

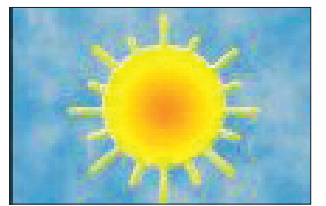
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Early voting wraps up with a flurry

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A last-minute surge of early-minded voters had things hopping Friday afternoon at the Howard County Courthouse, bringing early voting tallies for this year's presidential election close to county officials' expectations.

With ballot totals reaching the 6,782 mark at the close of early voting Friday afternoon, Saundra Bloom, elections administrator for Howard County, said this year's early voting lived up to her expectations.

"We were expecting about 7,000

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Polling locations

Howard County

Precincts — 11, 12, 16 and 112: St. Thomas Parish Hall, 605 N. Main St. (Big Spring)

Precincts — 13, 14: Senior Citizen Center, 1901 Simler (Big Spring)

Precincts — 103, 104 and 105: Prairie View Church, 1000 W. FM 2230 (Big Spring)

Precincts — 205, 22, 24, 25 and 26: Big Spring Mall, 1801 E. FM 700 (Big Spring)

Precincts — 207 and 207C: Coahoma Community Center, (Coahoma)

Precincts — 208: Forsan Baptist Church, 201 Main (Forsan)

Precincts — 33, 34 and 35: First Baptist Church, 705 W. FM 700 (Big Spring)

Precincts — 304: Central Baptist Church, 501 Nichols Rd. (Elbow)

Precincts — 42, 44, 45 and 46: Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane (Big Spring)

Precincts — 404, 405 and 406: Jonesboro Fire Station, 142 Jonesboro Rd. (Big Spring)

Precincts — 407 and 408: Salem Baptist Church, 8911 Old Colorado City Highway (Big Spring)

Precincts — 409: First Baptist Church of Sand Springs, 8517 N. Service Rd. (Sand Springs)

Glasscock County

Precinct — 1: St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 2400 FM 2401 (St. Lawrence)

Precinct — 2: Church of Christ, 200 S. Main Street (Garden City)

Precinct — 3: Drumwright Community Center, 2200 Drumwright Rd. (Glasscock County)

Precinct — 4: Senior Citizens Building, 600 N. Main St. (Garden City)

Martin County

Precincts — 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Boxes 1, 2, 3 and 4): Community Center, 301 N. St. Theresa (Stanton)

Precinct — 3 (Box 3A): Grady School Building, 3500 FM 829 (Lenorah)

Precinct — 4 (Box 4A): Flower Grove Gin, 4003 E. FM 2002 (Ackerly)



Bloom

Local races pique voter interest

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Voters in Howard County and surrounding areas will have to decide more than just the presidential contest Tuesday, as a number of local elections will hinge on election day tallies.

Topping the list of local contests is the race for Howard County sheriff, as Republican nominee Stan Parker, a former officer with the Big Spring Police Department, faces Democratic candidate Pat Carter, a former sheriff's deputy.

The District 1 seat on the commissioners court is also on the ballot, as Emma Brown, incumbent and Democratic Party nominee, is challenged by Republican nominee Edwin Ware.

The District 3 seat on the court will see a new face fol-

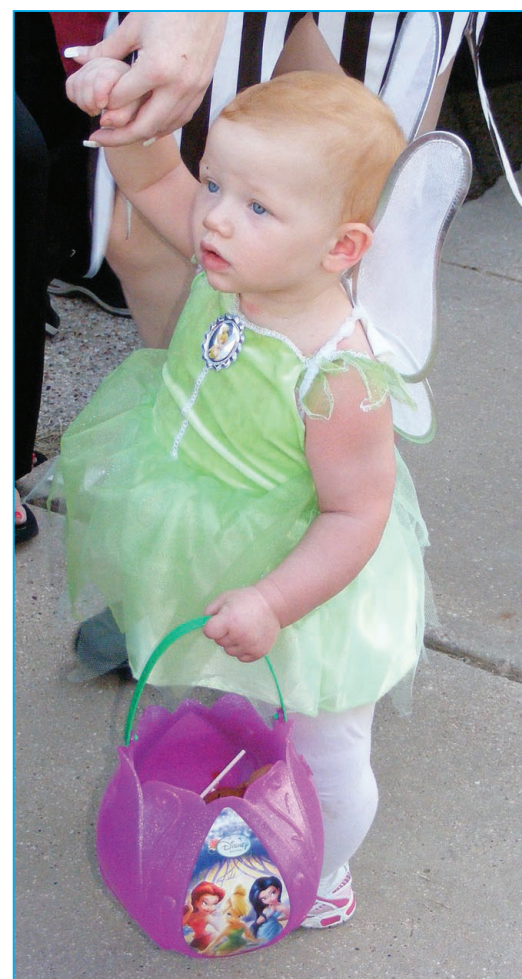
lowing the November contest as Democratic nominee Dick Dubose takes on Republican candidate Jimmie Long. The winner will take over for long-time Commissioner Bill Crooker, who is not seeking

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HERALD photos/Steve Reagan

First Christian Church and St. Mary's Episcopal Church joined forces for the second annual "Trunk or Treat" Halloween evening.



Drug trial set Monday in 118th Court

3 defendants among 11 arrested in sting

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The trial of three people arrested on drug possession charges in May is scheduled to begin Monday in 118th District Court.

Corey Lee Harris and Alisha and Angela McGee, all of Big Spring, face second degree charges for possession of a controlled substance, punishable by between two and 20 years in prison.

Jury selection will begin Monday morning, with testimony to start that afternoon.

Assistant District Attorney Robin D. Orr will represent the state, while Don Richard, Wayne Frost and Tim Yeats will represent the defendants.

Harris and the McGee women were three of 11 people arrested during a drug sting operation May 2.

As the result of a four-week investigation, Big Spring Police Department narcotics officers and SORT team members executed a search warrant at 710 E. 15th St. at about 7 p.m. that evening.

Inside the residence, officers discovered quantities of crack cocaine and marijuana, along with more than \$5,000 in cash.

Officials said the residence had been under surveillance for some time.

"The investigation revealed that crack cocaine and marijuana were being sold from the residence," Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for BSPD, said earlier this year. "The residence

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Despite lack of rainfall, CRMWD holding its own

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Colorado River Municipal Water District officials will be the first to admit that current water supplies could be better. Of course, they're quick to add that things could be worse, also.

A dry year has meant reduced lake levels at CRMWD's three reservoirs, but



Grant

General Manager John Grant said water supplies remain at levels more than sufficient to meet customer needs.

As of Monday, CRMWD lake levels were:

- Lake Thomas — 10.44 percent full.

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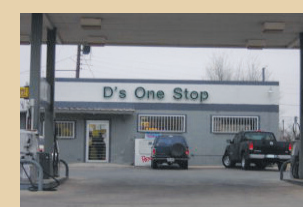
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Lady Steers clinch postseason berth



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

The Big Spring Lady Steers celebrate after winning a District 4-4A play-in game over Lake View for the league's final playoff spot. Big Spring won in five sets and now has a date set with No. 1 Hereford Tuesday at Levelland High School.

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — It was the start of a great night of athletic events for Big Spring High School in San Angelo.

It took until they were on the brink of elimination, but the Big Spring Lady Steers put together what Head Coach Meghan Blake called their best volleyball per-

formance of the season in a five-set victory over Lake View (13-28) Friday, 25-21, 17-25, 15-25, 25-10, 15-9.

"We played great in the final two sets. I wish it wouldn't have taken this long for us to click like this, but it happened at a great time," said Blake. "These girls did not want to be done this season. Our seniors really

stepped up their play. This could have been the last game for them if they don't play in college. I don't think they wanted that."

The win gives Big Spring (7-31) the final playoff spot available out of District 4-4A. The Lady Steers will meet No. 1 Hereford at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Levelland

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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Steers quarterback Matt Ritchey (center) rushes around right end in District 4-4A football action against the Lake View Chiefs in San Angelo Friday. Ritchey and the Steers racked up 478 total yards in a crucial 42-32 victory.

Steers blitz past Chiefs

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Welcome back Monte Anderson.

The Big Spring Steers went 1-2 with their honorable mention all-state running back on the sidelines, but it didn't take long for Anderson to make his presence felt Friday night.

On his first carry and Big Spring's initial play of the game, Anderson took a direct snap, turned the corner around the right side of

the defense and raced 52 yards down the sideline for a touchdown. It was a great beginning to a memorable night for Anderson as he rushed for 181 yards on 16 carries, helping propel the Steers (5-4, 2-2) to a 42-32 victory over Lake View's Chiefs (5-4, 2-2) in San Angelo.

"Monte is a great kid. He's a better person than he is a football player and that should say a lot about

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Forsan's struggles persist, drop fifth straight contest

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

SEAGRAVES — With just one game left on the 2008 schedule, the Forsan Buffaloes closed the door on any possible chance of a playoff berth this season, losing to the Seagraves Eagles Friday night, 21-12.

The Buffs (1-8, 0-4) could not find the energy early on, falling behind 14-0 in the first half, and in the end, Seagraves (4-5, 2-2) was able to hold off another second-half comeback effort.

"That seems to be our theme this year," said Buffs head coach Tommy Thompson, "We have consistently put ourselves in position to be playing from behind and that is just a physically draining way to play football. Sometimes, more than not for us this year, it just proves to be too much to overcome, no matter how hard you fight."

The Eagles opened the scoring midway through the first quarter, as running back Michael Peterson dashed in from 1 yard out to go up 7-0, but that was all the Buffs defense would allow until late in the first half.

With just 40 seconds left

in the second quarter, Forsan appeared poised to go into the locker room down by just seven points.

But Seagraves managed to get into scoring position and was able to punch in one more touchdown as Patrick Gibson found pay dirt on a 3-yard run, giving the Eagles a two-TD lead at intermission.

"We had a manageable lead to contend with at 7-0," Thompson said, "That score at the end of the half hurt us a little, taking away some momentum we hoped to build on for the second. But this team has a lot of fight in it, and I had no doubt they would come out swinging."

The Buffs narrowed the margin on a 1-yard Alex Huckabee run with 4:44 to go in the third quarter, but a missed extra point left the score 14-6.

Seagraves did not wait long to quell the Buffaloes momentum and answered right back, this time through the air. Javier Minjarez found Travis Thompson for an 8-yard touchdown pass, giving the Eagles a 21-6 lead with time running out in the third.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Stanton Buffaloes quarterback Tyler Fulton (11) attempts to keep his balance on a run in District 7-A action vs. Plains Friday night in Stanton. Stanton won 33-16 and plays at Sundown Friday for the district title.

Area Roundup Stanton now playing for district title

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes took the term "smash-mouth football" to an entirely new level Friday night, running the ball a staggering 86 times for 444 yards and a 33-16 win over the Plains Cowboys.

In the process, the Buffs ensured their playoff appearance since

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Bulldogs can't scale Wall, fall 28-24

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs' playoff chances were already bleak heading into Friday's game with the Wall Hawks. After a 28-24 loss, those hopes are now nonexistent.

The Bulldogs racked up 414 yards of total offense, but many of those yards were too little, too late.

Coahoma trailed 28-12 with less than five minutes to play in the game. However, quarterback Nathan Deperto cut the margin to 10 courtesy of a 5-yard touchdown run. The attempted 2-point conversion failed, leaving the Bulldogs down two scores with 4:52 left in regulation.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs

couldn't find paydirt again until there were just 25 seconds remaining on the clock as P.J. Daylong scored his second touchdown of the night from 1 yard out.

It was actually the Bulldogs who opened the scoring in the contest as Daylong scored his first touchdown less

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CROSSROADS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD WEEK 9

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Stanton
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6

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THE SPECTER-CULAR DIVORCE OF MRS. LILLIAN BOYCE

Long-time readers of the *Big Spring Herald* may be familiar with Lillian Birdwell, a tall, strikingly beautiful woman with piercing blue eyes and member of a Big Spring pioneer family.

Lillian was born June 22, 1884 to John and Annabelle Birdwell — owners of the T&P Railroad Hotel — and lived a very privileged life. Heritage Museum curator Nancy Schrecengost has intensely researched the Birdwell family and provided several stories published in the *Herald* throughout the years about their legacy.

Now Schrecengost has found a unique chapter in the life of this blue-eyed socialite from the turn of the 20th Century, and I felt it was fitting to share with our readers this Halloween weekend.

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In 1940, Lillian, married to wealthy Los Angeles area eye specialist Dr. William Boyce, was embroiled in a sensational divorce case that made headlines in the California papers as well as publications in other states. Schrecengost found several articles written at the time of the trial on the Web-site, newspaperarchive.com.

From perusing the article clippings, the trial seems to be centered around a ghost named Sho-Sha — identified in some stories as Sheland Shaimond. He is described as a tall, dark Egyptian spirit in a 1942 article of the *Las Cruces Sun News* or as a “tall and handsome like a Spaniard,” in a September 1940 article from the *Modesto Bee and News Herald* in Modesto Calif.

“Dr. William A. Boyce, designated the spirit as co-respondent in contesting a divorce action started by Mrs. Boyce,” a July 27, 1940 article from the *Modesto Bee and News Herald* written by Arthur Whitney stated. “He charged his middle aged, attractive wife had kept trysts with Sho Sha by means of seances arranged by Madame Loretta Julian.”

According to a some of the articles about the trial, the couple had been attending seances where Mrs. Boyce encountered her alleged “soul mate,” a charge Mrs. Boyce denied calling Sho-Sha her “teacher.”

Apparently, both Dr. and Mrs. Boyce took the seances seriously.

Dr. Boyce related on direct examination “that he heard a spirit voice from a trumpet declaring that he was none other than the reincarnation of Imnullus (because of the quality of the reproduction of the article this name is somewhat unreadable), a Roman soldier. The spirit voice come to him at a séance he and Mrs. Boyce attended,” according to a Sept. 3, 1940 *Modesto Bee and News Herald* article.

Sho-Sha become central to the trial, prompting Judge Clement D. Nye to issue a subpoena for the specter.

“Perplexed process servers set out today to locate the ghost Sho-Sha alleged soul mate of Mrs. Lillian Boyce, estranged wife of a wealthy Los Angeles eye specialist,” the July 27 article by Whitney in the *Modesto Bee and News Herald* began.

“Superior Judge Clement D. Nye issued a subpoena ordering Sho Sha to appear in court and testify as a witness. Boyce’s attorneys S.S. Hahn and W.O. Graf insisted that the ghost be served.”

“Hahn said that if the officers failed to subpoena Sho-Sha he would stage a ‘trumpet seance’ in an effort to persuade the alleged soul mate to make an appearance.”

“Mrs. Boyce denied under cross examination that Sho-Sha was her soul mate. She said that reference was a fabrication on the part of her husband. The ghost, she said ‘was a ‘teacher.’”

“Attorneys asked Mrs. Boyce if she planned ‘to be united with Sho-Sha after death.’ She replied that she had no such plans. ‘But,’ she added. ‘I think that would be a beautiful idea, don’t you? Especially for widows.’ Under further questions she confessed that she felt she ‘vibrated on a higher plane’ than Dr. Boyce ‘because he drank a good deal.’”

“Judge Nye instruction Sho-Sha to appear in court after the weekend court recess. ‘For failure to attend,’ the subpoena said. ‘You will be deemed guilty of court and liable to pay damages sustained by the parties aggrieved and forfeited \$100 in addition.’”

“Two husky deputies accepted the papers, grumbled, and went about their duties without disclosing where they would go to find the important witness. Mrs. Boyce identified the ghost more specifically as ‘Sheland Shaimond,’ but still the deputies had no description of him.

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St. Andrews Day Celebration Set for Nov. 23

By Linda Hill
Special to the Herald

St. Mary’s Episcopal Church will host its seventh annual St. Andrew’s Day Celebration at 7 Sunday evening, Nov. 23.

The celebration will consist of an Evening Prayer service featuring traditional music for highland bagpipes and drums, two choral anthems based on British tunes and the always popular singing of national songs and anthems for the United States, England, Wales and Scotland.

Professional pipers EJ Jones

and Richard Kean and drummer Randy Wothke will return as special guest artists. The pipes and drums will process into St. Mary’s playing “Highland Cathedral” followed by “Amazing Grace” and will be featured in a solo portion of the service as well. The service closes with a drum solo by Mr. Wothke and a procession to the Parish Hall led by the pipes and drums.

Dr. Keith Graumann of the Big Spring Symphony will serve as conductor for the service and Darryl Knapp of Midland will serve as organist.

Other guest musicians for the event include Gloria Steelman, flute and violin; Rocky Harris, trombone; JoAnne Bonnington, cello; and Sam Hale, trumpet and French horn.

St. Mary’s Parish Choir will be joined by choir members of the Episcopal churches of Midland and Odessa along with Big Spring singers Joyce Bradley, Joe Dawes and Susan Dawes. The Thorn and Thistle Pipe Band of Midland will also be featured guests. The Rev. Bill Wright of San Angelo will officiate.

The women of St. Mary’s are busy preparing traditional Scottish fare for the gala reception that immediately follows the service. Among the many items being prepared are Scotch eggs, Scottish beef balls, mini shepherd pies, cucumber tea sandwiches, scones, lemon curd tarts, shortbread cookies and Banoffee Pies.

There is no admission charge of the St. Andrew’s Day Celebration. St. Mary’s is located at 10th and Goliad in Big Spring.



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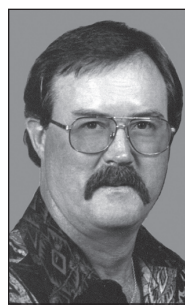
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Obituaries

Randy Thomas



Randy Thomas, 56, of Big Spring, died Friday, Oct. 31, 2008, in a Midland hospital following a brief illness. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 3, 2008 at the First Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Byron Brown, pastor, officiating, and the Rev. Dewayne Wheat, pastor of Berea Baptist Church and the Rev. Lynn Robertson, chaplain of Compass Hospice, assisting. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born July 8, 1952, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1971 and attended Howard College. Randy married Teresa Spears on Sept. 12, 1975 in Big Spring.

