hanna blew hard and dumped rain in eastern North

Carolina and Virginia Saturday, but caused little damage beyond isolated flooding and power outages as it quickly headed north toward England. Hanna sailed easily over

the beaches of Carolinas' coast, and emergency officials were already looking past it to powerful Hurricane Ike, several hundred miles out in the Atlantic. With Category 3 winds of near 115 mph, Ike could approach Cuba and southern Florida Monday, as Hanna spins away from Canada over the North Atlantic.

in a hurry, leaving behind sunshine for the weekend," said Myrtle Beach city spokesman Mark Kruea.

He said city services would be open and that "despite a week of preliminary hype" the storm didn't have much of an impact on the city aside from a few downed trees and some power outages that were repaired in less than a half-hour. It was the same story in eastern North Carolina, where Hanna had top winds of around 50 mph after coming ashore.

Julia Jarema, a spokeswoman at the N.C. Emergency Operations Center, said there are reports of some localized flooding, temporary road

"Hanna is heading north closures and scattered power outages, but that officials haven't heard about too many problems.

"As the day goes on, I'm sure we're going to hear more reports of flooding as people get out and get on the roads," she said.

At least 1,500 spent the night in shelters and more than 60,000 customers around mostly Wilmington, N.C. — were without power early Saturday in the Carolinas. In Virginia, 20,000 customers had no power. State police closed all northbound lanes of Interstate 95 just north of Richmond after power lines fell

around 8:30 a.m. And the Coast Guard closed all navigable waters in the Port of Hampton Roads, the lower Maryland

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Eastern Shore and the Port of Richmond, Va., on the James River.

Heavy rain fell in the Carolinas, including 5 inches in Fayetteville and the Sandhills region. The same was forecast for central Virginia, Maryland southeastern and Pennsylvania, where some spots could get up to 10 inches. Forecasters warned of the potential for flash flooding in the northern mid-Atlantic states and southern England.

"Fortunately it happened during the night, on the weekend. That would be a mess if it happened during the week as people are tying to get to work," said National Weather Service meteorologist Jonathan Blaes.

No rain fell to the west in Charlotte, where Tropical Storm Fay flooded streets and forced evacuations two weeks ago. To the east. on North Carolina's Outer Banks, the stinging sand and sea spray didn't keep 78-year-old William Cusick from getting up early to walk his dog on the beach.

"I don't see anything too exciting about this — it's not too serious," Cusick said.

The wind started to kick in about 2:30 a.m. in Morehead City, said Don Ogle of Newport, the night manager of a motel in the city along North Carolina's central coast. He said half of the motel's day crew stayed overnight.

"I don't know why. I'd go home if I could," he said.

Hanna started drenching the Carolina coast Friday, with some street flooding by late afternoon. People on the beach had to shout to be heard. By the time it reached the coast, the storm's top sustained winds had dropped to about 60 mph from near 70 mph while the storm was over water.

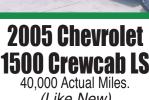


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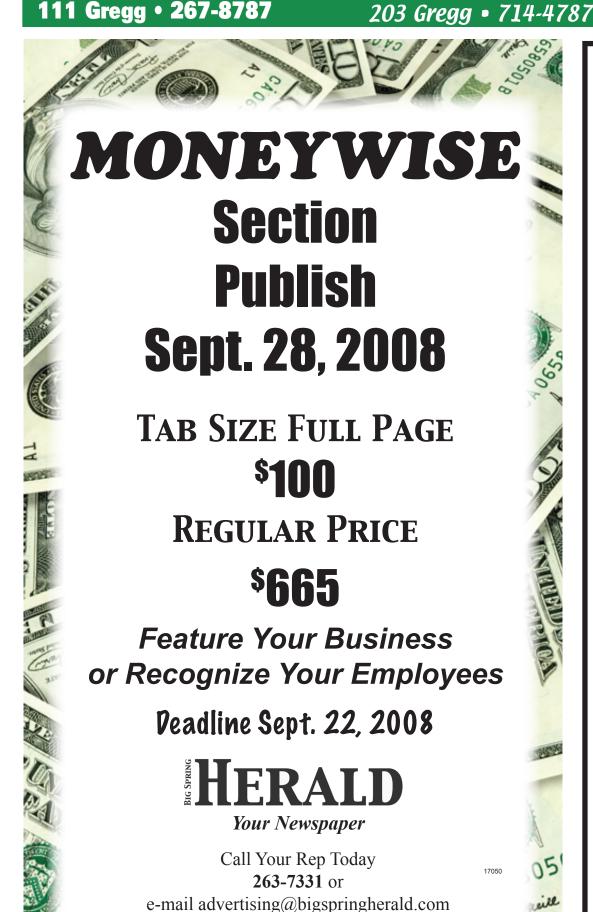
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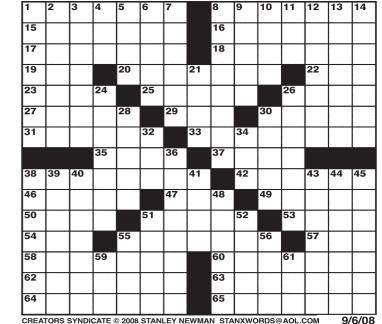
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BORDEN COUNTY ISD HOUSE BID REQUEST

