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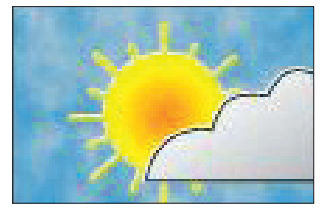
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County jail nears completion

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Howard County officials hope to wrap up the FF&E — furniture, fixtures and equipment — portion of construction of the new jail Monday morning, as commissioners are set to hold a special meeting to award bids.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, Monday's meeting should help commissioners complete a process they started earlier this month.

"There were several components of the FF&E bids that we either didn't receive bids for, or we weren't happy with the



"The contractor is telling us the jail will most likely be done by the end of February, give or take a week. So we're looking at having it completed the first part of March."

—County Judge Mark Barr



Chelsea and Cody Cottingham talk to customers at their bake sale booth outside the Wal-Mart SuperCenter Saturday morning. The bake sale, which concluded Saturday afternoon, raised money to benefit the March of Dimes.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Four Chaplains Memorial Service set Tuesday

Herald Staff Report

The West Texas VA Health Care System will be remembering the veterans who died this last year by having a Four Chaplains Memorial Service.

The memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday



Hanslik

at the First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

"It is called the Four Chaplains Memorial Service in honor of the four chaplains who selflessly gave their equip-

ment, their safety, and ultimately their lives, while on the USAT Dorchester during World War II," said Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations coordinator for the VA Medical Center. "While sailing off of Greenland, the Dorchester was torpedoed, sinking quickly. The chap-

lains spread out among the soldiers, calming the frightened, tending the wounded, and guiding the disoriented toward safety. The cold current carried off many empty lifeboats.

"Recognizing this, the chaplains willingly gave up their own lifejackets, thereby en-

suring their own death. As the ship went down, survivors in nearby rafts could see the four chaplains — arms linked and feet braced against the deck — singing, praying and giving strength to others by their final valiant de-

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EBay top bidder: Take our money but keep your stuff

By **DIONNE WALKER**
 Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — It started as a family joke: Facing snowballing medical expenses for their two young disabled children, Gregg and Brittiny Peters quipped they might need to sell everything they owned to stay solvent. As the bills tipped \$10,000, however, the idea was no longer funny.

So on Thursday, the Gainesville, Ga., couple accepted a winning \$20,000 eBay bid for all their belongings minus their house. It came with one catch. The winning bidders, Don-

nia and Keith Blair of Texas, want the family to have the money, but keep their stuff. Seems like the perfect happy ending, but the Peters say the whole idea was to start over, not take a handout.

The decision is out of their hands, the Blairs say. "They've worked really hard to get those things and we're in a position to help them," Donna Blair told The Associated Press Friday. "She can just act like they're my storage facility."

The Peters' lives and finances changed dramatically last April, when their 2-year-old son Noah was diagnosed with autism and

with sensory and gastrointestinal disorders. Then in the summer, doctors diagnosed their 7-year-old daughter Ayla with juvenile arthritis. They also have a 1-year-old son, Eli.

Special treatment for the two older children costs about \$2,000 a month and the Peters are carrying a \$1,400 mortgage on their house in a suburban area about an hour north of Atlanta, said Brittiny Peters, a stay-at-home mom whose husband runs a tennis academy for middle and high school students.

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EDC to OK grant writer agreement

Board will convene at noon Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The board of directors for the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation is expected to put the finishing touches on its part of an inter-local agreement that would bring a grant writer to the Crossroads area during a special meeting

Wegman

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Bulldogs pick up first district win

Herald Staff Report

BALLINGER — Finally, the Coahoma Bulldogs laid claim to a District 7-2A victory.

It might have taken overtime to get it, but the Bulldogs pulled out a win over Ballinger's Bearcats Friday, 72-67.

After one period, though, it looked as if Coahoma was going to drop to 0-5 in 7-2A as Ballinger came out hot and took a 19-8 advantage into the second period.

However, Coahoma had the answer and tied the game at 30 at the end of the first half. Neither squad could get

much separation in the second half and regulation ended tied at 59.

Jovi Paniagua opened the extra frame with a 3-pointer for the Bulldogs and Cody Sheppard took over from there, scoring eight of his 18 points in overtime. This after Sheppard didn't hit the scoresheet at all in the first half.

"When teams scout us, they think Cody is the first thing they need to take away from us," noted Coahoma Head Coach Kim Nichols. "That doesn't always hold true. They did it tonight in the first half and we were able to score from the perimeter. Cody

then stepped up and played in a big way in the second half. He's a big part of what we like to do and he responded when the team needed him."