He started to work with Pioneer Natural Gas Company and then went to work for Atlantic Richfield Company, working for them for 16 years. He then worked for the Big Spring Independent School District for about one year until returning to the oilfield around 2000. At the time of his death he was a lease operator for Merit Energy and had also owned and operated rental properties.

He was a member of First Church of the Nazarene. He loved to play softball and played for many years and was an avid hunter.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa Thomas and their son, Trent Thomas; his parents, Alva L. and Lois Thomas; and his mother-in-law, Gerry Spears, all of Big Spring; two sister-in-laws, Tammye Chaney and her husband, Joe of Big Spring and Karen Fulton of Stanton; a uncle and aunt, Pete and Pat White of Malta, Idaho; a aunt, Wyona Searl of Bedford; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Church of the Nazarene Building Fund, 1400 Lancaster St., Big Spring 79720

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

Paid obituary

Mary 'Lorraine' Brown



Funeral services for Mary "Lorraine" Brown, 89, of Hobbs, N.M., will be Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, at Northside Baptist Church with Russell Hill officiating. Burial follow at Memory Gardens.

Mrs. Brown was born July 17, 1919, in Athens, Texas. She passed away Oct. 30, 2008, in Hobbs, N.M. She married R.L. "Bob" Brown on April 15, 1946, in Big Spring.

Mrs. Brown enjoyed cooking, watching soap operas, playing board games, and sewing. She was very family oriented and loved her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, R.L. "Bob" Brown of Hobbs, N.M.; one son, Freddy Brown and wife Judy of Big Spring; two daughters, Judy Carol Oliver and husband Ted of Hobbs, N.M., and Debbie Caffey and husband Steve of Hobbs, N.M.; a special friend, Anita Eaves; seven grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Myrtle Ledbetter; one brother, J.R. Ledbetter; one son, Bobby Wooten; and one great-grandson, Justin James.

Services are under the direction of Kirby-Smith-Rogers Funeral Home in Lovington, N.M.

Paid obituary

Rev. Harold D. Scarbrough

The Rev. Harold D. Scarbrough, 77, of Amarillo died Thursday afternoon, Oct. 30, 2008. Funeral services will be at 20 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, 2008, at First Baptist Church with Dr. Robbie Barrett officiating. Burial will be at Llano Cemetery by Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Drive. Family will receive friends at Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home from 3-5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008.

Bro. Harold was born June 22, 1931 in Carlsbad, N.M., to Eddie Earl and Annabelle Scarbrough. He married Gloria Dean on Sept. 2, 1952.

A pastor for 60 years across Texas, he last worked as the director of missions for the Big Spring-Lamesa Baptist Association and began The Hospitality House as a ministry to prisoners' families.

Survivors include his wife, Gloria Scarbrough; three daughters, Connie Yarbrough and husband Rodney, Lydia Scarbrough, and Della Baack and husband Bob; a son, Harold Scarbrough II and wife Tammy; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Wesley Scarbrough.

The family asks that if you have any memorials, send them to the Amarillo Area Baptist Association for the Hope Welcome Center.

The family will be receiving guests at 5708 Milam.

Police blotter

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

- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 300 block of Fifth.
- CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of 11th and the 1800 block of Gregg.

Support Groups

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

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

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

- Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

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

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

Take Note

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

- Coahoma Elementary PTA will be hosting a Flu Shot Clinic from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 6. The cost of the shots are \$30; nasal mist is also \$30. Anyone can register and pay online in advance at <https://www.flubusters.net/ClinicList.aspx>. Also, the elementary teachers are holding a Star Party that same night. The West Texas Astronomers will also be there, weather permitting.

- Confidential memory screenings are being offered by Accolade Home Care as part of National Memory Screening Day, a national initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA). They will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Room 214 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. For information, call Accolade Home Care in Big Spring at 264-1164.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.

Your Local Weather

Sun 11/2	Mon 11/3	Tue 11/4	Wed 11/5	Thu 11/6
83/56 A mainly sunny sky. Warm. High 83F. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.	81/58 Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	82/58 Sunshine. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	77/47 Mostly sunny and windy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	69/40 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s.

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Bulletin Board

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 begins at 5 p.m. with weight-in at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffet.

- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.

- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

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

- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff's Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

- League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.

Lottery

No player matched all the winning numbers from Friday night's \$23 million Mega Millions drawing.

The next Mega Millions drawing will be Tuesday night.

The winning numbers from Friday night's drawing were: two, seven, 17, 29, and 47. The Mega Ball number was 40.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-10-21-28-29.

Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-0-6-5. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-6-6. Sum-it-Up: 12.

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STEERS

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him," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "It's so nice to see that smile on his face and for him to have the success he had tonight."

Lake View didn't let the Steers get out of San Angelo with an easy win. After falling behind by 16 with 2:18 left in the third quarter, the Chiefs responded by scoring on a 3-yard run by Chris Blair with 14 seconds left in the game.

Lake View got its first break of the game on the next drive as Big Spring quarterback Matt Ritchey fumbled the ball after a 9-yard gain at the Steers 34-yard line. Lake View took seven plays to pull within 3 points of the Steers, courtesy of a 10-yard pass from John David Baker to Tavonte Williams — their second connection of the night.

Big Spring's response was even better, though, as Anderson and Ritchey combined for 69 yards

on nine carries, ending with Ritchey plunging into the end zone from 5 yards out, giving Big Spring a 42-32 advantage.

More importantly, the drive ate up more than four minutes of the game clock, leaving Lake View down by two scores with 4:09 left to play. The Chiefs penetrated to the Steers 30 with 1:36 left to play, but Baker under-threw a well covered receiver in the end zone, allowing Big Spring's Tyrone Clemons to pick off the pass at the 1 to seal the win.

As a team, the Steers posted 478 total yards of offense with 305 coming on the ground. Big Spring threw just four passes, but completed three of them for 173 yards.

Meanwhile, Lake View ran 19 more plays than the Steers, but gained almost 100 yards less of offense with 389 total.

The win put Big Spring in a solid situation to get into the postseason. The Steers host Hereford Friday at Memorial

District 4-4A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Frenship	4-0	9-0
Cooper	3-1	5-4
Lake View	2-2	5-4
Big Spring	2-2	5-4
Hereford	1-3	3-6
Plainview	0-4	2-7

Week 9 results: Big Spring 42 Lake View 32; Frenship 16, Cooper 10; Hereford 28, Plainview 21.

Week 10 schedule: Hereford at Big Spring, Lake View at Frenship, Cooper at Plainview.

Stadium and one of three things could occur involving Big Spring's postseason hopes, pending the outcome of the game.

- A win and the Steers are in.
- If Hereford defeats Big Spring by 14 points or less, the Whitefaces and Steers are in the playoffs.
- If Hereford beats the Steers by 15 points or more, then the Whitefaces and Lake View are

the final two qualifiers.

"We can forget about the tiebreaker situations with a win and that's obviously our goal," Phillip Ritchey said. "Hereford is a good team and these players have some history with them. We're definitely looking forward to this game."

Hereford (3-6, 1-3) kept its postseason hopes alive with its first win of the district season Friday, holding off a late Plainview rally for a 28-21 win. Lake View faces Frenship next week and can still qualify for the playoffs with an unlikely win and Big Spring loss or simply with a Big Spring win.

Big Spring	14	14	7	7-42
Lake View	7	12	6	7-32
First quarter				
LV - Chris Blair 50 run (CJ Lee kick), 10:35				
BS - Monte Anderson 52 run (Tyler Tannehill kick), 10:18				
BS - LaRay Woodard 38 run (Tannehill kick), 5:29				
Second quarter				
LV - John David Baker 1 run (kick				

LADY STEERS

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High School.

"Now we get a giant and we're really going to have our work cut out for us," Blake said. "I really believe we have the talent to keep up with Hereford. Now the girls have to believe that. Forget about their name and what they're ranked and just play good volleyball like we did in the last two sets today. We

seriously refused to get beat today. We weren't going to let the ball touch the floor in the last two games."

The turning point in the game came early in the fourth set. After dropping the second and third games, putting the Lady Steers down 2-1 in set count, Valerie Ross opened the fourth game serving five consecutive points, including two aces.

Lake View did rally back to pull within one point, but it was the final extended push the Maidens would make. With the

score 6-5 in Big Spring's favor, the Lady Steers won 17 of the next 19 points, eventually winning the set 25-10.

Big Spring controlled most of the fifth set and cruised to the clinching 15-9 win.

The match was full of season highs for the Lady Steers statistically. Freshman setter Cerbi Ritchey had a personal best 32 assists. Senior Andrea Claxton had a match-high 13 kills. Macy Graves registered 10 kills. Freshman Bridgette Tuitt had seven kills in her first varsity

appearance.

Baylea Fox led the team with 13 digs. Ross had a season-high 12 digs and Sloan Davis posted a personal best 11 digs.

"Our energy was the best it had been this season," said Blake. "I've really been wanting these girls to be emotional in a positive way and they finally did that starting in the fourth set. Cerbi was a huge part of that. She's been like that all season, but it was definitely more visible today. She's a great competitor and hates to lose. That rubbed

blocked), 10:45

BS - Sidney Parker 81 pass from Matt Ritchey (Tannehill kick), 3:48

BS - Thaddeus Straughter 59 pass from Tannehill (Tannehill kick), 1:48

LV - Tavonte Williams 68 pass from Baker (pass failed), 0:55

Third quarter

BS - Ritchey 3 run (Tannehill kick), 2:18

LV - Blair 3 run (pass failed), 0:14

Fourth quarter

LV - Williams 10 pass from Baker (Lee kick), 8:54

BS - Ritchey 5 run (Tannehill kick), 4:09

	BSHS	LV
First downs	17	23
Rushes-yards	38-305	36-213
Passing yards	173	176
Comp.-Att.-Int	3-4-0	13-25-1
Punts-Avg.	2-28.5	3-43.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-55	3-15

Individual statistics

Rushing: Big Spring - Monte Anderson 16-181, Matt Ritchey 16-94, LaRay Woodard 4-38, Zamir Linton 1-4, Team 1-(-11); Lake View - Chris Blair 20-151, John David Baker 14-46, Seth Riddle 1-11, Tavonte Williams 1-5.

Passing: Big Spring - Ritchey 2-2-0 114, Tannehill 1-2-0 59; Lake View - Baker 13-25-1 176.

Receiving: Big Spring - Sidney Parker 1-81, Thaddeus Straughter 1-59, Pavel Plakhotny 1-33; Lake View - Williams 4-86, Blair 2-34, Chris Martinez 3-33, Dominic Manuel 2-14, Paul Mesta 1-8, Remington Garcia 1-1.

BULLDOGS

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than three minutes into the game.

From that point until the 4:52 mark in the final quarter, Wall outscored Coahoma 28-6, rack-

ing up 286 rushing yards in the process.

The Bulldogs (4-5, 0-4) finish their season Friday with a visit to San Angelo to face Grape Creek (4-5, 1-3). At least, one unlikely foe will be cheering on the Bulldogs in that game.

Colorado City (5-4, 2-2) lost to Ballinger, 49-26, and must defeat

Wall Friday and have Coahoma take down Grape Creek in order to clinch District 7-2A's final playoff spot without the use of the tiebreaker system.

Wall	14	0	0	14-28
Coahoma	6	6	0	12-24
First quarter				
Coa - P.J. Daylong 5 run (kick failed), 9:18				

W - Travis Blair 3 run (Brandon Willman kick), 5:07

W - Willman 87 pass from Kyle Conaway (Willman kick), 3:46

Second quarter

Coa - Isaac Garcia 6 run (pass failed), 8:11

Fourth quarter

W - Jensen Nevins 2 run (Willman kick), 10:11

W - Nevins 1 run (Willman kick), 6:53

Coa - Nathan Deporto 5 run (run failed),

4:52

Coa - Daylong 1 run (kick failed), 0:25

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Coahoma - P.J. Daylong 19-80, Nathan Deporto 11-60, Corey Roberts 3-8, Isaac Garcia 1-6.

Passing: Coahoma - Deporto 15-33-1 255.

Receiving: Coahoma - Josh Paniagua 7-149, Ray Gutierrez 4-81, Lupe Abrego 2-11, Daylong 2-14.



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Lloyd and Virginia Claxton of Big Spring celebrated 50 years of marriage Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008, with a party hosted by their children and children's spouses.

Lloyd Claxton was born in a log cabin outside Lufkin to Marvin and Bessie Claxton. Virginia Wilson was born outside of Westbrook to Arthur and Bernice Wilson.

The couple first met when Lloyd attended a basketball game at Westbrook High School and noticed one of the players, who was named Virginia. He asked his cousin, a friend of Virginia's, who she was and said that he would like to meet her. They met and hit it off right away.

Lloyd and Virginia were married Oct. 31, 1958, in Colorado City in the home of Virginia's parents.

They have three children, son Tony and wife Brenda Claxton of Big Spring, daughters Mindy and Ty Zant of Vealmoor and Shana and Allen McGee of Big Spring; and three grandchildren, Chris McGee, Maleah McGee and Andrea Claxton.

Following their marriage, the couple made their home in Westbrook until Virginia graduated from high school

in May 1959 and then moved to Big Spring. They have lived in the Big Spring ever since.

Lloyd worked as a Big Spring firefighter and then at the Big Spring Post Office until his retirement in 1996. Virginia has been a full time homemaker.

The couple are active members of College Baptist Church, where Lloyd taught Sunday school, sings in the choir and plays guitar in the praise band. For more than 30 years, he helps lead a Bible study group at the VAMC. Virginia taught Sunday school at the church and was involved with Vacation Bible School for many years. The couple have also serve on several committees throughout the years.

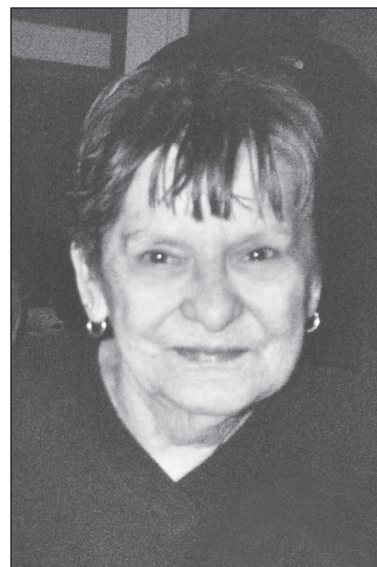
Lloyd is a member of the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club, National Woodcarver's Association and life member of the Texas Woodcarvers Guild. He enjoys painting, leather work, building furniture and woodcarving.

Virginia is the family seamstress and made her two daughters' wedding dresses and veils along with other beautiful items for her grandchildren. She enjoys crocheting, scrap-booking, designing web pages, making stationery and teaching family and friends computer literacy. They both enjoy camping and geocaching.

The couple's comment on their 50-year-marriage is as follows:

"Every marriage has it's ups and downs. Our love for each other and the Lord has seen us through and for that we are thankful."

Smith Celebrates 50th Year as U.S. Citizen



Charlotte Podehl Smith
Nov. 7, 2008
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Charlotte Podehl Smith of Big Spring will celebrating her 50th Anniversary Nov. 7 with family and friends marking the day she became an American citizen

Mrs. Smith took the oath to become an American citizen on Nov. 5, 1958, in Michigan.

She met and married her husband, John C. Smith, a member of the United States Air Force when he was stationed in Germany. She came to this country in 1956 to California when her husband was reassigned to Travis Air Force Base.

When his next reassignment came in the summer of

1958 to France, she remained in Michigan with her two small children and fondly remembers the excitement and pride after receiving her Certificate of Naturalization. She join her husband shortly before Christmas of that year.

Mrs. Smith recalls feeling so much pride when traveling for the first time with an American passport that it brought her to tears.

She is joined in the celebration by her children, Jane Carol and Richard Harrell of San Antonio, Shanna and John Calvin Smith Jr., Sherry and James Clifford Smith, all of Big Spring, and Julie Christine Smith of Austin, as well as her grandchildren Mandi Dawn and Michael Leman of San Antonio, Stephanie Jo Smith of Lubbock, Skylar, Madison and Torah Smith of Big Spring.

Military News



U.S. Marine Corp

U.S. Marine Corp Geno Jacquez, son of Gil and Linda Jacquez of Sand Springs, has graduated Nov. 5, from Marine Corp basic training at MCRD San Diego, Calif. He is a 2008 graduate of Coahoma High School.

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State News

Death row survivors call for moratorium

AUSTIN (AP) — A group of death row survivors called on the Texas Legislature on Friday to halt executions in the nation's most active death penalty state and establish an innocence commission to free other wrongfully convicted inmates.

"There have been some innocent people that have been executed right here in Texas," said Clarence Brandley, who spent nine years on death row in Texas before being exonerated in the murder of a Conroe teenager. "But the politicians are not going to say that."

Brandley was joined at the state capitol by 19 other men who had been released from death row in various states. They want the Texas Legislature to declare a death penalty moratorium while experts examine how capital punishment is carried out in the state.

Former Bexar County District Attorney Sam Millsap said Texas, which has executed 419 people since the reinstatement of the death penalty, has the "most efficient death machine in the free world."

Millsap, who once supported capital punishment but now believes he probably sent an innocent man to the death chamber, said he joined the opposition movement because he lost faith in the justice system.

"I oppose the death penalty for entirely practical reasons," he said. "Based on my personal experience, I'm not longer confident that our criminal justice system can keep the promise we made to ourselves."

Millsap has expressed doubts about the guilt of Ruben Cantu, convicted of a 1984 murder in San Antonio. Millsap said he prosecuted Cantu based on the account of a single eyewitness. Cantu was executed in 1993, but Millsap said he now believes he was "probably innocent."

State Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin, is pushing legislation that would allow Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican,

to impose a death penalty ban. Naishtat also wants to establish an innocence commission to free the wrongly convicted.