Superintendent's Office, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District will receive bids to sell a school house and have it demolished or moved from the school campus. The party receiving the bid will be required to demolish and/or remove the house from school property no later than 60 days after the bid is accepted by the Board of Trustees of the Borden County Independent School District. All bids will be considered.

Proposals shall be addressed to Jimmy Thomas; Borden County Independent School District; Box 95; Gail, Texas 79738, and shall be delivered in a sealed envelope marked "HOUSE BID" or sent via e-mail to jthomas@bcisd.net. Proposals will be received up to but no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, September 19, 2008. Bids will be opened and read as they are received. Proposals will be tabulated researched, and presented to the board of trustees for their consideration at the next scheduled meeting. Bids received after the specified date will not be considered.

The Borden County ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposed bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and to accept the proposal that will best serve the needs of the District. Questions regarding bid specifications and additional information shall be directed to Jimmy Thomas by writing the above adby e-mail dress: ithomas@bcisd.net or by calling (office 806-756-4313) (cell 806-759-5467) (fax 806-756-4310)

By Order of the **Board of Trustees Borden County** Independent School District Mike Valentine, Secretary #5892 September 1 & 7, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District Board of Directors will meet in the district office at 132 N. Main, Garden City, Texas on September 16, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a public hearing and consider adopting a proposed budget for FY 2009 and to consider adopting a proposed tax rate for 2008 of .013696 per \$100 property valuation to fund the budget. The proposed tax rate would increase total taxes in the Glasscock Groundwater Conservation District by 2.99%. #5894 September 7, 2008

CITY OF BIG SPRING **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment:

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., for the following

- 1. Sulfur Dioxide 2. Liquid Chlorine 3. Polymer
- 4. Liquid Aluminum Sulfate (Alum)
- 5. Anhydrous Ammonia
- 6. Calcium Hydroxide (Hydrated Lime)
- 7. Janitorial Services for Police Department

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19 Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s)

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

#5899 September 7 & 14, 2008

No. P-13,641 ESTATE OF HUGHEY C. WAR-DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of HUGHEY C. WARNER, Deceased were issued on the 2nd day of September, 2008, under Docket No. P-13,641 pending in the County Court of

Howard County, Texas, to JOHN B. PHILLIPS. Claims may be presented in care of HUGHEY C. WARNER to the

estate addressed as follows: Estate of Hughey C. Warner c/o John B. Phillips P.O. Box 248

Garden City, TX 79739-0248 All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Open your eyes to possibility! Jupiter, the planet of plenty, slowly moves

forward after a summer break, and there are new options to consider. Mars and Mercury recognize opportunity, so buzz over to the big



HOLIDAY **MATHIS**

guy, creat- ■ ing crosstalk about the amount of energy or resources required to take action. Minds will be stretched in a good way!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As you devote your energy to what seems like a minute task, you get the feeling that a higher cause is calling you. What's important is not the size of the task, but the love you bring to it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Though you're probably not working now, you'll get insights into your job that will help you excel next week. Tonight brings the instantaneous fulfillment of a wish. It's like magic!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the sign of communication, so you almost never tire of bantering ideas about. Well, today you hit your threshold. Tired of talking, you want to see the material results as soon as possible.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have something or someone spectacular on your mind. You may be feeling punch-drunk and dreamy as you glide through the morning. The evening inspires brooding one minute and giggling the next.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in the process of forgiving someone. It's not something you can say once and have it be done with. You're retraining your mind to think of an old situation in a new

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You want to understand someone who is entirely different from you. You won't get any closer to the answer now, but it's fun to ask. Physical activities bring healthy release of the holiday stress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Give yourself a present. This is actually a good way to bless your friends and family, as well. It makes you feel more generous in regards to the rest of the world when you're good to yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're good with humanity at large. It's like you're working on a team, and your team includes people you don't even know. It's like the new people you meet are already on your side.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The up-and-down moods of those around you will not necessarily have an effect on you. DICATE, INC.

