

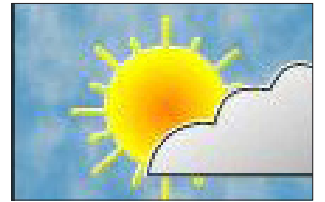
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District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson explains the circumstances surrounding the dismissal of charges against a pair of suspects believed to have been involved in a drive-by shooting May 3.

**Deadly conduct charges dropped**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

Two men arrested for an alleged shooting earlier this year in the 3200 block of Highway 80 had charges against them dismissed in 118<sup>th</sup> District Court.

Reynaldo Nava, 26, of 1306 Mesa, and Ernesto Trevino, 24, of Lubbock, were both arrested and charged with deadly conduct — discharge of a firearm in May after a witness identified the pair following a shooting near Cantu Hydraulics May 3. Both men were later indicted on the same charges.

No one was injured in the alleged shooting, according to police.

"The report of shots fired

wasn't immediately reported," said Big Spring police Department Lt. Terry Chamness. "The report doesn't specify how many shots were believed to have been fired, but there were no injuries. The only thing that is believed to have been hit during the shooting was C&M Garage's building, which is located across the street. The owner of the garage said he heard something hit the building."

According to police, Nava was a known member of the Latin Kings street gang, which has allegedly been engaged in a narcotics turf war with a

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**Super search**

*Big Spring ISD-hired firm seeks input from teachers, community*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District wants your input.

School district trustees will hold a pair of meetings Tuesday to gather input on what BSISD staff and private citizens want and expect from a new superintendent.

The BSISD superintendent position became vacant late June, following the resignation of Michael



Galan

Downes, who quit after five years on the job. Downes, who has been a target of a Texas Education Agency inquiry into allegations of inappropriate contact with students at a previous stop in his career, resigned citing distractions from the ongoing investigation.

Michael Stevens, former superintendent at Hereford ISD, is currently serving as interim superintendent.

The first Tuesday meeting will be held at 4 p.m. in the high school library, at which time BSISD employees will meet with representatives from Arrow Educational Services, the firm hired by the school

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Local resident Randy Kinard measures a 63-inch rattlesnake he killed at a home in the 700 block of Rodeo Road — located south of Big Spring — Friday afternoon. Kinard said it's the second one he's killed in the past week, and is warning area residents to be careful when moving large items the snakes can hide under.

**Christmas parade entries being accepted**

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

The countdown to Christmas — the Christmas parade, that is — has begun. Officials with the Big Spring Herald said that entries for the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Community Christmas Parade are now being accepted.

Entry deadline for the parade, which traditionally kicks off the Christmas season in Big Spring, is Nov. 14

The theme for this year's event is "The Star of Bethlehem." Grand Marshals will be Bill and Joyce Crooker.

Event Coordinator Elizabeth Flores said the parade traditionally attracts up to 80 entries.

Entrants are eligible for three cash prizes — \$100 for the Best of Show Award (for best interpretation of theme); \$75 Mayor's Award (for best use of lighting); and \$50 Grand Marshal's Award (for best costuming).

In addition, first-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories — individual or family; civic group, school or church; commercial; and industrial.

Also, a special award will be present-

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**Last opportunity for voter registration is Monday**

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

The clock is ticking for Howard County residents who have yet to register to vote in the November presidential election, as Monday's deadline quickly approaches.

According to Howard County Election Administrator Sandra Bloom, the registration deadline for elections is 30 days prior to the contest,

which is slated for Nov. 4.

"If they haven't received their card or aren't sure if they're registered, all they have to do is come by the office," said Bloom. "They can fill out the voter registration application and their card should be mailed to them in time for the November election."

Bloom said the deadline for area voters to return applications for mail-in ballots is

Oct. 27, but warned against waiting until the last minute to request a ballot.

"I would encourage everyone to get their applications in as soon as possible," said Bloom firmly. "If you're 65 years old or older, disabled, confined to jail or you know you will be out of the county for the election, you can apply for a ballot by mail. They can write us a letter or send us a request by fax or e-mail. The

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deadline to receive an application for a ballot by mail is

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### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP

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**Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan and Grady are on bye weeks.**

# Stanton falls to No. 5 Iraan

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

STANTON — Don't give a good football team extra scoring opportunities. Chances are those openings will be capitalized upon.

Stanton's Buffaloes (1-4) gave the fifth-ranked Iraan Braves (5-0) far too many breaks Friday night in Stanton as the Braves cruised to a 33-15 victory.

"We proved to be a young but talented team tonight," said Stanton Head Coach Lee McCown. "This was really the last game we could afford to make the mistakes we did. Being a young team, you expect some of these mistakes early on. After tonight, we can't let it happen anymore. We're about to get into the part of the schedule when the games start to really count. We saw some good things tonight, particularly in the second half. We moved the ball well. We just have to be able to do that in the first half, too."

The loss served as Stanton's final tuneup before starting District 7-A play against a familiar foe. Forsan will make the trip to Stanton Friday for the yearly edition of the Battle of the Buffaloes. Stanton won last season's matchup, 47-13. However, the game has extra meaning in 2008 as it serves as the district opener for both squads.

"It's the Battle of the Buffaloes. It's a big game," said



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

**Stanton Buffaloes quarterback Tyler Fulton throws the ball under pressure from two Iraan defenders in the Buffs' 33-15 loss to the fifth-ranked Braves Friday night in Stanton.**

McCown. "It's one we need to be ready for and I'm sure Forsan will be ready for. It's a district game against a natural rival. We're looking forward to it."

Against Iraan, the Buffs struggled to find any consis-

tency on offense throughout the first half with their first three drives ending in three-and-out. When they finally started moving the ball in the second quarter, the Buffs added to their pain, when Tyler Fulton fumbled a snap and the

## Area Roundup

Braves recovered just shy of midfield.

The turnover proved costly as Iraan turned it into 7 points, pushing its lead to 19-0 that would hold until halftime.

Stanton finally started to move the ball to open the second half and tailback Robbie Noland carried the ball into the end zone for the Buffs' first points.

Trailing 19-7, Stanton forced Iraan to punt and began driving down the field again. However, after achieving one first down, quarterback Tyler Fulton attempted to throw the ball away to avoid a heavy Iraan rush, but his pass was ruled a lateral.

The Braves took advantage of the opportunity, scooping the fumble and returning it to the Stanton 1. Two plays later, Iraan quarterback Call Cade snuck the ball over the goal line behind his left guard, leaving no doubt about the game's final outcome.

Each team would score another touchdown in the fourth quarter, with Stanton's coming on a sneak by Fulton, who

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# Unlikely Oct. hero

*Aching Drew homers late, propels Sox to 2-0 advantage*

By JOHN NADEL

AP Sports Writer

ANAHEIM, Calif. — J.D. Drew thought several times in the past six weeks that his season might be over because of back problems.

Fortunately for the Boston Red Sox, he was wrong.

Drew stunned Francisco Rodriguez with a two-run homer in the ninth inning, and the Red Sox beat the Los Angeles Angels 7-5 on Friday night for a 2-0 lead in their first-round AL playoff series.

And with that home run, the team with baseball's best record this year is on the verge of elimination.

"This was huge," Drew said. "We were in a spot: tie ballgame. They had seemingly had the momentum."

But Drew, who played in only two of his team's final 38 games of the regular season, took it away with one swing.

"I thought at some point I was going to have to shut it down and watch the team go through the playoffs, so it's nice to be out there," he said. "It's just trying to get everything back into playing shape while you're in the playoffs. It isn't the easiest thing to do, but it's working out."

One win from advancing to the AL championship series, Boston won its 11th consecutive postseason game against the Angels,

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AP photo/Mark J. Terrill

**Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Jonathan Papelbon reacts after closing out the ninth inning during Game 2 of baseball's American League division series against the Los Angeles Angels in Anaheim, Calif., Friday. The Red Sox won 7-5, taking a 2-0 series lead.**

# Rays rally to clip White Sox

By FRED GOODALL

AP Sports Writer

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Young, resilient and a victory away from the American League championship series. The Rays are breezing through the playoffs, much as they did during the regular season.

All-Star Scott Kazmir settled down after a shaky start, Akinori Iwamura hit a go-ahead, two-run homer and the AL East champions beat the Chicago White Sox 6-2 Friday night for a 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series.

"This is just awesome," said Rocco Baldelli, who singled in a run.

Giving many fans a close-up look of the formula that transformed Tampa Bay from a last-place team to a power, the Rays rallied for the second straight day and remained undefeated in their young postseason history.

"I like the attitude. I like the way we're going about our business," manager Joe Maddon said.

The Rays go for a sweep when the series resumes Sunday in Chicago. Tampa Bay's Matt Garza (11-9) faces John Danks (12-9), trying to seal a matchup against World Series champion Boston or the Los Angeles Angels in the next round.

"We're a relaxed bunch," Baldelli said. "We chill out in the clubhouse. We have fun. That's what got us here."

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## Sports in brief

### Fundraising ragball tourney set for Saturday in Coahoma

The West Texas Dust Storm — a Howard County 14 & under girls traveling softball team — is hosting a ragball tournament Saturday at the Coahoma Community Softball Park.

Entry fee is \$10 per person with a five-game minimum guarantee. All proceeds go to buy uniforms and equipment as well as pay tournament fees for the team.

Sign-ups begin at 8 a.m. Saturday with games starting at 9 a.m. Call 268-3669 or 517-0073 for more information.

### Lady Steer Booster Club meeting at ATC Oct. 13

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster club will hold a meeting at 5:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, at the Athletic Training Center.

Regular meetings will be held every second Monday of the month.

For more information, call Carrie Fox at 816-9687 or Brenda Claxton at 816-9806.

### BSCC hosting over-80 scramble Oct. 11-12

The Big Spring Country Club has scheduled an over-80 scramble where the combined ages of the two-person team must be 80 or higher.

Entry fee is \$60 per player plus golf cart fee, however, private carts are welcome. The event is scheduled for Oct. 11-12 with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days, and it benefits the Big Spring Shrine Club.

Call the pro shop at 267-5354 for more information or to enter a team.



# DESTINATION AFRICA

A glimpse at an ancient culture, up-close visits with a multitude of wildlife, seeing the genuine hope and smiles of a people and an encounter with one cranky elephant named Miss Ellie are among the many memories Nancy Michaelis brings back from her August trip to southern Africa.

Michaelis, a retired teacher and former Howard College English professor, has always had a respect for that part of the world, she says. The 17-day tour provided by Elderhostel — Ancient Voices of Africa — focuses on the natural history, culture and wildlife in the countries of Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

“The whole thing is Ancient Voices so we’re really looking at the indigenous peoples, the geography and the animals and the birds,” Michaelis said.

### The San People

To reach her destination, Michaelis would have to travel nearly 24-hours before arriving in Johannesburg, South Africa for a one night stay. Then it was off again, on a flight to Maun, Botswana, with the 11 other women of the tour. Following the flight, they headed straight to a five-hour van trip into the bush to reach the Coach to Dqae Qare Game Reserve.

At the reserve, they spent the next few days living and visiting with the San People, bushmen, who are considered to be one of if not the oldest people on earth. The San People speak Khoisan languages famous for using clicking noises.

“That was very interesting because these people were originally hunters and gathers and what they were trying to do is to keep some of those skills going,” she said.

The San People were very eager to share their culture, Michaelis added, showing off their arts and crafts, how to track animals in the bush and finding medicinal plants.

“They built a trap right before us cutting everything as they went because they had nothing,” she said. “They had a knife that was all. And here we all were just trailing along, but they really want us to know. Tourism is big there. There are not a lot of other resources for them. They were just kind and gentle people.”

And some time was set aside for the women to be schooled in the native language.

“They know they are being marginalized and there’s not a whole like they can do about it because it’s almost impossible anymore to be a complete nomadic people,” she said. “They are really interested in keeping their language going. We spent one afternoon learning a little bit about their language and when to do the clicking.”

On the last night, the San People performed a dance.

“It went on and on and on and on,” Michaelis said. “I found out that it was really a healing dance and that they really did dance into they were in actual trances.”

### Bayei People, Moremi Game Reserve and a rare glimpse at the African Wild Dog

After a few days with the San people, the group headed back to Maun and then for an afternoon the Bayei “river bushmen,” who showed the women their ways of making crafts, musical interments and hunting tools.

Next came a two-hour drive on the highway followed by a five-hour trip in open game trucks into the bush to reach their next destination.

“We went into the Moremi which is part of the delta and then we were on the reserve of the Kwai people,” she said. “We stayed in tents — It was called a luxury mobile tent. Basically it was just a wall tent with a floor. Attached to the back is the bathroom. They dug a hole and put a potty on it and they had a shower there too. It was a bucket. They would fill with hot water if we wanted to take a shower.”

Delicious meals were made by the chief over hot coals in the ground, Michaelis said, but even though the “rustic atmosphere” was pleasurable, the women also knew to be cautious.

“Once it gets dark you do not go to your tent without a guide and you do not leave your tent without a guide,” she said. “It’s very dangerous because that is when all the animals are out and it is right smack dab in the delta. We could hear the hippopotami come out of the water at night and you could also hear the hyenas. Leopards were around. We could hear them, but they didn’t come into camp. We did know the hyenas came into the camp.”

That lesson was driven home on the first day there, she said.

“We had gotten up early that morning to go on a game drive,” she recalled. “We’d gone not too far from our own campsite in our van and these three men came running out from their tents. This one man is just dripping blood. He had slept outside at night and was attacked by a hyena. It got him right in the face. We’re five hours out to get to anything one way. If you go the other way, you’re more like 15 hours. It really is dangerous.”

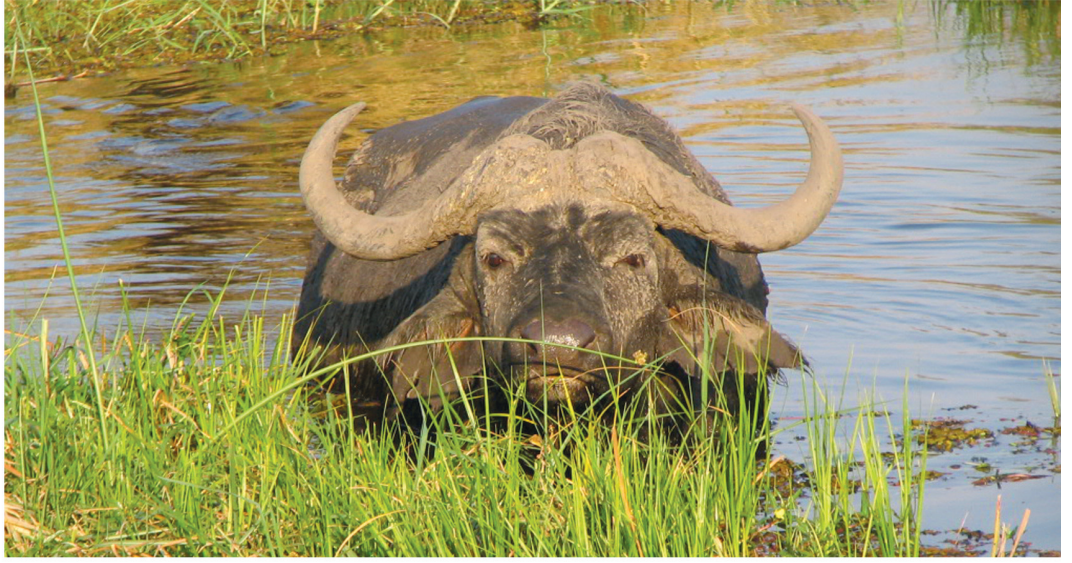
Yet the risk was worth taking, Michaelis said, as the women saw a multitude of wild animals and rare birds courtesy of their guides.

“One of the most exciting things I saw was at sunset and the elephants were crossing the river,” she said. “We thought ‘oh here comes a few elephants.’ No. They came and they came and they came from all directions and they were all going to one place. It was just really a sight to see them.”

Another time the group found a leopard lounging for an afternoon rest, satiated after a kill.

“It was just lying there under this tree just watching us,” she said. “It was actually protecting its kill. It had dragged the kill behind it in the bushes. We’d drive around and see the kill and then see the leopard, We’d drive around again and see the kill, then the leopard. It was just watching probably thinking ‘okay ya’ll can leave. I’m full. I’m satisfied right now. We heard later that the hyenas came later and stole the kill.’”

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Courtesy Photos

At top, Nancy Michaelis, right, takes a ride into the Zimbabwe bush on Miss Ellie, below, members of the San People cook a meal. Michaelis captures a water buffalo in his natural environment and at bottom, a leopard enjoys an afternoon rest after a kill.

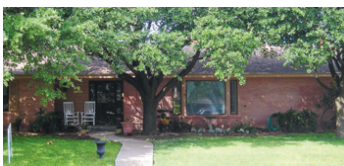
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## Obituaries

## Anna Mae Hyden



Anna Mae Hyden, 85, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Anna Mae was born May 4, 1923, in Howard County to Ada and Archie Hodnett and was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Luther and loved serving as the church secretary. Anna Mae married C.H. Hyden Jr. Nov. 4, 1943, in Hopkins Valley, Ky. He preceded her in death on Nov. 26, 2002. They farmed in the Luther Community until his death.

Anna Mae coordinated high school reunions in the Knott area, and enjoyed ironing, cooking, shopping and reading the newspaper, but most of all she loved talking and being with her family.

Anna Mae is survived by one son: Glenn Hyden of Big Spring; one daughter: Quannah Whitefield and her husband James of Eulees; one sister: Juanita Smith of Midland; daughter-in-law: Jan Hyden of Midland; eight grandchildren: Amanda Spears, Andy Hyden and Amy Johnson, all of Big Spring, Nick Hyden of Midland, Duncan Hyden of San Angelo, Jason Whitefield and Jeff Whitefield, both of Fort Worth, and Jan Curren of Hurst; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son: Charley Hyden; brothers: Y.B. Hodnett, Harold Hodnett and Leonard Hodnett; and sisters: Faye Gillihan and Wanda Self.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th Street, Ste. A, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

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## Therese Sternadel



Therese Sternadel, 55, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008, at Baylor Specialty Hospital in Dallas. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 16, 1953, in Pecos to Loraine and M.H. Bates Sr.

She married Edward John Sternadel Jr. Sept. 11, 1980, in Scotland, Texas. He preceded her in death in 2005.

She managed Subway restaurants for 20 years, including Big Spring, Snyder, Colorado City and Sweetwater. She was a Methodist.