Death row inmate tied to 2 more homicides

FORT WORTH (AP) — A man scheduled to be executed in January for the 2000 robbery and strangulation of his stepmother has been tied through DNA to a 1991 double killing.

Fort Worth homicide Sgt. J.D. Thornton said a second DNA test has confirmed the link between 53-year-old Reginald W. Perkins and the strangulation deaths of Shirley Douglas, 44, and her aunt, 79-year-old Hattie Wilson.

In June, police said a DNA database first linked Perkins to semen found inside the bodies of the women.

Cold case Detective Manny Reyes said Perkins had dated Wilson's granddaughter, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported in Saturday editions.

At the time of the killings, Perkins was on parole from an Ohio prison, where he had served nine years for the rape and attempted rape of two 12-year-old girls.

He was returned to prison in December 1993 on a parole violation and released again in 2000, when he came to Fort Worth and robbed and strangled his stepmother, Gertie Perkins.

A Tarrant County jury sentenced Perkins to death in 2002 for his stepmother's slaying.

Although he was never charged, Perkins was also the prime suspect in the strangulations of three Cleveland women in the early 1980s.

He has denied involvement in all six slayings, including his stepmother's.

"Mr. Perkins denies having any involvement in any killings," said his attorney, Bill Harris.

Panhandle county to vote again on liquor sales

CHILDRESS (AP) — Voters in a formerly dry Panhandle county will mark their ballots on whether to reverse last year's narrow decision to allow liquor sales.

By only seven votes last November, Childress County residents approved a proposition to allow the sale of alcohol, including mixed beverages. About half of the county's registered voters at the time cast a ballot on the measure.

A petition drive to get the issue back on Tuesday's ballot succeeded in August. By late Friday, more than a third of Childress County's 3,527 registered voters had cast their ballots early.

"Today has been busy," said Zona Prince, the county and district clerk.

Before the measure passed last year, residents in the town of Childress could drive about 15 miles into Hall County to buy alcohol in Estelline or about 11 miles to nearby Tell, a small town in a precinct of Childress County which voted 30 years ago to sell alcohol.

Liquor retailers in Childress County could continue selling for 30 days should voters reverse last November's vote, Beck said.

Aftershocks persist in North Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Rare earth tremors continued in the Dallas-Fort Worth area Saturday, one day after several minor earthquakes made Halloween memorable for some North Texans.

Two almost simultaneous earthquakes were detected in northern Grand Prairie and northern Irving just before 7 a.m. Saturday. The Grand Prairie quake measured 2.5 magnitude, while the Irving quake came in at 2.7, according to the U.S. Geological Survey Web site.

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re-election.

County Attorney Mike Thomas is running for re-election with the Democratic Party. His opponent is local attorney Joshua Hamby, Republican ticket nominee.

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

Also on Howard County ballots, incumbent U.S. Sen. John

Cornyn (R) is running against Democratic opponent Rick Noriega and Libertarian candidate Yvonne Adams Schick.

Incumbent District 19 U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer is riding the Republican ticket into the November election, facing Democratic nominee Dwight Fullingim and Libertarian nominee Richard "Chip" Peterson.

District 31 State Sen. Kel Seliger is taking the GOP's nod into the contest, with only Libertarian candidate Lauren Poindexter opposing the incumbent.

Democratic incumbent Joe Heflin is running for re-election

to his State Representative District 85 seat, facing Republican nominee Isaac M. Castro on the ballot.

Glasscock County ISD will also be holding elections Tuesday, with six candidates vying for four seats on its school board.

Incumbents Kevin Hirt, Diane Havlak and Tibby Niehues are seeking new terms, while Nathan Halfmann, Doug Jost and Cody Hare are the newcomers to the race. The four seats up for election are at-large positions and are for three-year terms, according to ISD officials.

Howard County won't be the only area electing a new sheriff,

as officials with the Martin County Clerks Office prepare to open their polls Tuesday morning.

Democratic candidate Jerry Heflin is running against Republican candidate John Woodward III for the office. Incumbent Sheriff Randy Cozart opted not to run for re-election.

The race for the Precinct 3 seat on the Martin County Commissioners Court is also without an incumbent, as Republican hopeful Bobby Holland is facing off against Democratic candidate Morgan Cox.

Voters in Martin County are

also weighing in on the District 82 State Representative race, which features incumbent Tom Craddock, a Republican, against Democratic nominee Bill Dingus and Libertarian hopeful Sherry Phillips.

The District 11 U.S. Representative seat will also be decided Tuesday, as incumbent Republican candidate Mike Conaway takes on Libertarian candidate John R. Strohm.

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ballots during early voting, so it came down to the last couple of hours," said Bloom. "We had approximately 6,590 with just a couple of hours to go, so we knew it would be close, especially with the last minute rush we had."

That rush, according to Bloom, was steady but never managed to get the best of her election staff.

"We had a line running

to the courtroom door, but it never really got any longer than that," said Bloom. "The rush was steady and the election workers did an excellent job of getting people through the process quickly."

And while many area residents will take the weekend to relax, Bloom said she and her crew will have plenty to do in preparations for Tuesday's election.

"We have the machines and the workers all lined up, but there's still a lot of paperwork to get done this

weekend," said Bloom with a laugh. "So we'll be working through the weekend to get everything ready to go Tuesday."

And as area voters get ready to cast their ballots in a multitude of different contests, where they will vote Tuesday could be different than the polling location used during last year's election.

After having a state official look at several polling locations used in the past — Northside Fire Station, Kentwood Older Activity Center and several area

schools — several changes were deemed necessary due to a number of reasons.

"We wanted to try to get the polling locations out of the schools because of security concerns," said Bloom. "There were also ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) issues with the Northside Fire Station and Kentwood Center."

Permanent changes include relocating polls for Precincts 11,12, 16 and 112 from the Northside Fire Station to St. Thomas

Catholic Church's Parish Hall; Precinct 409 from the Sand Springs Lions Club Community Center to First Baptist Church of Sand Springs; and Precincts 208 and 304 from Forsan High School and Elbow Elementary to First Baptist Church of Forsan and Central Baptist Church.

Howard County commissioners also approved several temporary changes, including relocation of polls for Precinct 205 from the Kentwood Center to the Big Spring Mall; and

Precincts 22, 24, 25 and 26 from Life Church to the Big Spring Mall.

Bloom said the move to the Big Spring Mall could become permanent, depending on how election day activities go Tuesday.

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was also being used for prostitution (and) it was learned that numerous subjects were selling from

the house ... with several subjects delivering curb side to vehicles."

Everett said some of the arrested individuals are suspected members of the a local street gang known as TBH (Texas Born Hustlers), whose main

source of revenue is drug sales.

Orr expressed confidence that the evidence would speak for itself.

"I learned a long time ago that each trial is unique and therefore trying to forecast how one

will end is not a wise course of action," he said. "But I feel confident that if the jury gives full weight to the evidence ... it will reach the correct conclusion."

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CRMWD

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- Lake Spence — 11.3 percent full.
- Lake Ivie — 57.74 percent full.

Levels at Thomas and Spence are at their lowest levels since 2002 and 2005, respectively. Flip the coin, however, and one finds that Ivie's level is its highest since 1999, according to water district figures.

Combined, the lakes currently have approximately 400,000 acre-feet of water, Grant said.

"We had plenty of water in storage at the start of the year, and we still do," he said.

However, he admitted this year's dry conditions have taken their toll on water supplies.

"We didn't get the inflow we'd have like to have this year," he said. "It wasn't one of our more productive years, that's for sure."

Long-range forecasts don't call for any significant change in area precipitation, at least for the next several months. If that prognostication holds true, Grant said CRMWD may have to tweak its distribution system.

For starters, the district may pull more water from Lake Ivie, as well as supplement lake water supplies with that from CRMWD's five under-

ground well fields.

"We could mix more ground water with our surface water. That's something we'll be looking at if conditions stay dry,"

Grant said.

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Arlington Bowie 56, Arlington Houston 13
Arlington Martin 24, Mansfield Summit 20
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Bastrop 37, Austin Akins 7
Brownsville Porter 51, Brownsville Lopez 28
Bryan 28, Harker Heights 24
Burleson 42, FW Paschal 28
CC Carroll 34, CC King 31
Cedar Hill 41, Grand Prairie 0
Clear Brook 54, League City Clear Springs 25
Colleyville Heritage 42, Keller 10
Conroe 31, New Caney 3
Conroe Oak Ridge 50, The Woodlands College Park 38
Converse Judson 58, Victoria Memorial 0
Converse Wagner 35, SA East Central 29
Coppell 24, Lewisville 19
Cypress Creek 38, Houston Jersey Village 0
Cypress Resuit 36, Cypress Springs 28
Dallas Jesuit 31, McKinney Boyd 23
Dallas Sunset 24, Dallas Molina 20
DeSoto 35, Mesquite Horn 28
Dornna 28, La Joya 20
Duncanville 42, Irving 21
Edinburg 113, Harlingen South 11
EP Bel Air 21, EP Socorro 14
EP Franklin 56, EP El Dorado 41
EP Hanks 34, EP Eastwood 13
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Flower Mound Marcus 28, Flower Mound 21
Fort Bend Elkins 33, Fort Bend Willowridge 13
Fort Bend Kempner 32, Fort Bend Bush 29
Galveston Ball 24, Dickinson 17
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Houston Strake Jesuit 34, Houston Spring Woods 6

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Katy Cinco Ranch 41, Katy Seven Lakes 34
Klein 34, Spring 14
Klein Forest 35, Tomball 14
La Porte 52, Pasadena 0
Lake Highlands 48, Carrollton Creekview 42
Laredo United 38, Laredo Martin 21
Laredo United South 36, Eagle Pass Winn 0
Lewisville Hebron 44, Southlake Carroll 28
Mansfield 49, Arlington Lamar 38
McAllen 54, La Joya Palmview 2
McAllen Memorial 34, Mission Sharyland 31
McAllen Rowe 49, Rio Grande City 36
Mesquite 52, North Mesquite 14
Midland Lee 49, Amarillo 21
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Round Rock McNeil 23, Leander 10
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SA Southwest 21, Del Rio 6
SA Stevens 31, SA Jay 30
San Benito 24, Brownsville Pace 16
Smithson Valley 35, SA Lee 21
South Garland 42, North Garland 14
Temple 46, Belton 21
Tyler Lee 28, Tyler 12
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CC Calallen 55, Kingsville King 14
CC Flour Bluff 21, CC Tuloso-Midway 14, OT
Crosby 20, Galena Park 7
Crowley 31, Mansfield Legacy 21
Dallas Highland Park 49, Rockwall 39
Dallas Hillcrest 41, Dallas Jefferson 0
Dallas Lincoln 38, Dallas Adams 0
Dallas Maceo Smith 36, Dallas Adamson 13
Dayton 46, Houston King 7
Denison 35, Frisco Centennial 16
Denton Guyer 50, Wichita Falls 14
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Elgin 52, Manor 35
EP Austin 29, EP Chapin 24
EP Burges 26, EP Address 21
EP Del Valle 35, Clint Horizon 14
EP Irvin 60, EP Jefferson 31
EP Riverside 38, EP Parkland 28
Everman 54, Mansfield Timberview 25
Floresville 20, Uvalde 14
Forney 43, Terrell 3
Friendswood 49, Brazosport 28
Frisco Liberty 16, Frisco Wakeland 9
FW Arlington Heights 28, FW Eastern Hills 13
FW Boswell 34, Saginaw 17
FW Southwest 29, FW Trimble Tech 14
Gregory-Portland 45, CC Moody 7
Hereford 28, Plainview 21
Hewitt Midway 26, Waco 14
Houston Furr 46, Houston Wheatley 21
Houston Waltrip 22, Houston Austin 14, OT
Houston Westbury 27, Houston Davis 13
Houston Yates 64, Houston Reagan 12
Huntsville 35, Magnolia West 0
Joshua 35, Granbury 7
Kilgore 35, Jacksonville 7
Killeen 38, Lampasas 3
Lancaster 17, Mabank 7
Lindale 31, Henderson 23
Livingston 29, Beaumont Central 19
Lockhart 63, Kyle Lehman 7
Lumberton 34, Little Cypress-Mauriceville 6
Magnolia 25, Brenham 22
Manvel 33, La Marque 16
McKinney North 48, Frisco 27
Mercedes 51, Pharr Valley View 6
Mission Memorial 48, Roma 7
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Nacogdoches 27, Whitehouse 24
Nederland 35, Vidor 23
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Pleasanton 41, SA Harlandale 14
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CC West Oso 53, Aransas Pass 5
Celina 42, Whitesboro 13
Center 28, Huntington 15
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Crockett 27, Brownsboro 20
Cuero 62, Gonzales 0
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Dallas Madison 33, Lake Worth 7
Devine 47, Lytle 3
Emory Rains 20, Princeton 17
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Ferris 55, Kennedale 49
Fort Stockton 43, Fabens 7
Fredericksburg 65, Fischer Canyon Lake 14
Giddings 35, Smithville 7
Gilmer 43, Gladewater 8
Huffman Hargrave 44, Shepherd 13
Jasper 35, Rusk 0
Kemp 24, Mineola 21
La Feria 49, Hidalgo 21
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La Vernia 51, Marion 10
Lake Travis 42, Dripping Springs 3
Lamesa Kiondike 80, Southland 58
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Llano 20, Wimberley 14
Lubbock Cooper 28, Borger 11
Madisonville 48, Bryan Rudder 30
Mathis 19, Orange Grove 15
Mexia 33, Waco Connally 14
Midland Greenwood 51, Lamesa 12
Monahans 34, Brownfield 14
Navasota 42, Cameron Yoe 21
Needville 48, Stafford 7
New Boston 27, Texarkana Pleasant Grove 13
Palestine Westwood 28, Fairfield 14
Paris 43, Bonham 7
Pearsall 42, Carrizo Springs 6
Pecos 28, Anthony 24
Perryton 19, Levelland 12
Port Isabel 20, Raymondville 19
Poteet 35, SA Houston 27
Progreso 34, Zapata 28
Prosper 30, Sanger 14
Rio Hondo 57, Lyford 50
Robinson 38, Lorena 12
Robstown 52, Falfurrias 0
Sealy 22, Bellville 21
Seminole 51, Andrews 13
Silsbee 42, Hamshire-Fannett 6
Sinton 47, Ingleside 26
Snyder 55, Breckenridge 34
Somerset 41, Luling 40
Sweetwater 56, Brownwood 41
Tatum 35, Longview Spring Hill 28
Texarkana Liberty-Elyau 20, Atlanta 14
Tyler Chapel Hill 66, Bullard 27
Van 24, Canton 14
Van Alstyne 28, Paris North Lamar 26
Waco LaVega 42, Groesbeck 0
West 44, Gatesville 33
West Orange-Stark 40, Hardin-Jefferson 0
Yoakum 42, Palacios 10
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Anahuac 51, Warren 0
Arp 42, Elkhart 0
Ballinger 49, Colorado City 26
Banquette 42, Bloomington 14
Big Sandy 13, Winona 6
Blanco 63, SA Cole 0
Blooming Grove 28, Malakoff 6
Buffalo 35, Trinity 0
Bushland 42, Amarillo River Road 3
Childress 32, Friona 20
Cisco 46, Eastland 13
Clyde 42, Hawley 6

Comanche 27, San Saba 23
Comfort 21, Harper 14
Corrigan-Camden 53, Centerville 0
Crane 51, Sonora 7
Crawford 42, Hamilton 28
Daingerfield 41, Ore City 0
Dilley 42, Natalia 0
Early 32, Coleman 20
East Chambers 33, Kountze 14
Edgewood 41, Scurry-Rosser 14
Elysian Fields 20, Gladewater Union Grove 0
Floydada 54, Tulia 6
Franklin 35, Marlin 27
Frankston 48, Garrison 35
George West 42, Cotulla 13
Godley 63, DallasLife Oak Cliff 8
Grandview 55, Rio Vista 0
Halllettsville 38, Wallis Brazos 20
Hardin 53, Buna 21
Hearne 38, Teague 23
Hebronville 56, Riviera Kaufer 16
Holliday 10, Henrietta 7
Hughes Springs 16, Queen City 0
Idalou 38, Abernathy 7
Jacksboro 8, Alford 6
Jefferson 45, Linden-Kildare 13
Karnes City 30, Poth 20
Kerens 35, Rice 0
Kermit 34, Alpine 28
Kirbyville 54, San Augustine 7
Lago Vista 21, Florence 0
Leonard 59, Howe 28
Lexington 41, Jarrell 33, 4OT
Littlefield 38, Denver City 7
Lubbock Roosevelt 40, Shallowater 20
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Merkel 43, Anson 13
Moody 43, Bruceville-Eddy 33
Muleshoe 55, Dimmitt 0
Navarro 34, Stockdale 6
New Diana 43, Gladewater Sabine 8
New Waverly 28, Groveton 14
Newton 47, Shelbyville 15
Nixon-Smilely 48, Kenedy 12
Olney 48, WF City View 13
Omaha Paul Pewitt 49, Clarksville 19
Panhandle 56, Amarillo Highland Park 14
Paradise 35, Boyd 23
Pattonville Prairiland 20, Hooks 8
Post 27, Slaton 19
Pottsboro 56, S&S Consolidated 21
Redwater 27, DeKalb 20
Refugio 42, Skidmore-Tynan 7
Rogers 49, Little River Academy 21
Rosebud-Lott 23, Jewett Leon 16
San Diego 41, Premont 0
Sanford-Fritch 27, Spearman 19
Santa Maria 51, Kingsville Academy 24
Santa Rosa 55, Bishop 19
Schulenburg 41, Weimar 14
Three Rivers 53, Freer 0
Troup 20, West Rusk 14
Troy 28, Hico 7
Tuscola Jim Ned 31, San Angelo Grape Creek 30

Universal City Randolph 49, Johnson City 20
Vanderbilt Industrial 42, Hitchcock 35
Wall 28, Coahoma 24
Woodville 31, Hemphill 12
CLASS 1A
Albany 63, Cross Plains 0
Archer City 56, Munday 8
Axtell 41, Wortham 0
Baird 20, Winters 14
Bartlett 21, Thrall 0
Ben Bolt 21, Agua Dulce 14
Bovina 32, Vega 16
Boys Ranch 12, White Deer 7
Bremond 71, Riesel 13
Burton 42, Somerville 0
Canadian 42, Sunray 10
Cayuga 35, Alto 24
Chilton 50, Valley Mills 8
Clarendon 47, Memphis 15
Colmesneil 46, Burkeville 12
D'Hanis 25, Sabinat 6
Dawson 34, Italy 27

DeLeon 42, Tolar 7
Evadale 16, Chester 0
Falls City 48, Woodsboro 7
Goldthwaite 48, Bosqueville 7
Gorman 49, Santo 6
Grapeland 32, Cushing 0
Gruber 26, West Texas 21
Gunter 56, Tom Bean 0
Hamlin 42, Haskell 32
Holland 34, Milano 7
Iran 55, Wink 0
Itasca 43, Frost 6
Joaquin 56, Waskom 6
La Pryor 34, Brackettville Brackett 13
La Villa 19, Bruni 8
Ladonia Fannindel 68, Bowie Gold-Burg 6
Lindsay 43, Blue Ridge 0
Louise 28, Ganado 7
Lovelady 51, Iola 0
Mart 26, Normangee 7
Mason 20, Junction 7
Maud 60, Detroit 18
Morton 51, Farwell 28
Mount Enterprise 42, Tenaha 29
Nazareth 48, Claude 0
New Deal 31, Hale Center 21
Olton 35, Crosby 34
Perrin-Whitt 45, Ranger 21
Quannah 67, Shamrock 15
Ralls 20, Lockney 6
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Brandyn Ayden Peña
Oct. 13, 2008

Antonio Peña Jr. and Karen Franco of Big Spring announce the birth of their son Brandyn Ayden Peña, born at 2:53 a.m. Oct. 13, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Olegario and Gloria Melendez and his paternal grandparents are Antonio and Rose Peña.

