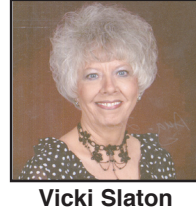


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Law enforcement officers place 17-year-old Thomas Rios Jr. (left photo) and 24-year-old Luis Rios Canales III under arrest at a home in the 600 block of State Street Friday morning following a brief standoff.

Two Big Spring men arrested after traffic stop try goes awry

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Two Big Spring men were arrested after a traffic stop turned into a brief standoff in the 600 block of State Street Friday morning.

Luis Rios Canales III, 24, of 710 Creighton, was taken into custody and charged with evading arrest

after an officer with the Big Spring Police Department pulled his vehicle over in the 300 block of State, according to BSPD Chief Lonnie Smith.

"An officer initiated a traffic stop in the 300 block of State, at which time Canales left the vehicle and made a run for it on foot, running

southbound on State," said Smith. "It took officers a little while to zero in on which house he ran to, but eventually they determined it was 601 State."

After law enforcement officers knocked on the door at 601 State

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Early voting said 'steady'

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Steady as she goes. That's the message from Howard County Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom, as she and her staff wrapped up their first week of early voting in this year's presidential election.

"It's been very steady.

How John McCain and Barack Obama stand on the issues.
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Everything is going really well," said Bloom. "We had a pretty good rush

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Davis' replacement, wind farm engineer on college board slate

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will be looking for a new colleague when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.

Trustees will consider the matter of replacing long-time board member Harold Davis, who died Oct. 13 after more than three decades service on the board.

Davis was first appointed as District 3 trustee in September 1971 and served continuously until his death, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

"The board can choose to either appoint a replacement or hold a special election to fill the position," Sparks said, adding that the board has historically appointed a new member when vacancies occurred

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Commissioners to mull Health Center funding

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The new Howard County Health Center project is expected to take center stage Monday in commissioners court, as Irene Dominguez, director of indigent health services, will ask the court to help fund the effort.

"We're going to ask

the commissioners to subsidize part of the salary for the director of the center," said Dominguez. "We're not sure exactly how much we're going to ask the court for at this time, so we'll sit down with them and go over it. I'm hoping by the end of the meeting we'll have a fund the effort.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

From left, Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey talks with students Nicole Baum and Amber Jones as they and other BSHS students and staff were collecting trash along FM 700 during Make a Difference Day, a city-wide cleanup effort sponsored by Keep Big Spring Beautiful.



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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP

Area roundup: No. 5 Indians outslug Bearkats

Stanton only Crossroads squad to win district matchup Friday

By **BRANDON HALLFORD**

Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — When two teams are evenly matched it is the little things that often decides the outcome. Such was the case as the Garden City Bearkats (1-1, 7-2) and Ft. Davis Indians squared off Friday night.

The Indians cashed in on two Garden City turnovers, propelling them to a 54-33 win.

Fort Davis needed five plays to draw first blood on its first possession as Adrian Hernandez found Stetson Chandler with a 22-yard

touchdown pass just two minutes into the contest. The Bearkats answered right back however, as Levi Schaefer connected with Brett Chudej on a 5-yard strike of his own to even the score at 6-6 late in the first quarter.

Fort Davis scored back-to-back unanswered touchdowns to end the first and start the second period, leaving Garden City in a 22-6 hole. However, Schaefer struck again, this time finding the outstretched arms of Quaid Hale for a 5-yard touchdown, cutting the deficit to 10.

The margin was shaved to 3 with 10 seconds remaining in the first

half, as Jake Schwartz out ran the Fort Davis defense down the right sideling for a 64-yard score.

The Bearkats maintained the momentum after the break, needing just four plays to move 46 yards and claim their only lead of the night, 25-22, with 8:23 left in the third.

The lead was short-lived, though. Fort Davis regained the advantage less than three minutes later and Hernandez took over from there. After Hernandez scored on a 9-yard run, the Indians felt a need to take complete control of the momentum

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Courtesy photo/James Schwartz

Garden City running back Jake Schwartz stiff arms a Fort Davis defender as he returns a kick in the Bearkats' 54-33 loss Friday night in Garden City.

Postseason chances diminishes for Buffs

Plains all but eliminates Forsan from contention with 20-13 win

By **JEFF LANE**

Special to the Herald

PLAINS — The Forsan Buffaloes (1-7, 0-3) all but closed the door on any chance of qualifying for the postseason this year, falling to the Plains Cowboys Friday night, 20-13.

Mathematically, the Buffs still have a shot, but they do not control their own destiny.

"There is still a reason to stay motivated this season — it isn't over," said Forsan head coach Tommy Thompson. "Even with how things have gone for us, we have a chance to still get in. Basically we have to win out and hope that Plains loses their last two games."

That would be the best case scenario for the Buffs, but not the only one.

Currently, Sundown and Stanton sit atop District 7-A with perfect 3-0 records followed by a logjam for the third seed, with Seagraves, Tahoka and Plains all sitting at 1-2.

Seagraves and Tahoka are right where they need to be for the Buffs to make this happen. But, they will have to hope their fortunes change and the ball starts bouncing their way.

"The frustrating thing is, we are really playing pretty well," Thompson said. "If we were just playing bad football right now, we would have an excuse."

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring running back LaRay Woodard rushes around right end in action from the Steers' District 4-4A football matchup against Abilene Cooper Friday at Memorial Stadium. Cooper held on late for a 21-17 victory.

Steers frighten Cooper

By **JONATHAN HULL**

Sports Editor

It wasn't supposed to be as hard as it was for Abilene Cooper Friday night.

The Cougars came into Memorial Stadium to play the host Big Spring Steers as heavy favorites, expected to easily score more than 40 points. They were held to half that projection, but it turned out to be just enough.

The Steers gave Cooper its biggest scare since moving down to play against Class 4A competition. Still, the Cougars (5-3, 3-0) held on for a 21-17 victory in District 4-4A play.

The loss places the Steers (4-4, 1-2) in fourth place in the district standings as San Angelo Lake View knocked off Hereford, 20-14, to improve to 2-1 in league play. The Steers travel to San Angelo Friday to play the

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Late C-City rally dims Coahoma playoff hopes

Herald Staff Report

COLORADO CITY — Strange things happen in the game of football and the chances of the unlikely occurring generally tends to increase when two rivals are butting heads on the field.

Colorado City's Wolves trailed Coahoma's Bulldogs, 28-20, with less than two minutes to play. However, the Wolves (5-3, 2-1) scored three touchdowns in the final 1:46, stealing a 40-28 victory and greatly diminishing the Bulldogs' post-season hopes.

The loss places the Bulldogs (4-4, 0-3) at the bottom of the District 7-2A standings along with the Wall Hawks (2-6, 0-3). The two squads match up Friday in Coahoma with the loser being mathematically eliminated from playoff contention.

Meanwhile, Colorado City has great increased its chances to make its first playoff appearance since 2005. The Wolves finished 0-10 two seasons ago and were 3-7 in 2007.

The Bulldogs took an 8-point advantage,

28-20, with 5:25 remaining in regulation, courtesy of a 2-yard touchdown plunge by P.J. Daylong. However, all the score did

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District 7-2A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Ballinger	3-0	5-3
Jim Ned	3-0	5-3
Colorado	2-1	5-3
Grape Creek	1-2	4-4
Coahoma	0-3	4-4
Wall	0-3	2-6

Week 8 results: Colorado City 40, Coahoma 28; Jim Ned 31, Wall 28; Ballinger 41, Grape Creek 26.

Week 9 schedule: Wall at Coahoma, Grape Creek at Jim Ned, Ballinger at Colorado City.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma's Ray Gutierrez runs away from a Colorado City Wolves defender in District 7-2A football action Friday night in Colorado City. The Wolves scored three touchdowns in the final two minutes of regulation to win, 40-28.

CROSSROADS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

WEEK 8

Cooper
21
Big Spring
17

Colorado City
40
Coahoma
28

Plains
20
Forsan
13

Fort Davis
54
Garden City
33

Stanton
8
Tahoka
6

Ira
75
Grady
25

Borden Co.
56
Sands
14

Recovery Road and the Meditation Garden Debut

Big Spring State Hospital Opens Volunteer-Funded Wellness Addition



When the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council looked around to find a place to sink funds from a year of work — earned from time-consuming, yet fruitful fund-raisers — they looked no further than one of the most active departments on the sprawling hospital campus.

The Activity Therapies Department conducts classes, teaches life skills and how to live with mental illness with a 43-strong person staff. They are the employees who have the greatest opportunity to teach life-changing skills to the 200 or more patients at the hospital.

Patients look forward to classes, the group socialization and the many events the gregarious staff engages in each day.

They either walk or ride the tram to the ATD at least twice a day to learn, relax and get some time away from the unit, ATD Director Lorie Couch said.

The Activity Therapies staff — known amongst hospital employees and patients as ATD — and the patients wanted more room to congregate, exercise, hold classes or just get away from it all beyond the airy atrium and the adjoining patio.

“We wanted to go beyond the concrete patio of ATD,” Superintendent Ed Moughon said. “We wanted an area that beckoned them outside even more and gave them a place to reflect, relax. We wanted an environment that created a feeling of wellness and healthy living.”

As the area evolved with \$53,000 in volunteer funds and labor provided by the Plant Management staff and patients enrolled in the greenhouse program, the patients christened the area “The Wellness and Recovery Activity Plaza.”

The Plaza includes a covered area, a walking track, and a butterfly and meditation garden with a waterfall surrounded by newly planted trees. Patients even had a hand in naming the area.

Possible names were submitted by employees and patients with the final result determined by patient vote. “The walking track is named Recovery Road and the waterfall area is The Meditation Garden,” Couch said.

“This just made sense,” Director of Community Relations Billie Christie said. Community Relations assists the 100 or more volunteers with their many endeavors. “The patients flock to ATD during their off time and they enjoy going outside. This just expands the area outward and gives them places to unwind.”

The airy Atrium with the patio gave them outlet but it didn’t create the environment that the staff and the patients desired.

Each year, volunteers solicit requests from each department and choose where to spend their money, Christie said. Past projects have included the Animal Assisted Therapy building, patios outside each unit, trams to transport patients around campus in bad weather.

“When you are in a hospital, you don’t have much privacy, but here they can get away, escape

into their own thoughts in a secured area,” Christie said. “The volunteers could relate to the need and patients being able to have the freedom to be outdoors and exercise and enjoy the beauty and nature of the seasons.”

Our patients consistently requested more time outside for exercise and relaxation, Couch said.

“They identified that walking outdoors is their preferred method of exercise, hence the need for a walking track,” he said. “There is also a grassy area for organized lawn games. The waterfall and butterfly garden was created for relaxation

purposes. Overall, we needed a nice outside area that served the above purposes that was near our building for ease of patient supervision.”

The Wellness Plaza is open each morning and most evenings for walks or relaxation. Patient classes often are held in the area to break the monotony of the classroom, and Active Lifestyles groups utilize this area as an alternative to

the gym and fitness room for exercise, Couch said.

Big Spring State Hospital has focused a large part of their goals on all-around wellness and lifestyle changes to improve weight, health and overall ability to assist with stress and depression, Moughon said. It has long been proven that exercise is an important part of wellness and reduces stress

In addition to exercise and relaxation it also gives them a picturesque outside area, Couch said.

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Big Spring State Hospital and Volunteer Services Council

will host a Coffee and Open House

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Obituaries

Helen Ruth Lemon Smallwood

Helen Ruth Lemon Smallwood, 61, of Glenwood, Ark., died Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008.

Services will be held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008, in the Glenwood United Methodist Church with the Rev. Keenan Williams, the Rev. Corey Pelton and the Rev. Will Bradford officiating.

Visitation will be held Monday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Interment will be in the Glenwood Cemetery under the direction of Davis-Smith Funeral Home, Glenwood.

She was born Nov. 15, 1946, in Big Spring to Joseph Clay Lemon and Martha Beaufort Logan Lemon. On June 15, 1970, she was married to Phil Henry Smallwood in St. Louis, Mo.

Ruth was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Hot Springs, Ark. She was a licensed physical therapist, but only practiced until the birth of her children.

She is survived by her husband, Phil Smallwood of Glenwood; her six children, Matthew Casey Smallwood and wife Esther of Texarkana, Catherine Amy Smallwood and husband Matthew of El Dorado, Ark., Andrew Jeremy Smallwood and wife Rachel of North Little Rock, Ark., Timothy McGaffin Smallwood of San Diego, Calif., Hannah Rebecca Smallwood of Bentonville, Ark., and Susanna Hope Smallwood of Glenwood; six grandchildren; two brothers, Dr. Lee Lemon of Lubbock and Dr. James Lemon of Slayton; and one sister, Jo Ann Loper of Austin.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorials may be made to The Glenwood Christian School Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 954, Glenwood, Ark. 71943.

Guest registry is at www.davis-smith.com.

Loy "Jim" Holloway

Loy "Jim" Holloway, 93, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008 at his residence. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- Big Spring High School Junior Class will meet at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3 in the athletic training center. For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 816-1685.

- The Eagles Lodge will offer chelos burritos from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, for \$8 per plate (includes drink and dessert). Takeouts will be available.

- West Texas Pachyderm Club meets Thursday, Oct. 30, at noon at the Big Spring Country Club. The public is invited to attend and hear guest speaker Dr. Donald R. May of Lubbock. He will be speaking on "A Time for Courage." Please join us by phoning the country club at 267-8241 to make your lunch reservation. Cost of lunch is \$10 but is not mandatory for attending the meeting. We strongly urge everyone to come hear this very timely message.

- Big Spring High School sweatshirts and hoodies are available by calling Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Sweatshirts are \$20 each; hoodies are \$25.

- 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.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday night (note: an arrest log was unavailable):

- ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC SERVANT was reported in the 200 block of Airbase Road.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg.
- EVADING ARREST/DETENTION was reported in the 1200 block of Third.
- FALSELY IDENTIFYING AS A POLICE OFFICER was reported in the 900 block of Lancaster.
- FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- HINDERING APPREHENSION OR PROSECUTION was reported in the 600 block of State.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1300 block of Johnson.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA IN A DRUG FREE ZONE was reported in the 200 block of Airbase.
- THEFT was reported at the intersection of Fourth and Birdwell, the 2000 block of Gregg and the 1600 block of FM 700.

Support Groups

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 Ministries, 1209 Wright St.

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

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

- 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.

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

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

Your Local Weather

Sun 10/26	Mon 10/27	Tue 10/28	Wed 10/29	Thu 10/30
				
83/51 Partly cloudy skies. Warm. High 83F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.	68/48 A few clouds. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the upper 40s.	75/51 Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	76/53 Sunny. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.	77/57 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

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COUNTY

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better idea."

Last month, county officials received word that they received an \$80,000 planning grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration to help with the establishment of the Howard County Health Center.

Once open, the health center will provide basic health care services to the county residents, regardless of their ability to pay, according to Dominguez, who hopes to have the center open for business by Sept. 1, 2009.

While paying the salary for a center director will be the topic of discussion for the court Monday morning, who will step into the position is the question Dominguez said she and a consulting firm are moving to answer.

"We haven't decided on a director at this time, but I expect to be able to name one the first part of next month," said Dominguez, who is working hand-in-hand with a consulting company to hire someone for the position. "We've had some very impressive applicants, so the search is moving along nicely.

"The biggest hurdle will be finances," Dominguez said. "We'll be examining grants, fund-raising efforts and other means of funding. And we have to start working on that soon. Right now, we're just in the planning stages."

The meeting is to begin at 9 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second-floor of the county courthouse.

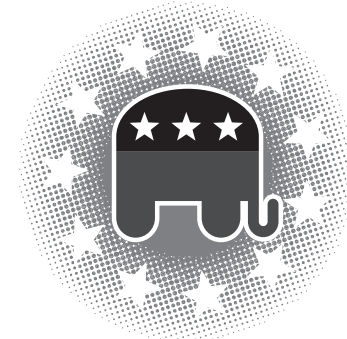
Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 5-33-34-47-52; Mega Ball: 18.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-24-1-12-9. Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-9-2-6. Sum It Up: 26.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-1-1. Sum it Up: 8.



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STEERS

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Chiefs in a game carrying a lot of meaning as far as postseason seeding goes.

"This game against San Angelo next week is big," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "If we can beat Lake View by so many points, then it gives us a real edge in tiebreakers. Winning the next two games would pretty much ensure us the top seed in the small school division in the playoffs."

As for Friday's game, Ritchey had mixed emotions.

"I can't say enough about the heart and effort put forth by this team tonight. There aren't words that can express how proud I am," he said. "At the same time, we're disappointed. The best team did not win tonight. We were the better team. We outplayed Cooper. We had some untimely mistakes and probably some bad play calling at the end.

"We have a great football team," Ritchey continued. "Just look at the teams we've compet-

ed against. Denison is a Top 20 team and we lost a heart-breaker to them. Frenship is a Top 10 team and we played them tough with a beat-up squad. Cooper is a Top 15 team and we should've won this one. We're going be healthy for these last two games and into the playoffs. We've got the ability to really make a run at something special."

Big Spring's bid at an upset fell 20 yards short. The Steers trailed 21-17 for the entire second half, but got the ball for their last possession with less than four minutes to play. On a fourth and long deep inside Cooper territory, Matt Ritchey hit Thaddeus Straughter on a short hitch and Straughter pitched the ball to a streaking Zamir Linton on the left sideline.