She is survived by one son: Clint Wills of Big Spring; three daughters: Lynn Creswell of Big Spring, Linda Billington of Mertzon and Lisha Vega of Tahoka; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; seven sisters: Mary Shuler and Grace Harrison, both of Wink, Regina Armstrong and Cecilia Ward, both of Pecos, Christine Bishop of Douglasville, Ga., Kathleen Jone of El Dorado, Kan., and Michelle Johnson of Huntsville; and two brothers: Earl Bates of Midland and M. H. "Sonny" Bates of Odessa.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Johnnie Hardyman

Johnnie Hardyman, 80, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Irene Chick

Irene Chick, 86, of Big Spring died Friday, Oct. 3, 2008, in Big Spring. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Support Groups

## SUNDAY

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

## MONDAY

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

• 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 St.

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

The family of Robert Orosco "Grandpa" appreciates the many kindness shown to them during the passing of their loved one. Thank you for each visit and prayer, for the delicious food and lovely floral tributes, the memorials and to each one who attended his service. Special thanks to Father Gully and the kind and efficient staff at Nalley Pickle & Welch and also to Compass Hospice for all their support.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- LESLIE FUENTES, 37, 405 Moss Lake Rd., was arrested on a charge of intoxicated assault.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 300 block of Martin Luther King.
- ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY was reported in the 1900 block of 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ASSAULT ON THE ELDERLY OR DISABLED was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 1500 block of Vines.
- INTERFERENCE WITH AN EMERGENCY PHONE CALL was reported in the 1600 block of Main.
- THEFT was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster.
- VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER was reported in the 1200 block of Johnson.

## Take Note

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for \$10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

• A fund has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union for Sheena Hill, who lost most of her possessions in a recent house fire. Mail donations to Big Spring Education Employees FCU, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720 or call 263-8393.

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

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

• 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](http://www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929625). For the survey in Spanish, go to [www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626](http://www.questionpro.com/akira/TakeSurvey?id=929626).

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

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

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

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

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## Bulletin Board

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## MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weigh-in at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- 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.

## Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 13-28-32-41-52.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 35-27-29-4-7.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-8-2-7. Sum It Up: 24.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-2-4. Sum it Up: 8.

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## MLB

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outscored them 80-33 and setting the record for most postseason victories in a row over one opponent. The Red Sox won their ninth consecutive postseason game overall.

Tampa Bay, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia also have 2-0 first-round series leads. Of the 35 teams to fall behind 2-0 in the division series before this year, just five have come back to advance, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Only one — the 2001 New York Yankees — came back to win after losing the first two at home.

Boston swept the Angels in the

first round in 2004 and last year, both times en route to World Series titles.

“What happened in ‘04 or 1986 does not matter to us,” Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. “We set out to win today’s game. It was difficult, but we did it. Now we’ll go prepare for the next game.”

Game 3 will be Sunday night in Boston, with Joe Saunders pitching for the Angels against Josh Beckett, who was pushed back from the opener after injuring a muscle in his side.

“There is a challenge in front of us and the only way to meet it is going to be pitch by pitch, inning by inning on Sunday,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. “We played well in their

“Yes. They are very worthy of being ranked No. 5,” admitted McCown of Iraan. “They’re going to do some great things this year.”

<b>Iraan</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8-33</b>
<b>Stanton</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8-15</b>

**First quarter**

Iraan — David Himel 1 run (kick failed), 8:00

Iraan — Dakota Green 31 pass from Call Cade (kick blocked), 1:40

**Second quarter**

Iraan — Zake Owen 8 run (Carlos Rodriguez kick), 7:28

**Third quarter**

Stanton — Robbie Noland 4 run (Thomas Ramos kick), 6:11

Iraan — Cade 1 run (run failed), 0:10

**Fourth quarter**

Iraan — Green 7 pass from Cade (Drew Allen pass from Cade), 4:47

Stanton — Tyler Fulton 1 run (Fulton run), 1:11

**Team stats**

First downs — Iraan 13, Stanton 13; Rushes-Yards — Iraan 26-145, Stanton 42-137; Passing yards — Iraan 203, Stanton 59; Comp.-Att.-Int. — Iraan 9-15-0, Stanton 5-11-0; Punts-Avg. — Iraan 3-29, Stanton 6-35.2; Fumbles-Lost — Iraan 2-1, Stanton 7-2; Penalties — Iraan 11-70, Stanton 3-25.

**Individual stats**

Rushing: Iraan — Zak Owen 6-76, Oscar Gonzales 8-36, David Himel 7-31, Carlos Rodriguez 1-2, Call Cade 4-0; Stanton — Robbie Noland 25-118, Adam Montez 2-8,

park all year, and we have to do it now.”

Drew’s RBI double and Jason Bay’s three-run homer off Ervin Santana gave Boston a 4-0 lead in the first inning, but the Angels, 100-62 during the regular season, clawed back. Los Angeles tied the score in the eighth when Chone Figgins hit a leadoff triple off Justin Masterson — the Angels’ first extra-base hit of the series after 19 singles — and Mark Teixeira hit a one-out sacrifice fly against Jonathan Papelbon (1-0).

Rodriguez (0-1), who set a record with 62 saves in the regular season, allowed a leadoff double to David Ortiz in the ninth on a ball that bounced out of the glove of Reggie Willits, who tried

Tyler Fulton 13-6, Spencer Cortez 2-5.

Passing: Iraan — Cade 8-13-0—191, Dakota Green 1-2-0—12; Stanton — Fulton 5-11-0—59.

Receiving: Iraan — Ector Galindo 2-65, Owen 4-58, Drew Allen 1-43, Green 2-37; Stanton — Thomas Ramos 1-28, Jacob Cazares 2-23, Sean Smith 1-8, Mark Garcia 1-0.

**Dawson 64, Sands 58**

WELCH — After being voted into the six-man Division II state Top 10 poll this week — something Sands hasn’t achieved since 2002 — the Mustangs fell victim to an upset Friday night in Welch.

The Dawson Dragons (2-4) used a superior running game to topple the No. 8 Mustangs (4-2), 64-58. In all, Dawson finished with 314 total rushing yards, which was close to Sands’ 322 yards of total offense.

Up until late in the second quarter, Sands and Dawson simply traded scores with the Dragons scoring first and the Mustangs always answering with the same amount of points.

However, Dawson was able to score two of the last three touchdowns before intermission, taking a 42-36 lead into the locker rooms at halftime.

The Dragons put the first points of the second half on the

for a leaping catch at the wall in right-center. After Kevin Youkilis grounded out, Drew pounced on a 2-2 changeup and sent it deep over the wall in center.

“It just worked out that I squared it up really nice,” Drew said.

Rodriguez, who allowed a game-ending home run to Manny Ramirez in Game 2 last year, hung his head, then covered much of his face with his glove.

“He’s one of the best pitchers in the league,” Ortiz said. “If you get a pitch you like, you better hit it. You might not see it again.”

Papelbon retired all six batters he faced, getting help from Youkilis in the ninth. The third

board as well, padding their lead to 50-38. Sands continued to fight back, but couldn’t ever erase Dawson’s one touchdown advantage. The Mustangs never held the lead in the game.

The victory was only Dawson’s second of the year, but the return of several key players ignited the offense.

For Sands, it probably eliminates one of the team’s goals. The Mustangs wanted to be ranked in the Top 10 heading into district play in two weeks. However, they’ll now have two weeks to dwell on this upset as they rest next week before opening league play against Westbrook. Sands will most likely fall out of the Top 10 as well.

Daniel Armendariz shined for the Mustangs, scoring six touchdowns. He had three rushing scores, one receiving, another on a kickoff return and posted the Mustangs’ final points on a 30-yard fumble return.

However, the Mustangs run game was stifled most of the night, racking up just 115 yards on the ground. Armendariz finished with 56 yards and quarterback Johnny Rogers had 59 yards on 19 carries. Rogers only accounted for three touchdowns in the game — his lowest output of the season.

baseman caught pinch-hitter Gary Matthews Jr.’s foul popup with a terrific leaping grab over a camera well for the second out. Papelbon then struck out Howie Kendrick to end the game, and the closer pumped his arms and pounded his chest after his final pitch.

“That’s kind of the situations I live for,” Papelbon said. “We definitely came here and took care of business, but there’s business still to be finished.”

The Angels, who have lost nine consecutive postseason games, stranded 11 runners — all in the first seven innings. They are 4-for-21 (.190) with runners in scoring position in the two losses, stranding 20 runners overall.

Xavier Elizondo led the Mustangs in receiving with 93 yards.

**Team stats**

First downs: Sands — 9, Dawson 12; Rushing yards — Sands 115, Dawson 314; Passing yards — Sands 207, Dawson 66; Comp.-Att.-Int. — Sands 16-33-0, Dawson 4-10-0; Fumbles-Lost — Sands 0-0, Dawson 2-2; Punts-Avg. — Sands 1-28, Dawson 2-19; Penalties-Yards — Sands 5-29, Dawson 3-30.

**Individual leaders**

Rushing: Sands — Daniel Armendariz 6-56, Johnny Rogers 19-59. Passing: Sands — Rogers 15-28-0—197. Receiving: Sands — Xavier Elizondo 6-93, Jesus Gomez 3-62, Armendariz 3-32, Ethan Zant 4-20.

**Garden City 56, Santa Anna 6**

SANTA ANNA — After an unexpected bye week, Garden City’s Bearkats had no problem disposing of Santa Anna Friday.

The Bearkats improved to 5-1 and open district play Friday against Sterling City. Garden City has also rescheduled its homecoming date. Oct. 17 was originally a bye week, but due to a cancellation and forfeiture by El Paso Immanuel Christian last week, the Bearkats have added a game against Star in order to accommodate their alumni.

No further stats were available.



# \$ OCTOBER FEST OF SAVINGS \$



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2004 Nissan Xterra SE - Silver w/Cloth, All Power, One Owner w/36,000 Miles.

Was \$19,995 **Sale Price \$13,995**

### ★★★ CARS ★★★

2008 Ford Focus SE - Blue w/Gray Cloth, All Power, Great MPG, Bought At Ford Program Sale, Only 17,000 Miles.

Was \$18,995 **Sale Price \$16,995**

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Was \$31,995 **Sale Price \$29,995**

2007 Ford Fusion SEL - Silver, w/Gray Cloth, Bought At Ford Program Sale, Like New, All Power, Great MPG, Only 24,000 Miles.

Was \$17,995 **Sale Price \$16,995**

2006 Lincoln Town Car Signature - Dark Stone, Leather, All Power, One Owner w/35,000 Miles.

Was \$23,995 **Sale Price \$21,995**

2004 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S. - Tan w/Leather, All Power, One Owner w/50,000 Miles.

Was \$15,995 **Sale Price \$12,995**

2004 Lincoln Town Car Ultimate - Cashmere White w/Leather, All Power, One Owner w/32,000 Miles.

Was \$20,995 **Sale Price \$18,995**

2004 Mercedes C240 - Tan w/Leather, All Power, Locally Owned w/42,000 Miles.

Was \$21,995 **Sale Price \$17,995**

2004 Nissan Maxima SL - Black w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner, Skylight.

Was \$23,995 **Sale Price \$17,995**

2004 Nissan Maxima SL - Silver w/Leather, Moonroof, All Power, One Owner w/50,000 Miles.

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## Weddings

### Griffin-Sheppard



*Mr. & Mrs. Sheppard*

*Aug. 8, 2008*

*First United Methodist Church*

Chelsea Brianne Griffin and Tyler Judson Sheppard were married at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 8, 2008, at First United Methodist Big Spring with Elwin Collom officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jesse and Rose Griffin and the granddaughter of Stan Griffin and the late Freyda Griffin of Coahoma and Juanita Baskin and the late Glen Eugene Baskin of Brownwood.

The groom is the son of Scot and Stacy Sheppard and Jeff and Julie Harwood and the grandson of Dene and the late Bill Sheppard of Big Spring, John and Judy Meyer of Ashtabula, Ohio, and Joan Meyer of Big Spring.

The bride was given away by her father, Jesse Griffin.

Maid of honor was Laura Thomas and bridesmaids were Jaime McCrea and Katie Bowling.

Best man was George Green and groomsmen were Keith Smith and Cody Sheppard.

Ring bearer was Hayden Stevens and flower girls were Kara Neal and Micaela Parrish.

Both the bride and groom are 2005 graduates of Coahoma High School. Chelsea is pursuing a degree in accounting and Tyler is pursuing a degree in psychology.

Following a honeymoon to the Caribbean, the couple made their home in Midland.

### Flores-Cruz



*Mr. & Mrs. Cruz*

*Sept. 27, 2008*

*Sacred Heart Catholic Church*

Irma Hernandez Flores and Felipe Cruz Jr. were united in marriage at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Fidel Saldivar Jr. of Midland officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luis Flores Sr. and Erlinda Flores, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of the late Felipe and Francisca Cruz Sr.

Diana Yanez was the maid of honor and Ruben James Gonzales, great nephew of the bride, served as best man.

Flower girl was Briana Ledesma.

A reception was held at San Luis Club.

Felipe works for Talon Industries.

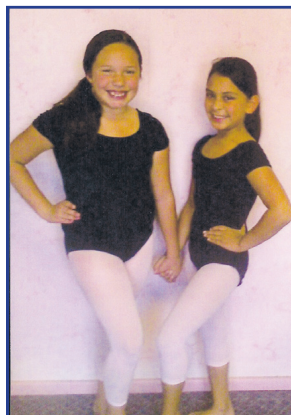
## REMEMBER!

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### Staying busy at The Dance Gallery



Alyssa Deanda (L)  
Bailee Grant (R)



Megan Magallanes (L)  
Destiny Mata (R)



Maddie Miller (L)  
Carly Morris (C)  
Bari Green (R)

The Dance Gallery is proud to have 7 of their dancers make it for the prestigious Nutcracker production! Maddie Miller 5yr., Carly Morris 6yr., Bari Green 7yr., Alyssa Deanda 11yr., Bailee Grant 11yr., Destiny Mata 9yr. and Megan Magallanes 9yr. are all very excited to represent Big Spring and The Dance Gallery in the 3 upcoming Nutcracker performances. The Nutcracker production has been performed by the Midland Festival ballet Company in previous years and this year, they opened up the audition to surrounding dancers/dance studios. The auditions took place in Midland on September 6th, where Miss Stevi from The Dance Gallery and her 7 anxious dancers all traveled to participate. There were several dancers in each age group that auditioned and the Big Spring girls were hoping for the best and giving it their all. When the results came back, Miss Stevi and The Dance Gallery girls were so proud! "It is an honor to have my students involved in the Nutcracker," says Stevi Mckinnon, owner of The Dance Gallery. The Dance Gallery will be accepting donations to help fund the way for the 7 dancers to travel back and forth for each rehearsal.

These 7 Dance Gallery students will be traveling to Midland each week for rehearsals leading up to the show. The Nutcracker will be performing in Big Spring on December 20th at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium. There will also be 2 performances of the Nutcracker in Midland at the Lee High School auditorium on December 13th and 14th. Please come to the show and cheer on our Big Spring dancers from the Dance Gallery at this year's performance of The Nutcracker!

Tickets can be purchased in Big Spring at The Dance Gallery in November or in Midland at The Midland Festival Ballet also in November. For more information on the Nutcracker or The Dance Gallery, please call Miss Stevi at 432-267-3977 or come by The Dance Gallery 2303 Goliad St.

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## 90th Birthday

### Nell Draper



Nell Draper, life-long resident of Big Spring, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008, at a party held at the First Church of God in Big Spring hosted by many friends and relatives.

Among those who attended were her son Clifford and wife, Phyllis Draper of Mesa, Ariz., and granddaughters Carrie Percell and Monica Collins of San Deigo, Calif.

Also attending were her sisters Treasa Kerby of Sulphur Springs; Lovie and her husband, Everett McKee of Quinton, Okla; Bernice and her husband, George Weinkauff of Miles; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, church members and special friends Beth and Don Roman and their granddaughter Kimberly Baugus.

## Stork Club

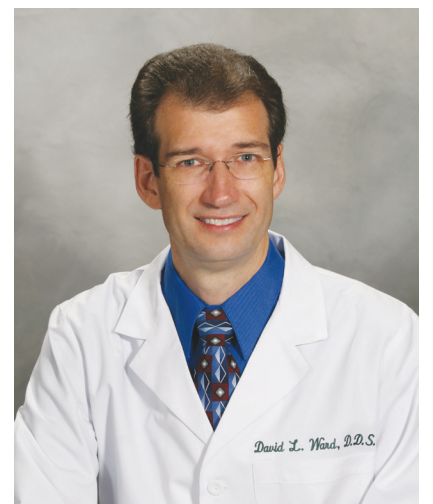
Jay and Stephanie Gannaway of Lubbock announce the birth of their son, Ethan Cash Gannaway. Ethan was born at 9:39 p.m. Aug. 6, 2008, weighing 2 pounds, 2 ounces and was 14 inches long.

He is the grandson of Donna Gannaway and Lynn Gannaway, both of Big Spring, and Dusty and Hilda Thomas of Lubbock. He is the great-grandson of M. Richardson Jr. and Joyce Richardson, both of Lubbock.

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# Tax breaks big and small sweeten financial bailout

By JIM ABRAMS

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Millions of taxpayers, thousands of businesses and groups as diverse as solar power developers and natural disaster victims will see tax relief with the House vote Friday to approve and send to the president a \$700 billion financial rescue plan.

The tax relief package attached to the rescue bill promotes renewable energy development and extends dozens of tax breaks from the critical research and development tax credit to breaks for such narrowly focused groups as motor sports racetrack owners, film producers and bicycle commuters.

The renewable energy part of the package alone, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said, will "create and save half-a-million good-paying jobs in America immediately."

Virtually all of the tax breaks already exist. But many of them expired Jan. 1 for use in the current tax year, and the others

would have expired three months from now.

The largest group of beneficiaries in the tax portion of the financial rescue bill is about 20 million mainly upper-middle income taxpayers. Without congressional action, the AMT, with originally was supposed to affect only the very rich, would add some \$2,000 this year to the tax bill of these people, most earning under \$200,000 a year.

Thousands of businesses had been waiting for renewal of the research and development tax credit, which expired at the end of last year. Without that credit, industry advocates say, high tech, biotech and aerospace companies would have trouble hiring the highly skilled workers needed to compete with foreign competitors.

The Information Technology Association of America reports an \$18.5 billion drop in R&D activity since the beginning of the year, when the credit lapsed. The R&D credit extension would cost \$19 billion over 10 years.