Braden Griffin scored a game-high 20 points for the Bulldogs, knocking down three treys. Paniagua had 12, while his brother Josh posted 13.

The win couldn't have come at a more opportune time as Coahoma heads into the second half of 7-2A play.

"I'm hoping this win will give us some momentum for the rest of the

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Stanton sweeps Forsan

Boys and girls 7-A standings take unexpected turn

Herald Staff Report

STANTON — When rivals meet, anything can happen.

The Battle of the Buffaloes between Forsan and Stanton hit the hardwood Friday night for both the boys and girls basketball squads, and it was underdog Stanton coming way with the victory in both games.

Forsan's Buffaloes seemed prepped to run away with a District 7-A title this season, but Stanton had other ideas, picking up a 57-50 win.

Stanton scored 38 points in the first half and led 38-21 at the break. The lead proved too much for Forsan to overcome.

"We couldn't come back from that," said Forsan Head Coach Terry McDonald. "We came out a little flat on both the defensive and offensive end, but given Stanton a lot of credit. They played with a lot of emotion and shot the ball well in the first half. I thought we did a good job of cutting a 17-point lead to single digits with a couple of minutes to play. We made a run at the end, but the deficit was too much to overcome."

Stanton was led by Tyler Fulton's game-high 19 points, while Trace Fiddle added 16 and Jacob Cazares chipped in 12.

Jeremy Robbins led Forsan with 16 with Evan Burton contributing 15.

Forsan travels to Iraan for a game at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Stanton will try to keep things going after getting off to a tough start in the non-district part of its schedule, making a trip to McCamey at the same time Tuesday.

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Steers falter

Frenship rallies late to knock off Big Spring

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — The Big Spring Steers saw an opportunity to claim the top spot in District 4-4A fall to the wayside Friday night at the Frenship High School's Tiger Pit in Wolfforth.

Instead, the Frenship Tigers rallied to 4-0 in 4-4A with a 57-51 win over the Steers.

It was one that simply slipped away from Big Spring.

The Steers led 48-43 heading into the final stanza and Jerrell Williams scored the first three points of the fourth period to give the Steers a 51-43 advantage with 6:25 to play.

The Steers wouldn't score again. After seemingly sinking every shot they put in the air, the Steers went ice cold from the floor and struggled to get to the foul line as they continued to put up jump shot after jump shot.

"We just went cold. We were settling for too quick of a shot," said Big Spring Head Coach Marcus Morris. "We need to be more patient and wait for a better look at the basket or drive the lane to try and draw a foul."

Meanwhile, Frenship began its run, scoring the final 14 points of the contest. The Tigers

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Matt Ritchey (42) goes up for two points while teammate Sidney Park (44) looks on in action from Tuesday at Steer Gym. The Steers fell to Frenship, 57-51, Friday night in Wolfforth after leading for the better part of three periods.



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Valerie Ross (left) looks to pass the ball inside in action from earlier this season in Andrews. The Lady Steers fell to 0-6 in District 4-4A play Friday night, losing to Frenship, 68-29.

Lady Tigers rout Big Spring, 68-29

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

WOLFFORTH — Frenship's Lady Tigers served notice to the Big Spring Lady Steers Friday night at the Tiger Pit in Wolfforth.

District 4-4A's top ranked squad let the Lady Steers know they still have a long way to go to be in the same league as Frenship on the hardwood as the Lady Tigers routed Big Spring, 68-29.

The game started much like the first meeting between the two squads did earlier this month, with Frenship jumping out to a quick 21-2 lead.

However, the Lady Tigers weren't crisp and careful with the ball on the offensive end and the Lady Steers took advantage of some turnovers to finish the first period with a 5-0 run.

Frenship also backed off and stopped pressing after gaining a 19-point advantage. This allowed the Lady Steers to move into a half court offense. The presence

of Cerbi Ritchey and Lauren Porras down low propelled the Lady Steers to cut the deficit to 11, 25-14, with less than five minutes to play in the second half.

After a time out, the Lady Tigers put back on their press and Big Spring once again found it difficult to break. With Frenship using the high-pressure defense, the Lady Steers scored just four more points in the second period and were held to one point in the third, leaving no doubt in the outcome.

Big Spring was led by Porras, who was playing in her first district game of the season, as she used to her size to her advantage to score 11 points.

Ritchey complimented her with eight.