Unfortunately, Linton didn't have enough room to work as a Cooper defender got just enough of him to force him out of bounds, forcing the Steers to give the Cougars the ball back on downs. One Cooper first down later, the game was over.

Neither team scored in the sec-

District 4-4A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Frenship	3-0	8-0
Cooper	3-0	5-3
Lake View	2-1	5-3
Big Spring	1-2	4-4
Hereford	0-3	2-6
Plainview	0-3	2-6

Week 8 results: Cooper 21, Big Spring 17; Frenship 20, Plainview 17; Lake View 20, Hereford 14.

Week 9 schedule: Big Spring at Lake View; Frenship at Cooper; Plainview at Hereford.

ond half with Cooper scoring all 21 of its points in the opening stanza. The Cougars led by 11 at the end of the first quarter, when T.C. Robinson picked off Tyler Tannehill at the Cooper 35 and returned it 65 yards for a score.

However, the Steers didn't let Cooper increase its lead any further. With 8:40 remaining in the first half, LaRay Woodard, starting his second consecutive game at running back, took the ball on a sweep around the right side. Wide receiver Tevian Parnell picked up a block on the edge,

allowing Woodard to turn the corner and outrace Cooper's secondary for a 52-yard touchdown run. Tannehill nailed the extra point, cutting the deficit to 21-17 — a score that would hold up over the last 32:40 of the game.

Woodard finished with 152 yards on 12 carries. As a team, the Steers rushed for 236 yards with Matt Ritchey adding 82 more.

Ritchey also finished 2-of-7 passing for 35 yards and a touchdown. Unfortunately, the Steers never found any consistency with their air game. Tannehill finished 6 of 23 for 62 yards and threw one interception.

Cooper's offense appeared out of sync after it lost running back A'mon Pimpton, who came into the game as the district's leading rusher. Pimpton went out in the first half with an ankle injury.

Still, the Steers did accomplish two season firsts Friday night. It was the first time Big Spring did not allow any points due to a mistake on special teams. Also, Tannehill kicked the first field

goal of the season for Big Spring, nailing a 31-yard attempt in the first quarter that briefly gave Big Spring its only lead of the contest, 10-7.

Cooper	21	0	0	0-21
Big Spring	10	7	0	0-17

First quarter

AC - Reese Williams 11 pass from Ryan Heslep (Stephen Greene kick), 6:24
BS - Sidney Parker 30 pass from Matt Ritchey (Tyler Tannehill kick), 5:21
BS - Tannehill 31 field goal, 4:08
AC - A'mon Pimpton 6 run (Greene kick), 2:24
AC - T.C. Robinson 65 interception return (Greene kick), :21

Second quarter

BS - LaRay Woodard 52 run (Tannehill kick), 8:40

Team statistics

	AC	BS
First downs	18	19
Rushes-Yards	34-171	34-236
Passing yards	160	97
Comp.-Att.-Int.	12-24-0	8-30-1
Punts-Avg.	3-35	3-35.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	15-135	4-30

Individual leaders

Rushing: Cooper - Kendrick Powdrill 16-87; Big Spring - LaRay Woodard 12-152.
Passing: Cooper - Ryan Heslep 12-23-0 160; Big Spring - Tyler Tannehill 6-23-1 62, Ritchey 2-7-0 35.
Receiving: Cooper - Khole Jackson 4-58; Big Spring - Sidney Parker 2-59.

COAHOMA

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was set the stage for the Wolves' miracle.

Colorado City quarterback Clint White cut Coahoma's lead to 2 with a 3-yard touchdown scamper with 1:46 left to play. White's pass attempt on the ensuing 2-point conversion fell incomplete, though, leaving the Wolves in a dire situation.

However, a Coahoma miscue a minute later set up a 17-yard touchdown pass from White to Manuel Garza with 45 seconds left on the clock. White hooked up with J.C. Johnson for the 2-point conversion, giving the Wolves a 34-28 advantage.

Coahoma's last ditch effort to at least tie the game ended when Johnson picked off Nathan Deporto with no time left on the clock. However, instead

of going down or running out of bounds, Johnson returned the interception 76 yards for one last Colorado City touchdown.

Deporto was 13 of 31 for 370 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. Lupe Abrego caught Deporto's only touchdown — a 50-yard scoring strike. Abrego finished with six catches for 194 yards.

Daylong led the Bulldogs in rushing, racking up 69 yards on 26 carries.

The run game was very effective for Colorado City as two Wolves eclipsed the century mark. Jamarcus Brooks had 106 yards on 13 carries, while White registered 105 yards on 19 totes. White also completed 16-of-23 passes for 218 yards with his favorite receiver being Garza, who totaled 118 yards on five receptions.

The Wolves host district-leader Ballinger (5-3, 3-0) Friday in Colorado City. A win could give the Wolves a share of the district lead.

Romo-less Cowboys need quick turnaround

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Watching from the sideline Sunday, injured Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo is bound to have all sorts of things running through his mind.

Seeing the Tampa Bay Buccaneers visit Texas Stadium is sure to trigger memories of their last visit, on Thanksgiving 2006. In only his fifth career start, Romo threw five touchdown passes, tying a club record and proving to a national audience he was the real deal.

He also began a move toward pop-culture fame,

getting to know halftime act Carrie Underwood and impressing another country singer in the stands, Jessica Simpson.

But Romo prides himself on being an in-the-moment sort of guy, so he probably won't dwell on all that, especially not with the way things are going for his club.

Dallas (4-3) wasn't clicking on offense even before Romo broke the pinkie on his throwing hand, and now 40-year-old backup Brad Johnson is being asked to get things going. The Cowboys are hoping rust was to blame for his ugly effort last week in St.

Louis, but it didn't really matter because the defense continued a run of awful outings.

Special teams have been a problem since training camp, their trouble stopping returners now compounded by losing both their main return guys.

Fallout from this team-wide cave-in includes three losses in four games, the lone exception a creaky home victory over winless Cincinnati.

Coach Wade Phillips told his position coaches to start helping out with special teams last week, and this week he's taking a more active role with the defense.



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Bair-Childers



Amber Bair & Josh Childers
11 a.m. • Nov. 8, 2008
East Side Baptist Church

Jeff and Stacey Childers announce the engagement of their son, William Joshua (Josh) Childers to Amber Brooke Bair, all of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Sandy Bair of Big Spring. Her grandparents are the late Bobby Wall and Glynora Wall and the late Edward Bair and Florence Bair, all of Big Spring.

The groom-to-be is the son of Jeff and Stacey Childers of Big Spring. His grandparents are the late Bill Childers and Ernestine Childers of Sand Springs and Dan Whitaker and Louise Whitaker, both of Big Spring.

He is the great-grandson of the late Sgt. Bill Baker and Kenneth and Lela Geer of Big Spring.

Josh is a 2007 home school graduate and is employed at Western Container Corporation.

Amber is a 2006 Graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed at Walmart Supercenter.

The wedding will be at 11 a.m. Nov. 8, at East Side Baptist Church.

Anniversary

John and Carlita Leonardi of Big Spring celebrated 50-years of marriage with an open house reception held at Dora Roberts Community Lake Room attended by family and numerous friends from Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas.

The event was hosted by the couple's children, Carlos and Tracey Quemada, Lezlee Leonardi and Joel and Kathy Leonardi.

John was born in Aguilar, Colo., while Carlita Ferguson was born in Denver, Colo. The couple met in the summer of 1957 in Engelwood, Colo., when John worked for an ambulance service company and took his meals in the restaurant where Carlita worked. They were married Oct. 11, 1958, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Denver.

John and Carlita have three children, daughters, Lezlee Leonardi of Longmont, Colo., Tracey Quemada of Houston, son, Joel Leonardi of Wellington, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

During their 50-year marriage, the couple have lived mostly in Colorado and Texas but spent some time in South Dakota, California, Washington and Arizona.

John is retired after 30 years of service to IBM. Carlita

50-years of marriage



John & Carlita Leonardi
Dora Roberts Community Lake Room

retired from the city of Longmont, Colo. They attend Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. She is a member of Beta Sigma Phi and they both belong to the Comanche Trail Golf groups.

John and Carlita enjoy golf, travel and visiting with family and friends.

The couple's comment on their 50 years of marriage is "When we said 'I do,' we meant it and the Lord has blessed us."

70th anniversary



Geraldine & J.E. Brown
Oct. 25, 2008 • Rockwall

J. E. and Geraldine Brown celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary Oct. 25, 2008, with a party at their daughters home in Rockwall.

The Browns were both born in Big Spring and were raised in Knott and Coahoma respectively. They both graduated from Coahoma High School in 1938 and married Oct. 25 of that same year in Sweetwater. Mrs. Brown is the former Geraldine Musgrove and the daughter of the late Oscar and Zuella Musgrove. Mr. Brown's parents are the late Ed and Mary Brown.

The couple left Texas and lived in California and Idaho before settling in Fort Worth, where Mr. Brown worked and retired from Bell Helicopter after 27 years.

Celebrating with their parents were Lyndia Carol Lowke of Rockwall, Phyllis MacMoy of Houston and Jacob Eddie Brown III of Angel Fire, N.M. The Browns have been blessed with nine grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Births



Evan Shay Campbell
Oct. 1, 2008

Kandi and Nate Campbell of Big Spring announce the birth of their son, Evan Shay Campbell, born at 4:24 p.m. Oct. 1, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Anita and John Cline. His paternal grandparents are Jim and Sammye Campbell.

Evan was welcomed home by big brother, Bryson.

Military News

U.S. Army

Army Pvt. Angel Verastegui has graduated from Basic Combat training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, the soldier studied the Army mission and received instruction and training exercises in drill and ceremonies, Army history, core values and traditions, military cour-

tesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, weapons use, map reading and land navigation, foot marches, armed and unarmed combat, and field maneuvers and tactics.

Verastegui is the son of Linda Castaneda of Stanton.

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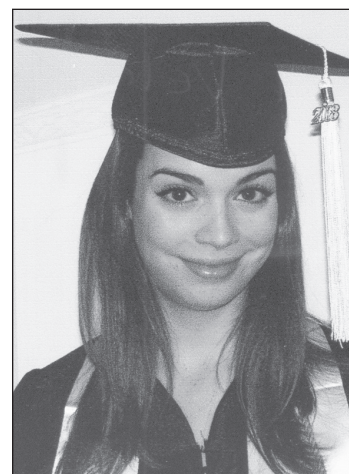
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Graduates

Sarah B. Vela graduated in August of 2008 from the University of Texas in Austin with high honors. She earned her bachelors degrees in English and psychology. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and she is employed with the American Cancer Society.

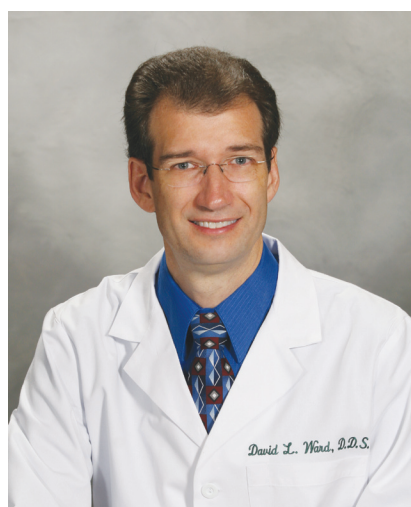
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FISD to consider wind pact

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here will consider approving a third tax-limitation agreement with a wind farm company when they hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration building board room.

The school board will hold a public hearing to solicit public input on Panther Creek Wind Farm's application for a tax limitation agreement with Forsan ISD, then consider formal adoption of the measure.

Under a tax limitation agreement, Panther Creek would pay taxes on the full valuation of its property for two years, then pay a reduced rate for the remainder of the agreement — typically eight additional years. In return for the lower tax levy, the company will return 40 percent of the money saved during the life of the agreement.

The money received by the district in this manner will be unrestricted, meaning FISD can use it as it sees fit.

Dianna Newton, business manager of the school

district, said it was uncertain at this time how much money the district will receive from the agreement.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- The Adequate Yearly Progress report.
- Approval of an adjunct faculty agreement.
- Budget amendments.
- Approval of the Highly Qualified Teacher list.
- Personnel matters.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

ARRESTS

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several times, Canales exited the residence and surrendered at approximately 11:40 a.m.

With Canales in custody, officers continued to knock on the door. At approximately 11:45 a.m., Theodore Rios Jr., 17, of 601 State, exited and was

taken into custody.

"Rios was arrested on a charge of hindering apprehension," said Smith. "Both men were taken into custody without injury."

According to Smith, Canales had several warrants for his arrest prior to Friday's incident.

"Canales had three traffic warrants for his arrest," said Smith. "They were for an unrestrained child passenger under the age of 2

years, no driver's license and no liability insurance. He also had a warrant with Howard County, also for evading arrest or detention."

Both men were booked into the city jail.

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COAHOMA STUDENTS SING OUT



Courtesy photo

These Coahoma seventh, eighth and ninth graders were recently named to the Region 6 Honor Choir, which includes junior high and freshman singers from the Midland-Odessa area plus San Angelo. Back row, Shayla Martin was 1st alternate in the Soprano I section; J.J. Sloan, Tenor I; Emilea Brumley, Soprano I. Front row, Kenzie Moore, Alto section; Heather Kirby, Soprano II section; and Jessi Morgan, Alto section. The students will perform in a concert along with the high school mixed Region Choir Saturday, Nov. 1, at Lee High School in Midland.

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in the past.

Davis' term expires in 2012. If a person is appointed to the vacancy, then he or she would face an election in 2010 to fill the remainder of the term.

Also Monday, trustees will consider entering into a joint agreement with Texas State Technical College to provide a wind turbine engineer training program in this area.

"(TSTC officials) approached us recently about establishing a partnership with this program," Sparks said. "There is definitely

going to be an increased need for technicians in that field, especially in West Texas."

With wind turbine farms seemingly springing up all over the county, Sparks said the program would prove beneficial for all parties.

"This is just in the initial stages, but we do want to move quickly," she said. "We want to be ready for these businesses when they need technicians."

Sparks also will share with trustees good news in the area of enrollment during the meeting.

She said final Fall 2008 semester enrollment figures show a 3 percent increase

over last autumn's record enrollment numbers.

Howard College has a total enrollment of 3,573 students at its four main campuses, up from 3,448 this time last year, Sparks said. Enrollment figures by campus are:

- Big Spring — 1,366, up 3.9 percent from 2007.
- San Angelo — 1,990, a 4.5 percent increase from 2007.
- Lamesa — 104, down 3.7 percent from 2007.
- SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf — 113, down 5.8 percent from 2007.

Contact hours — the amount of time students are in classrooms or labs

— also are up from the previous year. This is significant because contact hours figures are used by officials to determine state funding for the college, Sparks said.

In other business, trustees will consider:

- Bond project updates.
- Small class reports.
- College foundation reports.

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VOTING

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Monday morning when the early voting polls opened, but since then things have pretty well smoothed out and been steady."

As of late Friday afternoon, early voting polls had collected 3,530 ballots, accounting for more than 16 percent of the registered voters in the county, a percentage Bloom said she's very pleased with.

"We've had elections where we didn't even get 16 percent of the registered voters through the entire process. This year, we had 16.5 percent collected after just the first four days of early voting. It's very impressive. I'm very pleased with the way its going."

And though the turnout has been impressive, it doesn't necessarily come as a surprise.

"It's the election that's bringing out so many voters," said Bloom. "We're about 200 ballots behind where we were this time in the 2004 election, and with such a hotly contested presidential race, we're about where I thought we'd be right now."

Bloom said the electronic voting machines and ballots have yet to offer the election staff or voters any problems, a welcome break from past elections.

"It's going smoothly, almost too smoothly," she

said with a laugh. "Nearly every election you have some sort of problem, but this year it has been really good. The only mistake we've found so far with the ballot is vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin's first name is misspelled. The 'h' was left off her name. A few voters have brought that one to our attention."

Parking at the county courthouse has also been a concern, according to Bloom, but not for voters.

"I haven't received any complaints from voters as to the lack of parking around the courthouse," said Bloom. "The only complaints I've had is from the courthouse employees, who are having to circle the courthouse to find a parking spot after lunch."

Bloom said branch voting in this year's contest — Canterbury Retirement Center Wednesday, Parkview Nursing Center Thursday and early Friday at the Texas State Veteran's Home — will continue next week.

"We'll be at the Spring

City Senior Citizen Center Tuesday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.," said Bloom. "And Wednesday we will be at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m."

With a week of early voting left, Bloom said area residents can avoid long lines on election day by taking advantage of early balloting.

"We really want to encourage everyone to vote early," she said. "On average, the longest wait times we've had for people voting is 10 to 15 minutes. That's not a lot when you consider the wait is two to three hours in some cities. We haven't had any lines running outside the courtroom door yet, so this is an excellent chance to avoid standing in line Nov. 4."

For more information on early voting, contact Bloom's office at 264-2273.

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For years, we have seen your love and felt the effects of your prayers as we watched Casie live life on her terms in spite of the illness she fought. We will always be grateful to Dr. Clark and Linda McDaniel, Kyle Ditto, Sherry, Ray and every other member of Dr. McDaniel's staff for all the times they helped us win each battle with cystic fibrosis even as they let her win the war to be in control of her own life.