The cost of the entire tax portion of the bill is close to \$110 billion.

The renewable energy incentives include an eight-year extension of investment credits for solar energy, as well as breaks for wind, geothermal and other alternative sources. The solar industry says extension of the credits through 2016 would produce an extra 440,000 jobs and more than \$230 billion in investments.

The measure also has \$8 billion in tax breaks for disaster victims, \$5 billion for higher education tuition deductions and \$400 million in deductions for teachers who buy school supplies with their own money.

There are \$3 billion in deductions for residents of states without income taxes that have state and local sales taxes. Extending the deduction would save Texans a projected \$1.2 billion a year or an average of \$520 per filer claiming the deduction, said Matt Mackowiak, spokesman for Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

There are also some four dozen small provisions. Among them, with projected costs over 10 years:

- Extending an expired provision that gives Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands a rebate against excise taxes charged on imported rum. The rebate, at \$13.50 per proof gallon, helps finance local infrastructure projects. The cost is \$192 million.
- Establishing a new tax credit ranging from \$2,500 to \$7,500 for purchasers of plug-in electric-drive vehicles. Cost: \$758 million.
- Extending tax credits that expired at the end of 2007 for certain domestic corporations involved in American Samoa economic development. Cost: \$33 million.
- Extending a credit of up to \$10,000 for the training of mine rescue team members. The credit expires at the end of this year and the one-year extension costs \$4 million.
- Enacting President Bush's proposal to erase the debt of the

black lung disability trust fund at a cost of \$1.3 billion.

- Extending for one year a seven-year depreciation timetable that NASCAR and other motor-sport racing facilities have had for some years, the same tax break that amusement parks enjoy. Without the extension, the tracks would have to depreciate the cost of their improvements over 15 years, raising their taxes by \$100 million.
- Extending for five years a program that reduces import duties on some wool fabrics. The tariff relief benefits U.S. worsted wool fabric producers that use imported fibers and yarns. Cost: \$148 million.
- Increasing the single-year deduction in production costs, from \$15 million to \$20 million, that film and TV productions may take if the costs are incurred in economically depressed areas. In an effort to keep film and TV productions in the U.S., it also allows more companies to use a domestic production deduction. Cost: \$478 million.

## SEARCH

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board to conduct a search for a new superintendent.

"Previously, we had just done a survey with staff members," BSISD Board President Irene Galan said. "This time, members of the consultant firm will sit down with the staff and ask them what they want in a new

superintendent." Galan said staff members may submit questions or comments in person or in writing and that their input will remain confidential if they so desire.

"We really need their input," she said. "They are the ones who are going to be working most closely with the new superintendent."

Following that meeting, school board members will reconvene in the library at 7 p.m. to hear in-

put from community members, Galan said.

"We definitely want the community's input, also," she said. "When we start narrowing down the list of candidates, we're going to closely follow what the community wants in a new superintendent."

"We've done superintendent searches before and it's not that we're doing things very differently this time," Galan added. "We just think that it's very

important for the staff and community members to give us their input."

The search firm will use information gathered from Tuesday's meetings as guidelines as they screen applications for the position, Galan said.

If everything goes according to schedule, trustees should have a "short list" of candidates to consider by late October or early November, she added.

As far as what she wants from a

new chief executive, Galan was direct in her answer.

"I want a superintendent who puts our children first," she said. "Everything else ... including a bond election ... comes after that. Anyone we find who is dedicated to that is someone who we'll look at very closely."

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## CHARGES

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local family for more than a year.

At the time the incident was reported, police investigators were already inundated with numerous reports of shootings across the city of Big Spring, including a drive-by on May 4 that claimed the life of 20-year-old Valerie Garcia and 21-year-old Michael Cardona, in the 900 block of E. 16th Street. Police officials speculated both shootings were a result of the turf war.

The motion to dismiss, which was signed by presiding District Court

Judge Weldon Kirk Thursday, was submitted by District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, citing "exculpatory evidence" as the reason for the dismissal.

"As we began investigating the alibi of one of the individuals and talked with the people in Lubbock where he was supposedly was at the time of the shooting, we began to have questions," said Wilkerson. "Other intelligence sources within the police department came up with additional stories indicating these two men were not the ones who did it. We ultimately came to the conclusion we needed to give these guys polygraphs, and they were willing to do so. They passed both of the

polygraph tests, indicating their innocence.

"So we arrived at the conclusion that perhaps these two aren't the ones who did that particular shooting, that day. My obligation as district attorney is to see that justice is done, not just to obtain convictions. I'm not in the business of prosecuting people I believe to be innocent. So the natural recourse was simply to dismiss the case and let's look for who really did it."

According to Stephen Stallings, the Midland attorney representing the two men, Wilkerson's diligence in the case was something for Howard County residents to be proud of.

"He (Wilkerson) did

something a lot of district attorneys wouldn't do," said Stallings. "I think it says a lot for him and the district attorney's office, that they are looking for justice and not just another notch in their six-guns."

Wilkerson said the investigation into the May 3 shooting will continue, but was hesitant to comment on exactly how the two shootings may have been related.

"The potential capital murder case is still being investigated and worked very hard," said Wilkerson. "Were the shootings on May 3 and May 4 related? To the extent there were a lot of shootings that involved the same parties, yes, they were. Are they

specifically related, regarding individuals? I'm not really willing to say one way or the other at this point.

"We're probably taking a little more active role in the (murder) investigation process than we normally do. Obviously, the circumstances justify that. We're trying to craft a solution to this thing to get it into a format we're all comfortable with that will serve the ends of justice and bring the people who committed those murders before the law."

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## PARADE

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ed to the best sheriff's posse, rid-

ing club or other mounted entry.

"We are very excited to once again be hosting the Community Christmas Parade," Herald Publisher Ron Midkiff. "This is our Christmas gift to Howard County

and we're hoping for another successful event."

There is no entry fee. An entry form is in today's Herald on Page 11C. Entry forms can also be obtained at the Herald.

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## VOTE

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Oct. 27, which should allow enough time for the ballot to be mailed and returned in time for the election."

Requests for a mail-out ballot must include the voter's name, address of residence inside Howard County, the reason for their request and the address the ballot should be mailed to, according to Bloom.

Early voting is set to begin Oct. 20 and conclude Oct. 31, and while much of the focus will be on the presidential race between Republican nominee John McCain and Dem nominee Barack Obama, Howard County voters will have plenty of local and state contests to weigh-in on.

In the race for Howard County Sheriff, Republican candidate Stan Parker,

a former officer with the Big Spring Police Department, is facing off against Democratic nominee Pat Carter, a former sheriff's deputy.

The District 1 seat on the commissioners court is also up for grabs, as Emma Brown, incumbent and Democratic Party nominee, take on Republican nominee Edwin Ware

The District 3 seat on the court will see a new face following the November contest, as Democratic nominee Dick Dubose takes on Republican candidate Jimmie Long. Incumbent Commissioner Bill Crooker did not run for re-election.

County Attorney Mike Thomas is running for re-election with the Democratic Party, drawing his only opponent in local attorney Joshua Hamby, who is running on the Republican ticket.

County Constable Bill Holden is running for re-election on the Democratic ticket, challenged by Republican nominee Kneel B. Stallings

In state politics, incumbent U.S. Senator John Cornyn (R) is running against Democratic opponent Rick Noriega and Libertarian candidate Yvonne Adams Schick.

Incumbent District 19 U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer is riding the Republican ticket into the November election, fac-

ing Democratic nominee Dwight Fullingim and Libertarian nominee Richard "Chip" Peterson.

District 31 State Senator Kel Seliger is taking the GOP's nod into the contest, with only Libertarian candidate Lauren Poindexter opposing the incumbent. Democratic incumbent Joe Heflin is running for re-election to his State Representative District 85 seat, facing Republican nominee Isaac M. Castro on the ballot.

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Mary Martinez, 65, died Wednesday. Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Irene Chick, 86, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Therese Sternadel, 55, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 10:30 AM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7:00 until 8:30 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Anna Mae Hyden, 85, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Johnnie Hardyman, 80, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

*Thank you and God bless you to all our friends, neighbors and other family members for all the prayers, food, flowers and words of comfort during the loss of Dalhia "Daisy" Battles, beloved daughter and sister.*

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Alief Taylor 42, Alief Hastings 22  
Amarillo 28, San Angelo Central 16  
Arlington Lamar 45, Arlington Houston 25  
Austin Bowie 63, Austin Anderson 14  
Baytown Sterling 39, New Caney 24  
Belton 34, Killeen Shoemaker 30  
Brazoswood 41, Alvin 14  
Burleson 14, Haltom City 13  
CC Carroll 10, SA East Central 7  
Cedar Hill 14, South Grand Prairie 0  
Colleyville Heritage 35, Justin Northwest 17  
Conroe 31, Katy Seven Lakes 7  
Converse Judson 28, Converse Wagner 21  
Copperas Cove 56, Temple 14  
Cypress Springs 44, Cypress Falls 38  
Dallas Jesuit 40, Plano East 27  
Deer Park 31, La Porte 21  
Del Rio 24, Laredo United South 7  
Duncanville 19, Grand Prairie 6  
Edinburg North 41, PSJA 15  
EP Franklin 63, EP Eastwood 0  
EP Socorro 35, EP Americas 34  
Fort Bend Bush 28, Fort Bend Dulles 23  
Galena Park North Shore 28, Lufkin 21  
Garland Naaman Forest 21, Garland Sachse 7  
Georgetown 31, Cedar Park Vista Ridge 27  
Harlingen South 54, Edinburg Economedes 14  
Houston Clear Lake 32, League City Clear Springs 7  
Houston Langham Creek 20, Cypress Fairbanks 12  
Houston Madison 46, Houston Milby 0  
Houston Memorial 28, Houston Stratford 10  
Humble 41, Humble Atascocita 10  
Hurst Bell 35, Grapevine 14  
Irving 27, Irving Nimitz 0  
Keller 28, Keller Central 14  
Klein Collins 33, Tomball 14  
Klein Oak 23, Klein 17  
La Joya 34, La Joya Palmview 0  
Lake Highlands 59, Dallas Sunset 0  
Los Fresnos 63, Brownsville Rivera 6  
Lubbock Coronado 20, Lubbock 9  
Mansfield 21, Mansfield Summit 14  
McAllen 56, Mission Sharyland 24  
Midland Lee 38, Amarillo Tascosa 20  
N. Richland Hills 35, North Crowley 28, OT  
New Braunfels 31, SA Lee 0  
Odessa Permian 54, Odessa 20  
Pasadena Memorial 49, Pasadena 17  
Pflugerville 21, Austin Westlake 14  
Pflugerville Connally 17, Bastrop 7  
Plano 48, Wylie 31  
Plano West 41, McKinney Boyd 23  
PSJA North 35, PSJA Memorial 7  
Richardson 21, Dallas White 7  
Round Rock 28, Round Rock Westwood 21  
Round Rock McNeil 10, Cedar Park 7  
Round Rock Stony Point 38, Leander 0  
SA Southwest 27, Eagle Pass 0  
SA Stevens 66, SA Holmes 20  
SA Warren 33, SA O'Connor 14

San Benito 42, Brownsville Lopez 7  
Smithson Valley 30, SA MacArthur 7  
Southlake Carroll 42, Katy Cinco Ranch 24  
Spring 35, Spring Dekaney 0  
Victoria Memorial 28, SA South San 10  
**CLASS 4A**  
Aledo 44, FW Boswell 0  
Alice 48, Kingsville King 10  
Arlington Seguin 40, Granbury 0  
Austin Crockett 10, Austin LBJ 7  
Austin Reagan 22, Hempstead 14  
Austin Travis 20, Houston Northland Christian 19  
Brazosport 20, Manvel 17  
Canutillo 34, Clint Horizon 0  
Canyon 36, Lubbock Estacado 7  
Carrollton Smith 35, Carrollton Turner 12  
Castroville Medina Valley 30, Floresville 7  
CC Calallen 34, CC Tuloso-Midway 12  
CC Flour Bluff 7, Laredo Cigarroa 0  
Conroe Caney Creek 28, Magnolia West 14  
Dallas Adams 50, Dallas Jefferson 0  
Dallas Carter 48, Seagoville 18  
Dallas Highland Park 62, Greenville 0  
Dallas Kimball 32, Dallas Adamson 7  
Dallas Pinkston 61, North Dallas 18  
Dallas South Oak Cliff 34, Dallas Maceo Smith 6  
Denton Ryan 58, Denton 14  
Dripping Springs 24, Killeen 17  
Edcouch-Elsa 53, Pharr Valley View 0  
Ennis 35, Waxahachie 20  
EP Austin 44, EP Irvin 34  
EP Chapin 49, EP Bowie 0  
EP Del Valle 23, EP Riverside 20  
EP Parkland 43, San Elizario 6  
Everman 42, Crowley 14  
Frisco Centennial 32, Frisco Wakeland 24  
Frisco Liberty 35, Frisco 13  
FW Arlington Heights 13, FW Wyatt 7  
FW North Side 23, Whitney 16  
FW Southwest 29, FW West Hills 0  
Gregory-Portland 27, Beeville Jones 15  
Hewitt Midway 43, Corsicana 7  
Houston Waltrip 10, Houston Reagan 6  
Houston Wheatley 12, Houston Sterling 0  
Huntsville 21, Brenham 0  
Katy Taylor 17, Baytown Lee 0  
Kerrville Tivy 40, Seguin 17  
Lake Dallas 42, Wichita Falls 21  
Lancaster 41, Mesquite Poteet 0  
Longview 32, Sulphur Springs 13  
Mabank 35, Terrell 21  
Magnolia 26, Willis 9  
Mansfield Legacy 21, Joshua 14  
Marshall 41, Hallsville 21  
Midlothian 14, Cleburne 7  
Mission 52, La Joya Juarez-Lincoln 32  
Mount Pleasant 53, Longview Pine Tree 33  
N. Richland Hills Birdville 26, Saginaw 7  
New Braunfels Canyon 48, San Marcos 14  
Plainview 26, Pampa 25  
Port Lavaca Calhoun 43, CC Moody 12  
Rockwall Heath 38, Rockwall 21

Rosenberg Lamar 35, Conroe Oak Ridge 25  
Rosenberg Terry 21, Channelview 7  
Royse City 38, Richardson Pearce 27  
SA Alamo Heights 17, Boerne 10  
SA Brackenridge 60, SA Jefferson 13  
SA Fox Tech 27, SA Burbank 0  
SA Lanier 23, SA Memorial 6  
SA McCollum 29, Uvalde 10  
SA Southside 27, SA Harlandale 26  
Schertz Steele 45, Schertz Clemens 35  
Sherman 63, McKinney North 24  
The Colony 37, Little Elm 21  
Waco 31, Waco University 23  
Weslaco East 28, Roma 21  
West Mesquite 31, Red Oak 29  
Zapata 26, Lyford 20  
**CLASS 3A**  
Alvarado 38, Waco Connally 21  
Bandera 41, Crystal City 7  
Bellville 26, Wharton 7  
Bridge City High School 28, Huntington 14  
Bridgeport 59, Graham 27  
Brownwood 50, Manor 30  
Caldwell 72, Bryan Rudder 18  
Cameron Yoe 27, Taylor 14  
Carthage 42, Atlanta 7  
CC West Oso 35, Falfurrias 6  
Center 42, Bullard 27  
Cleveland 46, Liberty 7  
Dallas Madison 20, Carrollton Ranchview 13  
Dallas Roosevelt 21, Lake Worth 14  
Diboll 30, Nacogdoches 14  
FW Carter-Riverside 27, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 0  
Giddings 51, Robinson 35  
Hidalgo 26, Progreso 17  
Hondo 41, Carrizo Springs 0  
Huffman Hargrave 34, Splendora 13  
Ingleside 44, Mathis 22  
Jasper 14, Silsbee 0  
Kaufman 35, Wills Point 7  
Kennedale 56, Richmond Foster 21  
Lake Travis 55, Hutto 20  
Liberty Hill 36, Burnet 29  
Llano 32, Fredericksburg 29  
Lorena 16, Teague 14  
Monahans 52, Fort Stockton 20  
Mount Vernon 30, Emory Rains 18  
Navasota 35, Sealy 0  
New Boston 12, Hughes Springs 0  
Paris North Lamar 36, Jefferson 24  
Pearsall 29, Devine 24  
Rio Hondo 30, Port Isabel 14  
Robstown 14, Orange Grove 9  
Rockdale 54, Madisonville 2  
Rusk 21, Fairfield 12  
SA Houston 28, Lytle 6  
Shepherd 49, Coldspring Oakhurst 18  
Sinton 28, Aransas Pass 27  
Snyder 53, Lubbock Cooper 0  
Sweeny 54, Houston Christian 26  
West 25, Godley 13  
West Orange-Stark 33, Brookshire Royal 7  
Wimberley 63, Ingram Moore 0  
Yoakum 23, Smithville 14  
**CLASS 2A**  
Altair Rice 19, Hallettsville 13  
Anahuac 35, Hardin 13  
Aubrey 35, FW Southwest Christian 14

Bangs 27, San Saba 0  
Big Sandy 20, Elysian Fields 0  
Blanco 35, Comfort 13  
Brady 34, Early 24  
Buna 19, Kountze 9  
Clarksville 30, Bogata Rivercrest 28  
Comanche 46, Dublin 0  
Corsicana Mildred 40, Scurry-Rosser 7  
Cushing 14, Malakoff Cross Roads 6  
Dilley 27, Cotulla 15  
East Chambers 40, Deweyville 0  
Frankston 28, Hemphill 12  
Freer 35, Natalia 12  
Hamilton 51, Clifton 14  
Harleton 14, New Diana 3  
Harper 49, Johnson City 7  
Henrietta 21, Jacksboro 0  
Hitchock vs. Argyle Liberty Christian, ccd.  
Idalou 47, Denver City 20  
Kerens 40, Edgewood 8  
Kermit 28, McCamey 0  
Kirbyville 39, Crockett 6  
Little River Academy 21, Lexington 15  
Littlefield 30, Lubbock Roosevelt 28  
McGregor 42, Bruceville-Eddy 0  
Melissa 62, Leonard 13  
Millsap 27, Era 19  
Navarro 40, Somerset 19  
Newton 46, Hardin-Jefferson 28  
Omaha Paul Pewitt 41, Redwater 12  
Palmer 59, Venus 14  
Paris Chisum 21, Hooks 6  
Pattonville Prairiland 33, DeKalb 0  
Refugio 56, Edna 9  
Rice 39, Malakoff 0  
Rogers 27, Florence 0  
SA Cole 40, SA Brooks 0  
Salado 51, Jarrell 9  
Schulenburg 35, Wallis Brazos 0  
Shallowater 21, Slaton 9  
Skidmore-Tynan 41, Woodsboro 21  
Three Rivers 24, Jourdanton 10  
Tom Bean 13, Honey Grove 12  
Troy 49, Crawford 28  
Van Vleck 42, Bloomington 14  
Vanderbilt Industrial 43, Taft 0  
Weimar 49, East Bernard 21  
White Oak 49, Gladewater Union Grove 7  
Whitewright 32, Bells 7  
Winona 48, Gladewater Sabine 3  
**CLASS 1A**  
Alto 28, Price Carlisle 0  
Archer City 35, Gorman 7  
Axtell 56, Frost 8  
Ben Bolt 36, Benavides 35  
Blue Ridge 41, Dallas A+ Academy 0  
Brackettville Brackett 42, Center Point 6  
Bremond 48, Granger 24  
Bruni 52, Agua Dulce 6  
Cayuga 55, Overton 6  
Dawson 50, Wortham 18  
Gunter 49, Howe 0  
Holland Hall, Okla. 55, Dallas St. Mark 34  
Hull-Daisetta 55, Burkeville 0  
Iran 33, Stanton 15  
Itasca 37, Hubbard 0  
Junction 35, Christoval 14  
La Villa 48, Kingsville Academy 6  
Lindsay 14, Petrolia 7