Brandyn was welcomed home by siblings Sarah, Andres, Antonio III and Nicholes.

Peyton Heath Shifflett
Oct. 13, 2008

Jason and Amy Shifflett of Coahoma announce the birth of their son Peyton Heath Shifflett, born at 3:30 p.m. Oct. 13, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Bobby and Jaymie Lang of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Dot and Chuck Tidwell of Colorado City.

Peyton was welcomed home by siblings Caitlyn and Shae.



Makayla Grace Garza
Oct. 1, 2008

Joel and Lisa Garza announce the birth of their daughter Makayla Grace Garza, born Oct. 1, 2008, weighing 5 pounds and

was 18 1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Marvin and Shirley Boyd of Big Spring and Fred and Isabel Garza of Lenorah.

Makayla was welcomed home by big sister Maegan.



Kohen Gabriel Glen Grantom
Sept. 2, 2008

James and Tori Grantom of Big Spring announce the birth of their son, Kohen Gabriel Glen Grantom, born at 5:31 p.m. Sept. 2, 2008, weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Mo and Evelyn Bennett of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are the late James Grantom and Frances Grantom.

Kohen was welcomed home by siblings Presley, Leah and Ryelen.

► Area Menus

Coahoma ISD

Monday
Breakfast
Pop Tarts, sausage links, applesauce, milk.

Lunch
lasagna, salad, pears, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast
oatmeal, ham, grape juice, milk.

Lunch
cheeseburgers, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, apples, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast
biscuits, sausage, gravy, apple juice, jelly, milk.

Lunch
chicken patty, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast
pancakes, sausage-on-stick, fruit, syrup, milk.

Lunch
pizza, corn, peaches, milk.

Friday
Breakfast
rice, ham, grape juice,

milk.
Lunch
tacos, ranch, beans, salad, graham crackers, burritos.

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SPECTer-CULAR DIVORCE

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Apparently the search for Sho-Sha failed, as related in this headline published in the *Ogden Standard Examiner's* July 30, 1940 publication:

“Sho-Sha Says ‘Oh, Shaw,’ To Divorce Case – Ghostly Witness Liable To Contempt Count In L.A. Court.”

“Sho-Sha, the ghost, apparently isn’t going to come to court and speak for himself, so Mrs. Lillian Boyce today reads passages from a diary she kept when he was her ‘teacher,’” the story said.

“Since two deputy sheriffs looked for Sho-Sha three days and couldn’t find him to serve a summons, he now is liable to contempt of court proceedings,” the story continued. “Max Groman, a deputy sheriff, remained in the back of the courtroom yesterday, a subpoena in his pocket, in case that the ghost appeared.

Madame Loretta Julian, 75, the ‘sensitive’ who arranged the seance through which Mrs. Boyce met Sho-Sha, denied that the ghost was a soul-mate.”

Lillian who original brought the suit of divorce had a few grievance of her own which was brought up in the trial.

“Mrs. Boyce read excerpts from her diary about her relations with Sho-Sha and enumerated 25 specific complaints against her wealthy husband, including ‘eating soup noisily, spitting tobacco, taking out his false teeth in front of people and showing an interest in nudist,’” from an expert taken from a July 31, 1940 article published in the *Ogden Standard-Examiner*.

“We were staying out in the desert near Palm Springs and there Dr. Boyce met some people who were nudists,” she said. ‘He became very interested and wanted us both to become nudists,’” the story relates. ‘He thought we would try the idea out for a while and went up in the hills wearing only his shorts.

He later told me that he had an embarrassing time because he had lost his trousers – or shorts – and didn’t know how he was going to get them back ‘but he found them again,’ she testified as Dr. Boyce grunted and looked glum.”

Apparently a ghostly lover and base habits were not enough to convince the judge to grant a divorce as

was relayed in a Sept. 23, 1940 headline published in the *Modesto Bee and News Herald*:

“Principals in Ghost Love Suit Denied Divorces”

“Even if Mrs. Lillian Boyce had become enamored of Sho Sha, an amorous apparition, as her wealthy husband charged, ‘kindly tolerance and thoughtful forbearance’ would have prevented the philandering ghost from winning her affections,” the story stated. “In denying either Mrs. Boyce or her husband Dr. William Boyce a divorce, superior Judge Clement D. Nye explained that Boyce’s principal complaint was the his wife ‘became enamored of a soul mate one Sho-Sha, a departed spirit’ but that it was insufficient ground for divorce.

“Judge Nye also recognized Mr. Boyce’s criticism of her husband which was chiefly that he practiced ‘little idiosyncrasies’ such as chewing tobacco.”

“The court held that even had Mr. Boyce ‘become so infatuated with the soul mate that it became the dominate and sole interest in her life to the neglect of her husband,’ such an affection did not constitute ground of ‘extreme cruelty.’ Neither did Dr. Boyce’s habit of chewing tobacco.”

After two years of litigation, the two parted ways as **“Spirits Finally Get Him Divorce,”** relays in a headline from the *Las Cruces Sun News*, published on July 31, 1942

“After 20 years of happy married life, his wife began to ‘listen to spirit voices heard over a trumpet at seances,” the story says. “Dr. William Boyce, Hollywood eye specialist, charged in securing an uncontested divorce from Lillian Boyce. Ending more than two years of litigation over marital troubles, Mrs. Boyce withdrew her opposition to the suit after Boyce had given testimony to support his charge of cruelty.”

“In an action two years ago in which both were denied decrees, Boyce accused his wife of being in love with a ‘tall, dark Egyption spirit named Sho-Sha.”

A unique person to the end, even in death Mrs. Lillian like to do things her own way, Schreengost said.

“She made a request that when she died to place her body sitting up a chair with her Bible in her lap for the visitation,” she said. “According to her granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Bill Montgomery of Pennsylvania, Forrest Lawn, (a cemetery in California) accommodated this request.”

— by Lyndel Moody

What To Do with Your Couch Potato

Dear Margo: My husband and I have been married for three years. We are both military and in the same field.

We have the same exact argument at least twice a month because he does not

do his part at home. He is always “tired” from his long workday — the same one I have.

I am also experiencing a high-risk pregnancy and was told by my doctor, in front of my husband, that I should cut back on my daily routine so as not to risk losing this baby — as I did our first one at 22 weeks.

It has been difficult because if I don’t do everything it doesn’t get done. This includes bills, housework, cooking, the dog, and I also go to school.

All he does after work is play video games and sleep. I can’t even get him to look after his own dog.

I feel like I am raising him instead of being married to him, and it’s wearing me down.

After every argument he

tells me, “I really am going to start helping out, babe.” I even tried doing nothing to see if he would take the hint, but things just started to pile up and it got really gross. I’m afraid

that after the baby comes, if I still feel like I’m doing everything alone, I might as well be alone. — *Married Single*

Dear Mar: I think you’ve hit on a very effective

approach: After the baby comes, if you still feel like you’re doing everything alone, you might as well be alone.

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YOUR VIEWS

Wasted assets in Iraq

Lax security used to be the default "dog ate my homework" excuse for the millions, if not billions, of dollars lost through inept U.S. government contracting practices in Iraq. But the security argument doesn't fly anymore, so why does the waste and mismanagement seem to continue in full force?

A new report by the independent Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction details many examples of such waste and raises serious questions about the need for ongoing U.S. taxpayer funding of Iraqi infrastructure projects.

One such project was a \$100 million wastewater and sewage project in the once-embattled city of Fallujah. What remains of the project, the report says, are some empty holes in the ground and sewer pipes that lead to, but do not connect with, the houses of Fallujah residents.

More troubling is the report's identification of numerous projects in which contractors defaulted on their obligations and yet, curiously, continued to be paid for their work without facing financial sanctions or even being banned from bidding on new contracts.

The auditor's report stated that, as of June, the Pentagon had canceled 1,262 projects - 530 of which were because of contractor default. Nearly \$90 million was paid to contractors who failed to deliver.

What's particularly galling is that American taxpayers continue to pay for contractors to perform work that Iraqis can and should carry out themselves - using their own money.

Iraq's ambassador to Washington, Samir Sumaida'ie, told us last week that efforts are being made to spend the country's large budget surpluses on infrastructure projects. The past year's surpluses reached up to \$22 billion. Iraq has experienced a serious brain drain of engineers and managers needed to administer reconstruction efforts, he says, and it'll take time to lure them back home with promises of better security.

America's military presence in Iraq should focus on the effort to improve security by fighting al-Qaida and training Iraqi troops to defend their own country. But by wasting taxpayer dollars, our government helps diminish support for a continued military presence while doing nothing to help Iraqis stand up for themselves.

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THE IDLE AMERICAN

Uncle Mort and the new century

Rarely have I heard Uncle Mort so excited. I'm used to my 96-year-old kin from the thicket calling with news from his faraway world where country road lifestyles have changed but little across the years.

I thought he'd give me the rundown of "thicket thinking" on the presidential race, but as usual, I was 180 degrees off course.

Behold and lo, he was on a technology kick this time. The "warp and woof" of his litany was of the "what'll they think of next?" variety.

When Mort told me that a neighbor faces prostate surgery in upcoming days, his voice raised a couple of octaves with these seven words preceding an exclamation point — "And a robot's going to do it!"

He was breathless, and I knew that Mort's personal "take" on the procedure would follow just as surely as there is cotton on both ends of Q-Tips.

"Don't jump the gun on me, nephew," he warned. "The last time I saw the doctor, he opened a package of Q-Tips that didn't have cotton on either end. "They rubbed right up against 5 o'clock Friday at the factory."

In fairness, the patient really wanted to know what Mort thought of such surgery.

Mort is always glad to offer second opinions. "Just make sure that the robot's moving parts have seen the business end of a grease gun within the last month and that it has fresh batteries," my uncle suggested. "Be sure to leave your magnets at home, and if 'made in China' is printed on the robot, tell the doctor you'd soon-

er take your chances with home remedies."

Mort's final thoughts were that the robot's parents may have "starred" at the first automated car wash.

Maybe his "grease gun reference" has been brain-locked for the past 50 years.

Many's the time I've heard him talk about the thicket visit of the late Al Capp, creator of Li'l Abner during the golden days of cartooning.

During the last years of his life, the outspoken Capp traveled around the country making speeches, typically answering questions "planted" in the audience. Two favorite queries were whether his wooden leg was bothersome and why he had such a dislike for Jane Fonda. (Capp lost a leg in a trolley accident at age 9, and he was a constant critic of the anti-war activist.)

His unchanging answers were well-known. 1) "My leg's never a problem unless I forget to grease it," and 2) "I have nothing against Jane Fonda. I'd send her a dozen roses tonight if I knew which jail she was in."

On a technology roll, Mort switched to chip implants, warning that if they're sticking them into Arizona cactus and into birds, humans are "bound to be next."

I'd read about the Fed's plans to implant electronic chips into the giant Arizona cactus plants to thwart thieves who are digging them up in the dark of night, then re-selling.

"If you get a new cactus and your garage door opener goes nuts, the dog starts howling, your pacemaker acts up, or UFO's hover overhead, you'd better abandon desert landscaping pronto," Uncle Mort warned.

The "bird thing" was news to me. Mort was in awe of the migration of plump shorebirds called "godwits,"

which migrate each year from Alaska to New Zealand.

This time, the "wow" was on my end of the phone line. He spoke of how the three-pound birds, some of them with electronic implants, fly non-stop to their winter home in New Zealand, monitored all the way by satellite. Some span the 7,242-mile distance in as few as five days, losing half their weight in the process. (Ecologists say that the birds expend energy at 8 to 10 times the rate they do at rest, easily more than the six-fold output of Tour de France bicyclists, human pace-setters in the energy department.)

"Come spring time, they fly the same route back to Alaska," Mort revealed, adding, "I believe if I was a godwit, I'd just stay in Hawaii year-round, settling for pleasure flights between the islands."

Before we signed off, Mort jumped to the topic of acorns. My assumption that it had anything to do with swine or lipstick thereon was dead wrong.

"I'm talking about ACORN with capital letters," he said. "It's an acronym, nephew," he mumbled, adding something about how he was "always having to educate me."

A bit miffed, I informed Mort that the probability had not escaped me that folks in this group seem to be big targets for voter fraud, and that the letters stand for "Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now."

"All I know is that ACORN is setting squirrels back a hundred years," my uncle concluded, "And blind hogs even farther."

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Great to be back home

Hello there, West Texas, It has been said that home is where the heart is and nothing can be more true. Boy, is it great to be back home!

Suffice it to say that words can't describe how good it is to be back home.

I couldn't be happier!

And grateful ... very grateful.

For those who are unaware, I was involved in an automobile accident June 11 that left me — for lack of a better term — in a coma until the evening of July 3.

From what I've been told, there were times during that period that my eyes were open and I took part in conversations with people, but I have to take the word of others on the subject.

My memory has a hole in it. I remember talking with Publisher Ron Midkiff the morning of the accident and the next thing I remember is hearing my brother Mark telling me I'd been in a bad accident and that I'd "been out of it for a long time" the evening of July 3.

I understand such situations are not uncommon when one has suffered a traumatic head injury. Apparently that's what I had, but again, I'm taking the medical professionals' word for it.

I understand I was initially taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, then transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Eight days later I was taken to Texas Specialty Hospital in Dallas so I'd be closer to my brother Mark's home in Denton.

I was at the Dallas hospital when consciousness returned. Although I was in somewhat of a fog, I realized I'd missed out on a lot — like my 55th birthday. I had my eyes open for the event, they say, but I was a little confused and didn't know what all the fuss was about. But I also missed out on the final planning stages for Pops in the Park, the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and

Rodeo, the departure of Capts. Russ and Linda Keeney and the arrival of their replacements at the Big Spring Salvation Army corps building and Pops in the Park itself.

I'd wind up missing a lot more.

All that was disconcerting enough, but a few moments later I realized I was essentially paralyzed. I could move my head and my arms, but not much else. Mark was telling me I'd been in accident and trying to explain that I'd lost a lot of muscle control and that I was going to have to learn to do a lot of things all over again ... including walk.

Moments later he was forced to explain that I was being fed through a tube that went through my nose and that I was breathing through a tube installed during a tracheotomy.

I'd be telling you a lie if I didn't admit that I wanted to wake up and learn it was all just a bad dream. In fact, that's still the case.

Unfortunately life doesn't work that way.

What followed were weeks of being hoisted out of bed and into a wheelchair using a lift, going through physical therapy sessions in which I seemed to be able to do very little and being surrounded by patients who seemed to have little hope of ever coming close to what anyone would consider a normal life.

In the midst of that period, I underwent emergency intestinal surgery.

Then something changed. One day the nurses noticed that I'd been able to move around in the bed a little. For the life of me, I couldn't understand why they and my therapists, not to mention my doctors, were absolutely thrilled. I wasn't, but they assured me it was a good thing and a sign of progress.

It was indeed, and after a couple of months, it became clear that I was going to be transferred to a rehabilitation facility.

My first day at Health South Rehabilitation Hospital in Plano was eye opening.

From the get-go, one of my therapists, Wayne, immediately told me that he wasn't going to help me put on my shoes, and then had the

audacity to tell me that I wouldn't be hoisted in and out of bed every morning, but would have to slide from the bed into my wheelchair!

At the time his words and tone seemed at the very least rude, and hurt as if someone had slapped me in the face.

I now realize they were the kindest words he could have said to me. They forced me to take the mindset of, "OK, just watch what I can do. I'll show you."

From that point forward, if one of my therapists told me to do 20 of something, I did 30. If they said to do 30, I did 40. Tell me to do 40 and I'd do 50. Consequently, I improved much better and more quickly than anyone expected, including myself.

I'm taking the same approach to my therapy sessions with Toby Keel at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center now.

And now that I'm back home and walking with a walker. I will soon graduate from the walker to using a cane. And I can go back to work ... even if it's only part-time and from home.

I'd be lying to you if I said there aren't times when I'm all alone and I begin to feel sorry for myself. But then I remember that I am truly blessed.