We are grateful for friends - "ours" and "hers". We thank the friends and strangers who went out of your way to help us for 23 years and then showered us with flowers, food, gifts, donations, phone calls, prayers, visits and loving words these past days.

To the friends she loved - some from childhood and others whom she just met in the last few months. Thank you for enriching her life and loving her every day, and then for comforting us with your fun stories and memories.

From David, Zina, Brent and Bobbie to Brandon Bryant: We love you. Thank you for being Casie's hero, the wonderful man we have come to love, not just as her fiancée, but also as a son, brother and grandson. You took her for a ride on the clouds and we have never seen her happier or more fulfilled than she was for the last 18 months with you, Kiko and Blue.

Sadly, it all came to an end on October 11. We want to thank the two ladies who arrived at the accident only seconds after it happened. To Teresa and Risa - we are grateful for all you did to try to help her and then for reliving those horrific moments to tell us what happened. *We pray you find peace and comfort knowing you did everything possible and were with her even though there was no possibility of saving her.*

Nalley-Pickle & Welch - Tommy, you and your staff are to be commended for the special grace and love you show at a most difficult time. The same is true of Laura and Duane Murphree and your staff at Inspirations Flowers. We will never forget your kindness and love.

To Raye Nell Dyer, our "family" minister: Thank you for planning, officiating and ministering to us with your words and actions. As much as you love Casie, we know how difficult it was for you. Thank you to Uncle Chuck "Shep" Shepard, Hayley Burks and Dr. McDaniel for ministering to us and remembering Casie. We appreciate First Baptist Church for allowing us to use the beautiful sanctuary, and our thanks to Suzanne, Don and Layne for helping during the service. Thanks to the Big Spring Herald and Thomas Jenkins. We appreciate Amanda Charlton, Geri York, our Fedex boys, customers of GreenHouse Photography, David's fellow employees at Power Resources and so many business and personal friends who helped us ins big and little ways.

We thank Casie for showing us how important it is to live every moment to the fullest. She lit up every room she entered with fun and a determination to really live. Let her inspire you, and please help us to find the courage to live the way she wants us to - even though we won't see her for awhile.

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But we aren't, we just have the most untimely turnovers or penalties. It seems like they just couldn't come at a worse time."

Again, it seemed like a tale of two halves for the Buffs.

After giving up 17 points in the first half, Forsan held the Cowboys to only a field goal in the second. This seems to be the common factor in several games this year where the Buffs have come out flat, but hold in the second and make a late run, always falling a little short of the comeback.

"It can be very demoralizing. Losing close ones like this, when you had a chance, can really wear you down," said Thompson. "We out-gained them on the ground and in the air, but didn't get it done on the scoreboard. It

will be a test of my coaching ability and the heart of our players to look at this in a positive light, knowing that we are good enough to win these games. Our fortune can change in the blink of an eye if we keep fighting."

The Buffs totaled 257 yards of offense on the night, with 137 yards coming on the ground and 120 in the air, including an 85-yard touchdown pass from Alex Huckabee to Jeremy Robbins.

That score pulled the Buffs to within a touchdown with 9:40 left in the fourth quarter and, after the defense forced Plains to punt, Forsan moved back into scoring position again.

After struggling to get on track most of the night, Jace Sandridge broke loose for a 42-yd gain, breaking several tackles along the way and giving the Buffs a

District 7-A Football Standings & Schedule		
Team	Dist.	Overall
Sundown	3-0	6-2
Stanton	3-0	4-4
Seagraves	1-2	3-5
Tahoka	1-2	2-6
Plains	1-2	5-3
Forsan	0-3	1-7

Week 8 results: Plains 20, Forsan 13; Stanton 8, Tahoka 6; Sundown 31, Seagraves 0.

Week 9 schedule: Forsan at Seagraves, Plains at Stanton, Sundown at Tahoka.

first and goal at the Cowboys 7 yard line.

But the Buffs became their own worst enemy for the rest of the series, killing the scoring threat.

On first down, Forsan was flagged for holding and backed up to the 17-yard-line. After an

incomplete pass, the Cowboys dragged down Huckabee for a sack and a loss of 7, moving them back to the 24.

Another failed running play on fourth down gave the ball over to the Cowboys, who ran out the clock.

"We just got in our own way on a crucial scoring opportunity," Thompson said. "Our guys, to their credit, were trying to make plays and we did have the momentum, but like several other times this year, once it gets moving backwards it just doesn't stop. In the end, it came down to letting another chance get away from us."

The Buffaloes are on the road again next week to play Seagraves, which holds a 6-0 advantage over Forsan since 2000. Last year, the Eagles won the contest, 20-6.

Forsan	0	6	0	7	-	13
Plains	14	3	3	0	-	20

First quarter
Plains – Chris Addison 19 run (kick good); 2:40
Plains – Tim Brock from Addison 29 pass (kick good); 1:28

Second quarter
Forsan – Ty Johnson 42 run (kick fail); 9:10
Plains – Brock 36 field goal; :10

Third quarter
Plains – Brock 32 field goal; 1:36

Fourth quarter
Forsan – Jeremy Robbins from Alex Huckabee 85 pass (kick good); 9:40

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Forsan – Ty Johnson 16-91, Jace Sandridge 4-46, Alex Huckabee 5-0; Plains – Tim Brock 4-60, Arthur Ruiz 13-37, Josh Brock 4-19, Jeffery Barrientes 3-9, Jaaron Bell 5-(-1), Chris Addison 16-(-14)
Passing: Forsan – Huckabee 6-11-120-1-0; Plains – Addison 10-18-96-1-0, Tim Brock 1-1-8-0-0
Receiving: Forsan – Jeremy Robbins 3-105, Kody Willis 3-15; Plains – Tim Brock 6-71, Josh Brock 2-8, Barrientes 1-13, Chris Gonzales 1-8, Brandon Craft 1-4

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of the game, kicking an onside kick. They recovered it at the Garden City 30 yard line.

Hernandez made sure it was not wasted, completing two passes to move the ball down to the Bearkats 5 before plunging into the end zone, giving Fort Davis a 38-25 advantage.

After a 30-yard run by Schwartz pulled the Bearkats back to within 5, Hernandez, who had 17 carries for 118 yards as well as going 11 for 18 through the air for 184 yards, put the contest away. He scored the game's final two touchdowns from 6 and 11 yards out.

"They are a good team," Bearkats Head Coach Vance Jones said afterwards. "We like to think we are a good team as well, but you can't beat good teams if you give up the ball and make little mistakes and that is what happened."

"We are just going to have to

go back to the practice field and get ready for the rest of the season and make the playoffs," Jones continued. "Then maybe we can run into Fort Davis again and get a second shot at them."

Fort Davis	14	8	24	8	54
Garden City	6	13	14	0	33

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Ft. Davis - Adrian Hernandez 17-118, Marcus Hartnett 7-42, Joe Ramos 1-7; Garden City - Cole Schwartz 22-90, Jake Schwartz 9-141, Levi Schaefer 4-(-23).
Passing: Ft. Davis Hernandez 11-18-0 184, Hartnett 2-2-0 12, Ramos 1-3-0 6; Garden City - Schaefer 11-15-0 108.
Receiving: Ft. Davis - Ramos 4-53, Stetson Chandler 5-52, Jeffery Alvarado 2-65, Gerry Aufdengarten 1-9; Garden City - Jake Schwartz 3-29, Brett Chudej 5-50, Quaid Hale 2-23, Cole Schwartz 1-6.

Stanton 8, Tahoka 6

STANTON — With an 8-6 victory over Tahoka Friday night, Stanton's Buffaloes are 3-0 and in serious contention for a District 7-A title as they sit atop the league standings with heavily favored Sundown.

Robbie Noland topped the century mark for the fourth straight week, rushing for 124 yards and a touchdown.

The game was scoreless through three quarters, then Stanton's Tyler Fulton plunged into the end zone from 1 yard out. Noland ran in the 2-point conversion that ended up being the difference in the game.

Tahoka scored with no time left on the clock, courtesy of a 7-yard pass from Mitchell Chapa to Neiko Garcia. However, Chapa's pass attempt on the 2-point conversion fell incomplete, leaving Tahoka just short of sending the game into overtime.

Stanton (4-4, 3-0) is a winner in four of its last five and hosts Plains (5-3, 1-2) Friday.

Individual leaders
Rushing: Robbie Noland – 23-124.
Passing: Tyler Fulton – 3-5-0 81.
Receiving: Ramsey Fleckenstein 1-55.

Borden County 59, Sands 14

GAIL — How much better is

No. 2 Borden County than the rest of Six-man Division II, District 6? At least by 45 points.

The Coyotes mercy-ruled the Sands Mustangs Friday, 59-14, living up to their billing as a state title contender. Sands was believed to be the top challenger to Borden County's bid to win the district championship.

The Coyotes completely shut down the Mustangs' dynamic duo of Johnny Rogers and Daniel Arnedariz. Rogers totaled 88 total yards rushing and passing. Meanwhile, Borden County's Michael Cooley rushed for 209 yards and four touchdowns on just 11 carries.

Sands (5-3, 2-1) hosts Buena Vista Friday. A win would clinch a playoff spot for the Mustangs for the first time since 2002.

Sands	0	14	0	x	-	14
Borden County	16	30	13	x	-	59

Individual leaders
Rushing: Sands – Johnny Rogers 7-28; Borden County – Michael Cooley 11-209; Flynn Chapman 4-82.
Passing: Sands – Rogers 5-15-0 60; BC – Miles Valentine 2-3-0 44.
Receiving: Sands – Seth Fry 1-32; BC

Zach Telchik 1-35.

Ira 75, Grady 25

LENORAH — Ira's Andy Rivera showed why he was a first-team All-State selection in 2007 as he put on a clinic in a 75-25 win over Grady Friday night.

Rivera rushed for 355 yards and eight touchdowns on 26 carries. He scored Ira's last six touchdowns.

Meanwhile, Grady struggled offensively as quarterback Dylan Cox threw four interceptions.

The loss leaves Grady's playoff hopes at slim to none. The Wildcats (5-3, 1-2) must win out and need Ira and O'Donnell to lose the rest of the season for any hope of making the postseason.

They play at Loraine Friday.

Individual Leaders
Rushing: Ira – Andy Rivera 26-355; Grady – Joe Cook 4-51.
Passing: Ira – Austin Calley 5-6-0 104; Grady – Dylan Cox 14-26-4 189.
Receiving: Ira – R.T. Schaefer 2-56; Grady – Jacob Rodriguez 4-76.



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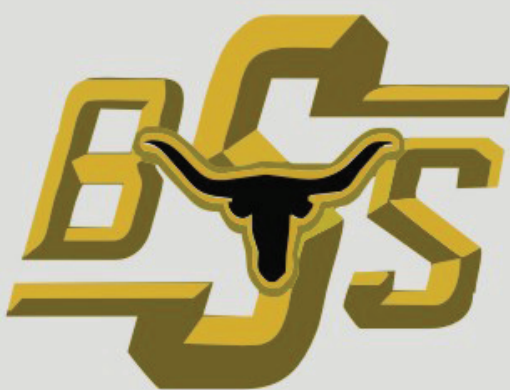
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WHICH CRAFT: Scrapbooks valued as history

By JENNIFER FORKER
For The Associated Press

Scrapbooks have come into their own. These very personal, handmade snapshots of a person's life have gained new respect as research tools by historians.

Rare-book dealers discuss their monetary value while archivists focus on conservation. Historians have begun using scrapbooks to flesh out their work.

It's the humanness and individuality of the humble scrapbook that has made it a respectable medium for historical research in recent years, says Susan Tucker, an archivist at the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women at Tulane University, in New Orleans.

She says scholars as late as the 1980s avoided using scrapbooks in their research because they were deemed too nostalgic, personal and, thus, unreliable.

"Scrapbooks were frowned upon for the same reason we like them now:

They were seen as one person's look at the world and not an unbiased view,"

Tucker says.

Jessica Helfand says she became curious about the medium when she found herself digging into the correspondence of poets T.S. Eliot and Ezra Pound as a Yale graduate student 20 years ago.

"It occurred to me then that reading biographies never gives you the incredible, vivid rush that you get when holding actual letters in your hand — the postmarks, the pictures, the handwriting, the photos, the errors, the scribbles," Helfand says. "It's all so deliriously human."



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This photo shows Jessica Helfand, the author of "Scrapbooks: An American History." The book follows the history of scrapbooking from the early 19th century to the present, picking up stories and quirky ephemera along the way.

book, "Scrapbooks: An American History" (Yale University Press). It follows the history of scrapbooking from the early 19th century to the present, picking up stories and quirky ephemera along the way.

Helfand especially focuses on scrapbooks made during WWI and WWII, and showcases the many bits and pieces that early 20th century Americans treasured: There are candy wrappers, concert ticket stubs, magazine clippings, even — preserved in the fragile pages of one 1907 scrapbook — a peanut shell.

"Throughout this book, it's people grabbing what is there on their kitchen table and making sense of it," Helfand, a graphic designer, says from her home in Falls Village, Conn. "They grabbed gum wrappers and wrote about what was going on in their lives."

Scrapbooks from unknowns are interspersed with those of poet Anne Sexton, playwright Lillian Hellman, and Zelda Fitzgerald, wife of author F. Scott Fitzgerald. Helfand sought scrap-



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This photo provided, by Yale University Press, shows the cover of "Scrapbooks: An American History," by Jessica Helfand.

books of notable Americans before they became famous to get a more human glimpse of them. For example, Sexton had a tumultuous life and committed suicide at age 46 in 1974, but her scrapbook from 1948 details an earlier, more hopeful time. It's chock full of the musings of a 19-year-old girl embarking on adulthood as she elopes to Virginia Beach, Va. Sexton even taped the bulky hotel room key into her scrapbook.

"It's one happy year," says Helfand, who notes that Sexton's poetry emerged early on in her youthful scrapbooks. "You see the scrapbook as

almost a salvation."

Helfand now has a personal collection of more than 200 scrapbooks, most dating to the first half of the 20th century and some used and photographed for her book. She keeps them stacked in gray archival boxes in her home.

Inspired by her own collection and research into the hundred or so other scrapbooks she viewed at academic libraries and online, Helfand did start keeping her own journal, filling it with words and artwork.

"I find it is the best therapy," Helfand says.

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Age	Victim Gender
Minimum Age 14	Female 120
Maximum Age 68	
Average Age 36.13	

Children	Cause of Death
Children Killed 6	Beaten with Hands 9
Children who Lost Parents 77	Shot 76
	Stabbed 17
	Strangled 12

Perpetrator Relation to Victim	Weapon Used
Common law wife 15	Other 3
Estranged wife 12	
Ex-girlfriend 9	
Ex-wife 4	
Girlfriend 29	
Wife 51	

Nature of Death	Victim Race
Homicide 77	African American 21
Murder-suicide 43	Anglo/Caucasian 51
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	Hispanic 40
	Unknown 4

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OTHER VIEWS

U.S. should take a lesson from Europe, Canada

Europe took the lead last week in rescuing the international financial system. Now the Europeans, along with the Canadians, are setting the pace on trade.

Last week, French President Nicolas Sarkozy and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper signed an agreement to launch negotiations for a free-trade agreement between the European Union and Canada. The two economies together would grow by \$32 billion a year if a deal can be reached, according to a joint study. Canada's exports to Europe would increase more than 20 percent by 2014.

This is the kind of opportunity that the United States should be chasing — especially now that the U.S. economy has hit the skids. Exports have been one of the few bright spots for the economy in the past year.

But for months, Congress has refused even to consider three, far less ambitious trade agreements with Colombia, South Korea and Panama that President George W. Bush negotiated. Those deals would bring down tariffs and other barriers to trade between the United States and those countries. They would help the United States keep up with other economic powers more aggressively selling their products and services abroad.

To be sure, the 27-country European Union and Canada will encounter obstacles to completing a trade deal. But the fact that the two sides would launch negotiations shows their leaders have a better grasp than most Democrats and some Republicans in Congress of the benefits of expanding trade. Those benefits include creating jobs and opportunities for exporters and investors, and holding down costs for businesses and consumers. They are especially critical now that the world economy is facing a deep recession. When Congress went the other way and passed the Smoot-Hawley tariffs in 1930, it deepened the Great Depression.

Politicians opposed to trade deals typically spotlight individual industries that can't match competition from other countries, instead of acknowledging the gains made by the broader U.S. economy. Since 1945, trade has added roughly \$9,000 to average U.S. household income, according to the nonpartisan Institute for International Economics.

In Florida, trade supports hundreds of thousands of jobs. Thousands of companies in the state sell their goods and services abroad.

We have endorsed Democrat Barack Obama as the best candidate, all things considered, to be the next president. But Mr. Obama needs to change his tune on trade to one closer to Republican John McCain's, a strong advocate.

Mr. Obama spoke out against the deal with Colombia at the last presidential debate. He has vowed to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement with Canada and Mexico — a truly bad idea. He would stand a better chance of realizing his promise to revitalize the U.S. economy by growing — not shrinking — trade, while strengthening programs to provide temporary assistance and training to displaced workers.