Frenship got 14 from Krista Ford and 11 from Tasheena Moore.

The Lady Tigers remain undefeated in 4-4A, while the Lady Steers stay winless.

However, Big Spring remains

in contention for a playoff spot, but needs to pull out victories over Lake View at Steer Gym Tuesday and then at Abilene Cooper Friday to clinch an outright spot.

Tipoff for both games is set for 6 p.m.

	Frenship Lady Tigers 68,	Big Spring Lady Steers 29
Big Spring	7	11
Frenship	21	19

Big Spring (6-18, 0-6): Linzee Yarbar 1 1-1 3, Valerie Ross 1 3-4 5, Cerbi Ritchey 3 2-2 8, Lauren Porras 5 1-2 11, Bridgette Tuit 1 0-0 2. Totals 11 7-9 29.

Frenship (23-5, 5-0): Tasheena Moore 4 2-2 11, Nicole Murdock 2 2-2 6, Lindsey Palmer 1 0-0 2, Kailey Moorehead 1 0-0 2, Lizzett Palmer 3 1-2 7, Maci McCabe 1 1-2 3, Kelsie Porter 2 0-0 4, Akura Thomas 2 1-2 5, Krista Ford 6 1-2 14, Nana Atkins 4 4-5 12, Meagan Chambers 1 0-0 2. Totals 26 12-17 68.

3-point goals: BS 0, FS 2 (Ford, Moore). Total fouls: BS 12, FS 14. Fouled out: None.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing sports@bigspringherald.com.

Sports in brief

Free junior tennis league starts Feb. 9

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen is starting a free Junior Tennis League Feb. 9 at the Figure Seven Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The league is for boys and girls 8-12 years old or in grades four through six.

It will be held every Monday, beginning Feb. 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Just bring a racket or one will be provided.

At 5:15 each Monday before the league starts, Olesen will accept challengers who believe they can throw a football further than he can. Anyone able to do so will win a free 30 minute tennis lesson.

For more information, visit www.bigspringtennis.com.

Coahoma softball alumni needed for annual game

The 7th Annual Coahoma Softball Alumni Game has been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, and will be played at the Coahoma High School field.

Any former player interested in participating should call Amy Dunn at 263-2228 or 394-4323.

Getting to the HEART of the matter

Women's Heart Health Month is in February. The American Heart Association and other agencies are leading the fight heart disease in women.

Special to the Herald

The mission statement of the American Heart Association is "building healthier lives, free of cardiovascular diseases and stroke." It is a strong, positive, action-oriented message.

Here in West Texas, the local affiliate of the American Heart Association works in many ways to help build healthier lives, improve and save lives.

Helping to implement these programs and provide organizational leadership is the new Corporate Market Director, Pam Hughes. Pam joined the association in November and is passionate about work that focuses on health and hearts.

Her 10 years experience in pharmaceutical sales and sales management, especially in the area of cardiovascular diseases and therapies, allows her to continue working with members of the medical communities in coordinating programs, providing patient education materials & resources, and encouraging financial support used for research, education, and numerous other programs.

She and her husband, Mike, have lived in this area for almost thirty years, and West Texas is definitely home for them. They now reside in Midland, but also enjoyed about eight years of rural living on a ranch near Garden City. Their daughter, Brecklyn, graduated from Garden City High School and from Texas Tech last May.

Pam is excited about working for the American Heart Association and the opportunity to help West Texans build healthier lives. She especially enjoys working with the volunteers who play a vital role in the success of the organization by providing support for the cause in numerous ways.

Some of the programs developed and supported by the AHA include:

- Get with the Guidelines – a hospital-based quality improvement program which focuses on health care in hospitals and doctors' offices by creating best practices for treating heart disease and stroke. Over 1400 hospitals, including several here in West Texas, have implemented the Get with the Guidelines modules.

- Mission: Lifeline – a relatively new program created by the AHA as a response to gaps in the

NATIONAL WEAR RED DAY FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2009

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among women in America. It kills 1 in every 4 women. By comparison, 1 in 30 women die of breast cancer. You can prevent or control heart disease by making lifestyle changes.



How to Prevent Heart Disease:

- Quit tobacco use
- Increase physical activity
- Aim for a healthy weight
- Eat for health
- Control high blood pressure
- Control high blood cholesterol
- Control diabetes

Heart disease can lead to heart attacks in both men and women. But women are less likely to seek help because their symptoms are different.