I spent months in hospitals with people that had absolutely no hope of ever going home again, and spent weeks rehabbing with others who were simply trying to rehabilitate themselves to where they could go to nursing homes or assisted care facilities,

Me?

Well, all of this is going to be a memory some day.

What's more, I've been able to return to Big Spring and am surrounded by the absolute best people on the entire planet — folks who sent countless cards and letters encouraging me to get better, people who saw the prayers they said in my behalf answered and those who continually encourage me today.

Thank you all. It's great to be back home!

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AREA

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2004 and set up a showdown next Friday night against the Sundown Roughnecks for the District 7-A title.

"One of our goals at the first of the year was to make the play-offs and we have done that," Stanton Head Coach Lee McCown said. "Now we have to get ready to play Sundown and get another goal out of the way — that being a district title."

Stanton earned a 6-0 lead thanks to a 7-yard touchdown run by Tyler Fulton that was set up by an interception by Jacob Cazares. Less than four minutes later, Fulton again called his own number plunging in from the 2, putting Stanton ahead 14-0.

Stanton, which controlled the clock 35 minutes compared to 13 minutes for Plains, pushed the score to 20-6 midway through the second quarter, when Robbie Noland carried it from 4 yards out with 6:28 left in the half.

Noland again carried the brunt of the offensive load for the Buffs as the senior running back car-

ried the ball 45 times for 182 yards.

Plains was finally able to make a dent on the scoreboard following the Noland score as Tim Brock split the uprights for a 33-yard field goal for the final score of the half.

It looked as if momentum was going to swing to the Cowboys side midway when Noland uncorked a fumble that Brock picked up for a 74-yard score, cutting the Buffs lead to 20-10.

Noland atoned for his miscue on the next drive, carrying the ball nine times on the 12-play drive, including a 4-yard plunge that pushed the score to 26-10.

After a Cowboys touchdown made the score 26-20, Stanton iced the game away on the next possession, grinding out a 53-yard, 12-play drive for the final score of the game.

Again, it was Noland doing the honors, barreling in from the 2 with just 45 seconds remaining.

The complete domination of the Cowboys left McCown all smiles after the game.

"We played a really good game," McCown said. "Our offense controlled the ball, our defense shut them down and our special teams kept them bottled

up. There isn't a whole lot more I can say. We just wanted to come in here and control the ball game.

"We just have to keep getting better," he added. "We have done that all year and we have to keep it up. Sundown is going to be a tough game. We are going to have to play a complete game if we are going to have a chance."

Stanton 14 6 6 7 33
Plains 0 3 7 6 16

First Quarter
Stanton- Tyler Fulton 11 run (kick failed), 11:00
Stanton- Fulton 2 run (Robbie Noland run), 7:15

Second Quarter
Stanton- Noland 4 run (kick failed), 6:28
Plains- Tim Brock 33 Field Goal, 3:23

Third Quarter
Plains- Brock 74 interception return (Brock kick), 7:28
Stanton- Noland 4 run (pass failed), 1:48

Fourth Quarter
Plains- Chris Gonzales 9 pass from Addison (pass failed), 7:14
Stanton- Noland 2 run (Brandon Almanza kick), 0:47

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Stanton - Noland 45-182, Fulton 25-130, Nathan Nix 12-110, Adam Montez 3-17, Cazares 1-5; Plains - Arthur Ruiz 6-41, Josh Brock 5-30, Chris Addison 2-(-3)
Passing: Stanton - Fulton 3-4-37; Plains Addison 13-25-108
Receiving - Stanton - Noland 1-18, Cazares 2-19; Plains - T. Brock 5-51, Chris

Gonzales 3-25, Brandon Craft 2-16, Jeffery Barrientes 2-11, Ruiz 1-5

Garden City 90,
Water Valley 44

WATER VALLEY — Garden City's Bearkats also set up an important matchup next week with a win Friday.

The Bearkats easily disposed of Water Valley via the 45-point mercy rule and now has to defeat Rankin in Garden City Friday in order to clinch Six Man Division I, District 8's finally playoff spot.

Levi Schaefer shined for the Bearkats, completing 16-of-19 passes for 274 yards and seven touchdowns.

Three of those scores went to Jake Schwartz, who had four other touchdowns, including three via the ground and a 68-yard interception return that ended the game with 4:35 seconds left to play.

Sands 51,
Buena Vista 6

ACKERLY — The Mustangs got back on track after being mercy-ruled by No. 2 Borden County last week and clinched their first berth into the playoffs

since 2002.

Johnny Rogers accounted for six touchdowns, rushing for four and throwing for two. Rogers finished with 155 yards rushing on 14 carries and threw for another 124 yards.

Daniel Armendariz scored a touchdown rushing, receiving and via a 60-yard punt return.

The Mustangs wrap up their regular season Friday against Grandfalls-Royalta.

Grady 47,
Loraine 0

LORAIN — The Wildcats took care of their end of the business to keep their playoff hopes alive by shutting out Loraine and ending the game in the third quarter.

However, wins by O'Donnell over Spur and Ira over Aspermont officially eliminated Grady from the postseason.

Dylan Cox threw for four touchdowns in the contest and also had a 23-yard run and a 36-yard fumble return for scores as well.

The Wildcats wrap up their season against Spur Saturday in Lenorah.

FORSAN

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The Buffs added one more score with less than two minutes in the game as Huckabee found Ty Johnson from 29 yards out for a touchdown. But it was not enough as Seagraves effectively ran out the clock, taking the win.

"We knew what we had to do coming into the ballgame," said Thompson. "We just couldn't get enough going for a long enough period of time. We played well on both sides of the ball, but Seagraves did just enough when they had to, putting us in catchup mode the entire game."

The Buffs will close out the 2008 season at home next week against Tahoka (2-7, 1-3) which fell to district co-leader Sundown, 49-0.

Forsan 0 0 6 6 - 12
Seagraves 7 7 7 0 - 21

First Quarter
Seagraves - Michael Peterson 1 run (kick good); 5:25

Second Quarter
Seagraves - Patrick Gibson 3 run (kick good); :40

Third Quarter
Forsan - Alex Huckabee 1 run (kick fail); 4:44
Seagraves - Travis Thompson from Javier Minjarez 8 pass (kick good); 2:52

Fourth Quarter

Forsan - Ty Johnson from Huckabee 29 pass (kick fail); 1:42

Individual Statistics
Rushing: Forsan - Jace Sandridge 11-45, Ty Johnson 11-13, Alex Huckabee 4-(-0.3); Seagraves - Michael Peterson 22-98, Jirus Davis 9-78, Javier Minjarez 13-72, Patrick Gibson 5-15
Passing: Forsan - Huckabee 7-18-130-1-1, Jeremy Robbins 1-1-38-0-0; Seagraves - Minjarez 2-6-15-1-0, Davis 1-3-12-0-0
Receiving: Forsan - Kody Willis 4-66, Johnson 2-59, Robbins 2-43; Seagraves - Travis Spiller 1-12, Thompson 1-8, Gibson 1-7

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Area Menus

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Forsan ISD
Monday
Breakfast
cereal, toast, juice, milk
Lunch
burritos, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit, sugar cookies, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast
sausage-on-a-stick, juice, milk
Lunch
barbecue chicken, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast
cheese toast, juice, milk
Lunch
pizza, tossed salad, orange smiles, chocolate cake, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast
cinnamon rolls, juice, milk
Lunch
fajita chicken over rice, broccoli and cheese, seasoned corn, French bread sticks, apricot fruit fluff, milk

Friday
Breakfast
muffins, bananas, juice, milk
Lunch
steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, frozen cherry bar, milk.

Big Spring ISD
Monday
Breakfast
Elementary: breakfast-pizza, fruit juice, milk
High School: French toast Breakfast Bars, milk.

Lunch
meat/bean chalupas, carrots sticks, applesauce, rolls, milk, PBJ sandwiches

Tuesday
Breakfast
Elementary: sausage patties, biscuits, applesauce cups, milk.
High School: ham/cheese pockets, fruit juice, Lucky Charms

Wednesday
Breakfast
Lunch
pork rib, baked potatoes, strawberries, sugar cookies, milk, PBJ sandwiches

Thursday
Breakfast
Elementary: cereal, sausage links, fruit juice, milk.
High School: ham/cheese pockets, fruit juice, Cinnamon Toast

Friday
Breakfast
Lunch
meatballs, brown gravy mix
mashed potatoes/gravy grape freeze icy, rolls, milk, PGJ sandwich

Monday
Breakfast
Elementary: PBJ uncrustables, fruit juice, milk.
High School: ham/cheese pockets, fruit juice, Coco Puffs

Tuesday
Breakfast
Lunch
broccoli, apricots, cornbread, milk, PBJ sandwich.

Wednesday
Breakfast
Elementary: strawberry Pop Tarts, pears, milk.
High School: cinnamon rolls, pineapple.

Thursday
Breakfast
Lunch
sausage pizza, corn on cob, Mandarin oranges, milk, PBJ sandwiches.

DEAR MARGO

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Furthermore, tell him if he doesn't make good on his promise to "start helping out, babe," you'll have to think about whether you can be married to a man who chooses video games over pitching in to be a real partner, especially given the pregnancy.

If he still can't get with the program, play your trump card and invite him to move out for a trial separation. To call this man insensitive is to be generous. — *Margo, distastefully*

When Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Dear Margo: I have been married for 11 years. Four years into our marriage, my husband found out he is diabetic.

He was told he needed to quit smoking and drinking or he would be dead in five years.

Well, he is still here, but has not quit, let alone slowed down. This has now put our relationship in a bind. The affection is gone. He says it is because of his "diabetes."

He uses this as his excuse for everything. His sex drive is nonexistent. He has been given many pills to help him out, but still he does not want to have sex.

He has gone so far as taking the pill and then going to sleep, saying he "does not want to now."

I feel so left out emotionally that I can sit and cry for hours over this. I talk to my girlfriend, and she tells me he will only change if he wants to. She has even said that if I were to have an affair, she would understand. When do I say enough is enough?

I need affection and I am deeply deprived of it. How do I get him to understand this? I don't want to be a

widow at the age of 40. — *Dejected*

Dear De: I suspect you will not be able to get him to understand this or much of anything. To put it another way, I think he understands your position but doesn't care either from believing he is half-dead anyway (not true) from depression, or out of selfishness.

I would seriously consider undoing the marriage. I do not believe people should live in misery if there's an alternative. The fact that he is still smoking and drinking says a lot. — *Margo, pragmatically*

Oh, Dad, Poor Dad, Where is your backbone?

Dear Margo: I am a 28-year-old professional woman. My father raised my sister and me by himself and did a great job.

He even had to fight for custody of us because in the early '80s not many fathers got custody of two daughters.

We've always had a great relationship. His luck with women, however, is terrible. He lets women walk all over him to avoid confrontation.

He is now on his fourth marriage (two of them to my mother). He lived with his current wife for seven years before they married two years ago.

I cannot stand her. Even her sons say she is a gold-digger. Not only that, but she treats him miserably. I've tried to get along with her. I even invited them on my vacation to Ireland last year, and she ruined it for everyone (there were five of us).

She is the most selfish, childish woman I've ever met, and in Ireland I finally told my father how I felt about her in blunt terms. Even he agrees that she acts inappropriately and

childishly.

By not doing anything about it, however, I feel my father has chosen her over me.

(Before this trip, he knew my dislike of her, but I had not previously been so frank.)

Even before the trip she'd caused a gap in my relationship with my father. I used to visit quite regularly, as he only lives an hour and a half away, but now I only visit four times a year, if that. I don't want to lose my father, but I cannot stand the way she treats him, and he just accepts it. At what point do I accept that I've lost my father, or is there anything I can do? — *Feeling Orphaned*

Dear Feel: This woman doesn't sound so much like the wicked stepmother as the lamentable wife. My guess is that your confrontation-averse, four-times-married father has chosen to live with his mistake rather than divorce her, so you can quit holding your breath for that one.

To acknowledge the elephant in the room, see your father without what's-her-name for lunches or dinners.

He has not chosen her over you, he is just trapped — though the situation is certainly of his own making. It is sad to watch a parent exhibit weak behavior, but we soldier on. — *Margo, enduringly*

TV or Not TV?

Dear Margo: A friend of mine works for the local cable company and had "free" (stolen) cable hooked up at our house. At first I did not feel bad about the cable theft, but as I began feeling more and more guilty about it, I have also become more frustrated about the way cable has affected my family.

All my children and husband do anymore is watch TV or argue over what to watch. It is sad and depressing.

I disconnected the cable, finally, but my husband reconnected it while I was not home. I would like to contact the cable company but do not want to get anyone in trouble for theft. How do I deal with this really stupid situation? — *Little Bit Stumped*

Dear Lit: I will not linger over the irony of your situation, but I suspect it has occurred to you that that which you would not pay for but got for free is making a mess of your family life.

As for keeping friends and family out of the hoosegow, I think your best bet is to call your cable company friend and ask him to fix it so your husband cannot reconnect it.

If this is beyond him (and I have no technical acquaintance with the workings of hooking up cable), ask him, as a favor, to tell your husband that he needs to either pay for the service or give it up

because the company is clamping down about determining who has or has not paid. — *Margo, paradoxically*

When Keeping a Secret Is the Wise Thing To Do

Dear Margo: Three years ago I started a condoned affair with another man.

This affair changed rapidly over five months from a "fling" to an all-out love affair that only ended when he asked me to leave my husband. I had been married less than a year when this happened and was scared by the thought that I actually wanted to do it.

I cut my ties with him and told my husband that I had done so. Three weeks later we discovered I was pregnant.

I had slept with both men at this time and both men knew about each other. After I told my husband, I called the other guy and swore up and down that the child was not his and I was happy to be pregnant by my husband.

We all let it drop at that. However, two years later I have a beautiful baby boy who looks nothing like my husband and has the personality of the other man.

In my heart I am convinced he is not my husband's son. The other man is currently serving a tour in Iraq. Do I tell him about his son?

I wish there was some way I could get a paternity test, but I think it's best to let sleeping dogs lie, though I worry that the other guy deserves to know. Am I wrong to deny him the chance to be a dad? — *Holding Back*

Dear Hold: What is to be gained by revisiting your earlier decision to stay in your marriage and tell the other man the child was your husband's?

Your little boy has a dad, and it would turn your life upside down to tell this man he has a son. Nothing good would come of it ... but you might wind up with a custody suit or a divorce.

Just hope your husband has not picked up on the child's resemblance to what's-his-name.

Should this happen at some time in the future, bone up on recessive genes and suddenly remember your Uncle Charles who looked quite a bit like your son. — *Margo, prudently*

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Republican vice president candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin addresses a crowd of supporters at Arnold Palmer Regional Airport in Latrobe, Pa., Friday.

Does the maverick label still apply for Sarah Palin?

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD

Associated Press Writer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — A loyal Democrat, Kenny Powers never shared Sarah Palin's conservative politics. But the United Way organizer confesses a fondness for the governor who paired a folksy charm with scorn for Alaska's Republican old guard.

"She was such a breath of fresh air," he says.

That was then. Nearing the end of a bruising campaign, the Republican vice presidential candidate has seen her appeal to her party's conservative base feed speculation about a future national campaign at the same time increasing numbers of others recoil from her.

"She changed her personality," Powers, 55, said at a downtown espresso shop, where the front window features a Palin portrait over the boldface word "Hype."

"It makes me wonder whether I knew her."

Palin introduced herself to a nation as a conventional homemaker eager to shatter convention — the hockey mom roughing up the power brokers, a reformer with a bipartisan streak. But that maverick image — along with her poll numbers — has been scuffed, if not reshaped.

The designer eyeglasses are the same, but it's clear many voters outside the Republican base are looking at her through a changed lens. A woman who ascended to power in Alaska by challenging the Republican establishment now represents it on the national ticket. In her coming-out convention speech, Palin said, "I took on the old politics as usual," but in two months on the national political stage she has encountered questions about expenses and trips charged to taxpayers, as well as her account of actions she took as governor.

Duke University political scientist David Rohde says Palin has alienated independents at the very time the Republican ticket needs to attract votes from the political center.

"They first saw her as refreshing," Rohde said, referring to unaffiliated voters, a crucial swing group. Now, "more see her as a typical politician."

Among the revelations, Palin charged the state more than \$21,000 for her daughters' commercial flights, including events where they weren't invited, and later

ordered their expense forms amended to specify official state business. She billed the state for expenses, usually collected for travel, while she was at home, and her administration used private e-mail accounts to conduct state business.

Her scalding attacks on Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama filled a traditional vice presidential nominee's role, but they also eroded her bipartisan credentials. In Alaska, her administration, once known for openness, developed a reputation for insularity. A legislative probe found she abused her power as governor.

She claimed she told Congress to cancel the "bridge to nowhere," but it turned out that she had supported it until it became an embarrassment. Disclosures that the Republican Party spent \$150,000 for designer clothes, hairstyling and accessories and \$36,000 to have celebrity makeup artist Amy Strozzi travel with her undermined Palin's homespun image and her professed preference for thrift shops.

And questions about her qualifications, ratcheted up by her often cringe-worthy answers during television interviews, haunted her candidacy.

Vice presidential candidates rarely affect the presidential vote, but recent polling suggests Palin could be a drag on John McCain's chances.

She attracts raucous, standing-room only crowds on the stump, but national polls in recent days indicate her popularity is shaky.

AP-Yahoo News polling found Palin's unfavorable rating jumped as voters learned more about her. In a survey conducted soon after McCain picked her, 42 percent of likely voters rated her favorably, 25 percent unfavorably and 33 percent didn't know enough to say. In a survey completed this week, the poll showed 43 percent of likely voters viewed her favorably and an equal 43 percent unfavorably.

Independent likely voters started out a bit more sour and have grown increasingly negative — 35 percent gave her an unfavorable rating in early September, 47 percent in late October.

In a New York Times-CBS News poll completed this week, 59 percent of registered voters said Palin was not prepared to be vice president.