Leaders in Congress, with encouragement this week from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, are likely to roll out another economic stimulus package after the election. Any comprehensive and effective package will include steps to boost trade.

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The Idle American: Pre-K overloads

Grandparents' master plans for their kids' kids, to be effective, must be "tweaked" regularly, often multiple times between sunrises.

Sometimes, it is ours to shield grandchildren from information overload — stuff that falls squarely into the "master unplanned" bin. Usually, it is material grandparents expect to deal with a few years up the road. Often, the best we can do is "hand it off" to their parents.

That's my current situation. I'm sore afraid that more adroitness than I possess may be required to protect 4-year-old Brittin from, of all things, Roman numerals. When driving past the post office, for example, I try to distract her by pointing to stores across the street. Otherwise, she's sure to spot that list of X's, V's and I's above the main entrance that proclaim the building's founding date.

So far, she's "so-so" on encounters with Arabic numerals. That is, she's scoring A's in two-digit counting and simple arithmetic. Another plus is that Brittin counts effortlessly up to 20 in Spanish.

She may be a train wreck in the making, though. Her curiosity was piqued recently when she heard references to "20th and 21st centuries." She understands that a century is the name for 100 years.

But she finds the "th" and "st" tough to comprehend. What keeps it from being transposed, she wonders, like "20st and 21th" centuries?

I felt pain creeping into my hair. It seemed so lame to answer that this just "wouldn't sound right."



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My thoughts clicked into "fast forward" mode. What will we do when she encounters "rd's" as well, or are asked to decipher the Roman numerals denoting dates of Olympic games?

If the latter should happen within the next few months, "Pre-K meltdown" looms.

On her ride home, she was still grappling with lesson No. 1, the one about "th."

She attempted to make a practical application of this new truth with a question to her mother: "I never can remember, Mom, 'she confessed. 'Were you born on July one(th) or two(th)?"

So far, logic has been elusive for Brittin. A few days back, a nose piece broke off of her eyeglasses. As if determined to keep things even, she chewed off the other one.

She will "fit right in" when kindergarten beckons next fall.

One kindergarten teacher at her school introduced sympathy cards to her youngsters. She explained that sending cards to relatives and friends who've lost loved ones is a kind and appreciated gesture.

Garyn, one of her students, had a whole different take that he happily shared with the class.

"It's okay, because everybody has to die. It happens to everybody. Pretty soon the only one left will be Santa Claus!"

Still another kindergarten class was discussing names.

The teacher mentioned that some children have middle names, and some don't. One wondered about middle names.

Another piped up, "We have middle names so when our parents use all three, we know we're REALLY in trouble."

Candace Fulton, a veteran newspaper reporter, has but one grandchild. She enjoys "unvarnished"

conversations with 7-year-old Kristina, as well as other children who gather for "story time" every week at Sunday school. At work, Candace is accustomed to long, convoluted interviews and serious digging for nuggets of truth. Not so with the kids; they hit "bottom line pay dirt" in warp speed. A while back, she broke her leg during a "walk in the park" — literally. Eventually, she was up and about on a walker, slowly resuming normal duties — including "story time." Felicity, 8, posed this "cut-to-the-chase" question: "Why don't you have tennis balls on your walker like other old people?"

Actually, indignities for the then 55-year-old began soon after her leg bone snapped. Her colleagues at the newspaper office are still laughing about what they heard on the police scanner.

The ambulance driver was instructed to "pick up an elderly woman who fell at the park."

Finally, how about the youngster who learned that voters legalized both horse racing and dog racing in the community?

He thought it was really stupid. "The horses will win every time," he predicted. "Their legs are longer."

One sage observation is provided by one who reeks of geezer status.

He says, "One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it is such a nice change from being young."

Whenever I wish to return to my youth, I chill the thought with one word: "Algebra."

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These are the final days for McCain

Losing a presidential race is not an easy thing. Losing the primary is one thing. But making it to the finals, so close you can almost taste it, and then watching it slip through your fingers is one of those experiences from which few people ever fully recover.

If it's a race for reelection, a first term that doesn't become a second, at least you can go off, build the library and console yourself that you're still a member of the club. If you're young enough, you can convince yourself that there is always next time, four years down the road, that the next campaign is only days away. Even if you never run again (see Al Gore, John Kerry), you can get a long way thinking you might.

There will be no such solace for John McCain if he loses. He tried twice. He made it to the finals. He is, frankly, too old to try again. It will be someone else's turn next time.

And it's not clear, even if the talking heads don't want to admit it, that there is anything he can do now to change an outcome that is feeling more certain with each passing day. You can "what if" the race to death: what if he hadn't picked Sarah Palin; what if the economy hadn't collapsed; what if Hillary Clinton had won instead of Barack Obama? But what is matters, not what if. He did pick Palin;

the economy did collapse; and for my money, I think Hillary would have beaten him handily.

At this point, almost everything that matters is beyond McCain's control. He can't control the fact that the Dow has collapsed, that Joe the Plumber has a lien on his house, that Palin doesn't read newspapers, or that Obama doesn't make mistakes. He can't even begin to match Obama in terms of organization or money.

He is on the verge of the final days of a campaign that he will relive and second-guess for the rest of his life.

McCain may not be able to do anything to change the numbers on Nov. 4 or the colors on the map. But there is one thing he can do. He can decide how he will go out, what kind of man America will see, whether the candidate America remembers will be the one who started this race, the one who served in the Senate with distinction, the one who crossed congressional aisles to do what was right, the one who stood up for Kerry when he was being swift-boated, the one who championed campaign finance reform, the de-politicization of the judiciary and fairness in immigration reform, the one who really did put country first for decades; or a bad copy of the guy who beat him by playing dirty politics in 2000.

John McCain brought tears to my eyes in 1988 when he led the Republican Convention in the Pledge of Allegiance. He made me believe there was such a thing as principle when he stood up to the scumbags

trashing him in 2000, stood up to the scumbags trashing Kerry in 2004, stood up to the loudmouth talk-show hosts spreading anti-immigrant ire in 2007.

I haven't seen that guy lately. I haven't seen the guy who carried his own briefcase and was willing to take every question and do his best to tell the truth in answering them. I haven't seen the guy who rode the Straight Talk Express, the guy Democrats like me were most worried about facing in a general election.

What I've seen is another desperate politician tossing mud at his rival, looking for cheap shots and funding robocalls instead of denouncing them.

Maybe with the economy the way it is, the Bush presidency as unpopular as it is, the desire for change as great as it is, there was never a chance for the guy McCain used to be. It may be too late for him to win with dignity, but there is still time for him to lose that way.

And it matters.

It will matter to him for the rest of his life. It matters to the process he has fought for and to the country to which he has dedicated his life. He deserves a better last act than the bad jokes of the Palin fiasco. Two weeks isn't much time. But it's time enough to change the way the ending feels, if not how it plays.

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Dr. Chris Bacorn (with scissors), interim director of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, is joined by U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer as they participate in ribbon-cutting ceremonies to mark the opening of a temporary domiciliary treatment facility on the hospital grounds earlier this week.

E-tailers push e-mail discounts

By ANNE D'INNOENZIO

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Online retailers — grappling with a sharp drop in consumer spending from even their most gung-ho Web enthusiasts — are becoming pushier with e-mails that pitch the latest deals.

With pleas like, “Last chance to save 20 percent,” or “Hurry, final sale ends,” retailers from pure on-line players to land-based stores with a Web presence are hoping to get consumers to open their wallets — quickly and in a cost-effective way.

AnnTaylor Stores Corp.’s recent e-mails promote knit tops as low as \$9.99, while Saks Fifth Avenue’s e-mail messages tout up to 60 per-

“If consumers are fed up with the e-mail blasts now, just wait until the holiday season gets under way in earnest.”

cent off on new women’s fashions. But such attempts to pump up sales threaten to drive away shoppers, who may already be starting to get bleary-eyed over the bombardment.

And if consumers are fed up with the e-mail blasts now, just wait until the holiday season gets under way in earnest — with merchants expecting to increase the pace as they do what-

ever they can to make their sales goals.

“I find them annoying,” said Cory Porter, a Web shopping fan from Washington D.C. who says he now receives about seven per day, twice as many as about two months ago. He had signed up with about nine retailers including Barneys New York, Banana Republic and Safeway to receive e-mail promotions, but thought they would be customized to his needs.

“I am a 32-year-old guy who lives in an urban area with no kids,” Porter said. “In other words, I don’t need blouses, high heels, or kid’s juice boxes.” As a result, he’s opted out

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Luther Kelley Day celebrated

Special to the Herald

KBST Radio celebrated “Luther Kelley Day” Friday, with Mayor Russ McEwen reading an official proclamation. The mayor thanked Kelley for his many years of service in Big Spring, declaring that he is truly “part of the fabric of Big Spring.” McEwen also said he and his wife are frequent listeners of “Nostalgia Music with Luther Kelley on KBST.”

Saturday, Kelley celebrated his 88th birthday and radio officials said Halloween will mark his 58th year in radio.

Among those in attendance during the celebration were Malinda Flenniken, general manager; Michael and Jerry Rhattigan (owners); Dr. D.H. McGonagill; Tumbleweed Smith; Danny Flenniken; Laura McEwen; Loyce Phillips; and KBST staffers Mary Frances Malone, Tim Knox, Tim Larson, Mike Henry, Mark Sheedy, Denise Richard and Dale Ferguson. Also in attendance were Kelley’s wife, Florene, and daughter, Sarah.



Courtesy photo

Luther Kelley, center, is pictured with Michael Rhattigan, left, owner/president and Jerry Rhattigan, owner.

Energy Watch



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

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



Have we made a Warren Buffet bottom? Friday’s New York Times had a feature article by Mr. Buffet titled, “Buy American. I am.”

Did one of the world’s richest men signal a bottom for this severe bear market? Should we take the word of a single person that the stock market could be bottoming and stocks should be bought? Of course not, but there is some hard evidence that a bottom may be forming.

Friday, Oct. 10 the stock market experienced the deepest depression and wild swings that we have ever witnessed. There was evidence of panic dumping of stocks as many apparently had decided to get out of stocks no matter what the price. We had the opposite of irrational exuberance, it was irrational fear at work.

However, last week (believe it or not) the S&P 500 had its best week in three years, but intraday it was a tug-of-war week between the bulls and the bears.

This condition itself often characterizes a bottom. This type of action results from a low level of confidence among both groups. The bears start to feel less confident as the stock market stops being a one-way street down.

The bulls start to feel more confident as stocks lift a bit but this confidence is thin after months of getting hammered. We feel this “mutual confusion” may be a sign of a bottom.

Who will win this bottoming process?

Of course, no one knows for sure but we see a number of encouraging factors.

The market hates uncertainty, but once investors know the problems, they can start looking forward to better times.

Everybody with a pulse knows we are likely in a recession, that the credit markets have been frozen, that the homebuilding industry is in a deep recession and that corporate earnings will drop sharply. But what we already know is also already priced into the market.

For crude, last week continued to be tough. Oil fell below \$70 a barrel, the low since June 2007 and gasoline tumbled after a report showed stockpiles increased more than twice as much as forecast. Oil also fell on doubts the bank rescue plan will quickly bolster global economic growth and therefore global fuel use.

Crude oil futures did inch higher Monday the 20th, with all eyes on the “special” meeting called by OPEC for later in the week.

OPEC plans to cut output for the first time in almost two years as the financial crisis sends crude potentially toward \$50 a barrel should the world continue to slip fully into a global recession.

However, some observers discount the significance of any production cuts, given some OPEC member’s history of flouting quotas.

“Despite the fact that we look for actualized production declines to fall far short of any official reductions, the short-term psychological impact of an expected cut is significant and cannot be denied,” said one Illinois based oil trading advisory service.

In other words, as a group, the cartel will likely call for cuts, and prices will likely rise, but as in the past, the full implementation of those cuts will have a great deal to do with actual prices going forward.

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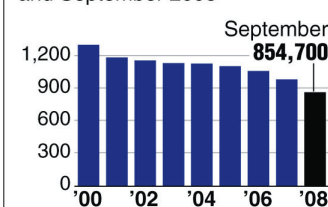
Stuck in reverse

The U.S. auto industry has been bleeding jobs since 2000, and some analysts say a possible merger between GM and Chrysler could lead to more job losses.



U.S. autoworkers

Number of U.S. autoworkers, as of December of previous years and September 2008



Working with GM, Chrysler

U.S. dealerships, as of January

	2007	2008
GM	13,877	13,650
Chrysler	8,422	8,261

Current North American employees



Source: General Motors, Chrysler, National Automobile Dealers Association
Graphic: Pat Carr

► Letters: Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

I am totally amazed when I hear that there are still people who are undecided as to who they will vote for. Are they serious?

I have never, ever had a problem deciding who to vote for, no matter what office they desire to attain. There is really only one issue that ever really matters in any election. And that is pro-life vs. pro abortion.

Please do not patronize me by calling it pro-choice. Choice is not the issue. We are given freedom of choice at conception and we begin to exercise it at the age of 2 years. No, the issue is not choice, but the freedom to murder our very own unborn children who are deprived of that basic right given to us by our Creator.

For those of you, who are ignorant on this concept, look up Psalm 139 in the Bible. Verse 13 says "You knit me together in my mother's womb." Wow. God our Creator was in our mother's, womb with us, fashioning us into the unique individuals we are. How awesome is that? The Bible also says, in Proverbs 6: 16, "These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him. 17, "A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood."

Sound like any candidate you know?

Here are some facts on abortion:

- Abortion is legal in the USA at any time throughout the entire nine months of pregnancy. For any reason.

- 18 days after conception, a baby has a heart beat.

- 6 weeks after conception, brain waves can be measured; 8 weeks, stomach, liver, and kidneys of the baby are functioning and fingerprints have formed; 9 weeks, your baby can feel pain.

- 700,000 abortions are performed after 9 weeks.

- 95 percent are done as a means of birth control. 1 percent because of rape or incest. 1 percent because of fetal abnormalities. 3 percent due to the mother's health problems.

- For every 2 babies born another baby dies in an abortion. That's 1.5 million babies each year; 4,000 babies each day, 1 baby every 20 seconds.

That's approximately 40 million babies since 1973, just in America. The land of free choice, except, of course, for those whose right was taken before they had any chance to make it.

Back to opinion, it is mine that if you are pro-abortion and anti-war; you are the biggest hypocrite of them all. My guess is that one of the reasons you are anti-war is because innocent lives are taken. It is a fact that many, many innocent lives are taken in war.

Let me remind you that in Iraq, before we entered the country, innocent lives were being taken by the tyrannical madman Saddam Hussein on a regular basis. When we entered into this war, we eliminated Saddam and provided a chance for some of the freedoms we enjoy

to that country. We have not eliminated total loss of innocent lives but be assured we have certainly curtailed it to a measurable degree.

Let me also remind you that if it were not for our participation in certain wars, this country would not be the America it is today. We would all most likely be speaking a different language at the very least. Don't ever forget that it is the sacrifice of thousands of men and women in wars that we get to enjoy our freedoms.

What other country can we do what we want? We can become millionaires or live on the street.

There is one who allowed His own innocent blood to be shed to give us freedom to choose. His name is Jesus. My belief system is based on the Bible. What is yours based on?

Here are a few facts about

the Bible. It was written over a 1500 year span, over 40 generations, over 40 different authors on three continents, in three languages. 3,268 prophecies have been fulfilled, 3,140 yet to be fulfilled. And, it is has sold more copies than any other single book since the beginning of time!

When you go to vote this coming election, please think. Our focus has been taken off of the most important issue of our lifetime by the economical disaster we are facing.

When my granddaughter was being rushed to the hospital because she couldn't breathe, was I thinking of my mortgage payment? The price of gas? The stock market? No, no, no, I was concerned with her life!

Life, that is the issue! Any candidate who is pro-abortion will never have

my vote. Period. My trouble keeping up my mortgage payments is not any presidential administration's fault! I made bad financial decisions over the course of many years. It is going to take more than 4 years to fix it. We are fooling ourselves if we think that any administration can fix the mess we are in, in 4 years.

When I die, my obituary will state 1956 - 20? That little dash in between birth and death will represent the entirety of my life time. Will I have made a difference in this world? Maybe, maybe not.

But when I face Jesus, I will not have the blood of over 40 million babies on my hands because of who I have voted for over the years. Please, when you vote, choose right, choose life!

WILMA DOLL
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to know who owns the land on south Highway 87 that has the fireworks stand on it. Every morning on my way to work — we are talking about 3:45 a.m. — I am blinded by two extremely bright lights that seem to be aimed straight into oncoming traffic.

I work with several others that go to work before daylight with the same complaint.

I don't understand why they are on to begin with, but if they could only move them a little to the east, it would be greatly appreciated by people who are forced to drive by them in the dark.

I would just like to give them a call to let them know we are tired of being blinded by the light.