Mason 21, Eldorado 14  
Maud 35, Ore City 12  
Medina 43, Nueces Canyon 0  
Mount Enterprise 47, Timpson 27  
Olton 78, Amarillo San Jacinto 0  
Plains 22, Smyer 16  
Quinlan Boles 41, Simms Bowie 20  
Rocksprings 26, Mertzon Irion County 0  
Rotan 35, Miles 24  
Sabinal 55, Leakey 49  
Seymour 28, WF City View 7  
Somerville 52, Hallettsville Sacred Heart 28  
Tenaha 38, Joaquin 20  
Texico, N.M. 24, Gruver 0  
Vega 34, Amarillo Arbor 0  
Waskom 23, West Sabine 21  
Wink 44, Pecos JV 14  
**SIX-MAN**  
Balmorhea 72, EP Bethel 47  
Borden County 74, Sterling City 40  
Bowie Gold-burg 52, Harrold 24  
Follett 57, Throckmorton 46  
Fort Davis 78, Dell City 22  
Fort Elliott 53, Amarillo Holy Cross 8  
Garden City 45, Santa Anna 0  
Hermleigh 65, Loop 45  
Ira 59, Rankin 52  
Iredell 74, Cranfills Gap 28  
Jayton 48, Haskell Paint Creek 0  
Knox City 34, Lueders-Avoca 26  
Kopperl 62, Covington 0  
Kress 73, Wellman-Union 24  
Lorenzo 70, Amherst 25  
Meadow 54, Hart 8  
Milford 54, Bynum 6  
Paducah 38, Turkey Valley 28  
Richland Springs 64, Buckholts 18  
Roscoe Highland 52, Water Valley 6  
Rule 35, Aspermont 21  
Sanderson 58, Buena Vista 21  
Star def. Lometa, forfeit  
Vernon Northside 64, Woodson 7  
Welch Dawson 64, Ackerly Sands 58  
Westbrook 48, Southland 35  
Whiteface 48, New Home 42  
**Other Schools**  
Abilene Christian 60, Lamesa Klondike 32  
Arlington Pantego Christian 55, Carrollton American Heritage 2  
Austin Hyde Park 49, Bryan St. Joseph's 21  
Austin St. Michael's 14, SA Central Catholic 13  
Bay Area Christian 46, Cypress Community Christian 20  
Bellaire Episcopal 31, Houston Kinkaid 6  
Brenham Christian 70, Bryan Allen Academy 38  
Brownsville St. Joseph 16, Harlingen Marine Military 0  
Bullard Brook Hill 62, Dallas Home School 7  
Cedar Hill Trinity 63, Tyler Gorman 21  
Central Texas Christian 52, Temple Holy Trinity 6  
Dallas Bishop Lynch 49, Gainesville State School 0  
Dallas Christian 26, Plano Prestonwood 21  
Dallas Greenhill 24, Casady, Okla. 21

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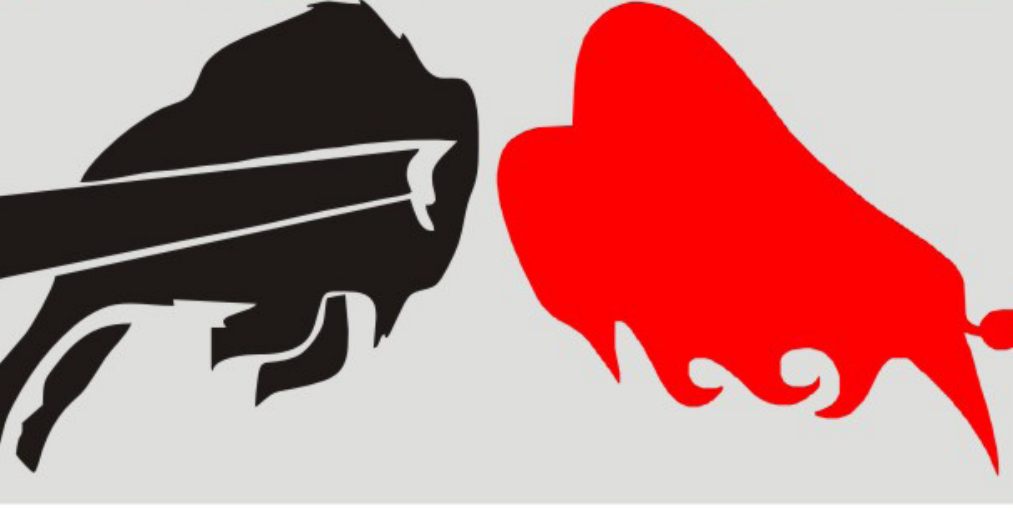


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# Engagements

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## Bain-Garcia



**Gene Garcia III & Jamie Bain**

April 4, 2009

Umlauf Sculpture Gardens, Austin

Howard and Gloria Bain announced the engagement of their daughter Jaime Kate to Eugenio Lopez Garcia III (Gene) of Austin Sept. 13, 2008, at a combined celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and Jamie and Gene's engagement.

The event was held at The Court Yard in downtown Big Spring. Guests were entertained with a buffet dinner and music provided by Joel Perez.

Howard and Gloria were married Sept.

30, 1978, in Big Spring.

Jamie and Gene's wedding is scheduled for April 4, 2009, at the Umlauf Sculpture Gardens in Austin.

Gene is the son of Eugenio Lopez Garcia Jr. of Clute.

The couple reside in Austin. Jamie is employed by the Austin Symphony and Gene by the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers.

## Smith-Tunnell



**Joshua Tunnell & Savannah Smith**

March 7, 2009

First Baptist Church, Stanton

Jim and Valerie Smith of Stanton announce the engagement of their daughter Savannah Cheyenne Smith to Joshua Mack Tunnell, son of Brad and Ginger Tunnell of Lenorah.

The couple will marry March 7, 2009, at the First Baptist Church in Stanton.

The bride-to-be is the granddaughter of Wayne and Natha Mitchell of Stanton, Charlie and Betty Smith of Stanton, and the late Lou Ann Smith.

She is a senior at Dallas Baptist University, where she is pursuing her degree in education.

The future groom is the grandson of Jo Madison of Lenorah, the late Dick Madison, Glynda Tunnell of Lenorah, and the late Mack Tunnell.

He graduated Suma Cum Laude from Texas A&M University in 2004 with a degree in ag development. He is employed with Helena Chemical in Stanton and continues to farm with his dad.

Following the wedding, the couple will reside in Lenorah.



(AP Photo)

**Police control customers outside a bank in Harare, Tuesday, Sept 30, 2008, a day after the government raised the limit on daily withdrawals. Banking authorities raised the daily withdrawal limit in Zimbabwe, prompting tens of thousands to line up in desperate hopes of getting enough cash for groceries before spiraling inflation eats away more of the currency's value.**

## Zimbabwe faces more financial chaos as prices soar

By **ANGUS SHAW**

Associated Press Writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) — Zimbabwe's financial crisis lurched into a new phase Thursday, as efforts to put more cash into circulation appeared to backfire into a new round of higher prices for basic goods. Government officials threatened to arrest any shop owners found to be gouging.

Zimbabwe's Prices and Incomes Commission said it has seen "rampant and unjustified price increases" since the start of the week, when the government introduced higher denomination currency and raised the daily limit on withdrawals from bank

accounts.

The measures aimed to help ordinary Zimbabweans, who are struggling with the world's highest inflation rate.

The country's official inflation rate is 11 million percent a year, but private financial institutions estimate it is far higher.

Godwill Masimirembwa, head of the price commission, told state radio that inspectors were out in the street Thursday to make sure that businesses were sticking to prices approved by the commission on or before Sept. 26.

"Any businessperson charging prices that have not been approved will be

arrested and prosecuted for unscrupulous business practices," he said. "This is a serious matter."

He said the offense carries a penalty of up to five years in prison.

"Everything is crazy around here," complained Joey Austin, a Harare salesman handling wads of old and new money Thursday.

Huge crowds have been lining up at banks since Monday to withdraw money, spilling off sidewalks and blocking traffic. People are desperate to take out money to buy groceries, which can go up in price in minutes.

See **ZIMBABWE**, Page 12C

## Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions.

All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition.

Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

The Herald attempts to publish articles in a timely manner but because of space limitations submissions may held until the following week.

For more information, call 263-7331

## Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Family of the Year Banquet "Celebrating West Texas Families"

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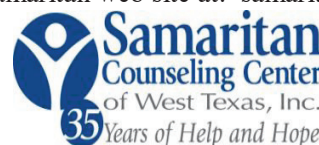
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## YOUR VIEWS

### Way to go, Marcy!

TO THE EDITOR:

I wish to thank Mrs. Futrelle for her article in last Sunday's paper, about the cross guards at Marcy. We love our job and the most important thing to us is the well-being of the children who attend Marcy.

Also, thank you for praising the staff at Marcy. I also agree that Marcy has excellent teachers; my granddaughter went there for three years and is at Goliad now and is an A student. We know it was from excellent teachers there. So Marcy, give ya'll a big pat on the back for your hard work and dedication that you give there. Our principal, Mrs. Dunlap, loves her job and it shows everyday.

**MARILLYN MIEARS**  
BIG SPRING

### Thank you, city employees

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Big Spring High School Student Council, the officers would like to say "thank you" to the city of Big Spring for its support in preparing our annual homecoming bonfire, which was held Thursday night of homecoming week at the compost site.

It would not have been possible without the city's help. We especially want to thank Mr. Perry Hall of the city of Big Spring for making all the plans and preparations for the bonfire, as well as all the other employees of the city who pitched in to help make homecoming memorable. We also appreciate the members of the fire department who were at the bon-

fire and helped to ensure all of the students' safety.

Our sincere thanks also goes to the Big Spring Police Department and the officers who were in attendance at the homecoming parade. We appreciate each of the officers who helped throughout the parade.

Thank you again for your support.

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### Help fight against crime

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter attempting to get a little help from the general public to report a crime whenever they see one being committed.

We all need to help each other out; the police can't be at all places at all times. I've been burglarized and vandalized at least 10 separate times, most recently today (10/1/08). None of these cases have been solved, and I just live two blocks from the police station.

I will make it worthwhile to anyone assisting me in getting a conviction on the persons responsible. Please, let's help each other out.

**ROBERT MORAN**  
BIG SPRING

# Money on the run... everywhere

**A** rage permeates the land at the prospect of unscrupulous CEOs of crumbling financial institutions making off with spoils enfolded in golden parachutes.

The most talked-about "winner" of the largesse derby is Alan H. Fishman, whose CEO status spanned 17 days at Washington Mutual. He's reported to have pocketed some \$20 million.

No doubt he'll "cry all the way" to the mattress, the cookie jar or the coffee can — I mean a *really* big coffee can — buried in his backyard.

All the while, prospective parents are perusing shortened lists of favorite names for their soon to arrive "joy bundles."

Four names lopped off are "Freddie, Fanny, Mac and Mae."

"Freddie" may get a reprieve if a son is born to the Kruegers, over on Elm Street. The movie magnate well-known for a series of horror movies popular with the younger set may want a "Fred Krueger II."

UCLA math profs deserve the prize for timing. Their new discovery might come in handy during our country's current economic upheaval.

They've discovered a 13-million-digit prime number.

I'm no authority on meat, but I better understand prime beef than prime numbers. This new discovery may be helpful as we process daily news of bailouts, buyouts, rainouts and washouts that cause us to tune out, fall out, cry out and check out.

Speaking of academe, I'm amazed at recent news from a group of college presidents pushing a lower age

for legal consumption of alcohol. The news spotlight was about to burn right through when election and economic news overshadowed all else on front pages and at the top of newscasts.

The prexies, heads of 120 or so "leading universities," voted to recommend lowering the legal age for alcohol consumption to age 18.

There's little doubt but that this item will face more scrutiny. The presidents' recommendation is a "stunner" and could lead to a new vote on institutions on the list of "leading universities."

I've long enjoyed poking fun at college presidents, mostly in the years before I was one.

Many presidents sorely need to have their propositities punctured periodically. Happily, I've had opportunities to insert the needle.

Once, addressing an audience of 100 or so university presidents, I mentioned that if a bomb should hit the assembly hall that day, it would set education *forward* 100 years.

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Uncle Mort, my 96-year-old uncle down in the thicket, continues his "business as usual" approach to life. When he called the other day, I thought he might have some views on the presidential race.

In his opening sentence, he said he *almost* had good news. "I got some mail today from Starbucks," he laughed. "At first, I thought I had won a free drink. Sadly, I misread the letter. It turned out that I'd won a free Starbucks' franchise."

Mort didn't talk long. He said he had to go check on an adoption.

He's signed up for the "adopt a highway" program. Mentioning that 7-Eleven stores are now selling coffee in red cups (Republicans) and blue cups (Democrats), he believes that the ones tossed out of auto windows will provide data concerning

how Americans feel about presidential candidates. He said he'd call back in a couple of weeks with an update on his coffee cup clean-up. Mort says his poll would be as reliable as the ones the TV guys are trumpeting.

I never expected to see a business that might rival my uncle's self-confidence.

But a few days ago, my wife and I did. We noted a sign above the cash register at Mary Ann's Deli in Fairhope, Alabama. It reads: "If our food, drinks and service aren't up to your standards, we suggest that you lower your standards."

They've been serving up food that folks line up for since the early 80's, and so far, few diners have had to lower their standards.

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In these and all other days, our cockles are warmed by accounts of lives well-lived. Paul Newman's recent death at age 83 was well-chronicled, as well it should have been.

His was a magical life. Newman was married to Joanne Woodward for 50 years, and was fully engaged in philanthropy outside his entertainment career. Newman, an actor, film director, entrepreneur, humanitarian and car racing enthusiast, was unaffected by his many successes.

He gave \$250 million to charities, most for terminally ill children. All profits from Newman's Own, his brand of grocery items that began with salad dressings, have been directed to such causes. They will continue to benefit these charities. He was a "cool hand" indeed.

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# Only ourselves to blame

**N**o one wants to talk about who is most to blame for the financial crisis that now threatens the U.S.

economy, though there is plenty of blame to go around. It is far easier to blame other people — greedy Wall Street executives, predatory lenders, President Bush, federal regulators, members of Congress — than it is to look at ourselves.

For too long, Americans have been living on borrowed money they could never pay back. We've bought houses we couldn't afford and taken out loans on home equity that didn't materialize, assuming housing values would continually move upward. We've paid for every new gadget Madison Avenue hawked with credit cards whose principal we never paid down. We sent our children to college on loans, saddling them with debts that crush their futures. And all the while, we've kidded ourselves into believing the bill wouldn't come due. Now it has — and all of us, responsible and irresponsible alike, will foot the cost.

But you will never hear this explanation from politicians who are scrambling to resolve the credit crisis. It is far easier to talk about the evil of CEO "golden parachutes" or the dangers of mortgage-backed securities and sub-prime loans. Don't get me wrong. It is obscene that executives who mismanaged their companies leave with millions

of dollars in ill-gotten gains while shareholders see their investments plummet and employees lose their jobs. But until we recognize the culpability for the giant Ponzi scheme that was the housing bubble goes beyond Wall Street to Main Street, we won't really fix the problem.

The average American now owes more than \$16,635 in consumer debt, excluding mortgages, according to U.S. News. A 2004 Federal Reserve Board survey found that a majority of credit card holders, 58 percent, do not pay their card balances every month. Nearly 10 percent of households owe balances of \$9,000 or more on their credit cards. And young Americans are especially dependent on credit cards to finance their lifestyles. Some 76 percent of undergraduate college students have credit cards, and the average undergrad has \$2,200 in credit card debt, and overall will amass nearly \$20,000 in student debt during their college years, according to a 2004 study by Nellie Mae.

We've simply become accustomed to buying what we want, when we want it, regardless of whether or not we can really afford it. Consumerism has been driving our economy for years. And politicians have encouraged it, including President Bush, who told us all to go shopping to bring us out of recession after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. Again this year, politicians urged us to spend the tax rebates that Congress passed as part of the stimulus package. I can't recall a single political leader that suggested we should pay down our debts with those rebate checks.

As a result, our individual debt continues to grow and our savings to shrink. The Bureau of Economic Analysis reports that for August 2008, the personal savings rate as a percentage of disposable income was 1 percent, but that "saving from current income may be near zero or negative when outlays are financed by borrowing (including borrowing financed through credit cards or home equity loans), by selling investments or other assets, or by using savings from previous periods." Baby boomers have little prospect of retiring on their savings, especially given the current declines in the stock market.

We have become a nation of debtors, and our only solution seems to be to turn to the government to bail us out. And it's not just Wall Street firms looking to be rescued. Politicians are fearful of passing a financial package that does not include some relief for borrowers as well. Certainly it is worth doing something to prevent lenders from making bad loans to individuals without the credit or down payment to ensure likely repayment. But automatically bailing out borrowers who weren't credit worthy in the first place is no solution.

Ultimately, all of us have got to rid ourselves of the addiction to spending money we don't have. Instead of pointing fingers, we'd better start looking in the mirror if we want to understand who's really to blame.

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## A SHORT PRAYER

Lord, give us the wisdom to consult you in all of our decisions.