You are emotionally independent of others, even those with whom you are extremely close.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You may get off to a bumpy start today, but keep imagining that people mean to help you, even if it doesn't appear that way. By sundown you will be able to say you were compassionate and kind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have to force your will on the day, or the people you want to see and the things you want to do won't happen. It's as though the universe is provoking you to exert extra intention excitement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today's battle cannot be won by aggression, force and opportunism. It's much easier than that. Your gentle wisdom is all that's necessary. Know what to ask for and it's given to you.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Famed for fortune, liberation and expansion, Jupiter has typified plucky luck. Now psychologists say luck is a habit we can cultivate by being open to new trusting experiences, your gut instinct, expecting fortune and aiming to maximize the good from any situation. Since transiting Capricorn, Jupiter brings luck, but slowly. Pluto may be smaller than Jupiter in size, but its effects are far reaching. This dwarf planet links one personal destiny to the lives of many. The final months spent in Sagittarius wind up a 12year visit to this sign before moving onto Capricorn. In Sagittarius, we collectively experience shadows of extremism, opportunism, blind belief and faith. Now we measure lessons learned against what's yet left to heal. Remember, the darkness we face allows light to the shine brighter.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Michelle Williams may be a super-achiever with an Academy Award nomination, but she still can be hard on herself. With the sun, moon, Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn in Virgo, the Virgo tendency to magnify a perceived deficiency and make up for it by creating big success is pronounced. Williams will find her stride as a single mother this year, and perhaps even find new love.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I used to be very close to my in-laws and often told people if I could have placed a "special order" for in-laws, they would have fit the

My father-in-law died 10 years ago. For a long time, we played golf together every week. When he was in the hospital, my fatherin-law told me he had discussed with his wife who should get his new golf clubs and they decided to give them to me. The golf clubs were less than a year old, and I was so touched by this gesture. Every time I used them, I thought of him.

husband and I My divorced four years ago. Last summer, my wonderful clubs magically disappeared out of my house. I found out later that my exhusband had coerced one of our children into giving the clubs to him. My ex refused to return them, so I sent an e-mail threatening to dispose of some of his belongings that were still in my house if he didn't bring back the golf

Mv ex showed the e-mail tell me something, she has to his 84-year-old mother. She called me and velled, saying the clubs no longer belonged to me, that my father-in-law would never have wanted me to keep them under the circumstances, and that our relationship was at an end. I'm going to let my ex have the golf clubs, but what should I do about my ex-motherin-law? I miss her. -- Kicked Out of the Golf Club

Dear Club: This isn't about the golf clubs. It's about the divorce. Your ex-mother-in-law has naturally taken her son's side, and he is rather vindictive. You may not be able to regain the relationship you once had, but you can make this better.

Call or write your exmother-in-law, and tell her you are so sorry there's been a rift and you miss her. Don't mention the golf clubs. Ask what you can do to repair the breach for the sake of the grandchildren.

Dear Annie: I like my friend "Lexie" a lot except for one quirk.

Any time she wants to

her mom drive her to my house in order to say what she could easily have said over the phone. She does this with all her friends, but for me, she comes at the worst times and doesn't seem to care.

I've tried telling her to call instead, but she won't. How can I ask her politely to come back later without ending our friendship? --Annoved in Elkhart, Ind.

Dear Elkhart: Maybe her mom doesn't let her use the phone or, more likely, Lexie just wants company. You can simply tell her, "Lexie, when you drop by without calling, it's really inconvenient. I'd much rather know in advance so I can set aside time for you." If that doesn't work, be unavailable as nicely as possible. When she comes to the door, stop her right there and say, "I wish I could visit now, but I have to finish my homework" or "eat dinner" or "run an errand" -- whatever excuse means she can't stay. Then say you're really sorry, you'll see her in school, and close the door.

add to your answer to "Elizabeth," who asked if it's OK to let a 4-year-old boy go into a men's restroom alone because he likes to use the urinal.