HELEN PARTLOW
BIG SPRING

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probation).
Probated Judgment: Heather Nicole Gulley, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Mark Lee Smith, driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Richard Dean Anderson, cooperative agreements with states on fuel tax, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Ricky Jay Edwards Jr., driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Cody Alan Wingo, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Juan Angel Madrid, bail jumping - failure to appear, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Rene Rodriguez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Crystal Ann Burchett, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Juan Angel Madrid, evading arrest, \$358 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Roger Dale Landry II, driving while intoxicated, \$1,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Juan Angel Madrid, theft - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$408 court costs, 90 days in jail.
District Court Filings:
Kristi Dawn Hines vs. Roman Wolfe Hines, divorce.
Cynthia Ybarra vs. Jessie Ybarra Jr., divorce.
Kothmann Enterprises Inc. dba Interstate Steel vs. C.J. Stavinoaha Company dba Stavco, accounts, notes and contracts.
Ruby Buchanan vs. Ronald Miller, injury or damages not involving a motor vehicle.
In Re Andrea Denise Alender vs.

American General Life Insurance Company, civil suit.
Tate Heating and Air Conditioning Inc. vs. Christopher Alexander, civil suit.
Jennifer Michelle Olivas vs. Richard Lee Olivas, protective order.
The State of Texas vs. Corey Harris, civil suit.
Daun Garrett vs. Cheseley Garrett, divorce.
Marriage Licenses:
Manuel Robert Baeza, 27, and Natasha A. Ramirez, 22, both of Big Spring.
Patrick Alan Longberry, 33, and Wendy Ellen Davis, 26, both of Big Spring.
Hoang Le Nguyen, 37, and Victoria Le, 36, both of Big Spring.
Justin Blane Wright, 26, and Lisa Diane Hoelscher, 23, both of Big Spring.
Edward Contreras Hernandez, 26, and Patricia Carrasco, 31, both of Big Spring.
Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Jose L. Valencia and Ellen Valencia
Grantee: Rutledge Family Trust
Property: Lot 23, Block A, Campeste Estates
Date: Oct. 16, 2008
Grantor: Benito Gonzales and Silveria Gonzales
Grantee: Enesto Gonzales
Property: The W/2 of Lot 4, Block 1, Reynolds Addition
Date: Oct. 17, 2008
Grantor: Johnny Rueda
Grantee: Ester H. Calderon
Property: Lot 4, Block 17, Jones Valley
Date: Oct. 17, 2008
Grantor: Roland Gore
Grantee: David Dominguez
Property: The E/60 feet of the W/200 feet of Lot 4, Block 4, Settles Heights
Date: Oct. 20, 2008
Grantor: Roland Gore
Grantee: Terry Huitt
Property: Lot 8, Block 3, Monticello Addition
Date: Oct. 20, 2008
Grantor: Roy J. Hester and Joy Hester
Grantee: Edward M. Phillips and Druzilla Phillips
Property: A 4.6 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey; and a 2.5 acre tract out of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 20, 2008

Grantor: Chris Gonzales and Melissa Gonzales
Grantee: Claven C. Larson
Property: The N/13 feet of Lot 9 and all of Lot 10, Block 8, North Bellvue Addition
Date: Oct. 21, 2008
Grantor: John Toner and Benda Mize Toner
Grantee: Rebecca Pacheco
Property: Lot 1, block 7, Settles Heights
Date: Oct. 22, 2008
Grantor: Donna Denise Burcham
Grantee: Roxann Rich
Property: A tract out of Section 5, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 22, 2008
Grantor: Felipe T. Ramirez
Grantee: Burkett Management LLC
Property: The W/2 of Block 53, Government Height to Bauer Addition
Date: Oct. 22, 2008
Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: John A. Newton and Robin Newton
Grantee: Sandra J. Abendschan
Property: A 4.9 acre tract out of Section 105, Block 29, W&NW RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 16, 2008
Grantor: Michael Steven Calvio and Gina Calvio
Grantee: Tommy Smith
Property: Lot 2, Block 7, Hall Addition
Date: Oct. 20, 2008
Grantor: Kenneth Howell
Grantee: Gary W. Howell and Kim Howell
Property: Lot 12, Block 18, Edwards Heights
Date: Oct. 21, 2008
Grantor: James Ronald Coker and Glenda Coker
Grantee: David Burris and Kandi Burris
Property: A 6.1 acre tract out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 22, 2008
Grantor: Alejandro Munoz and Judy Munoz
Grantee: Foxwest Properties Ltd.
Property: Lot 12, Block 11, Washington Place
Date: Oct. 22, 2008

Precautions required due to levels of fever ticks

State officials are reminding hunters and meat processors in South Texas that additional precautions are required when handling deer carcasses due to concerns about spread of fever ticks in the region.



TOMMY YEATER

The general deer hunting season opens Nov. 1. Portions of Zapata, Starr, Jim Hogg, Maverick, Dimmit and Webb counties are under preventive quarantine for livestock by the Texas Animal Health Commission due to heightened levels of fever ticks outside the permanent quarantine zone along the Rio Grande border. The total affected quarantine area covers more than 1 million acres. Contact the land owner or manager to determine the current fever tick status, if you are hunting in these counties. Cattle, horses, white-tailed deer, nilgai and elk can act as a host for the tick, perpetuating its population. If not

contained, according to TAHC officials, the fever ticks will continue to spread northward outside the permanent fever tick quarantine area and could become re-established in other areas of Texas and throughout much of the south, southeast and parts of California. "We're telling hunters to use common sense and take precautions when handling and transporting deer taken on ranches within the quarantine zone," said Mike Berger, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department director of wildlife. According to the TAHC, fever ticks can affect the condition and general well-being, but are unlikely to cause death in deer. It is safe to eat venison from fever tick-infested deer. Deer harvested on infested, exposed, adjacent and check premises must be inspected, treated and permitted prior to being removed from the premises. If you kill a deer on other properties within the temporary quarantine areas, you have three options: 1. Remove the hide completely and leave it on the ranch. If the skull is needed for proof of sex, seal it

in a bag, then dispose of the skull away from livestock or wildlife after the carcass is processed. 2. Freeze the hide for 24 hours. 3. Have the hide/cape inspected and treated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Fever Tick Force before removing it from the ranch. A permit for movement issued by a representative of the Commission must accompany the shipment of the hide and cape. "There is too much at stake here to take a chance on inadvertently carrying this deadly parasite outside the quarantine zone and we are asking hunters to be vigilant to help keep this tick from spreading," Berger stressed. Fever ticks are capable of carrying and transmitting a protozoa or tiny blood parasite that destroys red blood cells, causing the deadly livestock disease, "Texas Fever." Cattle are highly susceptible to "Texas Fever," and the disease may kill up to 90 percent of infected cattle. "It took more than 50 years to eradicate fever ticks from the U.S.," said Dr. Bob Hillman, TAHC executive director and

Texas' state veterinarian. "We have taken extraordinary precautions against expansion of fever tick infestation into other counties or other areas of the Texas. Compliance with these measures is extremely important to prevent the

spread of this dangerous tick." A permanent fever tick quarantine zone runs through eight South Texas counties along the Rio Grande to prevent the re-introduction of the ticks into Texas and the U.S. Additional information

on fever ticks may be found on the TAHC Web site at <http://www.taHC.state.tx.us> Tommy Yeater is an AgriLife Extension agent for Howard County. He can be reached at 254-2236.

E-TAILERS

Continued from Page 4C with some stores, directing the rest to his spam account. The frenetic pace of offers comes as Web shopping — which had held up better in the slowing economy than store-based retailing — has been starting to slow dramatically since the financial meltdown intensified in September. Sucharita Mulpuru, an analyst at Internet research company Forrester Research, expects online retailers to fare better than regular stores this holiday season because of the convenience, the breadth of selection and the perceived value. But "there

is definitely a significant slowing down" in online shopping, she said, noting that the stock market tumble, weaker job market and tighter credit have spooked even the most enthusiastic Web shoppers. Amazon.com, considered the bellwether of Web shopping, announced late Wednesday that it was slashing its full-year sales outlook, saying it had slower growth rates near the end of the quarter and now expects annual revenue below analyst expectations. Porter, who does public relations for government contractors, noted that he slashed his spending on clothing and gadgets to \$200 this month amid "all the economic uncertain-

ty." That compares with the \$500 per month he had been spending. He said he typically does about half of his buying on the Web. Kurt Peters, editor-in-chief of trade publication Internet Retailer, noted that stores can easily react to a sharp sales slowdown in a matter of hours by sending out e-mail blasts, which is faster and more cost-effective than redoing a mailer to consumers. Julie M. Katz, another Forrester analyst, estimates that it costs about \$2 for every thousand e-mails sent. The Direct Marketers Association estimates that marketers reap \$45.06 in return on investment for every dollar they spend on e-mail campaigns.

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Where McCain, Obama stand on the issues

By CALVIN WOODWARD
Associated Press Writer

The plans of presidential candidates are never set in stone, if only because circumstances and the make-up of Congress change after the election. The uncertainty is even deeper in this election because Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain laid out most of their agenda before the government committed up to \$700 billion to address the financial crisis.

Obama acknowledges what is true for both: "The next president will have to scale back his agenda and some of his proposals." Yet neither candidate has spelled out what promises might have to be postponed or changed.

With that caution, here's a look at where McCain and Obama stand on a selection of issues:

ABORTION

McCain: Opposes abortion rights. Has voted for abortion restrictions permissible under Roe v. Wade, and now says he would seek to overturn that guarantee of abortion rights. Would not seek constitutional amendment to ban abortion.

Obama: Favors abortion rights.

AFGHANISTAN

McCain: Favors unspecified boost in U.S. forces.

Obama: Would add about 7,000 troops to the U.S. force of 36,000, bringing the reinforcements from Iraq. Has threatened unilateral attack on high-value terrorist targets in Pakistan as they become exposed, "if Pakistan cannot or will not act" against them.

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

McCain: The co-author of McCain-Feingold campaign finance law is running his general campaign with public money and within its spending limits. He urged Obama to do the same. He applied for federal matching funds for primaries but later turned them down so he could spend more than the limits. The Federal Election Commission belatedly approved his decision to bypass the primary funds, but rejected McCain's claim that he needed no such approval. He raised more than \$160 million before having to stop to accept the \$84 million in public money for the fall. McCain accepted primary campaign contributions from lobbyists.

Obama: The presidential campaign's fundraising champion has brought in more than \$605 million. He is raising private money

for his general election, despite his proposal last year to accept public financing and its spending limits if the Republican nominee did, too. He raised a record-shattering \$150 million in September. Obama refuses to accept money from federal lobbyists and has instructed the Democratic National Committee to do the same for its joint victory fund, an account that would benefit the nominee. Obama does accept money from state lobbyists and from family members of federal lobbyists.

CUBA

McCain: Ease restrictions on Cuba once U.S. is "confident that the transition to a free and open democracy is being made."

Obama: Ease restrictions on family-related travel and on money Cuban-Americans want to send to their families in Cuba. Open to meeting new Cuban leader Raul Castro without preconditions. Ease trade embargo if Havana "begins opening Cuba to meaningful democratic change."

DEATH PENALTY

McCain: Has supported expansion of the federal death penalty and limits on appeals.

Obama: Supports death penalty for crimes for which the "community is justified in expressing the full measure of its outrage." As Illinois lawmaker, wrote bill mandating videotaping of interrogations and confessions in capital cases and sought other changes in system that had produced wrongful convictions.

EDUCATION

McCain: He is not proposing a federal voucher program that would provide public money for private school tuition, in contrast to his proposed \$5 billion voucher plan in 2000. Only proposes expansion of District of Columbia's voucher program. Sees No Child Left Behind law as vehicle for increasing opportunities for parents to choose schools. Proposes more money for community college education.

Obama: An \$18 billion plan that would encourage, but not mandate, universal pre-kindergarten. Teacher pay raises tied to, although not based solely on, test scores.

An overhaul of No Child Left Behind law to better measure student progress, make more room for subjects such as music and art and be less punitive toward failing schools. A tax credit to pay up to \$4,000 of college costs for students who perform 100 hours of community service a year. Obama would pay for part of his plan by ending corporate tax deductions for CEO pay. Has backed away from his proposal to save money by delaying NASA's moon and Mars missions.

ENERGY-GLOBAL WARMING:

McCain: Favors increased offshore drilling and building 45 nuclear power reactors by 2030. Opposes drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Mandatory reductions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by 60 percent from 1990 levels by 2050, using a market-based cap-and-trade sys-

tem that would increase energy costs. Supports \$2 billion program to develop carbon capture and other clean coal research and development. \$5,000 tax credit for the purchase of zero carbon emission cars; \$300 million prize for improved batteries for hybrid vehicles. Broke with President Bush on global warming and led Senate effort to cap greenhouse gas emissions.

Obama: Ten-year, \$150 billion fund for biofuels, wind, solar, plug-in hybrids, clean-coal technology and other "climate-friendly" measures. Mandatory reductions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases by 80 percent from 1990 levels by 2050, using a market-based, cap-and-trade system that would increase energy costs. Increase federal fuel economy requirements from 35 mpg to 40 mpg. Now would consider limited expansion of offshore oil and gas drilling. Opposes drilling in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Proposes windfall-profits tax on largest oil companies to pay for energy rebate of up to \$1,000. Expand federal requirements for ethanol from 36 million gallons to 60 million gallons a year with increase coming from non-corn sources, and require utilities to produce 25 percent of power from renewable energy such as wind, solar and biomass by 2025. \$7,000 tax credit for the purchase of advance-technology vehicles; put 1 million plug-in hybrid cars on road by 2015.

FINANCIAL CRISIS

McCain: \$300 billion plan for the government to buy bad mortgages and renegotiate them at a re-

duced price. Proposes a one-year suspension of requirements that people aged 70 1/2 begin cashing in retirement accounts. Lobbied fellow lawmakers to support \$700 billion rescue plan. Eliminate taxes on unemployment benefits, guarantee 100 percent of savings for six months, lower the tax rate on retirement funds to 10 percent, on the first \$50,000 withdrawn. Cut the tax rate on capital gains by half, to 7.5 percent, for two years.

Obama: Two-year plan offering \$3,000 tax credit to businesses for each new job created and enabling people to withdraw up to 15 percent of their retirement money, to a maximum of \$10,000, without penalty, except for the usual taxes. Would temporarily extend an expiring tax break that lets small businesses immediately write off investments of up to \$250,000, and sweeten small-business loans at a cost of about \$5 billion. Estimated cost of proposals: \$60 billion. Now favors mandatory 90-day freeze on some foreclosures. Lobbied fellow lawmakers to support \$700 billion rescue plan. Extend unemployment benefits, offer tax credit covering 10 percent of annual mortgage-interest payments for "struggling homeowners."

GAY MARRIAGE

McCain: Opposes constitutional amendment to ban it. Says same-sex couples should be allowed to enter into legal agreements for insurance and similar benefits, and states should decide about marriage. Supports the federal Defense of Marriage Act, which denies federal

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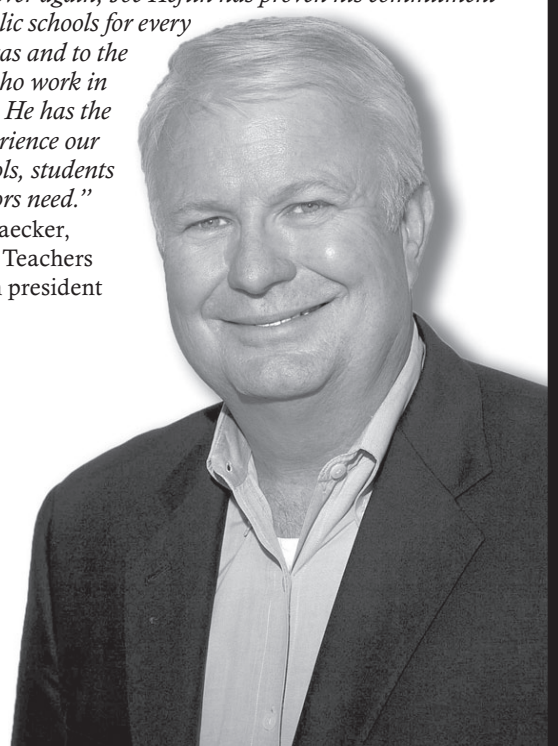
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ISSUES

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recognition of same-sex marriages and gives states the right to refuse to recognize such marriages.

Obama: Opposes constitutional amendment to ban it. Supports civil unions, says states should decide about marriage. Switched positions in 2004 and now supports repeal of Defense of Marriage Act, which denies federal recognition of same-sex marriages and gives states the right to refuse to recognize such marriages.

GUN CONTROL

McCain: Voted against ban on assault-type weapons but in favor of requiring background checks at gun shows. Voted to shield gun-makers and dealers from civil suits. "I believe the Second Amendment ought to be preserved — which means no gun control."

Obama: Voted to leave gun-makers and dealers open to suit. Also, as Illinois state lawmaker, supported ban on all forms of semiautomatic weapons and tighter state restrictions generally on firearms.

HEALTH CARE

McCain: \$2,500 refundable tax credit for individuals, \$5,000 for families, to make health insurance more affordable. No mandate for universal coverage. Would no longer shield from income taxes those payments that businesses and their workers make toward employer-sponsored health insurance. Tax Policy Center

estimates overall plan's cost at \$1.3 trillion over 10 years.

Obama: Mandatory coverage for children, no mandate for adults. Aim for universal coverage by requiring larger employers to share costs of insuring workers and by offering coverage similar to that in plan for federal employees. Proposes spending \$50 billion on information technology over five years to reduce health care costs over time. Tax Policy Center estimates overall plan's cost at \$1.6 trillion over 10 years.