Amen



# Cowboys' secondary still searching for first interception of season

By JAIME ARON  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — One by one, Dallas Cowboys defensive backs went through the drill — backpedaling, sliding right toward the sideline, then breaking in on the ball and catching it.

Only one thing was missing. The ball.

How appropriate.

Dallas and Detroit are the only defenses without an interception this season. And the Lions

have the excuse of playing one less game.

Wait, it gets worse for the Cowboys. Add in the interception-free performance in last season's finale and they're in a five-game slump, matching the worst drought in franchise history, according to Stats, LLC. The only other time it happened was weeks 2-6 in 1990, Jimmy Johnson's second season.

This rough patch is not exactly what Jerry Jones was expecting when he gave lucrative new con-

tracts to Pro Bowlers Terence Newman and Ken Hamlin, spent a first-round pick on Mike Jenkins and brought in Adam "Pacman" Jones.

"It's just one of those years for some reason," secondary coach Dave Campo said Thursday.

Campo's answer is borne from frustration.

See, Dallas seems to have all the pieces in place, everything but the results.

The Cowboys are getting good pressure up front, which means

quarterbacks know they don't have much time to pick a target and lock in on it.

And the quarterbacks they've faced have thrown 12 interceptions in other games this season, so it's not like they're always accurate.

Plus, Dallas is playing more zone coverage than man-to-man, the scheme that's more conducive to pickoffs.

Yet with all their proven playmakers — returning the guys who made 18 of last season's 19

interceptions — you'd think at least one of the 131 passes thrown against the Cowboys this season would have ended up in their hands.

But, to Campo's lament, he can't even find many would-be interceptions that were dropped or tipped balls that could've been picked off.

"All I can tell you is, it's a matter of time," Campo said. "We just got to keep grinding and keep playing as good as we can play."

## RAYS

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Of the 35 teams to fall behind 2-0 in the division series before this year, just five have come back to advance, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

But the Rays, who won 97 games this year after finishing with the worst record in the majors a year ago, aren't taking anything for granted.

"These are the Chicago White Sox. They're a veteran team. They can come back and win three easy if you let them," pitcher J.P. Howell said. "We gotta go like we have been."

It's been a bleak October for both Chicago teams. The Cubs lost their first two NL playoff games at home to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

"We're against the wall," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "We've got to fight like a cat, and

now it's a must-win game."

Chicago started quickly, scoring twice in the first on Jim Thome's RBI single and Alexei Ramirez's sacrifice fly, but Kazmir struck out Juan Uribe with the bases loaded to end the inning after three straight foul balls.

Dioner Navarro's run-scoring single off Mark Buehrle in the second began the comeback following a two-base throwing error by Ramirez at second. Iwamura gave Tampa Bay a 3-2 lead with a drive into the left-center field stands off Buehrle in the fifth.

"I knew it was gone," Iwamura said.

The Rays added three runs in the eighth, when B.J. Upton tripled and scored on Carl Crawford's single, which chased Buehrle. Baldelli's run-scoring single against Octavio Dotel made it 5-2, and Navarro followed with a RBI double off Matt Thornton.

At 24, Kazmir is the youngest member of Tampa Bay's rotation and already the franchise's career victories leader. But high pitch counts also have been an issue for the two-time All-Star, who threw 37 in the first inning.

"It was a battle the whole time," Kazmir said. "It was just me not really trusting myself."

He hit Orlando Cabrera with a pitch, walked Nick Swisher and gave up a single to Jermaine Dye that loaded the bases with no outs in the first — hardly the start Kazmir was looking for after giving up four homers in two of his last three regular-season outings.

"Be patient. That was my thought," Maddon said. "It's really important that we get him going. ... If he was able to get through that, I thought he might be able to settle in; and he did."

Chicago threatened again in the second and fourth but couldn't score. The White Sox

stranded eight runners through five innings, allowing the Rays to stay close until Iwamura's opposite-field homer put Tampa Bay ahead.

The sellout crowd of 35,257 at Tropicana Field stood and chanted "Aki! Aki! Aki!" until Iwamura poked his head out of the dugout for a curtain call. He homered once in 192 at-bats against left-handed pitching during the regular season.

Kazmir allowed two runs and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings, leaving after Uribe's leadoff single and a sacrifice bunt in the sixth. Maddon brought in Grant Balfour to face Orlando Cabrera, who had a heated exchange with the Rays reliever before striking out in a crucial situation during Tampa Bay's 6-4 win in Game 1.

Balfour got the better of Cabrera again, but this time without the dramatics of Thursday when the players shouted at each other after Balfour said something to him-

self on the mound and the White Sox shortstop mistakenly thought he was talking to him.

Cabrera grounded to second base, moving Uribe to third, before Balfour escaped the jam by getting Swisher on a flyout.

Tampa Bay's bullpen worked 3 2-3 scoreless innings, with J.P. Howell and Chad Bradford following Balfour.

"They're here for a reason," Guillen said. "They're here because they can pitch and they catch the ball. They will take any little thing and take advantage of their speed and they don't strike out much. When you have that combination ... you can be anything in the big leagues."

Notes: Thome, in the playoffs for the first time since 2001 when he was with Cleveland, was 0-for-13 against Kazmir before his RBI single. He's driven in 37 runs in 57 postseason games. ... U.S. Ryder Cup captain Paul Azinger threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

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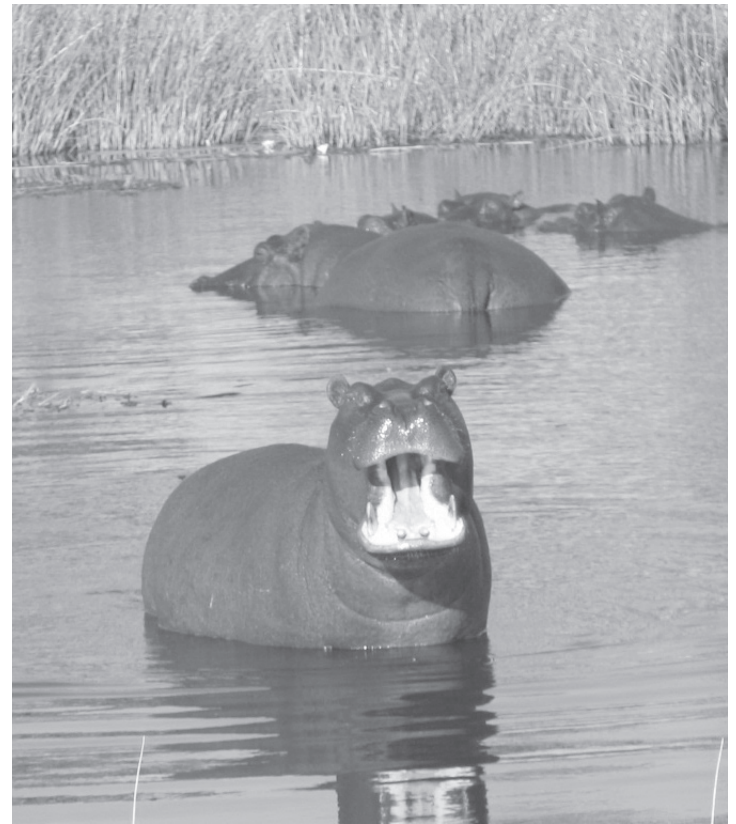
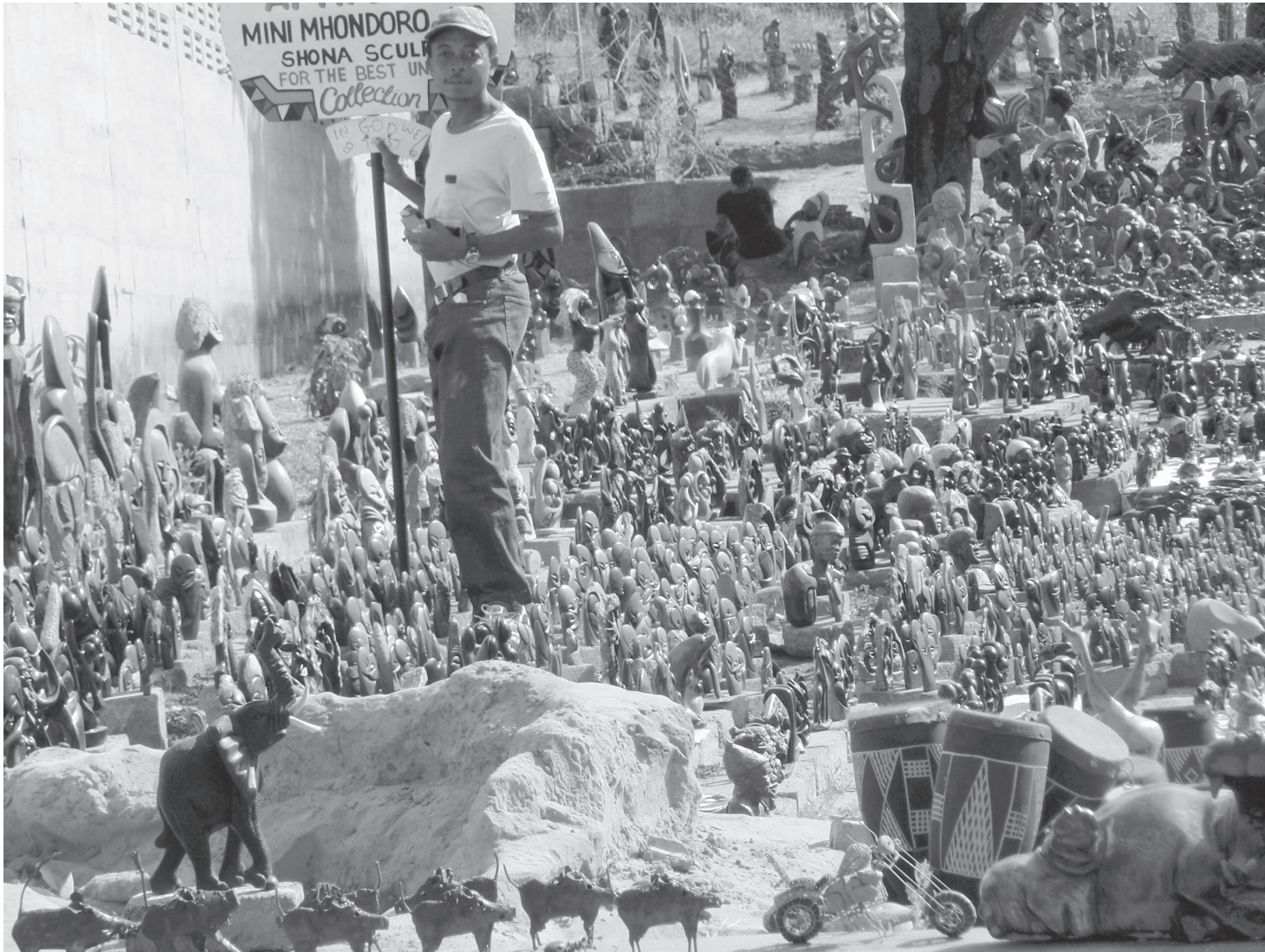
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At left, a Zimbabwe merchant sells hand-carved elephants. The country is dealing with the highest inflation rate in the world. At right, a hippotimus plays in the water in the Botswana delta.

## DESTINATION AFRICA

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On the last day of the reserve, the group came across a pack of endangered African Wild Dogs.

“Our guides went nuts. He was so excited,” she said. “We sat back and watched them. They were organizing for a kill. There were a herd of impala just over in what we call pastures, fields. They were arranged around this tree then suddenly one gets up and another one knows exactly what to do for flanking. It was like watching a military maneuver. These are beautiful dogs.”

### Feeling Zimbabwe’s Pain

After a flight in a light airplane to Kasane and a stay on the Chobe River, the group headed to Victoria Falls which is located on the boarder of Zimbabwe and Zambia and is considered the widest waterfall system in world.

“To me it was like the Palo Duro Canyon had water coming over it,” she said. “It’s a constant waterfall ... for about three miles. It was a really neat experience.”

The two-day stay in Zimbabwe was also bitter-sweet as the women saw first hand the impact of how the country’s political and economic strife are affecting the population.

“While I was there the dollar in Zimbabwe was worth 50 billion of their currency,” she said. “We’d been told that there wouldn’t be a lot of opportunity to shop but when you’re 11 women — they found plenty of opportunity.”

“I think I had 14 dollars,” she continued “Now Zimbabweans are the true craftsmen. I went to the market and my \$14 went pretty fast for just a few like bowls and things easy to pack.”

But the pressure from the crowd eager to trade for goods became enormous, she said.

“I bartered all of my clothes. I had enough clothes to come back on the airplane and what I had on. Those people, they don’t want money, they wanted things like ball-point pens. As I was leaving, this one guy had followed me every place. He had this wooden, hand-carved elephant and he said ‘I’ll trade it for your socks.’ So I traded my socks for this hand-carved elephant.”

“It was the most frightening thing ever to go into the open market because these people were desperate and you were just swamped with people trying to sell you their things. You knew what dire circumstances they were in because they’d already told us in Botswana how bad it was.”

According to an *Associated Press* story, Zimbabwe has the highest inflation rate in the world with an official rate at 11 million percent a year. Private financial institutions estimate it is far higher, the story related.

“We heard that day that (President Robert) Mugabe knocked off nine zeros to put the currency back to something they could use. And the next day it had gone to a trillion,” she said. “It’s just unbelievable, frightening, frightening, frightening. There is just nothing there. And it’s sad because that’s the bread basket of Africa.”

### An encounter with Miss Ellie

On their last game drive, the women rode into the bush courtesy of the Zimbabwe elephants. Michaelis soon learned that elephants do have a mind of their own. “These are African elephants that were orphaned,” she said. “We’re placed two to an elephant. There’s a handler and he sits behind the ears. You sit on a canvas saddle with straps and there is this pretty substantial handle in front of you.”

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# VICTIM SERVICES

A mother walking the streets at night with her children at her side, no where to turn she has been beaten mentally and physically. Can you just walk on by?

A child in a fetal position not speaking: He has been physically abused. Can you walk on by?

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## Billionaire says anyone can repeat his success

By DAVID KOENIG  
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Sam Wyly went from growing up in a house without electricity to amassing a fortune estimated at \$1.2 billion, and he says anyone can follow in his footsteps if they work hard enough and watch for opportunities.

Wyly built and sold software companies, rescued a steakhouse chain and revived an arts-and-crafts retailer.

Now he's in the green-energy and hedge fund

businesses, although he gets more attention for his political activities. He has given generously to Republican causes and candidates, including the Swift Boat campaign that helped re-elect President George W. Bush in 2004 by tarring his Democratic opponent.

Wyly, who turns 74 next month, just published a memoir, "Entrepreneur to Billionaire: 1,000 Dollars & an Idea." It's an American archetype: the rags-to-riches story, with plenty of references to football, farming, hard work and small-town sensibilities.

It's not a how-to book, and it's not one of those inspirational tomes that fill bookstore shelves, even though he says he wrote it to help and inspire others.

Instead, it's a chronological retelling of les-

sons learned, challenges accepted — and usually overcome — deals made, and money amassed, all told in a writing style that is simple, straightforward and not inward-gazing.

Wyly grew up Lake Providence, La., where his father was a cotton farmer. One spring, he decided against the safe move of

**"Some folks give up too soon when they should be persistent and determined and just keep on persevering until they finally make it work."**

selling his crop long before harvest for a set price, and gambled instead that prices would rise by fall. The crop was a bust, and to keep their land, the Wylys were

forced to move into a house outside town that had no running water or electricity. Young Sam absorbed a powerful lesson:

"If we had hedged the entire crop, we never would have had to leave Lake Providence," he wrote.

After high school, where Wyly was an undersized nose tackle on the state championship football team, and graduation from Louisiana Tech, Wyly wound up in Dallas as an IBM trainee alongside a skinny kid from east Texas named Ross Perot.

It was the dawn of the computer age. And Wyly, like Perot, saw an opportunity to sell computing services to companies that couldn't afford to own one of the hulking mainframe machines of the day. Overcoming rejections from bankers, Wyly found fund-



AP Photo/Ed Kosmicki

**Sam Wyly poses at his Explore book store in Aspen, Colo. Wyly went from growing up in a house without electricity to amassing a fortune estimated at \$1.2 billion, and he says anyone can follow in his footsteps if they work hard enough and watch for opportunities.**

ing — he had only \$1,000 himself — and started University Computing, which he took public in 1965.

From there, Wyly, sometimes acting with his brother, bought and sold several companies including a mining outfit, Bonanza Steakhouse and the arts-

and-crafts chain Michael's Stores Inc., which sold to private equity groups in 2006 for \$6 billion.

Wyly also took on AT&T's monopoly in data transmission. And he built Sterling Software then sold it

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## Energy Watch



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Last week crude oil fell, leading a decline in commodities, after negotiations on the \$700 billion rescue of the U.S. financial industry stalled, adding to concern that global growth could also stall and further sap demand for raw materials.

While the debate to debate, political finger pointing in overdrive and the overall uncertainty surrounding the U.S. bailout package, market participants were prompted to trade out of long positions and wait on further developments.

Oil prices had firmed Thursday on anticipation the rescue package was nearing completion, but opposition from Republican lawmakers late in the day diminished hopes of an imminent agreement, stirring fresh doubts over the proposal's outcome and final form. The impasse plied downward pressure on crude prices Friday. President Bush opened the day with brief remarks in the Rose Garden saying "We will rise to the occasion and pass a plan to rescue the banking system."

While the debate over the proposal dominated the market activity, from an oil market perspective, doubts hung over whether any successful passage of a proposal would contribute to shoring up physical demand for crude amid an otherwise bleak economic landscape.

"The latest political debacle will not help consumer sentiment. Even if the plan is passed, we are not in the camp that believes it will do anything to improve oil demand," said one Swiss energy consultant. "This plan is a rescue plan to prevent a collapse of the financial system and not a plan to boost the economy. The rescue plan's impact on the economy will be a lengthy process and will not immediately put the U.S. driver back on the road."

Meanwhile, signs of economic weakening elsewhere in the world suggested demand for crude outside the U.S. could also wither. The German IFO business climate index released Wednesday declined for the fourth consecutive month in August, promoting renewed talk of recession across the eurozone. "The United Kingdom and Germany are already in the throes of a recession, while France and Italy, and therefore the eurozone as a whole, can at least still hope for stagnation. In Japan, however, such hopes are probably finally passé," said one Munich analyst. "It is no wonder, therefore, that physical demand for crude oil from the industrialized world is already falling and will continue to decline in the coming quarters."