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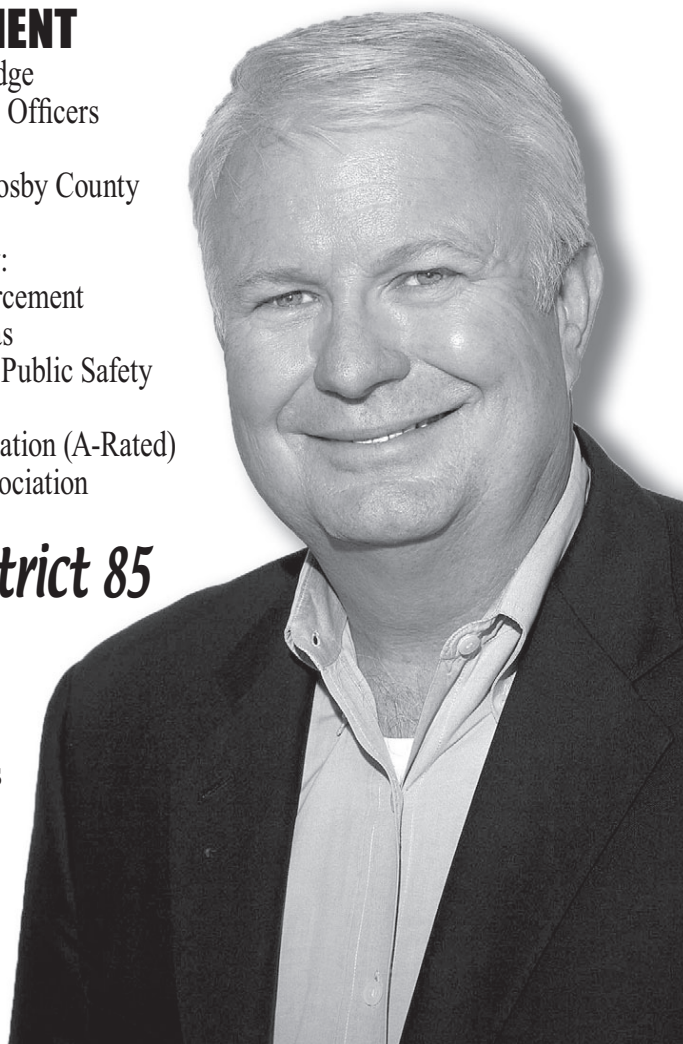
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Big Spring State Hospital Superintendent Ed Moughon, left, and Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner Dr. David L. Lakey pose for a picture in the hospital's new Wellness and Recovery Activity Plaza. The \$53,000 project was provided through volunteer funds and labor was provided by the Plant Management staff and patients enrolled in the greenhouse program. The Plaza includes a covered area, a walking track and, a butterfly and meditation garden with a waterfall.

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Energy Watch



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On Friday the 24th, the world faced an unprecedented market event and braced for dramatic declines and rally attempts. In pre-market trading, the futures were "limit down" until the 9:30 ET opening. The problem was the collapse of markets around the globe due to continued economic concerns. However, the primary cause was that hedge funds were being forced to liquidate positions because they are so leveraged due to Credit Default Swaps. Some estimates run to 30 to 40 times leveraged.

Therefore, the overnight and pre-market sell-off was forced selling much like a margin call, not an investment judgment call. We had believed that the lows were seen two weeks prior, Friday Oct. 10 based on the extreme panic selling in the market that day. It is critical to remember that Friday's (24th) almost unprecedented market environment was due to external factors causing forced selling, not because the world economy is headed for a 1930s type depression. Again, this type of selling is not based on investment opinions and causes stock prices to temporarily decouple from their fundamental value.

In our opinion, the actions already taken in the U.S. and global coordination will avoid an economic collapse.

However on the morning of the 24th, everyone, no matter how experienced, was waiting on pins and needles for trading to begin.

Could this have been the event that creates the final wash-out? It could be, only time will tell. However, we encourage you to continue to look at the good side: (1) inflation fears are gone for now (2) once in a life-time value in stocks (3) big jump in dividend yields.

After Friday, October the 10th, we first stated we believed "a" low had been made. After several days of improved market action, we felt that "the" low had been seen. Obviously, Friday the 24th was a dramatic test.

In unprecedented times, two things we can depend on based on history: (1) American investors do panic, but we are basically an optimistic society and hope for the future will return and (2) Our economy will recover and grow long term — it always has. The question is when will investors start looking ahead and that answer is unknowable at this time — but it will happen.

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Justice Department investigating American Express surcharge policies

NEW YORK (AP) — American Express has received a request from the U.S. Department of Justice for information regarding the credit card company's policies related to merchant surcharging, according to a regulatory filing Friday.

The company said it received a Civil Investigative Demand on Oct. 14 from the Justice Department's antitrust division.

The department can issue CIDs to anyone it believes may have information related to an investigation,

the filing said. Receipt of such a request does not mean that a formal complaint will be filed.

American Express said it intends to cooperate with the department's request for documents and other information regarding the company's policies related to merchant surcharging and its "anti-steering" policies that prohibit merchants from discriminating against the American Express card in favor of other forms of payment.

Meanwhile, the New York-based

credit card company painted a bleak picture of the current operating environment, saying in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it does not expect to meet its financial targets until economic conditions improve.

On Thursday, American Express said it would cut 7,000 jobs, or about 10 percent of its worldwide work force, in an effort to slash costs by \$1.8 billion in 2009 as it prepares for an increasingly difficult economic environment.

Predator awareness workshop

STERLING CITY — Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Sterling County Range and Livestock Committee will host a predator awareness workshop Nov. 6 at the Sterling County Community Center.

The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be provided.

Chad Coburn, AgriLife Extension agent in Sterling County, said the program has been approved for five and a half Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (3.5 general, 1.5 integrated pest management and 0.5 laws and regulations).

Program topics include: Appreciating Predators, Interpreting Physical

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Surrounded by members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Big Spring Ambassadors, Jason Knolte, owner of Noltex Truss, cuts the ribbon in celebration of becoming a member of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday morning. The facility is located at 1700 Rickabaugh Drive and produces floor and roof trusses among other building material. Also pictured to Knolte's right is Jerald Loudermill, office manager.

ArvinMeritor will terminate 1,250 jobs to lower costs

By BREE FOWLER
AP Auto Writer

NEW YORK — Auto parts supplier ArvinMeritor Inc. said Friday it will cut 1,250 jobs in an effort to slash its costs as it faces weak economies and slumping demand both at home and overseas.

ArvinMeritor said the cuts, which include 450 salaried and 800 hourly positions, represent about 7 percent of its worldwide staff. Most of reductions have already been completed, while the rest are in process, ArvinMeritor said.

The Troy, Mich.-based company's moves come on the heels of hourly and salaried work force reductions at fellow auto suppliers Tenneco Inc., Visteon Corp. and TRW Automotive Holdings Inc., who also blamed steep drops in U.S. and Eu-

ropean vehicle production.

ArvinMeritor said it expects its moves to cost about \$35 million, but also to save about \$125 million next year in combination with other cost-cutting efforts.

ArvinMeritor Chief Executive Chip McClure said the "swift and decisive" actions are needed because of softness in all markets and weaker foreign currencies.

"We believe the actions we are announcing today, as well as the progress we have made over the last several years to improve our cost structure solidly position our company to address the weakness we are seeing in the market place," McClure said in a statement.

ArvinMeritor also said it's looking at alternatives for its light vehicle systems unit, including a potential sale. In May, the company said

it planned to spin off the segment.

KeyBanc's Brett Hoselton backed his "Buy" rating on the stock, calling the news positive overall in light of the additional cost savings and reduced financial risk.

But Hoselton noted that the proposed sale of the company's light vehicle systems business may not be a good idea. Investors had favored a split of the company and the company could face difficulty selling the business.

U.S.-based auto suppliers have seen their sales tumble this year as a result of cuts in U.S. automotive production. In the third-quarter, conditions worsened when the slump in vehicle demand spread to Europe and was exacerbated late in the quarter by the U.S. dollar's

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Courtesy photo

Jean Broughton Powell, left, receives a certificate of appreciation from Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks during Monday's college trustee meeting. The award was in appreciation for the work that Powell and other Howard College Foundation members do for the college.

Obama ahead or close in all regions

By The Associated Press

Riding a wave of voter discontent over a failing economy, Democrat Barack Obama has solid leads in northeastern, midwestern and western Democratic enclaves and has mounted surprising challenges in the South and other once reliably Republican states. In many areas, that strength is spilling over to endanger some Republicans running for the Senate, House or governor. The region-by-region outlook:

THE NORTHEAST:

NEW YORK — The climate for Republicans this Election Day is particularly harsh in the Northeast, where Democrats are hoping to pick up seats in several places where the tide may be turning against

the GOP.

From New York to New Hampshire, Republican incumbents are threatened by a number of factors, including President Bush's enduring unpopularity, increased Democratic voter registrations and Obama's stronger standing against rival John McCain amid the economic tailspin.

"This is a wind-in-your-face election," said Rep. Tom Reynolds, a Republican who is retiring and leaving a seat in western New York that Democrats could claim. "Most of the Northeast is blue, and getting bluer."

The one Republican who appears to be bucking the tide is Maine Sen. Susan Collins, who maintains double-digit leads in the polls over her Democratic

challenger.

But her colleague in New Hampshire, Republican Sen. John Sununu, is fighting off a fierce challenge from Jeanne Shaheen, the state's former governor. The pair are facing off for the second time — Sununu beat Shaheen in 2002, when it was still politically useful to be associated with Bush.

Shaheen's favorite criticism this time has been to maintain that Sununu and Bush are one and the same.

It is an argument that Democratic challengers have seized nationwide as they seek out new territory.

In New York, where Democrats hold a 23-6 advantage in the congressional delegation, the GOP could lose even more seats, including one in the Syracuse area that has been a stronghold since 1980, and another on Staten Island that has been in GOP hands just as long.

In Connecticut, Republican Rep. Christopher Shays has begun criticizing his own party's presidential nominee, whom he supports, as he fights to keep his seat representing a wealthy area in the southwestern part of the state.

THE WEST:

LAS VEGAS — Democrats running for president have long hoped the growing Mountain West would offset losses in the increasingly conservative Rust Belt. But their past two attempts to sweep the region's swing states — Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico — have fallen short.

Polls show Obama has

the best chance in years of accomplishing the feat, to secure the three states' 19 electoral votes.

A mix of political and demographic trends are at play.

Left-leaning Californians have moved to Reno, Nev., Albuquerque, N.M., and more rural pockets of the West, altering the political landscape. The number of Hispanics in the region has been rising, along with the group's engagement in politics. Hispanics in the region lean Democratic and their solid support accounts for some of Obama's strength in the three states.

Silver Salazar, a McCain supporter and longtime activist in Colorado, said McCain will probably not reach Bush's levels of support with Hispanics but argues the Arizona senator will make up those votes with disaffected Democrats.

Winning crossover Democrats, as well as higher-than-expected numbers of independents, has become a mathematical necessity for McCain. Early voting data in New Mexico and Nevada show Democrats have far outpaced Republicans at the polls. An AP-Gfk poll showed a similar trend in Colorado.

The early vote and polling numbers also are working against Republicans seeking to win Senate seats in Colorado and New Mexico. In Colorado polling, Democratic Rep. Mark Udall leads former Republican Rep. Bob Shaffer in the race to replace Republican Sen. Wayne Allard, who is retiring.

In New Mexico, where

Republican Sen. Pete Domenici is stepping down from a seat he's held for 36 years, Democratic Rep. Tom Udall has a comfortable lead in polls over Republican Rep. Steve Pearce.

New Mexico pollster Brian Sanderoff said GOP candidates are up against voters' solid rejection of the incumbent party.

"If the president's approval rating were at 55 percent, rather than 25, some of these down-ballot Republican candidates would be having an easier time," Sanderoff said. "The primary message Democrats are using against them is their past association with the president."

THE SOUTH:

JACKSON, Miss. — The Republican grip on elected federal offices across the South is in jeopardy for the first time in decades as blacks turn out in record numbers and voters look to take out their economic fears on GOP incumbents.

In states once viewed as a lock for a Republican presidential candidate, Obama is at least making it competitive. The last time a Democratic presidential candidate won any states in the South was 1996, when Bill Clinton of Arkansas won his second term.

Republican Sens. Elizabeth Dole in North Carolina and Saxby Chambliss in Georgia find themselves in uncomfortably close races for re-election. In Mississippi, Trent Lott's temporary replacement, Republican Roger Wicker, is in a tight race with former Democratic Gov. Ronnie Musgrove to

serve Lott's final four years. Leading to voter confusion, Wicker and Musgrove look alike and have identical positions against abortion and for gun owners' rights.

Republican pollster Frank Luntz said GOP candidates in the Southeast find themselves with only single-digit leads in places they'd usually be ahead by double digits.

"Republicans aren't used to that, and I think it's making them very nervous and very unhappy," Luntz said.

Black Southerners who once struggled under Jim Crow oppression now have a choice they never expected: the chance to vote for a black candidate who has a major-party nomination for president.

Joe B. Amos, 72, retired after 40 years at a meat processing plant in West Point, Miss., where he worked his way up to management. He first registered to vote decades ago and said he was forced to recite part of the Constitution — the type of literacy test, long ago outlawed, that was designed to keep black people off the voting rolls.

"This is our country. I'm not voting for him because he's black," Amos said of Obama. "... Say you drove the car for 200 years. Why can't I drive for a while? If it's ours?"

THE MIDWEST:

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In the Midwest, the loss of jobs has overwhelmed energy, the war and all other issues. And that has allowed Obama to compete even in states like Indiana, which Bush won by 20 percentage points in 2004.

Unemployment is rampant: 7.2 percent in Ohio, 8.7 percent in Michigan — the nation's second highest figure. Foreclosure signs line blocks. The once-vital manufacturing base has collapsed; companies sent thousands of jobs elsewhere.

"The country's in a ditch. So that helps us," former President Clinton, the last Democrat to occupy the White House, told voters in Toledo. An Associated Press-GfK survey found that nine in 10 Ohioans were worried about the economy.

When an Ohio plumber, Samuel J. Wurzelbacher, challenged Obama over his tax plans and elicited a reference from Obama to "spreading the wealth," McCain quickly embraced the man he dubbed Joe the Plumber.

"We're all Joe the Plumber," McCain told one Ohio crowd. McCain campaign aides said the Arizona senator gained a late lift using Joe's story to lay Obama as determined to raise taxes despite the Democrat's promise of a tax cut for 95 percent of workers.

"In this environment, there's really no reason this race should be single digits right now," said Jason Mauk, Ohio GOP executive director.

Yet it is in some parts of the region, which is why Obama and McCain and their running mates have crisscrossed Ohio, concerned that its 20 electoral votes might tip the election as they did in 2004.

Indiana is also close, as Obama's well-financed and well-organized campaign combined with the economy to give Democrats a chance they haven't had in years.

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rebound against the Euro. American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings Corp. said Friday that it swung to a \$440.9 million third-quarter loss, blaming hefty restructuring charges and a steep drop in light truck production. That came a day after TRW, Visteon and Lear Corp. all reported quarterly losses.

Visteon also announced plans to cut about 800 salaried jobs from its global work force on top of the roughly 2,000 hourly and salaried cuts it said it made during the recent quarter. And TRW officials said they were in the process of eliminating about 1,000 salaried jobs.

Tenneco announced plans on Wednesday to cut 1,100 jobs worldwide and close five facilities.

ArvinMeritor said it will record a charge of about \$190 million in the fourth quarter ended in September 2008 for certain deferred tax assets. As a result, it expects to post a loss for fiscal 2008. Excluding the charge and other special items, the company still expects results for the year to be in line with previous projections.

In September, the company forecast 2008 earnings from continuing operations between \$1.55 and \$1.65 per share. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters expect a profit of \$1.56 per share, on average.

ArvinMeritor is scheduled to release its fiscal 2008 results on Nov. 18.

FORUM

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Individual pre-registration by Nov. 3 is \$15 and \$25 thereafter. The fee includes program materials and a catered lunch by Kenny Blaneck of San Angelo. For more information and to pre-register, call the AgriLife Extension office in Sterling County at (325) 378-3181.



Courtesy photo

Howard County 4-H members held their second session of the food and nutrition project recently. From left to right are Brynn Workman, Kandy McWhorter, Extension agent, Tara Workman, Molly Walker and Morgan Hill.

4-H Spotlight: Food fit for a scary Halloween

The second session of the Howard County 4-H Food and Nutrition Project was held Saturday, Oct. 25 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Extension Office in the courthouse basement.

Kandy McWhorter, county Extension agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, guided us to a fun and in-

formative meeting. We started by baking "Cheesy Witches' Brooms" (you had to be there) while we were learning the guidelines to entering projects in the county, district and state food shows.

The four categories include: 1. Main Dish, 2. Fruits and Vegetables, 3. Breads and Cereals, and

4. Nutritious Snacks. McWhorter said she is willing to help on projects. We closed the meeting by making "Green Zombie Floats" — all over the counter! The time went by quickly and we had a lot of fun.