IMMIGRATION

McCain: Sponsored 2006 bill that would have allowed illegal immigrants to stay in the U.S., work and apply to become legal residents after learning English, paying fines and back taxes and clearing a background check. Now says he would secure the border first. Supports border fence.

Obama: Voted for 2006 bill offering legal status to illegal immigrants subject to conditions, including English proficiency and payment of back taxes and fines. Voted for border fence.

IRAN

McCain: Favors tougher

sanctions, opposes direct high-level talks with President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Obama: Initially said he would meet Ahmadinejad without preconditions, now says he's not sure "Ahmadinejad is the right person to meet with right now." But says direct diplomacy with Iranian leaders would give U.S. more credibility to press for tougher international sanctions. Says he would intensify diplomatic pressure on Tehran before Israel feels the need to take unilateral military action against Iranian nuclear facilities.

IRAQ

McCain: Opposes scheduling a troop withdrawal, saying latest strategy is succeeding. Supported decision to go to war, but was early critic of the manner in which administration prosecuted it. Was key backer of the troop increase. Willing to have permanent U.S. peacekeeping forces in Iraq.

Obama: Spoke against war at start, opposed troop increase. Voted against one major military spending bill in May 2007; otherwise voted in favor of money to support the war. Says his plan would complete withdrawal of combat

troops in 16 months. Initially had said a timetable for completing withdrawal would be irresponsible without knowing what facts he'd face in office.

SOCIAL SECURITY

McCain: "Nothing's off the table" when it comes to saving Social Security.

Obama: Would raise payroll tax on wealthiest by applying it to portion of income over \$250,000. Now, payroll tax is applied to income up to \$102,000. Rules out raising the retirement age for benefits.

STEM CELL RESEARCH

McCain: Supports relaxing federal restrictions on financing of embryonic stem cell research.

Obama: Supports relaxing federal restrictions on

financing of embryonic stem cell research.

TAXES

McCain: Proposes extending all of President Bush's tax cuts and cutting corporate tax rate to 25 percent. Pledged not to raise taxes, then equivocated, saying nothing can be ruled out in negotiating compromises to keep Social Security solvent. Twice opposed Bush's tax cuts, at first because he said they were tilted to the wealthiest and again because of the unknown costs of Iraq war. Now says those tax cuts, expiring in 2010, should be permanent. Nonpartisan Tax Policy Center estimates tax break of \$325 for the middle 20 percent of taxpayers — those making

\$37,600 to \$66,400.

Obama: Raise income taxes on families making over \$250,000 and individuals making over \$200,000. Raise corporate taxes. \$80 billion in tax breaks mainly for poor workers and elderly, including tripling Earned Income Tax Credit for minimum-wage workers and higher credit for larger families. Eliminate tax-filing requirement for older workers making under \$50,000. A mortgage-interest credit could be used by lower-income homeowners who do not take the mortgage-interest deduction because they do not itemize their taxes. Nonpartisan Tax Policy Center estimates tax break of \$1,118 for the middle 20 percent of taxpayers — those making \$37,600 to \$66,400.

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Supervisor faked breathalyzer records

HOUSTON (AP) — Hundreds of alcohol breath tests at eight Houston-area police departments may have been compromised because the breath test devices weren't properly inspected, the Texas Department of Public Safety said Friday.

An independent contractor or technical supervisor was supposed to check each instrument's calibrations, but a DPS audit found that electronic records had been altered to make it look like breath analyzers were inspected when they weren't.

DPS officials said they suspended the supervisor's certification, and the Texas Rangers launched a criminal investigation.

"These are serious allegations and we will not tolerate any activities that call into question the integrity of the breath test system," said Col. Stan Clark, interim DPS director.

Police use breath analyzers to determine whether someone is legally intoxicated.

The DPS Forensic Breath Alcohol Laboratory regulates the state's breath alcohol testing program. Technical supervisors — those who work for DPS and those hired by police agencies — are required to inspect each breath test instrument monthly.

DPS officials say the contractor had been faking records up to a year and that at least 2,600 DWI cases could be affected. Prosecutors in each jurisdiction will decide whether those cases would be thrown out, said DPS spokesman Tom Vinger.

The breath test devices were used by the Clute, Friendswood, Galveston,

League City, Pearland, Seabrook, South Houston and Webster police departments.

Another dragging death in Texas raises tensions

PARIS, Texas (AP) — In a gruesome case with powerful echoes of the dragging death of James Byrd a decade ago, a black man was killed underneath a pickup truck in East Texas and two white men have been charged with murder.

Black activists and the victim's mother are calling last month's killing of 24-year-old Brandon McClelland a racist attack. But prosecutors cast strong doubt on that Friday.

McClelland died after

going with two white friends on a late-night beer run across the state line to Oklahoma, investigators said. Authorities said he was run over and dragged as far as 70 feet beneath the truck. His torn-apart body was discovered along a bloodstained rural road on Sept. 16. His mother said pieces of his skull could still be found three days later.

The case has raised racial tensions in Paris, a town of 26,000 with a history of fraught relations between blacks and whites.

To some, it sounded like the Byrd case, in which a black man in the East Texas town of Jasper, about 200 miles south of Paris, was chained by the ankles to the back of a pickup by three white

supremacists and dragged for three miles. Two of the killers are now on death row.

Prosecutors in the McClelland case said they are looking into whether one of the defendants, Shannon Keith Finley, was in a white supremacist gang while in prison for killing a friend.

But they said they have seen no evidence so far that McClelland's slaying was racially motivated. And they noted the three men had been friends.

"This is a group of guys who had black friends and white friends," said Allan Hubbard, a spokesman for the Lamar County district attorney's office. He added:

"Any comparison to Jasper and James Byrd is preposterous."

Autopsy results are expected back next week. While investigators don't believe McClelland was tied to the truck, they planned to look closely for marks on the body that would indicate precisely how he was dragged.

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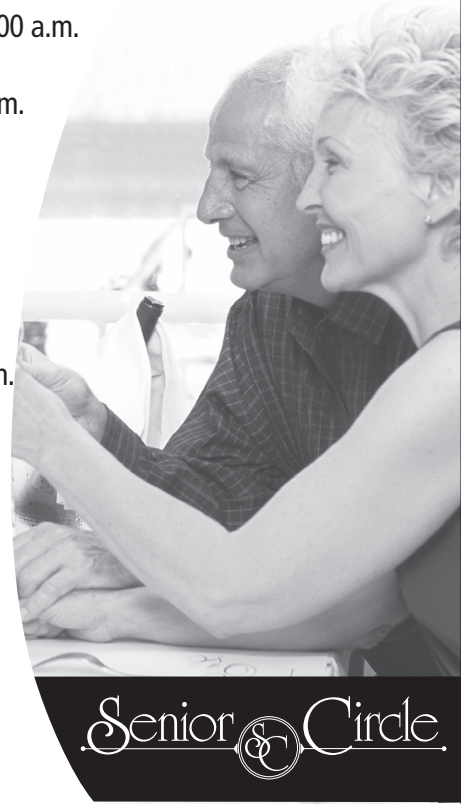
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| 1 Like some remedies | 61 In sync | 12 Signs up for | 41 Temperaments, so to speak |
| 7 Tie-wearing toon | 62 Roll out | 13 Flips over | 42 One for the book |
| 15 Zoo feature | 63 Tender quality | 14 #1 in exoticness | 43 Contents of trailers |
| 16 Zoo feature | 64 Sun blocks | 20 Where Project Runway winners appear | 44 Southwest channel |
| 17 Those in alternative | DOWN | 24 Perfume ingredients | 45 Hang out |
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| 19 Hidden agenda | 2 Poetic period | 29 It's larger than Australia | 51 Part of a date |
| 20 Tucks away | 3 Put together | 30 Makes waves, maybe | 54 Title character of a '53 musical |
| 21 Dry | 4 Quit | 32 ___ friend | 55 Nautical position |
| 22 Canadian map abbr. | 5 Set for action | 34 Flour source | 57 Certain something |
| 23 National Capital Territory of Asia | 6 Chemical used to make biodiesel | 37 End of the last quarter | 59 Half a sweet |
| 25 Legal matter | 7 Steinway alternative | 38 Like canines | 60 Name |
| 26 Supplementary | 8 Without repetition | | |
| 28 Disses | 9 Can't sit still | | |
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| 36 A great number | | | |
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News in brief

Obama, McCain both target West's toss-up states as final campaign week nears

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Barack Obama and John McCain venture into the next-to-last weekend of their testy presidential campaign with the same target — winning the rest of the West.

Once reliable Republican territory, much of the West has seen its politics and demographics shift over the last decade. Three states considered still in play to varying degrees — Nevada, Colorado and New Mexico — could be vital if the electoral math gets tight.

Obama was resuming his campaign in Nevada on Saturday with rallies in Reno and Las Vegas before holding one at night in Albuquerque, N.M.

The Democrat put aside political events on Thursday night and Friday to spend time with his grandmother in Hawaii, whom he described as gravely ill.

McCain, pivoting from his three stops in Colorado on Friday, will also be pushing hard in New Mexico on Saturday. He is holding rallies in Albuquerque and in Mesilla, farther south.

As the collapsing economy consumes voter attention, McCain has seized a line of attack that Obama is poised to deepen the problem by raising taxes.

He said in Denver that Obama won't target the rich but rather the middle class by putting it "through the wringer."

Police search for Hudson's 7-year-old nephew after mom, brother slain in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — Authorities investigating the shooting deaths of Jennifer Hudson's mother and brother were searching for the missing 7-year-old nephew of the Oscar-winning actress.

A suspect in the deaths was in custody Friday night, but young Julian King had not been seen since the bodies of Darnell Donerson, 57, and Jason Hudson, 29, were found Friday afternoon.

A family member entering Donerson's South Side home Friday afternoon found the woman shot on the living room floor. Responding officers later found Hanson shot in the bedroom, police said.

At least one of the victims suffered defensive wounds, said authorities who described the shooting as domestic violence.

William Balfour, a man suspected in the deaths, was arrested Friday but had not been charged, law enforcement sources told the Chicago Tribune and

Chicago Sun-Times.

Police spokeswoman Monique Bond said investigators were talking to "a number of people in custody" but she declined to elaborate. An Amber Alert issued Friday said Balfour was a suspect in the double homicide.

Records from the Illinois Department of Corrections show Balfour, 27, is on parole and spent nearly seven years in prison for attempted murder, vehicular hijacking and possessing a stolen vehicle.

Public records show one of Balfour's addresses as the home where Donerson and Jason Hudson were shot.

Balfour's mother, Michelle, said her son had been married to Hudson's sister, Julia, for several years, but they were separated. She also said Donerson had ordered him to move out of the family's home last winter.

Democrats headed toward big gains in House, Senate on Nov. 4

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are on track for sizable gains in both houses of Congress on Nov. 4, according to strategists in both parties, although only improbable Southern victories can produce the 60-vote Senate majority they covet to help them pass priority legislation.

A poor economy, President Bush's unpopularity, a lopsided advantage in fundraising and Barack Obama's robust organizational effort in key states are all aiding Democrats in the final days of the congressional campaign.

"I don't think anybody realized it was going to be this tough" for Republicans, Sen. John Ensign, chairman of the party's senatorial campaign committee said recently. "We're dealing with an unpopular president (and) we have a financial crisis," he added.

"You've got Republican incumbent members of the Congress" trying to run away from Bush's economic policies, said Maryland Rep. Chris Van Hollen, who chairs the House Democratic campaign committee. "And they can't run fast enough. I think it will catch up with many of them."

Speaker Nancy Pelosi of California predicted recently that Democrats would win at least 14 House seats in Republican hands.

McCain's brother drops out of campaign after angry 911 call to complain about traffic

WASHINGTON (AP) — First there was Joe the Plumber.

Is Joe the Hothead next?

Joe McCain said Friday he'll withdraw from campaign activities for his brother, GOP presidential nominee John McCain, after calling 911 to angrily complain about traffic. Joe McCain has apologized for making the call.

The candidate's younger brother, who lives in Alexandria, Va., told Washington radio station WTOP he was returning from a campaign event in Philadelphia around 2 a.m. on Oct. 18 when he got stuck in traffic on Interstate 495 at the Wilson Bridge. Police say the call was made about 1:30 a.m. Oct. 21.

Frustrated because of the traffic, Joe McCain called 911 to find out what was going on. The operator asked him to "state your emergency."

"Well, it's not an emergency, but do you know why on one side at the damn drawbridge of 95 traffic is stopped for 15 minutes and yet traffic's coming the other way?" Joe McCain said.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A Costly Miscalculation

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A Q
♥ A J 9 6
♦ K J 4
♣ K J 9 8

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

SOUTH
♠ K J 7 6 3
♥ K Q 10 5 4 2
♦ 9 7
♣ —

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 4 ♥ Pass
6 ♥ Dble Redble
Opening lead — seven of clubs.

In this deal from a rubber-bridge game, one disastrous misstep cost 3,020 points! The wrong opening lead resulted in South making six hearts redoubled with an overtrick — 2,620 points — instead of going down one — 400 points.

The slam was certainly a good contract — even though, as the cards lay, it could have been defeated. Whether West would have led a diamond without East's double is not

100 percent certain, but there is no doubt that a diamond lead would have sunk the slam. However, West led a club instead, mostly because East's double of the slam in this sequence asked West to lead dummy's first-bid suit.

The club lead was in line with the widely accepted view that, in an uncontested auction, the double of a slam by the player not on lead directs his partner to make an unusual lead. It specifically bars what would be regarded as a normal lead on the bidding — in this case, a diamond.

It is doubtful that East in fact intended his double to be conventional. It is much more likely that he doubled because he thought his pair of A-Q's were comfortably ensconced over dummy's kings and that South would go down regardless of which suit West led.

This was poor judgment. First, East should have realized that a diamond lead — the one suit the opponents had not mentioned — was surely preferable to a club lead, and that there was no good reason to discourage that lead. Secondly, East could not reasonably expect to beat the contract more than one trick, so the effect of his double was that in an effort to gain an extra 100 points, he ran the risk of losing more than 3,000!

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

Mercury and Jupiter are going at it again, reminding us that what we say could have an adverse affect on our ability to attract the love and money we desire. Yes, words have enormous power, but try not to steer this idea in a fearful direction. What you say could also be the reason you succeed wildly. It's not necessary to be too guarded.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today's opportunities are a mixed bag. Something you really want comes with a caveat that you really don't want. Make sure you know what you're getting into. The one who doesn't like your line of questioning is hiding something.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll meet someone you can laugh with, and this is something to pursue. You really need a friend now. Not because anything is wrong, but because you deserve to be appreciated for the unique person you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's not hard for you to be so astute -- you just call it like you see it. And when you can't see it, you ask questions that make everyone think. It helps that you have a way of putting things that makes people want to answer you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No, you're not imagining it. A certain fawning someone in your midst has an angle. This person wants something from you and is not saying what it is yet. But if you think it over, you'll figure it out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're learning not to judge. For instance, there is a behavior you witnessed someone doing in the past and you thought to yourself, "I would never!" And yet, today you may find yourself engaged in similar behavior.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're worried that if you don't push things to completion, they will never get done. In actuality, these things will get done eventually. But that extra push you give makes sure that they are done right, and in a timely manner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll receive some good news about money, and that always lifts your spirits. It's not the cash value involved that you care about, but the thrilling experiences you'll finally be able to afford.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The chaos of your thoughts creates a lot of energy. You're not confused; rather you have a million ideas colliding around in your noggin. You're all abuzz, even when you've been working for hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your minor interest in other people's finances is about to become major. Someone else's solvency affects yours. The care you put into communication matters greatly to the success of a deal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Choose carefully what you'll strive for. You want something that is currently possessed by someone you admire. Consider whether that fact might be the sole reason for your yearning.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have some weird kind of affection for one who has criticized you. Maybe she was right, though the manner of delivery was unnecessarily harsh. This person does care quite a lot for you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are waiting for something to happen and enthralled in the suspense. Resist the urge to rush ahead. Your maturity and ability to delay your satisfaction will bring you much satisfaction in the end.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: It's that spooky time of year again, and this Halloween promises to be even more fun

than last year. The Hecate's moon on the 28th opens a rather large channel between this world and worlds beyond. Do you miss someone who has left this plane of existence? It's an excellent opportunity to get back in touch. Or maybe you'd like to talk to one of your dead idols -- from Aristotle to John Lennon, chances are you can get them on the line. No seance is necessary, although many will go that route, too. Either way, imagination is your ticket. Relax, get into a meditative state, and ask away. Those who dare to call to the spirits of those passed may get a clearer message than they sought. Spirits may come through in dreams and speak specifically and candidly to the dreamer. Not-so-subtle signs will occur in waking life as well. Have fun with all of this otherworldly information. Most spirits are pretty light, and the lighter you can be, the more likely you will be to understand them. Neptune goes direct on the 1st and it's easier to make sense of the pieces of information you garnered.

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Doctors often put their trust in placebos, study finds

By JUDITH GRAHAM
Chicago Tribune

If your doctor has prescribed antibiotics for the flu or told you to try B12 vitamins for fatigue, those treatments were probably just a placebo — an unproven therapy offered with the hope you'd feel better if you took something.