U.S. market participants agreed and suggested Friday that amid weak market sentiment, demand concerns are likely to remain the market's dominant focus, in spite of recent supply-side disruptions such as hurricane-linked production shut-ins in the Gulf of Mexico, and militant activity in the Niger Delta.

With traders continuing to eye developments in other financial markets, analysts predicted price activity would remain volatile. "Financial market uncertainty is likely to continue blurring the usual links between commodity supply and demand and price, creating the conditions for further high levels of volatility right across the sector," said analysts. Given recent financial market upheavals, such as the collapse of a U.S. investment bank and retail brokerage, oil market participants will likely be taking few risks Friday.

"Ahead of the weekend, I don't think anybody will be trading any large positions, on concerns over bad news or any fallout over the weekend like those we've seen in the last couple of weeks," said one analyst. "Nobody really wants to go into this weekend with a long position, they're waiting to see what the guys in Washington do."

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## 4-H SPOTLIGHT

Saturday, Sept. 28, Mayor Russ McEwen kissed a pig!

The Howard County 4-H club fund-raiser at the County Fair featured Mayor McEwen, Howard County Judge Mark Barr, KBST Radio personality Tim Larson and Jim Purcell, president of the State National Bank. Mayor McEwen raised the most money for 4-H and earned the right to kiss the pig.

After the kiss, the mayor was asked, "What was it like to kiss a pig?"

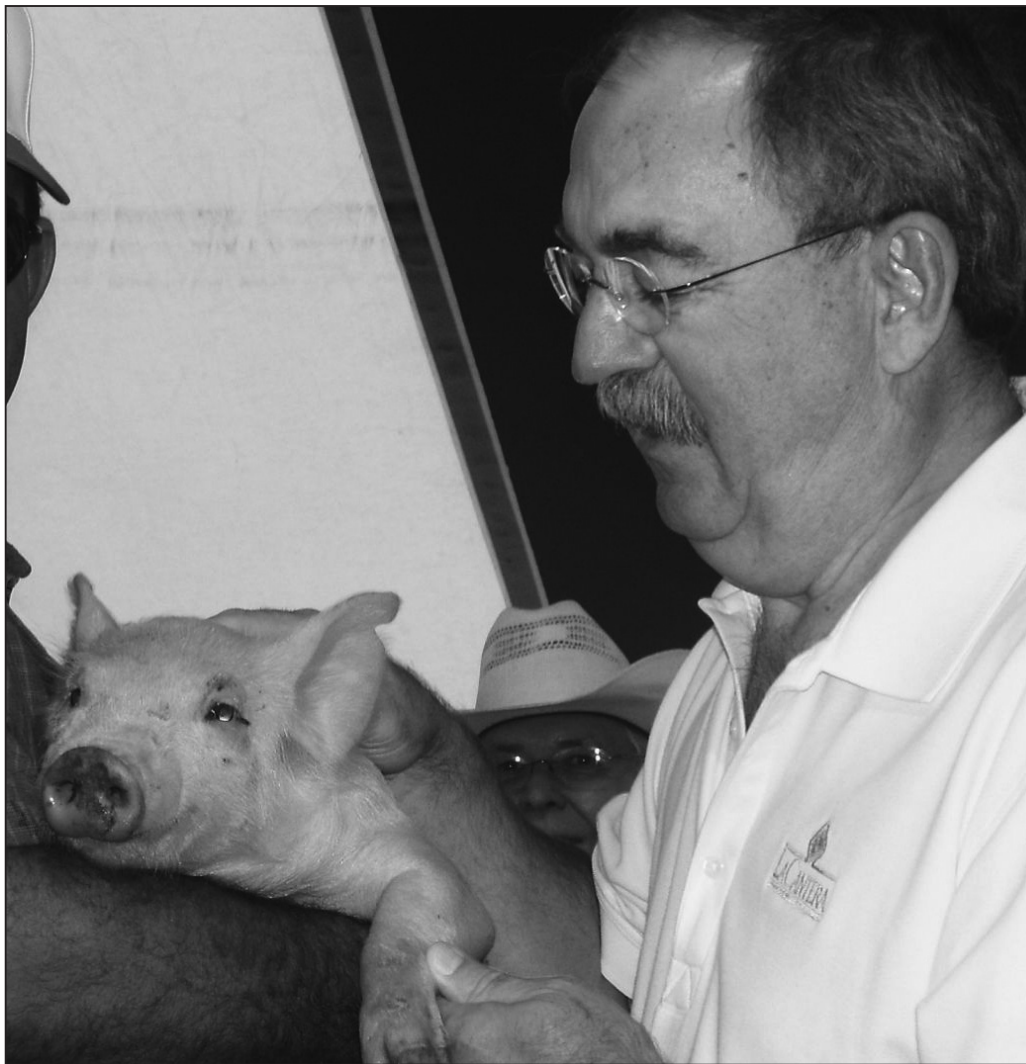
He said "It was the best kiss I've ever had."

When asked if he would participate next year, he responded, "I will definitely do this again next year!"

4-H thanks each of these men for their support and John Senter, Mitchell County Extension Agent, for supplying the pig.

Molley Walker

Howard County 4-H Reporter



## AIG plans sale of business units to repay debt

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The insurer American International Group Inc. said Friday it plans to sell off a number of business units to pay off its massive government loan.

The plans, expected by Wall Street, drove up AIG's shares 19 percent in midday trading. But it now leaves investors wondering if the sales will be enough.

AIG, one of the world's biggest insurers, said it plans to retain its U.S. property and casualty and foreign general insurance businesses. The New York-based insurer also said it plans to retain an ownership interest in its foreign life insurance operations.

Even though the company didn't disclose all the assets it

would sell, newly appointed Chairman and Chief Executive Edward Liddy did say he was hopeful that an \$85 billion loan would be enough to provide AIG "the flexibility we need to work our way out of this situation."

"Our goal is to emerge from this process in a timely fashion as a smaller, but more nimble company that is solidly profitable

and has attractive, long-term growth prospects," Liddy said in his first call with investors and analysts. "I think what the Federal Reserve has provided us has been very generous and we are going to do everything we can not to have to go back to them."

He added he didn't expect a fire sale and buyers would have to assume the debt of AIG busi-

nesses they acquired.

AIG shares were up 76 cents to \$4.76 in midday trading.

"We are giving AIG credit that it can use its Fed-supported liquidity to pursue a measured and deliberate asset sale program," wrote CreditSights analyst Rob Haines in a research note.

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# Seliger announces aerospace program

State Sen. Kel Seliger has announced the launch of this year's High School Aerospace Scholars (HAS) program.

The program will enable selected Texas students to explore and become a part of NASA's plan for space exploration, which will send humans back to the moon, then on to Mars and beyond.

After they utilize their math and science skills to complete 10 web-based assignments during the school year, they will travel to Johnson Space Center (JSC) in Houston during the summer and use those same skills to help investigate options for sending humans to Mars along side their peers and real NASA scientists and engineers.

Eligible students are required to meet the following criteria:

- U.S. citizen.
- Texas resident.
- Currently a high school junior.
- Interest in science, math, or engineering.
- Able to commit to a relationship with JSC, including a one-week residential experience to during the summer.
- Access to the Internet and e-mail.

The state of Texas, in partnership with JSC and the Texas educational community, developed High School Aerospace Scholars in 1999 to encourage more students to pursue studies and careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

High school juniors interested in applying for the 2008-2009 program should visit the Web at <http://aerospacescholars.jsc.nasa.gov/>.

# News in brief

## Simpson guilty of armed robbery, kidnapping

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Thirteen years to the day after being acquitted of killing his wife and her friend in Los Angeles, O.J. Simpson was found guilty of robbing two sports-memorabilia dealers at gunpoint in a Las Vegas hotel room.

The 61-year-old former football star was convicted of all 12 counts late Friday after jurors deliberated for more than 13 hours. He released a heavy sigh as the charges were read and was immediately taken into custody.

Simpson, who went from American sports idol to celebrity-in-exile after his murder acquittal, could spend the rest of his life in prison.

His attorney said he would appeal. Many people considered the four-week trial justice delayed. Simpson was cleared in 1995 of murdering his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, in one of the most sensational trials of the 20th century, but was later found liable for the deaths in a civil case.

"I don't like to use the word 'payback,'" defense attorney Yale Galanter said. "I can tell you from the beginning my biggest concern ... was whether or not the jury would be able to separate their very strong feelings about Mr. Simpson and judge him fairly and honestly."

The Hall of Fame football star was convicted of kidnapping, armed robbery and 10 other charges for gathering up five men a year ago and storming into a room at a hotel-casino, where the group seized several game balls, plaques and photos. Prosecutors said two of the men with him were armed; one of them said Simpson asked him to bring a gun.

Simpson's co-defendant, Clarence "C.J." Stewart, 54, also was found guilty on all charges and taken into custody.

Simpson showed little emotion as officers handcuffed him and walked him out of the courtroom. His sister, Carmelita Durio, sobbed behind him in the arms of Simpson's friend, Tom Scott, who said "I love you" as Simpson passed by. As spectators left the courtroom, Durio collapsed.

## Man convicted of murdering immigrant for money

FREEHOLD, New Jersey (AP) — Phonarith Chhieng escaped famine, war and communism in Cambodia — only to be beaten and strangled to death in an Asbury Park alley for \$40.

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On Friday, a state Superior Court jury in Freehold found Alan Frost guilty of murdering the 42-year-old Verizon salesman in 2005, according to the Asbury Park Press newspaper.

Frost, a 46-year-old from Asbury Park, didn't show emotion as the verdict was read, even as tears filled the eyes of Chhieng's relatives.

Authorities say he was a victim of a plot by Frost and others to rob someone to get money to pay drug suppliers.

Benny Matthews has pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter and other charges related to the killing. Another suspect, Sharif Bass, is still awaiting trial.

## Man returns stolen plaque after 50 years

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (AP) — Tim Haney of Normal says he finally had enough of his conscience nagging him about a Halloween prank he once participated in.

Haney says he and a couple of his young friends took a historical plaque from a tree at the Vrooman Mansion in Bloomington. He was about 12 at the time.

He's 62 now. So, 50 years after the event, he recently took the plaque back to the Vrooman Mansion and told innkeeper Theora Stark there about his long-ago misdeed.

Stark says the 12-by-15-inch plaque is now in a vault at the mansion, but she expects it will go back on display.

The plaque made reference to Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas giving speeches under the tree.

## Ex-police officer in Ohio wants new murder trial

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — A former police officer sentenced to life in prison for killing his pregnant lover is seeking a new trial, arguing that the jury handed down contradictory verdicts.

Attorneys for Bobby Cutts Jr. filed the appeal Friday in the 5th District Court of Appeals.

Cutts, 31, was convicted in February of killing Jessie Davis and their unborn daughter at her northeast Ohio home. Prosecutors alleged he killed Davis, 26, and the fetus last summer to avoid making child support payments. Thousands of volunteers helped search for Davis before her body was found dumped in a park.

Jurors convicted Cutts of aggravated murder in the death of the fetus. They found him not guilty of aggravated murder in Davis' death but convicted him of a lesser charge of murder.

The filing argues that convicting Cutts of murder in Davis' death and aggravated murder in the fetus' death was inconsistent because both deaths were the result of the same act.

"The jury clearly lost its way and created such a manifest miscarriage of justice that the conviction must be reversed and a new trial ordered," the appeal said.

Cutts' attorneys also argue that the judge presiding over the trial should have allowed jurors to consider an involuntary manslaughter conviction because no witnesses contradicted Cutts' claim that he did not purposely kill Davis. Cutts testified that he accidentally hit Davis in the throat with his elbow during an argument and that he dumped her body in a panic.

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Toby Barnett, 1713 Dwayne Barnett, Lubbock  
Casey D. Bernal, 901 Grand, Hereford  
Tamara Deanne Allen Berner, 3407 Old Colorado City Highway, Big Spring  
Vern Black, 329 W Tennessee, Floydada  
Jeremy Bolton, 506 N. Avenue L, Lamesa  
Dave Bracken, 2720 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lubbock  
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Jacon Burcham, 705 Johnson, Big Spring  
David Canales Jr., 1002 N. Main Street, Big Spring  
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Jared Wendell Coby, 901 S. High Street, Longview  
Doyce Ray Coyle, 3301 Auburn, Big Spring  
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**County Court Decisions:**  
Probated Judgment: Monica Marquez, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Jarin Lynn Yarbrough, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Barry Lee Bledsoe, driving while intoxicated

- second offense, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Jose Hilario Martinez, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Noel Gigueroa Noyola, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$278 court costs, 20 days in jail.

**District Court Filings:**  
Howard County vs. Glenda Williams, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Luis Carlos Bravo and Guillermo Bravo Jr., taxes.  
Howard County vs. Kelly Dawn Forshee, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Eva Chappell, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Benny Saenz and Tina Saenz, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Michael Seely and Cindy Seely, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Charles Arriola Vierra and Martina Ramirez Vierra, taxes.  
Howard County vs. David Parrish, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Amanda Porras, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Jose Luis Ramirez and Diana Lynn Garcia, taxes.  
Howard County vs. David Rawls and Margie Chochran Sayles, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Arnold Solis, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Pedro O. Sanchez and Isabel Ortega, taxes.  
Howard County vs. SPA Production Signal Peak LP, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Robbie Tindol, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Keith Torbik and Robin Torbik, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Albert Torres and Leticia Torres, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Matthew S. Trevino and Leslie Trevino, taxes.  
Howard County vs. Dora C. Velesquez, taxes.  
Ginnifer Rossann Boswell vs. Dennis Wayne Boswell, divorce.  
Melissa Lynn Sharp vs. Patrick Sharp, protective order.  
Donnie Edwatts Andrews vs. Eugenia Ruth Andrews, divorce.  
Howard Morrison vs. Jay Hall and J.B. Hall DBA Hall Oil and Gas, civil suit.  
Robert Baker Jr. vs. Sharon Baker, divorce.  
Derek W. Wash vs. Taryn N. Cox, divorce.  
Magdalena Enriquez vs. Johnny Rodriguez, protective order.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
Arthur Earl Watson Jr., 22, of Lubbock, and Kalea Marie Robbins, 27, of Big Spring.  
Anselmo Hilario Jr., 23, and Morgan F. Lopez, 27, both of Big Spring.  
Kevin Kellene Delamotte, 31, and Maryruth Lowe Chiles, 25, both of Big Spring.  
Jeremy Samora, 38, and Shannon Louise Beeler, 29, both of Big Spring.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Bobby Wayne Roman  
Grantee: The Bobby Roman Family Trust  
Property: A tract out of Section 11, Block 35, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Sept. 25, 2008

Grantor: Tony Frank Lester, Cynthia Lester Pipkin and Linda Lester Hunnicutt  
Grantee: Cathy Wilhite Lester  
Property: Section 27, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; and 100 acres out of Section 34, Block 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Sept. 25, 2008

Grantor: LaVerne Kennedy Lockhart  
Grantee: Jimmy Lockhart  
Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 38, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Sept. 25, 2008

Grantor: Guadalupe Lujan Deleon  
Grantee: Albert Deleon  
Property: Lot 9, Block 1, Bauer Addition  
Date: Sept. 26, 2008

Grantor: Justin Hobbs and Kristi Hobbs  
Grantee: Donald R. Taylor and Mavis Taylor  
Property: Lot 21, Block 2, College Park Estates  
Date: Sept. 29, 2008

Grantor: Margie R. Rodriguez  
Grantee: Felipe T. Ramirez  
Property: The W/2 of Block 53, Government Heights  
Date: Sept. 30, 2008

Grantor: Kelly Lynn Arnold  
Grantee: Lori Ann Arnold Haddox  
Property: A tract out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Sept. 30, 2008

Grantor: Joey Sosa  
Grantee: Jacqueline Haris  
Property: Lot 12, Block 15, McDowell Heights  
Date: Sept. 30, 2008

Grantor: Quin G. Martin and

Evelyne Martin  
Grantee: Charles Buzbee  
Property: Lot 6, Block 3, Wrights Second  
Date: Oct. 1, 2008

Grantor: Betty Reed and William Reed III  
Grantee: PAJAC Drug Co.  
Property: Lots 4 and 5 and part of 6, Block 11, Fairview Heights  
Date: Oct. 1, 2008

**Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lein:**  
Grantor: Horace E. Tubb  
Grantee: Dealy E. Blackshear  
Property: An 8.8 acre tract out of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Sept. 25, 2008

Grantor: Johnnie Jay Sevey and Mary Sevey  
Grantee: Barrett J. Barbour  
Property: Lot 13, Block 2, Hillcrest Terrace  
Date: Sept. 25, 2008

Grantor: Pauline Walters  
Grantee: Keith Newton  
Property: A 3.6-acre tract out of Section 20, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Sept. 26, 2008

Grantor: J. Hopper Homes Inc.  
Grantee: Ronald R. White and Sherry White  
Property: Lot 8, Block 3, Caroline Court  
Date: Sept. 30, 2008

Grantor: James M. Downes  
Grantee: Steven L. Cornelison and Amanda Cornelison  
Property: Lot 10, Block 8, Highland South No. 6  
Date: Sept. 30, 2008

Grantor: Natalie A. McDonald  
Grantee: Michael Lindsey and Danielle Lindsey  
Property: A 5.8 acre tract out of Section 31, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: Sept. 30, 2008

Grantor: Carlos C. Padron and Lorrie J. Padron  
Grantee: Maria C. Huff  
Property: Lots 3 and 4, Block 18, Fairview Heights  
Date: Sept. 30, 2008

Grantor: Thomas Sanchez and Candese Sanchez  
Grantee: Yolanda Perez  
Property: A tract out of Lot 23, Block 99, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: Oct. 1, 2008

## WYLY

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to Computer Associates for \$4 billion, only to launch a proxy fight against the new owners, which he settled for a payment of \$10 million.

The hedge fund he co-founded, Maverick Capital, manages about \$10 billion in assets. The man who once diversified his holdings by buying an oil refinery is now excited about renewable energy; he's the largest shareholder of Green Mountain Energy.

In March, Forbes magazine estimated Wyly's net worth at \$1.2 billion, putting him among the richest 1,000 people on the planet.

Wyly said anyone with an entrepreneurial streak can do what he did.

"I think there is just as good opportunities today as when I started," he said in an interview. "Some folks give up too soon when they should be persistent and determined and just keep on persevering until they finally make it work."