Molly Walker, 4-H Reporter

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Alicia M. Vernon, 9614 Dover Ridge, San Antonio
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Chrissy Sue Ward, 1003-2 CR 175, Colorado City
Christina Williams, 400 Macarthur, Odessa
Jerry Lee Wrightsil, 2816 Ridge Road, Ft. Worth

County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Lester Raymond Lybrand, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$418 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

District Court Filings:
Howard County vs. Esteban Martinez, individually and DBA Spring City Tires, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Ross Westbrook, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Raul Vasquez, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Cary Miles White, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Melvin Murl Williams, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Gregory Aguilar Jr., tax suit.
Howard County vs. Janet Linn Abner, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Vicente Zavala and Inez Zavala, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Jennifer Yruegas, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Andrew John Woodall, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Keith Wilson and Tracy Wilson, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Tommy Gene Aycock and Patsy Sonya Aycock, tax suit.
Howard County vs. Roy Allan Johnson, individually and DBA Allan Johnson Furniture Companie and Margie R. Johnson, tax suit.
Kristi Lynn Hobbs vs. Justin Lee Hobbs, divorce.
Citibank (South Dakota) vs. Maxine M. Deffitch, accounts,

notes and contracts.
Maria Cerna vs. Martin R. Cerna, divorce.
Laura Holm vs. Ryan Morgan, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
Pamela Drake vs. Derrick Drake, protective order.
Meagan Jenkins vs. John Jenkins, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
Ronald L. Simonek, 53, and Christine M. Hendricks, 28, both of Big Spring.
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Braden Matthew Wegner, 24, and Alicia Lenae Thurman, 21, both of Big Spring.
Stephen Michael Oliver, 25, and Natalie Maria Lozano, 20, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Edith Jackson Nichols
Grantee: Joy Jackson Collins
Property: The NW/4 of Section 30, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 23, 2008

Grantor: Patricia Zane Edwards, Deane Mansfield Kelly, Sylva F. Edwards, John Oaks Edwards, William Conley Edwards, William C. Edwards, Wilson C. Edwards Jr., William Lane Edwards, Bill Neal, Zane Neal Bobbitt and Wilson C. Edwards
Grantee: Larry Newton and Susan Newton
Property: Lot 24, Block 19, Edwards Heights
Date: Oct. 23, 2008

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Grantee: Maria Ramirez Gonzalez
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Date: Oct. 23, 2008

Grantor: Roy Hobbs
Grantee: Royce J. Underwood and Paula A. Stiles
Property: Lot 16, Block 29, College Park
Date: Oct. 24, 2008

Grantor: Farmers Cooperative Compress
Grantee: Suman V. Patel
Property: A tract out of Section 26, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 24, 2008

Grantor: First RDW LTD
Grantee: Ben Jady Kilgore and Janet Kilgore
Property: Lot 4, Block 33, College Heights
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Grantor: James Dennis Collins and Wynelle Collins Sartor
Grantee: Matthew Alan Brown Collins and Rebecca Collins
Property: A tract out of Section 30, Block 32, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantor: Mesquite Real Estate Company
Grantee: James Robert and Ellen Miller
Property: The N/50 feet of the W/2 of Block 26, College Heights
Date: Oct. 27, 2008

Grantor: Michael J. Masters
Grantee: Dixie Bannister
Property: Half-interest in Lot 3, Block 26, Saunders Addition
Date: Oct. 28, 2008

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
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Grantee: Mark Barber
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Evidence of a recession grows higher

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Evidence of a recession piled ever higher Friday, with new figures showing Americans are spending less and gloomy about the economy, while the government signaled it won't buy stock in the financing arms of auto companies to prop them up.

The Commerce Department reported consumer spending dropped a sharp 0.3 percent in September while their incomes, the fuel for future spending, managed only a small 0.2 percent gain.

That followed a report a day earlier that the U.S. economy shrank by 0.3 percent in the third quarter. The accepted defi-

inition of a recession is two straight quarters of a shrinking economy.

Closing out the worst October in 21 years but one of the best weeks ever, investors did some bargain shopping on Wall Street, snapping up stocks that have plunged in value. The Dow Jones industrial average gained nearly 145 points.

Meanwhile, the outgoing Bush administration sent signals to automakers and other industries hoping for government purchases of their stock that they probably won't qualify for the program.

Administration officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the program is still being put together, said it was unlikely the auto companies

would be able to qualify for direct government purchases of stock in their auto-financing arms as part of the \$250 billion stock purchase program.

They could still be eligible for government purchases of bad assets, such as auto loans, under a separate program that is expected to spend \$100 billion initially.

The government plans to buy stock in banks and lift bad assets on their books as part of the financial system bailout.

The wrangling over the broader rescue program continued, with Democrats stressing Congress wants the package to be used to pump new loans into the economy, not diverted to stockholders or executives or to buy other banks.

"I am deeply disappointed that a number of financial institutions are distorting the legislation that Congress passed," said House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass.

He announced hearings on the rescue package Nov. 12 and 18.

The Treasury Department said it would extend a Nov. 15 deadline for banks that do not have publicly traded stock to apply for the government stock-purchasing plan — a plan that could extend to 6,000 banks.

The bank rescue is intended to shore up financial companies and get lending, the lifeblood of the economy, going again.

Meanwhile, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said in a speech that whatever system is

constructed following the government takeover of mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac must have better safeguards to make sure it can work during times of stress.

"The boom in subprime mortgage lending was only part of a much broader credit boom characterized by underpricing of risk, excessive leverage and the creation of complex and opaque financial instruments that proved fragile under stress," Bernanke said.

As the nation learns more about what went wrong, the economy grows ever bleaker. The Commerce Department report that consumer spending fell by 0.3 percent in September followed two months in which spending was essentially flat.

Bush staying close to home at campaign's end

By **DEB RIECHMANN**

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The unpopular President Bush is staying off the campaign trail in the race to succeed him.

The president is raising money. But for voters in the swing states that count — Florida and Ohio, for example — Bush is the invisible incumbent. With a mere 26 percent approval rating, Bush was expected to keep a low profile in John McCain's campaign. As it turns out, Bush has been a virtual no-show — except in Democratic television ads that regularly tie him to Republican candidates.

Since Bush endorsed McCain in the Rose Garden on March 5, the two have appeared in public only three times for a total of 12 minutes. That's in stark contrast to the scores of fundraisers and rallies Bush did before midterm elections in 2002 and 2006.

As McCain and Democrat Barack Obama make their final pitches to voters this weekend, Bush will be spending time at the Camp David presidential retreat. He has no public events on Monday or Tuesday, not even an Election Day photo op.

He cast an absentee ballot for McCain last week; the White House sent it down to Texas to be counted.

On election night, Bush is expected to watch the returns on television at the White House with

friends and celebrate first lady Laura Bush's 62nd birthday.

The White House says Bush has been trying to stay out of the public spotlight — that he's busy with the financial crisis, two wars and the upcoming transition to a new administration. The economy and recent hurricanes on the Gulf Coast prompted Bush to cancel appearances at fundraisers.

In early September after Hurricane Gustav, Bush scrapped his planned opening-night speech at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn. That worked out well for McCain who has tried hard to distance himself from the president.

Asked on Friday if Bush feels unloved by his party, White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said:

"I haven't had this kind of conversation with him, but I don't believe he takes it personally. He's been in politics his entire life — he's been around it his entire life — and he knows that it's a rough-and-tumble business."

White House aides say the administration and the McCain camp jointly decided months ago that the Arizona senator would do his own politicking and that the president's time was best spent helping the Republican Party and House and Senate candidates. According to GOP officials, Bush has appeared at 84 events dur-

ing the 2008 election cycle, raising more than \$147 million.

Congressional Republicans, however, rarely — if ever — mention Bush's name on the stump. House and Senate Democrats regularly feature him in spots accusing Republican candidates of being in lockstep with the unpopular president.

In the three weeks leading up to Election Day, Bush has been at only three political events — all closed to the public. He helped raise \$500,000 for Republicans at a fundraiser in Michigan. He attended a \$1 million event in Washington for Senate Republicans. He also stopped last week at GOP congressional campaign headquarters in Washington to buck up political workers scrambling to prevent Republican House and Senate losses.

Others in Bush's orbit have appeared with Republican candidates. His wife was at a rally with Sen. Roger Wicker, R-Miss., on Thursday. Vice President Dick Cheney was scheduled to campaign Saturday in Wyoming.

There were early hints that McCain and Bush would not be chummy on the trail.

At Bush's 10-minute endorsement of McCain in March, the president told reporters he would campaign for or against McCain — whatever was best for the GOP.

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News in brief

Craddick campaigning on two fronts

MIDLAND (AP) — Since the voters of this oil-rich district first sent him to the capitol in 1968, Tom Craddick has coasted through each re-election. Even before Texas winds blew Republican red, Craddick swatted away Democratic opponents with relative ease.

But 40 years after that first election, Craddick has got his hands full.

Not because Midland Democrat Bill Dingus, his first challenger in eight years, has a realistic chance of unseating him. But for the first time since he became speaker of the Texas House, Craddick is having to divert his attention homeward, away from the task of campaigning for another term as speaker.

And that's a campaign that looks to be his toughest ever.

"This is a really precarious position," said Ross Ramsey, editor of the political Web site Texas Weekly. "By all accounts, Craddick is taking (the Dingus challenge) seriously. And all of that is time that you're not spending on the speakers race."

After squashing two bitter attempts to overthrow him last year, Craddick is

seeking a fourth term as leader of the divided House.

The Republican edge in the chamber has dwindled from 26 to eight seats since Craddick became speaker in 2003. And this Election Day, Democrats have their best chance in more than a decade of further eroding the GOP House majority.

A Democratic majority — or even a small-scale loss of some of Craddick's allies — could mean the end of Craddick's six-year reign.

The longest-serving member of the Legislature, Craddick's adept fundraising skills helped the Republicans win an 88-62 majority in the House in 2003. It was the first time the GOP led the chamber in more than 130 years. His grateful colleagues promptly chose Craddick, an oil-field mud salesman, to be their leader — and Texas' first Republican speaker since 1871.

Whether Craddick, 65, wins another term as speaker depends on a handful of competitive House races. He's given at least \$1 million to help those of his supporters who are in danger of defeat next Tuesday.

The 150-member chamber will choose their leader with a vote during the first

week of the legislative session, which begins in January.

"Whoever the next speaker is is going to be running a very divided house," Ramsey said.

As speaker, Craddick has often been called the most powerful man in Texas government. He has the power to set the agenda and control which bills are taken up.

He is the only statewide leader in Texas who does not have to appeal to all Texas voters, just his loyal Midland electorate. That has given him an edge in negotiations with Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, fellow Republicans who must appease voters across Texas.

Last year's coup attempts were spurred by Democrats and some Republicans who said they were tired of Craddick's rough tactics, complaining that he rules like a dictator and that his win-at-any-cost style often forces them to vote against the interests of their own districts.

5 babies born to couple from The Woodlands

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston-area family just grew by five.

Quintuplets born to Kelly and Bill Phillips of The Woodlands are expected to be released in a few weeks from The Woman's Hospital of Texas in Houston.

Hospital spokeswoman Kris Muller (MUL'-er) says the three girls and two boys — Rebecca, Alison, Katelyn, John and David — were doing well Friday.

Muller told The Associated Press that the infants, born Oct. 25, remained in the neonatal intensive care unit.

The babies ranged in weight from 3 pounds, 3.3 ounces to 4 pounds, 12 ounces at birth. Kelly Phillips carried the quintts to 33 weeks, before the Caesarean section delivery.

Muller says the quintts will probably be at the hospital until they reach 38 weeks.

The parents, according to their Web site, met as students at Texas A&M and married in 2001.

Indicted judge wants lie detector tests at trial

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge indicted on charges alleging he fondled a former court case manager wants two lie detector tests that he passed admitted into evidence at his January trial.

Attorneys for U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent said he denied the allegations in polygraph tests in August and September. Attorney Dick DeGuerin filed a motion Thursday saying the tests "failed to reveal physiological responses indicative of deception."

Kent, 59, was indicted in August on two counts of abusive sexual contact and one count of attempted aggravated sexual abuse following a U.S. Justice Department investigation into complaints by case manager Cathy McBroom.

If convicted of attempted aggravated

sexual abuse, Kent could face up to life in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Each of the two counts of abusive sexual contact carries a sentence of up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Kent was the first federal judge in 17 years indicted while still on the bench.

McBroom accused the judge of physical sexual harassment over a four-year period starting in 2003 when he was the only U.S. District Court judge in Galveston, an island beach town 50 miles southeast of Houston.

McBroom has said the alleged harassment culminated in March 2007, when the judge pulled up her blouse and bra and tried to force her to perform oral sex when they were interrupted.

Her accusations were first investigated by the Judicial Council of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. That panel suspended Kent in September 2007 for four months with pay but didn't detail the allegations against him.

The Associated Press does not normally name alleged victims of sexual abuse, but McBroom's attorney and her family have used her name in publicly discussing the case.

Two days after Kent made his first court appearance, a gag order was issued in the case by U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson, a Florida jurist who has been appointed to preside over the Jan. 26 trial.

Vinson's gag order prevented attorneys, witnesses and court personnel from making public comment about the case. After several media organizations, including The Associated Press, objected to the order, Vinson still kept it in place, only making minor changes to it.

Pending his trial, Kent continues to hear cases at the federal courthouse in Houston, where he was transferred this year as part of his punishment by the judicial council. McBroom was also relocated to Houston after reporting her allegations.

Only Congress can remove a federal judge through the impeachment process, which starts with the House voting for impeachment and then the Senate holding a trial.

Guard unit deploys to Iraq

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — About 800 troops with an Enid, Okla.-based Oklahoma Army National Guard unit have begun leaving this week for a nine-month tour of duty in Iraq.

Guard officials said some soldiers left Friday for the overseas mission, but the bulk will leave on Saturday and Sunday. The troops are leaving from Fort Hood, Texas, where they have spent the past two months working on mission-specific training.

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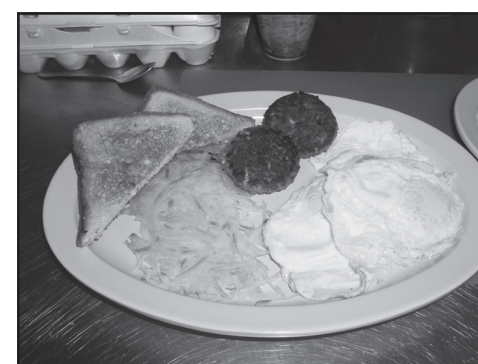
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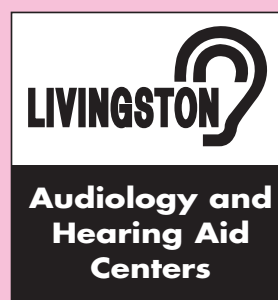


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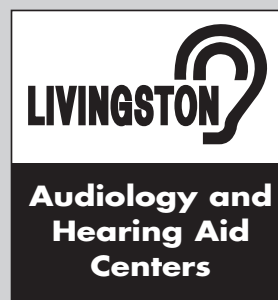


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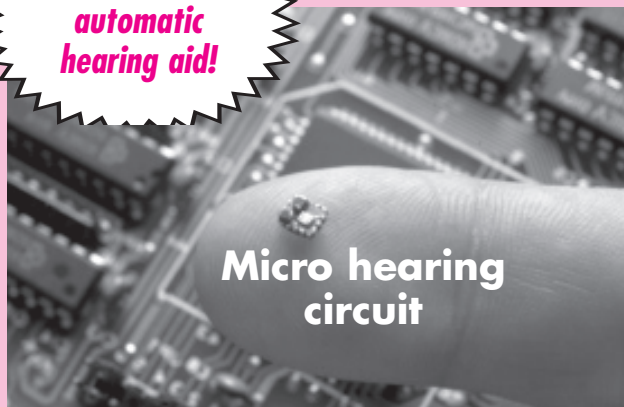
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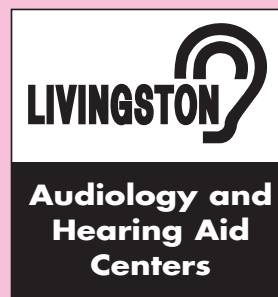


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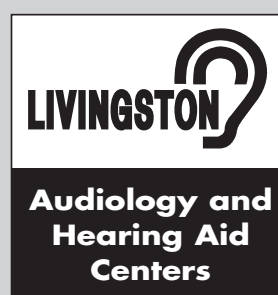


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Charges
- 8 Slip
- 15 Build up
- 16 Note
- 17 Blow up
- 18 More like marshes
- 19 Govt. agency since '34
- 20 Sleeping
- 21 Disco-loving Simpsons
- 22 Title that means "wealth"
- 23 TV debut of 2000
- 24 GPS symbol
- 26 Plain talk
- 28 Costs
- 30 Power tower
- 32 Folks
- 33 Crossing site
- 35 Play
- 37 Long-story starter, perhaps
- 43 "All-purpose" ingredient
- 44 Steak style
- 45 Reset, with "out"
- 48 Lifetime Achievement Emmy recipient of '03
- 51 *Symphony in Black* artist
- 52 Distress
- 54 Where Colchester is
- 56 Walker, for short
- 57 Name derived from the German for "peppermint"
- 58 Scepter partner
- 60 Spell
- 61 Popular pet
- 62 John Wayne, in *The High and the Mighty*
- 64 Living
- 66 Police Academy study
- 67 Was everywhere
- 68 Hot
- 69 Kinds of coats
- DOWN**
- 1 Waiting for payment, perhaps
- 2 Paragon
- 3 "Beauty superhuman" in a 17th-century novel
- 4 Plan for the future, maybe
- 5 On or about
- 6 Robin Williams title role
- 7 Fortified fare
- 8 Rejected
- 9 Be a party to
- 10 Drain
- 11 Indicated one's preference, at times
- 12 Stir
- 13 Disinclined
- 14 Ordered groups
- 25 Vets
- 27 Tour manager, e.g.
- 29 Took, as a final
- 31 Pita's Indian kin
- 34 Network (Canadian cable channel)
- 36 Prescription, for short
- 38 Flawless
- 39 Pedigreed
- 40 Marauder or Superfortress
- 41 UC Irvine mascot
- 42 Places to grow
- 45 Oil company founded by George H.W. Bush
- 46 Pipers quorum
- 47 Demolition
- 49 Tough key for pianists
- 50 Youth
- 53 Model railroader's buy
- 55 The last John
- 59 Teased
- 63 Top club
- 65 '30s employer of the Marxes

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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., greets supporters as he arrives at a rally in Henderson, Nev. Saturday.

Faithful praying for Election Day miracles

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

They're fasting on the steps of the Florida Capitol, hoping God will hear their pleas to put an abortion opponent in the White House.

Prayer warriors will staff the get-out-the-vote command center Tuesday at Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Fort Washington, Md. A rabbi is distributing a prayer to be said in the voting booth. Prayer circles are seeking courage and protection for Barack Obama and his family.