Treatment with placebos is far more common than you might think, according to a new national survey in which 46 percent to 58 percent of U.S. physicians admitted using placebos regularly. Only 5 percent said they tell patients explicitly that they are doing so.

"Frankly, I was aston-

ished," said Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, director of the National Institutes of Health department of bioethics and a co-author of the report published Friday by the British Medical Journal. The survey was sent to 1,200 internists and rheumatologists; 679 responded.

Placebos harness the mysterious power of the mind to heal the body; their benefits come from the positive expectations of the patient rather than any physical mechanism. The classic examples are sugar pills, saline injections and other treatments that seem to inspire confidence even though they are inert.

But the physicians surveyed were far more likely to use active agents as placebos, including over-the-counter painkillers, vitamins, sedatives and antibiotics.

What classifies them as placebos is the context. If the recommended treatment hasn't been shown, physiologically, to work for the condition in question, that's a placebo.

While apparently common, treating patients this way is controversial. Two years ago, the American Medical Association said it was wrong to use placebos without a person's knowledge. Some experts consider placebos unethical because they can in-

volve a measure of deceit.

But other experts make a case for what they call "benevolent deception" — letting a patient believe she's getting a useful treatment because, paradoxically, it might work.

Say a person with a viral upper respiratory infection walks into a doctor's office and demands antibiotics even though there's no evidence that these medications, which fight bacterial infections, do anything to help viral illnesses.

"Most of the time, I'll tell patients, 'You really don't need an antibiotic.' But if someone's really nervous or distressed, I'll write a prescription, asking them to wait a day or two and then take it if they don't improve," said Dr. John Hickner, a professor of family medicine at the University of Chicago.

"I guess I do it because if they think it will help them it may, indeed, have a placebo effect," said Hickner, who co-authored a report on Chicago doctors' use

of placebos that appeared this year in the Journal of General Internal Medicine.

Several studies have found that patients respond positively to placebos upward of 30 percent of the time, though others conclude the effects are minimal. Meanwhile, many patients suffer from conditions for which there are no scientifically proven treatments, including respiratory disorders, chronic pain and gastrointestinal distress.

"Doing anything at all tends to help people feel better," said Dr. Farr Carlin, assistant professor of medicine at the University of Chicago and a co-author of the new study.

Physicians often say something like, "I don't really have faith that this will make a lot of difference, but go ahead and try it and see if it makes you feel better," said Dr. Eric Ruderman, an associate professor of medicine who specializes in rheumatology at Northwestern Uni-

versity's Feinberg School of Medicine.

That's a way of walking the line between "I don't think this will help you" — a statement that could undercut the placebo effect — and "I'm pretty sure this will help," which wouldn't be true.

In the new survey, more than two-thirds of physicians said they'd tell patients the substance was "medicine not typically used for your condition but (that) might benefit" the patient. Eighteen percent said they'd just call it medicine and 9 percent opted for "medicine with no known effects for your condition."

Dr. Matthew Johnson, a family physician, said he would never give someone a sugar pill or lie to a patient, telling them that he believed a treatment would be effective when it wasn't true.

"The patient has a right to know if you're giving them something that has some potential for efficacy," he said.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My mother divorced when I was 6 years old and remarried when I was 12. My sister and I never had a relationship with our biological father, thus our stepfather was the only father in our lives. When my mother had two more children, "Frank" and "Judy," it was a joyous occasion for the family. But as we grew up, things changed dramatically.

My stepfather and mother have given Frank and Judy everything -- including emotional and financial support. My sister and I, however, are not acknowledged as part of their family. Neither of us, nor our children, has ever received anything from them -- not even a card on our birthdays. Meanwhile, trust funds were set up for Judy and Frank's children, and large sums of cash are doled out to them each Christmas.

We have stayed close, but there is always that feeling that we are really not part of the family. My stepfather actually said those words to my daughter when she asked for a picture of Dad's mother. It was quite hurtful.

My sister and I are both professionals and don't need the money and gifts, but the blatant disregard for our feelings is hard to take. Talking to them about it is not an option. What else can we do? -- Wisconsin

Dear Wisconsin: Many stepparents favor their biological children (unintentionally or otherwise), but where is your mother in all this? Is she so enamored of her husband that she is willing to forget she has other children and grandchildren? You really should speak to her about



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

the favoritism and lack of inclusion. If she refuses to deal with it, try thinking of them as distant cousins -- friendly, but not as close as immediate family. Then forge a tighter bond with your in-laws or friends who can fill the void.

Dear Annie: I hope you will print this letter to let blood donors know they are appreciated. In a few days, my son Robert will be getting a stem cell transplant to hopefully cure his body of leukemia.

It started over a year ago. Robert was tired all the time and often weak and sick to his stomach. The doctor checked his blood and told me to take Robert to the hospital immediately. My heart fell out of my chest. Tests from a specialist showed that he had leukemia.

Since then, Robert has relied on blood donations in order to live. I have lost count of how many times he has received chemo, and afterward, he needs donor platelets and red blood cells until his own body starts producing them again.

While we wait for his transplant (his twin donated), I would like to thank each and every person who takes time out of their

busy schedule to donate blood, platelets and plasma. Thank you for giving my son a second chance to live. -- Arkansas

Dear Arkansas: We send our prayers, along with our hopes that your letter will encourage others to donate today.

Dear Annie: Thank you so much for mentioning NORD in your column. We appreciated your kind words and, even more, your drawing attention to rare diseases.

In the days after the column was published, we received hundreds of phone calls and thousands of visits to our website. Some people had specific questions to discuss with our registered nurse and genetic counselor. Others simply wanted to make contact and learn more about how we could help them.

There was, however, one common theme: Everyone who called or wrote expressed relief and gratitude to find that an organization existed specifically for people with rare diseases. Thank you so much for the good work you do to help connect your readers with resources that they might otherwise not ever access. Sincerely -- Mary Dunkle, Vice President for Communications

Dear Mary Dunkle: Thank you for your kind words. Once again, readers, the address is NORD (rarediseases.org), 55 Kenosia Ave., PO Box 1968, Danbury, CT 06813-1968.

Dear Annie: My father was a vile, cruel man who for 12 years molested, threatened, humiliated and beat my sisters and me. We never told my mother about the sexual abuse. I once brought up

the subject indirectly, and she said she'd first kill our father and then come after us. I left home when I was young and lived on the streets, where I was raped and beaten and got into some very bad relationships.

My father died four years ago, and since then, my mother has turned him into a saint. I love my mom with everything that is in me, but I am so mad at her. She could have saved us, but her eyes were always closed. I have kept my father's secret for so long that even now he is still controlling me. My mom's health is failing and I believe telling her would kill her. But when she claims my father was so wonderful, it tears me up inside.

I want desperately to look in the mirror without seeing my father's shadow behind me. I am angry all the time. I want to tell my husband I love him without being afraid he will hurt me. I have already had one failed marriage. I am scared I'll destroy my current marriage because I won't let anyone get close to me. I want to talk to my mom without being so angry. Forget counseling. It doesn't work. -- Running from Shadows in Virginia

Dear Virginia: The truth is, your anger toward your mother is bubbling over, but you are forcing yourself to hold it in. The strain must be unbearable. Although the therapist you saw in the past obviously didn't help enough, the process can still be worthwhile and we hope you will reconsider therapy. What do you have to lose? Contact Adult Abuse Survivors of Child Abuse (ascasupport.org), P.O. Box 14477, San Francisco,

CA 94114, or the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (rainn.org) at 1-800-656-HOPE (1-800-656-4673).

Dear Annie: I am a teacher in a school where we are lucky enough to receive lovely gifts for Christmas and at the end of the year. These are usually plants, lotions, \$10 gift cards, etc., often accompanied by darling notes from the students.

At Christmas, I diligently write out thank-you notes to my students, but I don't know what to do at the end of the year. Some teachers say all gifts should be acknowledged in writing, but others feel that these gifts are essentially "thank-you presents" and do not require a note. What do you say? -- Grateful but Confused Teacher

Dear Grateful: Please acknowledge all such gifts in writing. They do not fall into the category of tips for services rendered. Plus, a written note from the teacher sends an excellent message about manners and the importance of a personal touch. It will surely mean a great deal to your students.

Dear Annie: I could be the daughter of "Not Really Married," who doesn't want his kids to plan a 50th anniversary party.

My parents have been married for 54 years, very few of them happy. My mother got tired of my father's antics, of which there are many, and stopped having sex with him. It didn't make the marriage better for her, just less stressful. For Dad, it went from a great marriage (for him) to an empty shell. They stay together for financial reasons. We children have been more perceptive about the situation and asked about a 50th anniversary party. The answer was a resounding "no" from both of them.

My father once said, "Your mother isn't the same woman I married." I replied, "And you're not the same man. Deal with it." -- Upstate N.Y.

Dear Upstate: When neither parent wants to celebrate an anniversary, it makes sense not to do it. Your parents' situation sounds sad. Our condolences.

Dear Annie: My friend has a 7-year-old daughter, "Lindsay," who is completely out of control. It's almost like she has no conscience. Lindsay needs to be the center of attention all of the time and always has to have her own way. She's quite a negotiator and the word "no" is not in her vocabulary. She lies constantly. You can see her say or do something and then she will deny it and cry.

Lindsay steals things. She has no friends. Her grandparents dote on her. Her mom yells idle threats and never follows through with discipline. What will this child be like in a couple of years? She is very intelligent, which only makes her think she can get away with anything. So far, it's working.

I am in this girl's company a lot, so any help would be appreciated. -- Concerned in Connecticut

Dear Concerned: Are you in a position to teach this girl how to behave so others will like her? Are you able to talk to her, quietly and privately, and explain that trust is hard-won but easily lost? If you are friends with Mom and see Lindsay only in her company, we recommend you

find some parenting books and give them to Mom as a Christmas gift, saying you (or people you know) found them useful and you thought she'd enjoy them. We feel sorry for children whose parents are afraid to raise them with respect and discipline.

Dear Annie: My father's family has held an annual reunion for 41 years. We usually take a long weekend and go to a campground.

The problem is my cousin Ralph's wife, "Rose." For the past 20 years, she has invited her extended family and their friends (about 30 people) to attend our family reunion. We always try to make them feel welcome, but it's becoming difficult. Some years ago, my Aunt Mary announced that there were so many people that we couldn't tell who was a family member and who was a friend of Rose's. They didn't take the hint.

Now there is no additional space available to reserve at the campground, so at our annual family meeting I made a motion that future reunions be limited to our family members only. Everyone approved, but when we discussed it privately with Ralph and Rose, she became enraged and we did nothing. At the reunion, one of my cousins gave a very honest and thoughtful explanation of why we'd like to limit participation, after which Rose objected, using a loud voice and foul language.

We all agree something needs to be done to reclaim the family reunion, but we don't know what. Your comments, please. -- Not Related in Pennsylvania

Dear Pennsylvania: After 20 years, Rose thinks this is her personal reunion. Some families wouldn't mind the extra people (you can give out nametags to differentiate family members), but since you do, tell her the extended group will no longer be accommodated and let her get angry. She can reserve her own campground area if she insists on bringing people, or you can move the reunion to an indoor location and refuse entry to anyone who is not a family member. But you must have the backbone to follow through or Rose will be hijacking this reunion forever.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from Susan Molinari, former chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Railroad Subcommittee, who warned of the risk of trying to outrun a train. I'd like to point out that whether crossing train tracks on foot or in your car, you also must be very careful after a train has just passed. Sometimes there is another train coming from the opposite direction, which you will not see because the train in front of you is hiding it. People should wait before crossing until their view of all tracks is unobstructed. -- Wellesley, Mass.

Dear Wellesley: Thank you for the life-saving counsel. Please, readers, don't be in such a hurry. The train will always win. 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, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Turkey chili: A great, alternative cool-weather meal

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From Texas and Cincinnati to Reno and Oklahoma, the U.S. is home to an endless assortment of chili varieties with flavors, textures and ingredients that vary dramatically. This week's recipe adds another unique entry into the great chili line up by substituting ground turkey breast for the traditional ground beef. Our chili is a great alternative for those looking for a more healthful chili that doesn't sacrifice flavor.

Chili itself is a dish that evokes much passion. About the only thing chili buffs seem to agree on is that it did not originate in Mexico, as is typically thought. One famous chili enthusiast, actor Will Rogers, is said to have judged the quality of a town solely on the quality of its chili.

During the Great Depression, folklore asserts, the actor sampled chili in hundreds of towns, keeping careful notes. Another famous American, the outlaw Jesse James, is said to have refused to rob a bank in McKinney, Texas, because it was the home of his favorite chili parlor.

Unlike Texas chili, which typically does not contain any beans, this recipe has plenty of legumes with a combination of both dark and red kidney beans. From fiber to B-vitamins, they supply a healthy array of nutrients and phytochemicals, which research suggests may play a role in cancer protection.

This dish is great fresh, but it also makes wonderful leftovers. Storing it overnight in the refrigerator or freezing for future use allows the flavors to fully develop and the heat

from the chili powder and red pepper to provide an authentic kick.

Turkey Chili
2 Tbsp. olive oil
2 medium onions, coarsely chopped
1 bunch scallions, sliced 1/4-inch, including green stems
5 garlic cloves, crushed
2 medium green bell peppers, coarsely chopped
1 1/2 pounds of ground turkey breast
1 (15 oz.) can light kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 (15 oz.) can dark kidney beans, rinsed and drained
1 (15 oz.) can unsalted stewed tomatoes
2 Tbsp. chili powder, or to taste
1 tsp. dried red pepper flakes, or to taste
1/2 tsp. black pepper
1 tsp. cumin
1 Tbsp. oregano
1/2 tsp. salt

2 oz. reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese
1 small red onion, coarsely chopped

Heat oil in large pot. Cook onion, scallions, garlic and green peppers over medium-high heat until tender and slightly browned.

Add turkey and stir frequently until meat is cooked. Add beans and tomatoes and gently mix thoroughly. Stir in chili powder, red and black pepper, cumin, oregano, and salt.

Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Cover and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 45-50 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Top with raw red onion and cheese and serve. Chili can be made in advance, refrigerated and reheated.

Makes 8 servings.

Per serving: 260 calories, 4.5 g total fat (1 g saturated



fat), 24 g carbohydrate, 31 g protein, 10 g dietary fiber, 270 mg sodium.

NUTRITION WISE

Q: Is using lite salt a good way to cut down on sodium?

A: If you use a fair amount of salt, using a lite version, which contains 25 to 50 percent less sodium, could be a smart move. However, people with kidney disease and those who take a potassium supplement should check with their doctor first, since the added potassium in lite salt could pose problems for them. Using less salt and more herbs and spices for flavor is another option. The major source of sodium for most of us is processed foods, not salt added at home, so that's where we should focus our efforts.



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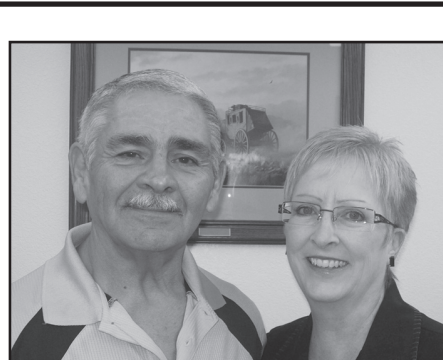
stories about canola oil's health risks keep circulating on the Internet. The false reports stem from claims that the oil contains high levels of erucic acid (a fatty acid that can be toxic at high levels), but in reality, canola plants actually contain low levels of the compound.

Canola oil is a heart-healthy choice that can help lower LDL ("bad") cholesterol. In addition, canola is one of the oils lowest in saturated fat.

Like olive oil, it mostly contains monounsaturated fat, although it has a small amount of the plant version of omega-3 fat (linolenic acid). Omega-3 fat is important to keep our body's inflammatory system in balance; it promotes heart health and may play a role in cancer protection. Canola oil has a mild flavor, so it's a great choice for baking, for salad dressings or for use in foods where the stronger taste of olive oil is not desired. Use it for stir-fries, too, but note that high temperatures can cause it to smoke.

Q: I've read reports online that canola oil is dangerous, true?

A: No, canola oil is quite safe. Yet, despite research to the contrary, the



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I have been the Howard County Attorney for the past 11 years and would like to continue to be your Howard County Attorney. As County Attorney, you must be familiar with business and criminal law. I believe I am uniquely qualified to help the commissioners with the business dealings of government. My undergraduate degree is in accounting and I am also a licensed CPA. I served as the City Attorney for a number of years and helped the City Council with their business decisions.

A County Attorney must be familiar with criminal law. I have over 20 years of experience in criminal law from both sides. I have served as a defense attorney as well as a prosecutor.

As Howard County Attorney, I have an open door policy. I will be glad to visit with anyone that has a problem concerning county business.

I have enjoyed being the Howard County Attorney, I believe I have done a good job and I am asking for your vote.

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RECOVERY ROAD

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"It provides them with a beautiful outdoor environment and will improve their quality of life while hospitalized," Couch said. "Patients will tell you that they feel 'cooped up' when confined indoors and this provides an additional outlet for them."

What helped get such an important and expensive project off the ground is that the labor was performed by plant management staff and patients enrolled in the horticulture program. With the help of Greenhouse Manager Raymond Ontiveros, they planned and planted a butterfly garden and trees and designed a waterfall and shaded covering for respite from the sun.