There is no mention in the book of a federal investigation into the use of tax shelters by Wyly and his brother, Charles — Wyly declined to comment on the issue. And there is only scant mention of politics, although the Wylys have told interviewers they've given about \$10 million to Republican candidates and causes since the 1970s.

Notably, Wyly gave \$2.5 million to a group that favored Bush over John McCain in the 2000 Republican primaries. Four years later, he donated \$20,000 to the Swift Boat campaign that raised questions about Sen. John Kerry's military record in Vietnam, helping scuttle Kerry's challenge to Bush.

In an interview, Wyly said he is neither leaning toward McCain nor Democrat Barack Obama this year, and won't get involved in the race.

"The last couple of years, we (he and Charles) basically haven't made any political contributions to anybody and really don't plan to," Wyly said.

So he won't finance another Swift Boat-type campaign this time around?

"No, no, no," Wyly said. Laughing, he added, "I've done that, and other people can do that now."

Wyly acted horrified that although T. Boone Pickens poured far more money into the Swift Boat ads, some news stories highlighted the involvement of the Wyly brothers, who were longtime Bush family friends and "Pioneers," big-dollar fundraisers for George W. Bush.

"One of the most highly charged topics around is politics, and one that's more highly charged is political money," Wyly said. "People just love to write and read about it."

If so, maybe Sam Wyly has another book in him.



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## AIG

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Sofar, AIG has announced only one deal, a sale of its 50 percent interest in London City Airport to its partner in the venture, Global Infrastructure Partners. It bought the stake as a joint venture with the private-equity fund in 2006 for a total price estimated around \$1.4 billion. The companies didn't disclose the terms of the deal.





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The third grade class at Marcy Elementary recently participated in a campus-wide cleanup project. The project was part of the class' music program "Our World" under the direction of Stacy Barr. The children decided to do their part in keeping their world clean, starting with their campus.



Courtesy photo

On behalf of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, Shelley Smith accepts an award from Debbie Wegman of Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

The home of Larry and Susan McLellan on Avondale Drive was named October recipient of the "Doing Your Part" Award, presented by City of Big Spring Code Enforcement and Keep Bring Spring Beautiful. Shown from left are: Debbie Wegman and Pat Simmons of KBSB; the McLellans; and City Council member Gloria McDonald.



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Carl Condray of the Big Spring Rotary Club presents Eve Nieto with the Rotarian of the Year Award for 2006-2007.

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## News in brief

## Police again arrest owners of Cherry Pit

DUNCANVILLE (AP) — Police have again arrested the owners of a suburban Dallas swingers club called "The Cherry Pit."

Jim Trulock, 59, and Julie M. Norris, 30, who host swingers' parties at their home, were arrested on suspicion of engaging in organized criminal activity, The Dallas Morning News reported in its Saturday editions. The first-degree felony carries a penalty from five to 99 years or life in prison and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Trulock was taken into custody late Thursday, and Norris was arrested Friday. Both were no longer in jail as of Saturday. Messages left by The Associated Press on Saturday morning for the attorney for the Cherry Pit and Trulock were not immediately returned. A number for Norris could not immediately be found.

Officials in the Dallas suburb are trying to halt parties at the home. Last year, the City Council passed an ordinance banning sexually oriented businesses.

City officials say patrons are asked to donate money to get into the parties, which qualifies it as a business.

Trulock and Norris have a Duncanville municipal trial date set for Oct. 27 on several citations issued for violating the ordinance. They also have a civil case pending against the city challenging the ordinance.

The two were arrested last month on suspicion of violating the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code for allegedly possessing large amounts of liquor in their home.

## Former Mexican officer sentenced

MCALLEN (AP) — A former Mexican police officer has been sentenced to eight years in federal prison after being accused of being involved in international drug smuggling and money laundering.

Maria Antonietta "La Tony" Rodriguez Mata pleaded guilty earlier this year to two counts of conspiracy related to hundreds of pounds of narcotics shipments from northern Mexico to New York, according to a report in Saturday editions of The Monitor (McAllen).

She was extradited from Mexico to the United States during the summer and sentenced on Friday.

Authorities believe Rodriguez, who once served as an investigator with the Tamaulipas state police, also worked as one of the top traffickers for the Gulf Cartel.

"She certainly was a significant figure," said Will Glaspy, head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration's McAllen office. "It was unusual for a woman to rise to her level within a drug trafficking organization."

Mata, 39, was one of 10 people charged with cocaine and marijuana trafficking and money laundering under a December 2000 indictment. Eight are already serving prison sentences and charges against a ninth person were dismissed.

Mexican authorities arrested her in Monterrey, Mexico, in February 2004. She had remained in Mexican custody awaiting extradition.

## First lady Laura Bush visits Ike evacuees

HOUSTON (AP) — First lady Laura Bush served dinner and offered comfort Friday to people still out of their homes three weeks after Hurricane Ike slammed into the Texas coast.

Bush stood at a food line, passing out boxed dinners of rigatoni and meatballs to a few dozen of the some 600 people spending nights on cots at a former warehouse store that is serving as a Red Cross shelter.

The first lady then sat down and chatted with a couple of the evacuees.

"It's sad we've had a lot of experience with disasters," Bush said in brief remarks during about a 40-minute visit. "I just want them to know things are going to be OK."

She also met with Red Cross volunteers, gave them some of the boxed meals and put in a pitch for people to volunteer and send money to the organization. She said the responses of volunteers during disasters consistently are "a wonderful story about the United States."

Refugees are being consolidated from other shelters that close as people return home, Greater Houston Red Cross spokesman Russell Hubbard said.

The shelter Bush visited is in Houston's south side, where power in some neighborhoods was out until days

ago and some out-of-commission traffic lights continue to cause traffic snarls.

Some of those now in the shelter are from the hard-hit Bolivar Peninsula, a thin barrier strip of sand across the bay east of Galveston, where Ike's 110 mph winds and 12-foot storm surge leveled nearly everything.

## Cornyn, Noriega give fundraising totals

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Sen. John Cornyn's campaign said Friday it raised \$1.86 million in the third quarter and that it had \$7.23 million in cash on hand entering the final month before the November election.

Democratic challenger Rick Noriega's campaign raised slightly more than \$1 million in the quarter that ended Sept. 30 but had no tally yet of its available cash, said spokesman Martin Apodaca.

Both campaigns' full reports, showing details of who contributed the money, were not yet available. Those federal reports must be filed in mid-October.

Cornyn campaign manager Rob Jesmer said nearly 90 percent of Cornyn's donations during this election cycle have come from within Texas.

Noriega's spokesman said his campaign has received 22,000 contributions from 15,000 individual donors throughout the election cycle.

Cornyn, with a commanding financial advantage over Noriega, has been blanketing the state's airwaves with television ads. Noriega has been relying on lower-cost Web videos and personal appearances to get his message out.

Cornyn announced that this weekend he is launching his fourth television ad of the general election campaign.

It's called "Family," and in it Cornyn talks about strong families and the need to ensure that children attend "a good, safe, school." Like some of his other ads, the setting is a picturesque Texas place. This one is set mostly along the Pedernales River near Johnson City but includes footage from Brownsville's Charro Days parade.

## Boy's hanging in bathroom attributed to game

AUSTIN (AP) — A 7-year-old Texas boy who died after he was found hanging from a hook in a school bathroom in February may have been playing a game called "run and jump", according to a police report.

Students at the Not Your Ordinary School charter campus told police after the death of Tevin Park-Flowers that boys sometimes ran along benches lining the walls of the bathroom.

Students called the game "run and jump" because they liked to jump from bench to bench and try to touch the ceiling, according to the report released Thursday.

Tevin had been excused from a school assembly Jan. 30 to go to the bathroom.

When he didn't return, a male teacher went looking for him. He found Tevin, unconscious, caught on a hook by his shirt. The boy died at the hospital two days later.

Police said the shirt collar had cut off his oxygen. They also considered suicide or homicide but found no evidence to support either possibility.

An attorney for Tevin's parents said he had "lingering questions" about the boy's death.

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Bridge

By Steve Becker  
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South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ J 8 6 5  
♥ A 9 8 2  
♦ 10 6 2  
♣ 8 6

**WEST**

♠ Q 7 2  
♥ Q 10 7 5 4  
♦ Q 8 3  
♣ Q 9

**EAST**

♠ 3  
♥ K 6 3  
♦ A K 7 4  
♣ J 7 5 4 2

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 10 9 4  
♥ J  
♦ J 9 5  
♣ A K 10 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
4♠			

Opening lead — five of hearts.

How should declarer play this hand against a heart lead by West?

Let's say he wins the heart with the ace and plays the A-K of trump, East showing out. South then cashes the A-K of clubs and ruffs a club, West discarding a heart. After trumping a heart, South ruffs his last club — West discarding a diamond this time — and continues by trumping another heart.

South has scored nine tricks at this point, but he is now out of gas, since his last four cards consist of a trump and three diamonds, all losers. So he finishes down one.

However, if we slightly modify South's series of plays, he makes the contract, even though it seems he must lose three diamonds and a trump. The only variation in the play is that declarer ruffs a heart at trick two in order to develop a more complete crossruff.

He then proceeds as before, cashing the A-K of trumps and A-K of clubs, followed by a club ruff. Let's assume West again discards a heart on this trick. South then ruffs another heart and leads the ten of clubs.

If West ruffs, dummy discards a diamond to make four spades. If, instead of ruffing, West discards the heart queen, he is still in bad shape because dummy's nine becomes a trick in the process. So let's say that West discards a diamond.

However, this allows declarer to ruff the ten of clubs in dummy and the nine of hearts in his hand with his last trump to score 10 tricks.

In effect, South manipulates the play so that he is able to telescope his four losers into the last three tricks. One loser simply vanishes.

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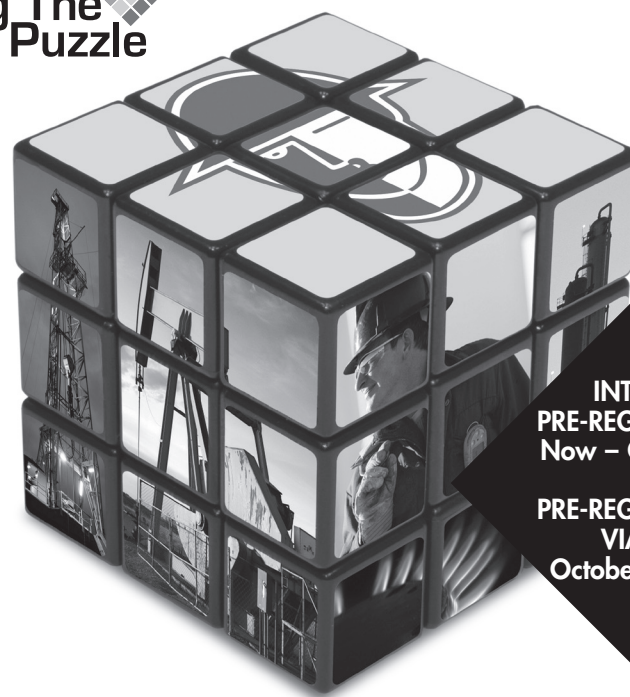
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# Islanders who insisted on staying died in Ike

By **MONICA RHOR**

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**GALVESTON** — The final hours brought the awful realization to victims of Hurricane Ike that they had waited too long, that this storm wasn't like the others that left nothing worse than a harrowing tale to tell.

George Helmond, a hardy Galveston salt, watched the water rise and told a buddy: I was born on this island and I'll die on this island.

Gail Ettenger, a free spirit who adopted the Bolivar Peninsula as her home 15 years ago, and told a friend in a last phone call: I really messed up this time.

Within hours, the old salt and the free spirit were gone as the powerful Category 2 hurricane wracked the Texas Gulf Coast on Sept. 13, flattening houses, obliterating entire towns and claiming at least 33 lives.

The dead — as young as 4, as old as 79 — included lifelong Galvestonians firmly rooted on the island and transplants drawn by the quiet of coastal living. Matriarchs and fathers. Working people and retirees.

Seven people drowned in a storm surge that moved in earlier and with more ferocity than expected. Nine others died in the grimy, sweaty aftermath, when lack of power and medicine exacted its toll. Eleven people were poisoned by carbon monoxide or killed in fires from the generators they used in their own attempts to survive.

And while the list of dead could still grow, hundreds of people are still missing three weeks after Ike's assault on Texas. This week, cadaver dogs pinpointed five spots on Crystal Beach where bod-

ies could be trapped under rubble.

Some vanished during the evacuation of towns in the storm's path. Many were last heard in desperate, last-ditch calls for help.

"We are definitely looking and are going to do anything we can to find them, but there may not be any answers to be given," said Galveston County emergency management spokesman Colin Rizzo. "There are definitely going to be people from Hurricane Ike that are never found."

It took searchers more than two weeks to find the body of Greg Walker, who was stranded in surging water as he was driving back to his home in Port Neches during the storm. The 40-year-old father of three was returning from Louisiana, where he had taken his family.

Around 2:30 a.m., Walker told a 911 dispatcher that he was going to try to swim to safety. He tried calling his wife, but the line went dead.

Orange County officials used search teams, helicopters and cadaver dogs but could not find Walker. Fifteen days after Walker's last call, volunteers from Texas EquuSearch discovered his body a mile from where his truck was found.

Even as Ike bore down on Texas, Jim Devine refused to leave his cream-colored house within sight of the bay in San Leon. Devine had moved to the fishing town after retiring and loved the tranquil way of living there, neighbors said.

The 76-year-old Devine drowned when Ike sent water barreling through his house, picking him off the second-story porch and dropping him a block

away. Days later, Devine's empty home still bore the scars of the storm — shattered windows, twisted wood, and his boat, the Seabar, jammed under the front steps.

His daughter left a warning and a memorial in orange spray paint: "Jim Devine. No Trespassing."

At 72, George Helmond had ridden out many storms and thought he could take on Ike, too, neighbor Don Hanson said. "A lot of old Galvestonians are like that."

Helmond had been one of the first residents of Sydnor Lane, which overlooks a bayou on one side and a golf course on the other. A retired electrician, Helmond was a die-hard fisherman, a dove hunter and straight-shooter intensely proud of his Galveston roots.

"He had no problem telling you what he thought," said Jim Williams, whose family has lived on the street for more than 30 years. "He was an old school Texan, a good ol' boy."

But the morning before Ike slammed ashore, Helmond began to have second thoughts about staying.

Around 10 a.m., Helmond called Hanson, who had already left, to say the water had already slipped over the road and toward his house. The street — the only way out of the neighborhood — was already impassable.

At 9:30 p.m., Helmond and Hanson talked for the last time. By then, the water had pummeled through Helmond's garage, crushing the doors and submerging his Cadillac. Hanson begged his friend to grab a life vest at his house or to seek shelter there.

But at 2:30 a.m., for reasons no one knows, Helmond got in his pickup truck and drove off at the height of Ike's fury.

Neighbors found Helmond's body the next day inside the truck, which had slammed into the white golf course fence. The windshield was shattered.

Helmond's home suffered little damage. The water had reached above the first-floor garage, but not inside the house.

Gail Ettenger stumbled upon her house in Gilchrist by accident. But once she saw the site on the bay side of Bolivar Peninsula, she knew she would never leave.

"It was the best thing that ever happened to me," said JoAnne Burks, Ettenger's neighbor and close friend.

Ettenger, a native of New Jersey, distilled the house with her own energy and style. The 58-year-old's garden bloomed with vibrant birds-of-paradise.

And Reba, an 11-year-old Great Dane hobbled by arthritis, was her baby. Ettenger loved to treat the dog to dinners of chicken and roast beef, Burks recalled.

"She took care of all God's creatures," said Burks. "She was just a good, caring person."

But Ettenger, a chemist at ExxonMobil, didn't evacuate, reasoning that

her house had weathered Hurricane Rita in 2005 without a problem. She also did not want to leave Reba, who could no longer climb into Ettenger's Jeep.

Burks and her husband pleaded with Ettenger to change her mind. But she insisted.

Hours before Ike made landfall, Ettenger knew she had made the wrong choice. She called the Burks and described the water pushing up under her feet, the propane tanks and other household items drifting by her windows, and wondered which would float better: her Jeep or her house.

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**ACROSS**

1 Knocks

11 Picks (up)

15 Black diamonds

16 It might be a lot

17 Neat

18 Ben Stiller, in Madagascar

19 Ribs

20 Warhol or Woolf

22 Patron saint of Girl Scouts

23 Streamlined

25 "Every child. One voice" org.

26 Cardinal and kin

27 Mister equivalent

28 Euripides character

30 Pepper et al.

31 Paul Bunyan, in Minnesota

34 Disgorge

35 Get rid of

36 Party purchase

40 Rollover candidate

43 Humbled

44 "Come and get us!"

45 *Gnorm* (Jim Davis strip before *Garfield*)

46 Rollover candidates

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50 He directed Charlton twice

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53 Last syllable

54 Poet mentioned in *Inferno*

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61 Moves away

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1 Sniveling sneak

2 One or two

3 Leaves alone

4 They won't last

5 Fire sign

6 Symbol of penury

7 Oder exclamation

8 Oater exclamation

9 One of a Liszt dozen

10 Photo-editing effect

11 Castro interviewer in '59

12 Outdo

13 Fast movements

14 GPS ancestor

21 They're puréed for Juicy Pear Jelly Bellys

23 You're prone to do it

24 English \_\_\_

27 Rung

29 "The triumph over chaos," to Cheever

31 Diffusion

32 Celebrate

33 Rivals

34 Attach, with "on"

36 Literally, "little"

37 Jack Lemmon alma mater

38 Overwhelming defeat

39 Pac-10 team

40 Tusk, essentially

41 Things to wear

42 Project Mercury launchers

45 Bothers

48 Beat

49 Diner device

50 Metallic locker

52 Countertrend

53 They have necks and feet

56 Frat letter

57 Hand-down declaration

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**2 BEDROOM**, 2 bath Mobile Home for Lease or Sale on North Service Road off I-20 East of Big Spring. Call (254)643-1145.