The faithful are busy as Nov. 4 nears.

While politicians are making their final pitch to voters, religious Americans from across the political spectrum are appealing to a higher power on the candidates' behalf.

"We have just days to pray that someone who upholds the sanctity of life and marriage between one man and one woman will win," said Pam Olsen, copastor with her husband of the International House of Prayer in Tallahassee, Fla.

Olsen, who personally supports Republican John McCain, is organizing a marathon of prayer, fasting and Bible reading at the Capitol starting Saturday until the state's polls close.

"The outcome is up to God," she said.

Rabbi David Seidenberg of Northampton, Mass., has written a prayer in

Hebrew and English that can be recited just before filling out a ballot. Posted on his blog neohasid.org, and distributed through e-mail, it includes a voter pledge to heal the world and a wish for the country to "pursue righteousness and to seek peace."

"There still is so much hope and feeling connected to this election and I want to say that in as non-partisan a way as possible," Seidenberg said in an interview. "It really feels like so much hangs in the balance and so many dreams and hopes hang in the balance right now."

Many of the election-related prayers seek wisdom for voters to choose the right leader.

For the first time, the nation's Roman Catholic bishops have published prayers for immediately before and after the election. They focus on dignity for all, an end to poverty and for "ears that will hear the cries of children unborn." At the bishops' urging, many Catholic parishes on Oct. 27 began a novena, or nine-day prayer cycle, for the election.

Other appeals get into the nitty gritty of campaigning.

Seidenberg's text reads, "May it be Your will that votes will be counted faithfully." Among the prayers Olsen's group suggested in the run-up to Nov. 4 is for "the Lord to move in swing states."

At presidential-

prayerteam.net, where people post their appeals on a "prayer wall," Denise from Texas asked God to reach people who haven't yet committed to voting.

"Let them not be phased by polls, TV ads, political sound bites," she wrote. "And for those, Dear God, who need to vote for Your will to be done ... please get them off the sofa and to the voting booth."

Praying for campaigns and for the health of the nation is hardly new in elections. But this year has seen a more public display of faith among supporters of the Democrat nominee.

The Obama campaign's prayer conference calls went from weekly to daily four months ago, and will continue through Election Day. Supporters of the Illinois senator have started prayer circles, enlisting friends to join them online, on the phone or in person to pray for wisdom for the candidate.

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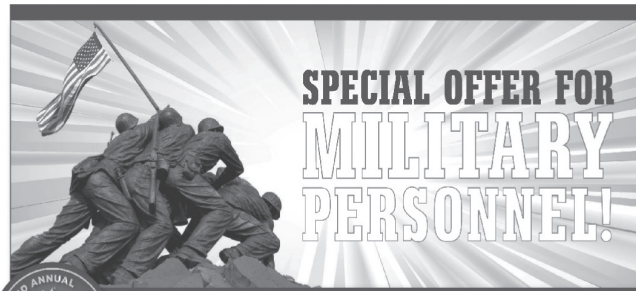
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Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications, and plans or on file at the office of Lee George Construction, Inc., 1400 West 4th St., Big Spring, Texas, 79720. (Phone: 432-263-2416) Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Lee George Construction, Inc., for a deposit of \$100.00 for each set of plans and specifications. The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any or all formalities. City of Big Spring Honorable Russ McEwen, Mayor #5970 October 26 & November 2, 2008.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION

Wichita Water LLC, P.O. Box 847; Levelland, Texas 79336-0847 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Formation, Ringneck Dove Lease, well number 1. The proposed injection well is located 4 miles North of Big Spring in the B.C. (Canyon) Field, in Howard County. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3100 to 3760 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792). #5975 November 2, 2008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Winfred Roland Campbell, Deceased, were issued on October 29, 2008, in Cause No. P-13683, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Jason Dewey Campbell.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Jason Dewey Campbell 6910 S. Service Road Big Spring, Texas 79720 DATED the 29th day of October, 2008. GLYNNA MOUTON Attorney for Jason Campbell State Bar No.: 14606500 200 West Third Street Big Spring, TX 79720 Telephone: (432)263-7676 Facsimile: (432)263-8686 #5977 November 2, 2008

Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The Capricorn moon is a task driver, to be certain. However, it's important to consider that sometimes the most productive thing you can possibly be doing is nothing at all. Take a daylong nap. You'll be rebuilding your neural pathways with moments of pure vacancy. Let go of stress and worries in favor of aligning yourself with the universe.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It doesn't harm you to be impulsive with your truth telling, though it may shock the crowd around you. It might surprise you to know that you're speaking what others were thinking but didn't have the nerve to say.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To gain power within a group, or command the respect you know you deserve, you must lose your self-consciousness and all self-interest and focus on the needs and likes of others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have the chance to create a legendary relationship. Your engaging personality helps, but it's the way you build your love over the long term that will ultimately make the story interesting.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're after a trophy. It's not the brass cup itself that interests you, but the sight of the other competitors. You want to know the feeling of being victorious and knowing you're the absolute best.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Tension and disharmony may seem like negative things, but maybe they make your life more interesting and fun. If you were completely satisfied you probably wouldn't feel the need to be so deliciously productive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The day's drama is pretty dull unless you're seeing the full picture. Tune in, so as not to miss what's going on behind the scenes. Pay attention to suggestive language or tone between people who are trying to convey innocence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Ask for a guide. You're slightly off-course, but not so far off that you can't get back on in a matter of days. A Capricorn or Pisces teacher is the ideal match to gently steer you back in the right direction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are dealing with strong personalities and these are people you definitely want to keep in your life. You have everything to gain by making the others feel in charge

of things. They might just teach you all they know.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your thoughtfulness makes you a favorite friend, although lately you're afraid that if you give too much, you'll set a precedent that will be hard to live up to. It's always better to err on the side of generosity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're on the lookout for the bargain of the century, and don't forget to look in your own homestead. You have the heart of your love, and your love has yours -- never was there a sweeter deal.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in the sights of those who have the power to give you position and wealth. It's not what you know but your attitude that makes you sparkle. Whatever you have, you offer it all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). At first you're tempted to roll around with the minute details a relationships and consider all the potentials that might become of it. Then suddenly life gets simple. You're hungry and this person has the menu.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: There is a scientific postulate that one of Neptune's 13 moons, the one called Triton, was once a planet that, like Earth, orbited around the sun. But Neptune's magnetism was so strong that the little planet was seduced into Neptune's moon family, never to return. Neptune rules the fantasy world and anyone who's ever been lost in a daydream, or an episode of spectacular television for that matter, knows how fun it can be to surrender to unreality. Now that Neptune is in the swing of his newly direct path, the astral ruler of imagination and dreams starts to sprinkle us with fresh ideas about how to bridge the gap between our fantasy life and our real life. It turns out, the difference may be as simple as changing a habit or taking a step. What seemed very far away a few weeks ago is right around the corner, once you know what to do. This is an excellent time for research, asking help from bigwigs, writing to your idols or asking those with more experience to mentor you. On another note, Mercury enters Scorpio the 4th, which is Election Day in the United States. Once they go into the booth and pull the curtain, voters will rely on intuition.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Grammy Award-winning torch singer K.D. Lang has an unforgettable voice and unique style to match it. She's a triple Scorpio who can plunge to the depths of her soul with every note, but don't ask her how she does it. Scorpio people are so intuitive that they often can't tell you how they accomplish their life's work. Being in their groove is sometimes like an out-of-body experience.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Legals

No. P-13,688 ESTATE OF HAROLD LEONARD DAVIS, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of HAROLD LEONARD DAVIS, Deceased were issued on the 29th day of October, 2008, under Docket No. P-13688, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to JANELL DAVIS.

Claims may be presented in care of JANELL DAVIS to the estate addressed as follows: Estate of Harold Leonard Davis c/o Janell Davis 701 Capri Big Spring, TX 79720

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 29th day of October, 2008.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have worked with "Gloria" for several years. I've always enjoyed looking at photographs of her two kids, but lately I've become uncomfortable with these snapshots.

Gloria's daughter just turned 12, and all the pictures show her in very provocative poses with arched back, pouty lips, heavy makeup and even cleavage. I am concerned that she is encouraging the girl to pose in this seductive manner because she shows the photos with tremendous pride to both male and female co-workers.

Others have mentioned the sexual undertones of the pictures. Should I tell Gloria these photos make me uncomfortable and I don't think they should be shared with others, especially men? I doubt she'd take it well. -- Photographic Phriendship

Dear Photo: It continues to amaze us that so many otherwise caring parents believe it is flattering to turn their pre-adolescent children into sex objects. You can gently point out to Gloria that these photographs make her daughter look like a little tart and people might get the wrong idea. Gloria may scoff, but it will make her think twice about displaying these pictures at work. Other than that, compliment only the more natural photographs and be visibly less interested in the not-quite kiddie porn.

Dear Annie: My husband has an office that doubles as a spare bedroom. Every holiday season, we have



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

overnight company and need extra sleeping space. In order to make room, I have to pick up papers from under the desk, the computer, the floor, etc. Last year, I carried 30 boxes of papers to the basement.

My husband hates to sort through all this. I have set up two file cabinets, bookshelves and a cubby with 24 slots. I'm trying to get him to work with me on the boxes in the basement so I won't throw out something important, but he balks at the idea. I've asked him to give me just one hour a day (we are both retired), but it is a struggle. If he lives to be 100, he could never read all the old magazines he is saving. He tries to show me where things are located, but all I see is chaos. -- Buried in Paper

Dear Buried: Your husband is a packrat, and the thought of going through his stuff is paralyzing, so you will have to do the lion's share of organizing. Set a time for his assistance -- say, right after breakfast -- and make it 15 minutes instead of an

hour. Sort through some things in advance. Show him a pile of magazines and tell him to pick out what he wants because the rest goes. (And do it.) Financial papers should be arranged by year, and trash should be shredded. If your husband sees that he can accomplish something in those 15 minutes, he may be willing to do more.

Dear Annie: I appreciate your including the quote from President Lincoln on Patriot Day. The quote, however, actually reads: "We here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

I am not about to speculate as to why "under God" was missing. As a history teacher, however, I challenge my students on the importance of accuracy in quoting primary sources and archaic texts. Thank you for an apt quotation. -- D.G. in Ohio

Dear D.G.: It was not our intent to leave out any words. There are often minor editing errors when material is transcribed from one source to another, and although readers don't generally notice, any time "God" is left out, we hear about it. Our apologies to anyone who was accidentally offended, along with our thanks for the opportunity to reprint the quote in its entirety.

Dear Annie: Five years ago, I had a mortgage of \$15,000 left on my home.

My daughter, "Jacey," wanted to buy a house, but her husband's credit was bad and she couldn't get a bank loan, so she asked me to take out a second mortgage and give her the money.

Jacey was to pay \$400 a month and I'd pay the rest. A few months ago, we had a fight and now she refuses to pay anything. Needless to say, this has left me in a dire position because I cannot make ends meet. Do I have any legal options? -- Lost and Barely Making It

Dear Lost: We wish we had better news. Since you weren't coerced into taking out that mortgage, you are legally responsible for it. If the interest rates are substantially lower now than five years ago, you might want to refinance. You also can sell the house if you can make enough from the sale to pay off the mortgage.

Otherwise, your only recourse is to sue Jacey and see if a judge will agree that there was a verbal contract and she needs to pony up. We hope Jacey does the right thing before you have to take her to court.

Dear Annie: My office is in close proximity to that of a co-worker who seems to have no regard for his wife. Even if I shut my door, I often hear him arguing with her through the wall.

He yells, threatens and talks down to her, often using phrases that make it clear he thinks she's an idiot. I have lived in a house with verbal abuse and recognize how painful

his behavior must be for her. I am also concerned because people who speak to their loved ones in such nasty ways often may be doing more at home.

I do not like being entangled in other people's personal business, but I am starting to feel like I should say something. Should I, and if so, to whom? -- Hearing Too Much in Indiana

Dear Indiana: Bring up the subject to the Human Resources department, or if your company doesn't have one, to the head supervisor. Discuss the issue not only as a matter of professional decorum (his harangues should not be audible outside his office), but also to bring up the possibility of a personal problem that needs to be addressed.

If your company has an Employee Assistance Program, that would be extremely useful.

Dear Annie: This is for "Bitter Ex-Wife," who feels her hatred toward her ex-husband is healthy. I thought so, too, when my ex left me for another woman. Animosity was my friend.

My ex began his affair two months after my father was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Not only did I spend eight months dealing with the shock and pain of his affair and our divorce, but my 7-year-old son and I had to watch my loving father wither away and die. To have his last months marred by the callous behavior of my ex was unbearable. Counseling was the only thing that kept both of us going. I

was also lucky to work in an office full of wonderful people who let me cry, yell, cuss and spit until I felt better.

It has been seven years and my ex and I can finally have a civil conversation. I can also speak to his wife, and although we will never be friends, I don't wish for either of them to be hit by a bus anymore. My son now loves his stepmother and has gained some wonderful new relatives.

I hope "Bitter" finds someone to help her through this. The pain does lessen, the anger does dull, and you finally realize it takes more of your energy to hate than to forgive and move on. -- Been There and Survived

Dear Been There: You were fortunate to have such a supportive group of friends, and smart to seek counseling for you and your son. Thanks for the backup.

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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I am asking for your support and vote to be your next Howard County Sheriff. As a proud veteran of the Army and the Navy, I am honored to say that the United States Military instilled in me leadership and true values of being a responsible person. Since the military, which I served proudly, I have also served as a productive law enforcement officer in Howard County, Nolan County and with the Roscoe Police Department. I am currently employed by the State of Texas. I look forward to continuing to serve the public, and with your support, becoming your next Howard County Sheriff. I am proud to be a Christian, with conservative values. I have attended the same church for **several years** and strongly believe that we as Howard County Citizens all share the same core values. These values are God, family & love of country. If elected sheriff, I promise to protect and serve all Howard County citizens regardless of race, creed, political preference or station in life. I wish to thank all my supporters for continuing to believe in me and wish to invite many more into making this a successful campaign. I especially want to thank my lovely wife of 27 years, **Leona**, for standing by my side every step of the way. I would like to remind all of my supporters that the November election is right around the corner and we still have a lot of work to do. Though there may be barriers ahead, we must not lose focus on the real issues. We must remind ourselves that our determination and unity will bring victory in November. Thank you for your time and support. God bless you all.

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Palin mania means comparisons for women all over the nation

By LAURA E. DAVIS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Claire Zulkey may not have a \$150,000 wardrobe, but that hasn't stopped people from telling her she looks like Sarah Palin.

Zulkey, a writer in Chicago, is among the many women who seem to fit the description of the Republican vice presidential nominee in the minds of their friends, family and co-workers. And it's a comparison that extends far beyond those who resemble Tina Fey.

"If you have the glasses and the brown hair, then you're 75 percent of the way there," she said. "And then if you're unfortunate enough to have bangs, you're there."

As Fey might say: You betcha. And some women don't even need the tousled, brunette updo to get the comparison; blondes and redheads have been

told they look like Palin if they wear the right glasses.

It seems Palin mania has so gripped the nation that people see her doppelgängers just about everywhere.

"People are pretending to be Sarah Palin and spotting her in places that she's not," said Jeremy Gutsche, who tracks trends for the online mag-

azine TrendHunter.com. "The world has, as we put it, Sarah Palin fever."

Cindy Michaels, a news anchor in Bangor, Maine, said she has gotten hate mail and nasty phone calls from viewers who think she looks like John McCain's running mate. Michaels, who has long,

after the MTV Video Music Awards, according to Google's Hot Trends.

Gutsche thinks the fascination stems from her relatability and the fact that she doesn't look like a typical politician — so she might look like your neighbor, instead.

"That is probably the most popular look in America," he said. "It's not a hard stretch."

Elizabeth Hull, a professor of political science at Rutgers University in New Jersey, said that we are so inundated with politicians during election season we can't get them out of our heads.

"We tend to see them more often than anyone except close family members," Hull said, noting Palin's entrance into Americans' lives was particularly explosive. "So anything that comes closely associated with her" — like glasses or bangs — "clicks a little recognition button."

Many women are embracing Palin as a style icon.

Her glasses — \$375 Kawasaki 704 titanium frames — are selling out, and instructions for getting the Palin 'do abound online. Halloween suppliers have reported ordering more Palinesque wigs for what's expected to be one of the year's hottest costumes.

Sara Benincasa, a New York comedian, has invited the comparison by filming a video blog imitating Palin.

"If you're a cute chick with ... brown hair and glasses, you probably at least vaguely resemble her," she said.

Benincasa said she feels fortunate to look enough like Palin to be able to play her in the video blog. And since her blogs have hit the Internet, she said people have come up to her and told her she looks like the candidate.

But whether they like being compared to Palin or not, most women say they don't have plans to change a look they've sported for years.

"I think it's one of those things where you go through your life quietly with your bangs and your brown hair and your glasses and then suddenly you look like Sarah Palin," Zulkey said.

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— Jeremy Gutsche



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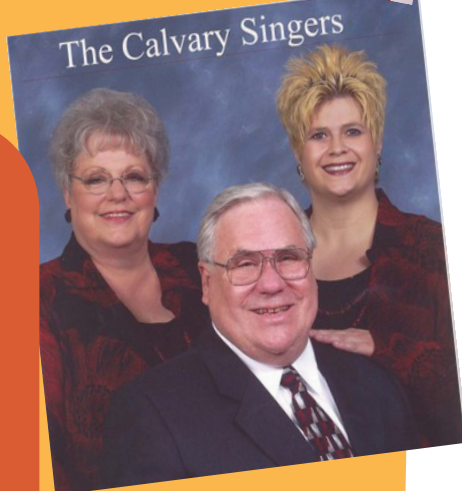
Comedian Sara Benincasa poses for a photograph made up as Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin at Benincasa's home in New York. Benincasa said she feels fortunate to look enough like Palin to be able to play her in a video blog.

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