A friend of mine had a solution. Her son was allowed to go into the men's restroom, but only if it was empty. If he saw anyone else inside, he'd come right out and his mother would take him to the ladies' room instead. --Marguerite in Gettysburg,

Dear Marguerite: That works only if no one wishes to enter the men's room while her son is inside. Otherwise, it can get rather tricky.

Dear Annie: I am concerned about my dear friend, "Laura." She has always been a drinker, but recently her drinking has increased to an alarming level.

When Laura is sober, she is a vivacious, outgoing, fun-loving, beautiful person. However, when she drinks, she can no longer carry on an intelligent conversation. She behaves outrageously and it is embarrassing to be in pub-

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Dear Annie: I'd like to lic with her. Seeing a out-of-control drunk, woman is, frankly, pathetic. I don't know if she is unable to recognize the stares of disgust or just doesn't care.

> Laura has a husband and grown children. It seems wrong to stand by while she slips further away, but I know from experience that she will be angry and defensive if I confront her about her drinking. If a person has a supportive family, shouldn't it be their responsibility to deal with this? I truly can't stand to be around her while she's making a fool of herself, ruining her reputation and risking her health.

What is the responsibility of friends in a situation such as this? Saying nothing feels wrong, but I know confrontation will end badly. -- Her Sober Friend

Dear Sober: A friend cares enough to speak up. Don't be angry or accusatory with Laura. Instead, approach her when she is sober, and do so with love and concern. Say you've noticed she is drinking more than she used to. Tell her she is a smart and vivacious friend, but when she drinks, she loses the qualities that make her so wonderful. She may deny that she drinks too much, but at least she will know she isn't fooling you, which may convince her to seek help. Contact Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen. org) at 1-888-4-AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666) for information and suggestions.

Dear Annie: Our darling son died one year ago from cancer. He was 32. We were all devastated by the loss and are still dealing with raw grief.

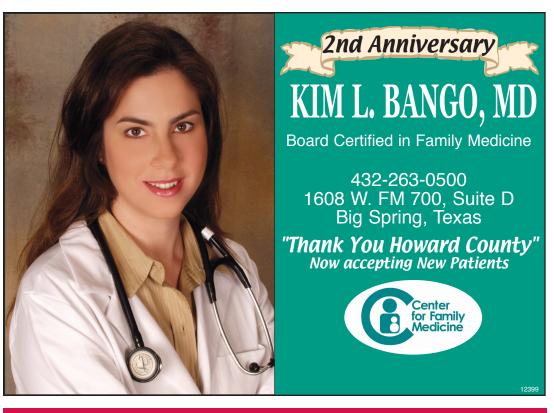
Most of our friends have been terrific, but in the last year, we have had to deal with distant friends who are constantly trying to convert us to their religious faith. They aren't expressing sympathy. Once they realize we aren't interested, we never hear from them again. It's as if they prey on our vulnerability, thinking it's the best time to inflict their "righteousness" upon us.

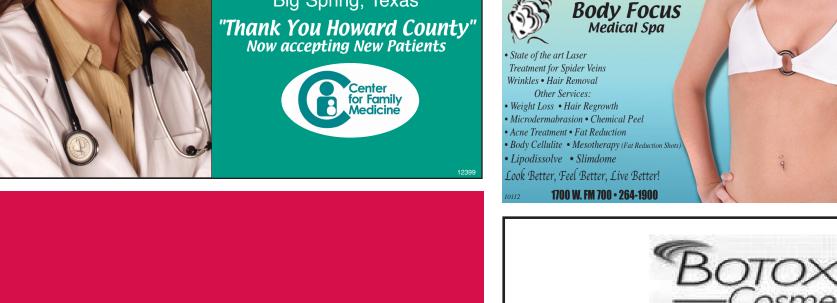
People have laid hands on me, quoted the Bible and given me pamphlets designed to draw me away from my faith. We welcome prayers, but much of this is cruel, insulting and arrogant. We miss our son terribly, but find comfort in remembering him. It is completely inappropriate to pressure a grieving person to abandon their faith. -- Still Grieving

Dear Still Grieving: These people believe they are saving you, and yes, they look for your most susceptible moment, hoping you will be receptive to seeking consolation through their religious guidance. It's shameful. Our condolences on your terrible loss.

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