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Request for Proposal for District Wide Comprehensive Design or Redesign, Maintenance, Repair, Installation and Facilities Retrofit Services For Environmental, Fire, Life Safety and Electrical Systems Guidelines for submitting proposals may be secured at Forsan ISD, 411 W. 6th St., at the office of Randy Johnson, Phone #432-457-2223, ext. 222. Proposals of qualifications must be submitted to the above address by 2:00 P.M. on October 15th, 2008. Proposals will be considered by the board at 7:00 P.M. on October 27th, 2008 at the Forsan ISD boardroom, 411 W. 6th St., Forsan, Texas. #5912 September 24 & October 5, 2008

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The Glasscock County Commissioners Court will accept bids at the regular meeting on October 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. for 1/2 ton pickup, 4 wheel drive crew cabs and/or Tahoes For specifications, contact W.E. Bednar, Glasscock County Judge at 432-354-2382 or P.O. Box 91, Garden City, Tx 79739. #5928 October 5 & 10, 2008

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING**

Forsan ISD will hold a public meeting at the beginning of their regular Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 27, 2008, at the Administration Office located at 411 W. 6th Street in Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Forsan ISD's FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating. #5926 October 5 & 12, 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:  
1. Date/Time: October 10, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., for the following  
1. Tub Grinding/Mulching Service  
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring 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. #5927 October 1 & 5, 2008

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS**

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.  
**CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)**  
Dist/Div: Abilene  
Contract 6031-79-001 for LITTER REMOVAL in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on October 30, 2008 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$15,716.90.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 27724

State Office

Constr./Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
Dist/Div Office(s)

Abilene District  
District Engineer  
4250 N. Clack  
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150  
Phone 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. #5929 October 5 & 12, 2008

The Coahoma ISD Board of Trustees will hold a public meeting to discuss the district's State Financial Accountability Rating on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the District Administration Building, 600 N. Main Street. #5930 October 3 & 5, 2008

**Abandon Motor Vehicle**

1994 Mercury 2 door Cougar, Vin 1MELM6249RH608679, LP 427ZWS and 1993 Chev 4-dr white, Vin 2GL1WN54T2P9170320 LP H63LMN to claim call Howard County Sheriff office. 432-264-2244 ext 112. #5932 October 5, 2008.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ruby Ruth Allgood, deceased, were issued on September 30, 2008, in Cause No. P-13676, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas to Phyllis Turney, Independent Executor. The address to which claims should be presented is as follows:  
Phyllis Turney  
8501 FM 307  
Midland, Texas 79706  
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law, in care of the representative at the address above set out. Dated this 1st day of October, 2008.  
**LAW OFFICE OF TIMOTHY D. YEATS, P.C.**  
P.O. Box 2830  
Big Spring, Texas 79721-2830  
432/267-5211  
432/267-1907 (Fax)  
By: Timothy D. Yeats  
State Bar No. 22151200  
#5933 October 5, 2008

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., #15 SMITH ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the **Spraberry** formation, Jo-Mill (Spraberry) Field, Jo-Mill Unit Lease (60465), Well No.s 1425H, 1325H, 2520H, 4535H, 15 miles SW of Gail. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 6800'-7600 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - Telephone (512)463-6792. #5934 October 5, 2008

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS  
Since the love goddess

Venus first entered rissus Scorpio, she's become an agent provocateur. The people and things we covet may carry a forbidden charge, a dangerous or mysterious beauty. Today, Jupiter cherishes all our desires as sacred, even those out of reach, or ones we label as "bad." Desire as a quality makes us feel powerfully alive.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone is thinking about how they will reward your extreme dedication, alas, missing the point entirely. For you, the dedication is the reward. You love being in the thick of the action, following through with all of your might.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The idea of travel thrills you. If you can't see the whole world, you can at least see a new corner of it. And you're such a deal finder now that it all comes together at a low, low price. Talk out your plans with a Sagittarius.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everything has its season. Your restoration is in the tiny feet of an infant, the color of leaves, and the size of the setting sun. This part of the cycle is profoundly beautiful in its own way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Seriousness is a choice. Things have exactly the weight and importance you assign to them. If you're not sure what credence to give the statements you hear it's best to err on the side of levity.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your attention is magnetized by an object of delight. Of course, the thing that captivates you is quite unusual, perhaps an addition to your quirky collection or a zany novelty. You won't have to fight or wait for it. It's all yours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your confidence is high. You're not even sure what it will take you to move forward, but you're absolutely sure that whatever it is, you have it, or

you'll find a way to come up with it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's a love/hate relationship between you and you these days, and that's what makes you so relatable to others. Everyone is going through something similar. You handle it with admirable grace and balance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The difference between you and the other people on your team is in your listening skills. You hear and understand the overall purpose and act from that knowledge instead of getting caught up in the particulars of instruction.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're the leader of a project of your own design. Barrel ahead, even if you're not sure where you're going. Your instincts are so strong now that you can't afford not to act on them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be visited by foreigners who will be fascinated by the way you live. It feels a little weird to be watched with such rapt attention and it makes you view yourself in a new way, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Did you grow up strange? As you share your stories you'll realize two things: first, just how unusual your life has been. Second, that you have great potential to entertain others with the details.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your intentions are good, and the outcome will match. It's the "how" part that will surprise you. Nothing works the way you think it will, though it works beautifully. Tonight, Libra proves a special kind of friend.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This week the Libra sun and Mercury share the sky space with Scorpio, Venus and Mars. Libra cares about creating consensus, and does so by taking everyone's perspective into consideration. Scorpio is far more inter-

ested in honesty than the peaceful pretense that everything's kosher when it's really not. This translates into a different social politic -- what's socially "p.c." for one isn't for the other. Libra spreads on the tact and diplomacy liberally as though it were a necessary frosting on the cupcake of truth. This sometimes waters down a message. Scorpio, on the other hand, pulls no punches, and in holding nothing back, allows the full force of a thing to land where it may. It's helpful to remember that the truth in and of itself is compassionately potent healing medicine. Yet a spoonful of sugar does help the medicine go down! Of the many ways this combination might manifest this week, peeling back superficial layers of pretense is one, allowing us to see each other's profundity, depth and mystery with greater clarity. We may realize we didn't know our partner as well as we thought we did. Inherent in this is deeper connection with others -- intimacy.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Basketball player Grant Hill may play hard ball, but as a Libra sun sign, he does have a soft spot for all things lovely - as evidenced by his extensive art collection. Why art? For Grant, and any Libra person, beauty has a balancing effect. Going to a museum or watching a spectacular sunset mellows the mind, relieves the stressors of the game and helps Grant to relax off the court.

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**Annie's Mailbox**

Dear Annie: I have been dating "Edgar," a 37-year-old man, for about four months. Everything is great, but I have one question.

Edgar likes to groom me. This means he looks over my skin, face and body and tries to remove any blemishes. He does all this in a very loving and respectful way, but I think it's very foreign to me. Edgar says it shows he is taking care of me.

I love him very much and don't want to break up over this. I am just curious about such a practice. What do you say? -- Want to Know in West Yarmouth, Mass.

Dear Want to Know: Edgar has a fetish. Either that or he's a little closer to his primate ancestors than most of us. Still, as with all fetishes, if this one doesn't particularly bother you, then it isn't a problem. To each his own.

Dear Annie: I recently went to an R-rated movie. It was very good. However, I was appalled at the number of parents who brought children, some as young as 5, to the theater. The movie had sex scenes, nudity and extreme violence with bullets to the head, stabbings, etc., and an inordinate amount of blood and carnage.

This was an adult movie. How can parents bring impressionable children to such a thing? The kids I observed were glued to the screen and didn't hide their eyes or seem scared or sickened. In other words, they've apparently seen a lot of sex and violence already.

Parents shouldn't be surprised at their children's atrocious behavior when they take them to inappropriate movies and don't bother to monitor what they watch. Don't kids have to be over 17 to attend an R-rated movie? -- G-rated Grandmother

Dear Grandmother: Actually, an R-rating means no one under 17 is admitted without a parent or guardian, so if Mom and Dad are foolish and irresponsible enough to bring their 7-year-old to a gory film with lots of nudity, no one will stop them. The MPAA ratings, unfortunately, do not require that parents possess any common sense.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net.

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT**

CHEVRON U.S.A., INC., #15 SMITH ROAD, MIDLAND, TEXAS 79705, has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid including Gas, CO2, H2S, N2 into the **Canyon Reef** formation, in the following section and lease: Reinecke Field, Reinecke Unit Lease (60780), Well No. 66 and 267, 10 miles NW of Vincent. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 6600 to 7000 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show that they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967 - Telephone (512)463-6792. #5938 October 5, 2008

**Answer to previous puzzle**

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**DESTINATION AFRICA**  
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Enter Miss Ellie.  
“We get the biggest elephant,” she recalled. “This elephant decides she doesn’t want us on her. I didn’t think elephants could buck. Well this elephant — we never know when she’s going to stop — she shakes all over.

Just shakes trying to get us off. And I’m hanging on for dear life. I’m looking at everybody else. They’re all waving at each other. Taking pictures. And our knuckles and knees are just white from hanging on. She can’t get us off that way she’ll walk into a tree and knock us off. “The handler is really working with her to get her to behave. ‘Tell me to stop and I’ll stop so you can take pictures’ he says — ya right. She bit off a tree — a little sapling — and start whipping us with it. The whole time I’m thinking I’m going to be impaled on one of these saplings. I’m going to be imbedded on one of these rocks.

The trip lasted for an hour and half. “They took a video of everybody on the elephants and all that kind of stuff,” she said. “And at the end of the video as people were getting off the elephants, they were asking us to tell us about our trip. Everybody was saying ‘oh it was wonderful. It was lovely.’ It was a good thing they didn’t ask me because I would have been kissing the earth right there in front of them.”

**A Surprise Lesson in Zambia**  
“The very last night ... we were with the Songwe people. They have a village

of about 2,000 people,” she said. Their queen came and spent the evening with us. We had to be trained in protocol and because we were Americans, we weren’t expected to bow and clap three times before we talked to her.”

“She talked to us for a long time about their government and their people,” Michaelis continued. “They have a king and a queen and they rule equally. She has her area of authority and the king who is not her husband had his area of authority. And she says we’re equal. We ruled together. It’s always been that way.”

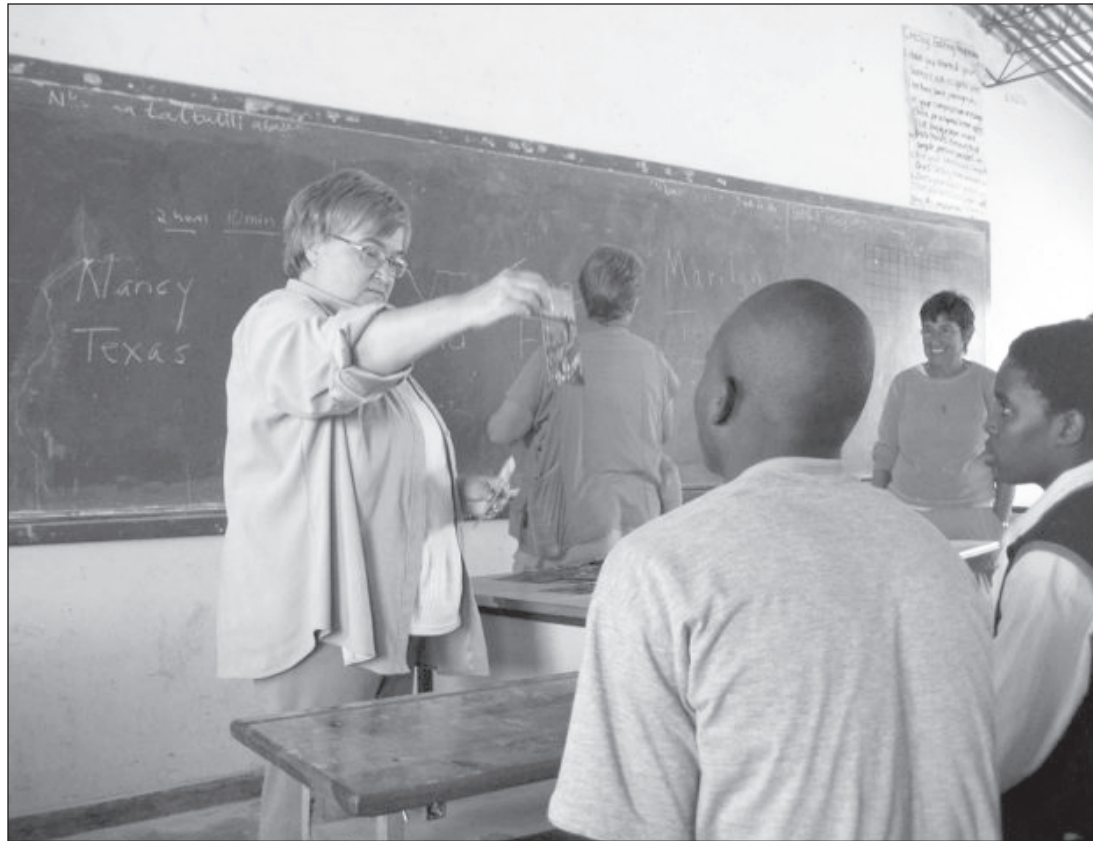
Michaelis said during her time spent with the bush people, she also came away with that same feeling of equality between genders.

**A Place of Hope**

Among her travels Michaelis said hope for a better future was constant among the many different people she met. “There are good things that are going on,” she said. “In Zimbabwe and the people I would talk to ... they were all very positive. They were like if I learn English and I get an education I can do something. This isn’t going to last forever. We kept running into the hope everyplace we went. We know there is so much to do, so many problems, but I came away with so much respect.”

For those interested in hearing more about her trip, Michaelis will give a presentation of her program at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 13 in the fellowship hall of St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry.

— Story by Lyndel Moody



Courtesy Photos

At left, a giraffe searches for food in the bush, pictured right, Nancy Michaelis teaches in a Zambia school and below, Michaelis poses near an ancient tree.

*In This Season  
Of Hope*

23rd Annual **BIG SPRING HERALD**

**Community Christmas Parade**  
**5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 6**  
Parade theme:  
**“Star Of Bethlehem”**  
Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 14th

The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

**\$100** Herald’s Best Of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme  
**\$75** Mayor’s Award: for best use of lighting  
**\$50** Grand Marshall’s Award: for best costuming

First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:  
1. Individual or family      2. Civic group, school or church  
3. Commercial              4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff’s posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

**PARADE RULES**

- The parade’s official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. **NO OTHER SANTA WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE PARADE**
- Floats should not exceed 55 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
- Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
- Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
- Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
- For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

**2008 Christmas Parade Entry Form**

Name of organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

You will receive by return mail, your float number and a map showing where to go to line up.

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## Area Menus

**Forsan ISD**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cups, milk.  
**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: cinnamon rolls, bananas, juice, milk.  
Lunch: pigs in blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple-orange salad, milk.  
**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: eggs, toast, juice, milk.  
Lunch: Submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots w/ranch, brownies, milk.  
**Thursday**  
Breakfast: sausage-on-stick, juice, milk.  
Lunch: meat & bean chaulapas, Spanish rich, lettuce & tomatoes

Rosie applesauce, milk.  
**Friday**  
Breakfast: biscuits, sausage, juice, milk.  
Lunch: chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk.

**Coahoma ISD**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast: oatmeal, ham, juice, milk.  
Lunch: pigs-in-a-blanket, baked beans, baked chips, orange smiles, milk, ribs sandwich.  
**Tuesday**  
Breakfast: pancake sausage on stick, apple juice, milk  
Lunch: hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baby carrots w/ranch, tater tots, apples, milk.  
**Wednesday**  
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, sausage, apple juice, syrup, milk.

Lunch: meat & bean chaulapas, Spanish rice, apple sauce, lettuce, tomatoes, milk, burritos.  
**Thursday**  
Breakfast: oatmeal, sausage, grape juice, milk.  
Lunch: lasagna w/meat sauce, corn, salad, bread sticks, gelatin w/fruit, milk, corn dogs.  
**Friday**  
Breakfast: biscuits, gravy, sausage, orange juice, jelly, milk.  
Lunch: pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, peach cups, milk.

**Big Spring ISD**  
**Monday**  
Breakfast  
Elementary: cereal, sausage patties, fruit juice.  
High School:  
French toast sand. BB.  
Lunch: pizza, carrots, applesauce, chocolate pudding.  
**Tuesday**  
Breakfast  
Elementary: biscuits, chicken nuggets, applesauce.

High School: ham/cheese pockets, fruit juice, Lucky Charm BB.  
Lunch: chicken spaghetti, garden salad, rolls, peaches.  
**Wednesday**  
Breakfast  
Elementary: baked cheese sticks, peaches.  
High School: ham/cheese pockets, fruit juice,  
Cinnamon Toast BB.  
Lunch: taco beef, corn, strawberry banana bar, Spanish rice, oranges.  
**Thursday**  
Breakfast  
Elementary: pancake sausage on stick, fruit juice.  
High School: ham/cheese pockets, fruit juice,  
Coco Puff BB.  
Lunch: Salisbury steak, mashed potato/gravy, black-eye peas, sliced apples, rolls, rice pudding.  
**Friday**  
Breakfast  
Elementary: banana loaf, fruit cocktail.

High School: chocolate chip muffins, pineapple chunks.  
Lunch: hamburger, lettuce/tomato salad, French fries, fresh fruit.

**Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center**  
**Monday**  
beef & macaroni casserole, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, milk, bread, pudding.  
**Tuesday**  
grilled chicken breast, buttered noodles, carrots, milk, bread, angel food cake.  
**Wednesday**  
beef enchiladas, refried beans, Spanish rice, tortilla chips, milk, blushing pears.  
**Thursday**  
beef tips/rice, green peas & onions, salad, milk/bread, peach cobbler.  
**Friday**  
chicken-fried steak, roasted potatoes, green beans, milk/bread, fruit.

## Who's Who



Vera LeAnn Brumley, 20, graduated May 2008 from the two-year conservatory program at The New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts — School of Film & Television in New York.

She is the daughter of Barbara Brumley and Terry Brumley.

She is attending Howard College and plans to transfer to a university next year to continue her education with a major in the theatre.

## ZIMBABWE

Continued from page 3C

Edward Mungofa, a private business consultant, said the economy is suffering because of political uncertainty over Zimbabwe's stalled negotiations on forming a new power sharing government.

President Robert Mugabe and the opposition led by Prime Minister-designate Morgan Tsvangirai signed a power-sharing deal Sept. 15, but have since been unable to agree on which party should control key Cabinet posts.

South Africa's new president, Kgalema Motlanthe, said Thursday he wanted his predecessor, Thabo Mbeki, to continue to mediate the power-sharing deal in Zimbabwe — an idea rejected by chief Mugabe negotiator Patrick Chinamasa.

"I don't think that the issue of allocation of ministries is a matter that can be referred (to Mbeki)," Chinamasa was quoted as saying by The Herald, a government mouthpiece.

Chinamasa said officials were confident of a breakthrough soon.

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## HATS

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.

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