The patients and the staff took pride in their work, Couch said.

While planting the garden this spring during Arbor Day festivities, Ontiveros and patients under his supervision

were already talking about what else was planned — pointing to the spacious fenced-in area that takes advantage of the scenery surrounding the expansive hospital campus dotted with mesquite and acres of pastureland.

"We will expand the landscaping projects each spring — plant more flowers, trees," Couch said. "The possibilities are endless and are up to the creative minds of the patients and staff in the horticulture work crew."

ATD eventually would like to add lawn games such as volleyball and croquet, Christie said.

The State of Texas has traditionally funded state hospitals but have provided monies sufficient for excellent patient care, Moughon said. But Big Spring State Hospital constantly looks for additional ways to better serve the patients.

"We couldn't do many of the things we do without our volunteers," Moughon said. "They are invaluable to helping us fund all the extras our patients need to succeed."

"A mere 'thank you' cannot express the apprecia-

tion for this project," Couch said. "We can never truly measure the impact that it will have on the quality of services that we provide for the patients as it has and will continue to touch the patients in a pervasive manner."

"First, the patients on the work crew who helped create this area have tremendous pride and feelings of self-worth related to their role in this project. As mentioned, work crews will continue to have opportunities to improve the landscape for years to come, thus giving many patients a feeling of great contribution during their stay at BSSH. Also, the opportunity for additional exercise will help countless patients manage their weight and promote holistic recovery from mental illness. Further, it is a place of meditation and relaxation that can be utilized as a tool for patients when they need a place to go to reflect or relax, without feeling confined."

— Story by Valerie Ullman Avery, BSSH Public Information Coordinator

From Jailbait to Mistress: A Mother's Distress

Dear Margo: My daughter has been having an affair with a married man since he seduced her at a young age.

She is now almost 21 and claims she is very much in love with him. I remind her that he does not belong to her but to his wife. This man is the brother of a powerful and internally known man in our town.

He is very controlling of my daughter and that scares me. I believe he also manipulates his wife. They have four children, all athletic stars at a Catholic college.

One of their daughters was my daughter's best friend until it came out that her father has been having a sexual relationship with my daughter since her youth.

I can't seem to get through to my daughter that this guy is using his family's name and power to manipulate and intimidate her. — *Suffering Mother*

Dear Suf: I'm not sure it's the man's name and relationship to power that are underlying the attraction, but onward.

I totally understand your anguish. It is hell for parents, with wisdom and experience behind them, to watch a child make a horrendous mistake and be unable to do anything about it.

Your daughter's boyfriend, in addition to the powerful brother, has a surplus of nerve. Consider: Their relationship is apparently no secret, seeing as how even the man's daughter knows.

And ... he started the relationship with an underage

girl apparently unconcerned that her parents might find out.

I'm assuming the family is Catholic, and while some Catholics get divorced, most do not. I mention this by way of saying that your daughter may believe, as many "other women" do, that he will leave his wife and marry her.

Had you acted when this shameful affair began, you might have either confronted the man, or told his employer or his wife. (The wives, by the way, usually know.) Now, however, your daughter is legally an adult. As for getting through to her, I suspect that's a lost cause.

It's her life. She will have to wake up on her own to the fact that she is wasting her prime time, and that she's now known as the girlfriend of a married man. In short, there is nothing you can say or do to change the situation. I hope this doesn't go on for years, because at some point I am quite sure your daughter will become disenchanted with being the bit on the side and feel heart-sick that she put in so much time being the plaything of a skunk. — *Margo, sympathetically*

Blood Is Thicker than Water, and It Boils Faster

Dear Margo: My wife and I have been married 28 years. My m-i-l stopped being part of her grandchildren's and our lives years ago. She has bad-mouthed my wife all over her small hometown and once told us that "we never did anything for her out of love."

We dropped her from family events (birthdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas) after my f-i-l died. I still feel somewhat guilty for her being alone, but my family (including my wife) reminds me of the miserable shrew she is. Why do I feel guilty? — *Mr. X*

Dear Mr.: You feel guilty because this woman is your wife's mother, and part of you believes, "My mother, drunk or sober" -- a takeoff on "My country, right or wrong" -- which is to say that some people feel being related by blood is reason enough to submit to a punishing relationship. I am not one of them. It has always struck me as masochistic to maintain ties with someone who is in your life simply because of DNA. I hope you can work on ditching the guilt, whether it's through books or a counselor. I don't know what else you have on the old girl, but the extreme coolness between you seems reason enough to keep a distance. I do believe that people, shrews included, earn the relationships they wind up with. Call it karma. — *Margo, constructively*

And Mormons Aren't the Only Ones

Dear Margo: I am 18 years old and have recently come to terms with the fact that I am gay.

The enormous issue with this comes from the fact that I am of the Mormon faith, which famously takes a strict stance on homosexuality.

I attend a church school in Utah, and living in a hostile, homophobic environment is taking its toll on me.

I am trapped in feelings of self-loathing and doubt, and I wish for nothing more than to have heterosexual feelings.

On the one hand, I do believe in the religion and know it has done great things for me, but I also feel like I can't stay a member of the church being who I am. I am afraid that if I live as a gay person, I will be sent to hell in the afterlife, but if I remain celibate in the church, I will be completely miserable.

See DEAR MARGO, Page 12C

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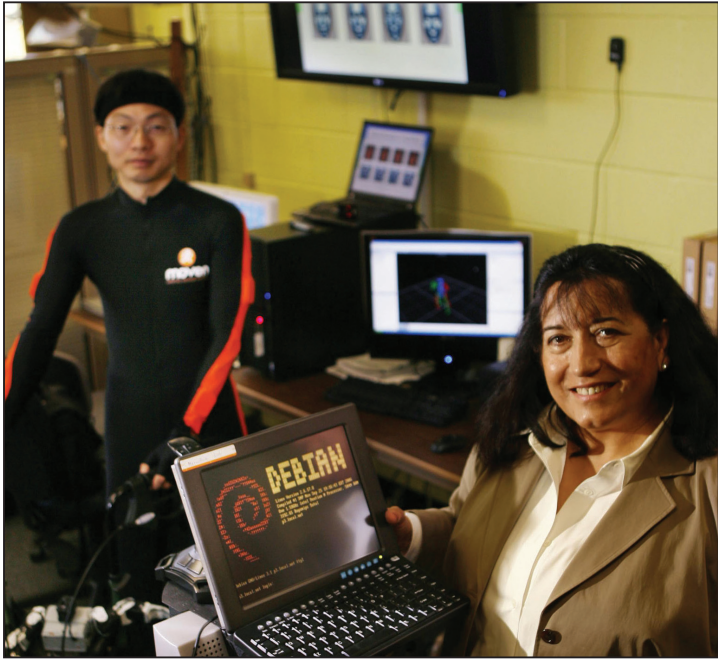
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Robots and sensors to help elderly stay independent



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University of Texas at Arlington professor Fillia Makedon, right, displays some of the equipment as Kevin Xu wears a Motion Capture suit that digitally captures human motion as they do research at the Human-Centered Computing Laboratory at UTA. The research they are doing will help build and develop devices that will help elderly people live independently.

By BOB MOOS

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Someday soon, older adults may not need to move into nursing homes because they'll have a household of technological wonders to keep an eye on them when they become frail.

Like smart pets that never require feeding, robots will scoot from room to room to wake the homeowners in the morning, remind them to eat and send for help if someone falls.

Sensors embedded throughout the seniors' homes will detect when the residents have sleepless nights or forget to take their medication. Web-based computer software will notify caregivers.

"This is the future of aging," said Fillia Makedon, a professor of computer science and engineering

at the University of Texas at Arlington. "Technology will let people grow old at home."

With support from the National Science Foundation and others, Makedon has created the Heracleia Human-Centered Computing Laboratory at UTA, where she, other faculty members and their students are designing technology that will allow tomorrow's seniors to remain independent longer than previous generations.

The research facility, and a handful of similar labs across the country, will be the springboard for what experts predict will be an exploding assistive technology industry within a decade.

The UTA lab houses a make-believe one-bedroom apartment equipped with high-tech cameras, motion

sensors and robots, and surrounded by computer stations.

Professors and students measure any movement within the furnished apartment and feed the data into computers that will alert them to any measurement outside a normal range.

Once the technology is perfected, caregivers will be able to sign on to a secure Web site and check how well a senior is recovering from surgery or responding to a new prescription, Makedon said.

It will also act as an early warning system for caregivers, she said. An unexplained change in someone's gait, for example, might signal a higher risk of falling and the need for a walker.

"The goal is to create a safer environment without unnecessarily invading someone's privacy," Makedon said. "Caregivers will turn on the cameras only if they suspect something is wrong."

Besides advancing basic research in the field, the lab is introducing students to the everyday problems of old age and challenging them to find technology-based solutions, she said.

Many experts hope that assistive technology will help ease the strain the aging population will place on the nation's long-term care system.

There aren't enough trained caregivers or facilities to accommodate the expected doubling of older adults over the next 25 years, said Mary Jane Koren, an assistant vice president at the Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation that studies health care issues.

And Medicaid, the federal-state program that pays for most long-term care after people deplete their personal resources, won't be able to cover boomers' costs without some form of relief, she said.

"Assistive technology will hold down long-term care costs, lighten the burden on caregivers and let the elderly stay at home, which is where most prefer to grow old," Koren said.

Fears that seniors will be wary of such technology are unfounded, experts say. The AARP Foundation has found that nine of 10 older adults will agree to remote monitoring if it keeps them independent.

"We're on the cusp of an-

other electronics revolution," said Anne Tumlinson, a senior adviser for Avalere Health, a health care consulting firm. "Older adults will soon rely on assistive technology as much as cell phones."

A few remote monitoring systems and medication dispensers have already made it out of the research lab and into the marketplace. But experts expect a surge of devices in five to 10 years.

In fact, the nascent assistive technology industry is planning a coming-out party in January at the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas, the world's largest consumer technology trade show.

One exhibit will be "a home of the future" sponsored by the Center for Aging Services Technologies, a coalition of more than 400 technology companies, research universities and government officials.

"We'll show people what's already available and what other cool things are on their way," said coalition spokeswoman Lauren Shaham.

The biggest barrier to these products making the leap from university and corporate labs to seniors' residences will be cost, she predicted, since government programs and private insurers typically don't cover them.

Industry officials are pressing Congress to bring together leaders from business, government and health care to figure out how to make assistive technology more affordable and available.

"This technology will require an initial outlay, but it will produce long-term savings," Koren said. "Caring for someone at home costs far less than in an assisted living or nursing facility."

Still, Makedon said, the greatest benefit of assistive technology will be peace of mind for seniors and caregivers. "It'll create a safer environment for the frail, so families needn't worry as much."

The professor has only to think of her own mother to understand the real-life implications of her work. The 87-year-old woman has fallen twice, and Makedon is afraid the next accident will be more serious.

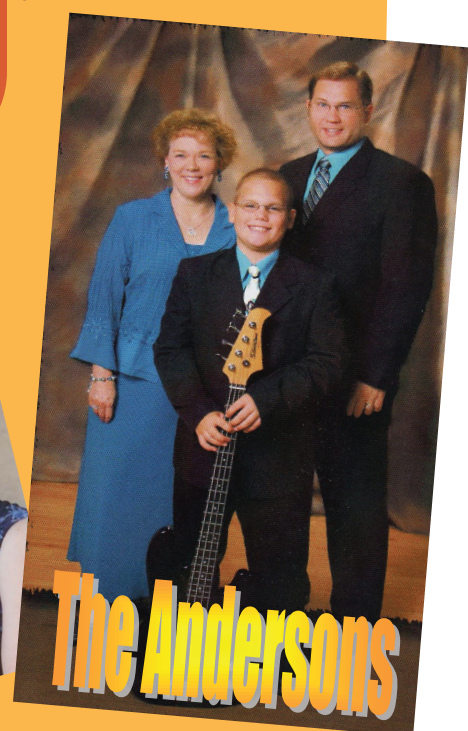
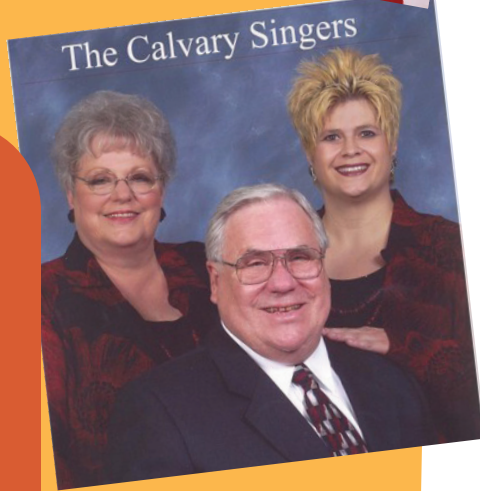
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Wednesday
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steak finger, seasoned rice, mixed vegetables, bread/milk, blushing pears.

Friday
cheeseburger, fries, lettuce/tomatoes, milk,

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Breakfast: donuts, bananas, juice, milk.
Lunch: crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: breakfast pocket, juice, milk.
Lunch: chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, southwest beans, orange

smiles, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: biscuits, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch: spaghetti w/ meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, French bread sticks, peach cups, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: scrambled eggs, Canadian ham, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, fresh apples, hot rolls, milk.

Coahoma ISD Monday
Breakfast: donuts, ham, grape juice, milk.
Lunch: pepperoni pizza, corn, tossed salad, milk, strawberries/bananas.

Tuesday
Breakfast: pancakes, sausage, applesauce cups, syrup, milk.

Lunch: chicken patty on a bun, salad trays, tater tots, milk, hot pockets.

Wednesday
Breakfast: oatmeal, ham, orange juice, milk.
Lunch: steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, frozen cherry bar, rolls, milk, burritos.

Thursday
Breakfast: waffles, applesauce, sausage, milk.
Lunch: chicken fajita, refried beans, toss salad, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cups, milk, corn dogs.

Friday
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, ham, grape juice, milk.
Lunch: hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, baked potatoes, chips, pickles, baby carrots, fresh apples, milk.

Stanton ISD Monday
Breakfast: pancakes.
Lunch: chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, apple slices, hot rolls, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: oatmeal.

Lunch: beef tacos, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cups, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: biscuits, gravy, bacon.
Lunch: grill cheese or grilled ham/cheese, broccoli/ranch dressing, strawberries & bananas, milk, chicken noodle soup, crackers.

Thursday
Breakfast: pizza.
Lunch: spaghetti or Salisbury steak, seasoned corn, garden salad, applesauce gelatin, bread sticks, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: burrito.
Lunch: chicken patty/bun or cheese dog/bun, potato puffs, western beans, orange slices, milk.

Big Spring ISD Monday
Breakfast
Elementary: cereal, sausage patty, fruit juice.
High School: string cheese breakfast bar
Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, rolls, cream gravy, peaches.

Tuesday
Breakfast
Elementary: biscuits, chicken nuggets,

applesauce.
High School: pancake sausage on stick, fruit juice, Cinnamon Toast breakfast bar.

Lunch: nachos w/beef, ranch beans, cherry cobbler, lettuce/tomato salad.

Wednesday
Breakfast
Elementary: baked cheese sticks, peaches.
High School: pancake sausage on a stick, fruit juice, Fruity Cheerio breakfast bar,
Lunch: chicken patties, sweet potatoes w/apples, cherry freezezy.

Thursday
Breakfast
Elementary: pancake sausage on a stick, fruit juice.
High School: pancake sausage on a stick, fruit juice, Frosted Flake breakfast bar.
Lunch: spaghetti, garden salad, corn, Jello, fruit cocktail, rolls.

Friday
Breakfast
Elementary: banana loaf, fruit cocktail.
High School: honey bun, fresh fruit.
Lunch: hamburgers, lettuce/tomato salad, French fries, fresh fruit.

Dr. Ward's Healthy Smiles Club



HARTLEY SMITHIE was presented a prize, her name was drawn from kids who had dental appointments in **SEPTEMBER**

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DEAR MARGO

Continued from 11C

This issue has caused intense bouts of anxiety and depression. I feel trapped with nowhere to turn. — *Between a Rock and a Hard Place*

Dear Be: This is just a guess, as I am no statistician, but there have got to be more gay Mormons than just you. I would posit that

you could find a liberal Mormon psychologist who might be helpful to you.

It would be a shame to give up a religion you feel has done a great deal for you, but conversely, you are who you are, and it is my understanding that one's religion should not cause him pain, anxiety and guilt.

As for wishing to miraculously have heterosexual feelings, you might as well wish for eyes of a different color than you were born

with: It's not going to happen. Granted, no one has yet come back to report, but I am highly skeptical that gay people go to hell as a group.

I hope you find either a religious or secular counselor who can help you and the Mormons coexist. You might try this site, as well: <http://www.affirmation.org/about/>. — *Margo, faithfully*

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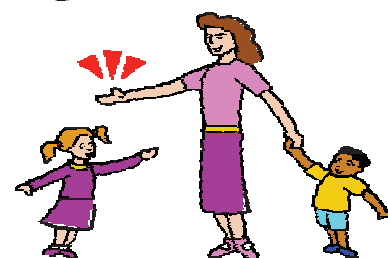
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