Warning Signs of a heart attack in women include:

- Chest discomfort
- Discomfort in one or both arms, neck, shoulder, jaw, back, or stomach
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea, vomiting
- Cold sweats, fatigue, lightheadedness
- Anxiety



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*If you think you or someone else may be having a heart attack, get help
Call 9-1-1 immediately!*

Talk with your health care provider about your questions and concerns.



system of care to patients who have a type of heart attack known as STEMI, in which blood flow is completely blocked to a portion of the heart. The mission requires help from both health care professionals, institutions, as well as governmental entities.

- CPR Training – The AHA pioneered CPR development and training, instructing literally millions of people in CPR and emergency cardiovascular care (ECC); a new ECC Instructor



Network portal was launched to better serve the 280,000 instructors in 3500 training centers, and the training is available in 17 languages with materials distributed in more than 80 countries.

- AEDs – use of and training for life-saving Automated External Defibrillators in numerous locations.

The commitment to research is outstanding. In fact, the American Heart Association dedicates more monies to research than any other voluntary health organization. Only the federal government funds more cardiovascular research. The AHA has funded research in the careers of eight Nobel Prize winners and has invested more than \$2.9 billion in research since 1949 with over \$1 billion in the past ten years alone.

West Texans have giving hearts that help support numerous causes such as the American Heart Association. The organization is espe-

cially grateful for efforts to raise money to fight heart disease. Numerous galas and parties, heart walks, jump rope and hoops for hearts in schools, and other fund-raising programs are held to do just that. Here in West Texas, the 2009 calendar of upcoming events includes:

- Friday, Feb. 6 – National "Wear Red" Day
- Thursday, Feb. 19 – Go Red For Women Luncheon in Big Spring sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Saturday, Feb. 21 – Heart Gala, Big Spring Country Club, sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Saturday, March 28 – Heart of Two Cities Gala, Midland/Odessa, at the CAF Hangar and co-sponsored by Midland Memorial Hospital, Midland and Medical Center Hospital, Odessa
- Tuesday, May 5 – Go Red For Women Luncheon in Odessa at MCM Grande Hotel and presented by Medical Center Hospital and Freedom Pontiac

Go Red For Women is the American Heart Association's focus on helping save women's lives. With one out of three women still dying from heart disease, we will continue to fight this No. 1 killer by helping women turn simple choices into life-saving actions and living longer, stronger lives.

Additional programs in West Texas are being planned.

By choosing to sponsor any of these events, attend an event, or donate to the American Heart Association, you are making a difference in the fight against heart disease.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity, obtain additional information, or give financially to the cause, please contact the Director, Pam Hughes, via email at pamela.hughes@heart.org or by phone at 432-640-5090 (main) or 432-634-3151 (cell).

Extensive information concerning the American Heart Association can also be found at its website: americanheart.org.

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Obituaries



Nonia Pearl Hunter

HAMLIN — Nonia Pearl Hunter, 59, passed away Thursday, Jan. 29, 2009, in Abilene. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2009, at the Hamlin Church of Christ. Burial will be in Hamlin Memorial Cemetery, directed by Adams Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday,

Feb., 1, 2009, at Adams Funeral Home Chapel.

Born Feb. 22, 1949, in Stamford, Pearl was the daughter of Armstead and Arthelia (Williams) McGee. She married Willie Hunter in Anson in 1966. Pearl worked for the Hamlin Independent School District, was a certified nurses assistant and worked for the Holiday Lodge and Abilene State School before her retirement. She was a member of the Eastside Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two infant daughters and one brother, Thomas J. Fry.

Survivors include her husband, Willie Hunter of Hamlin; one son, Tommy Hunter of Hamlin; three daughters, Jackie Bradsher (and husband Mark) of England, Sharon Hunter and Roshun Hunter, both of Hamlin; one brother, Ray Carl McGee of El Paso; four sisters, Neomia Rice of Abilene, Gloria Cork (and husband, James) of Midland, Martha McGee of Hamlin, and Katherine McGee of Big Spring; and a special sister-niece, Renea Ervine (and husband, James) of Abilene; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

Lynn L. (Bill) Howard

Lynn L. (Bill) Howard, 92, of Big Spring died Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009, in his home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take Note

- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

- West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

- 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.

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is 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.

- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- ERNEST CLARK**, 68, no address given, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT** was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87, the 400 block of Lancaster and the 1700 block of Muleshoe.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th.
- FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMATION** was reported in the 800 block of Douglas.
- THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa and the 1200 block of 11th.01

Support Groups

TUESDAY

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

- The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

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

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

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




- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

- The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Your Local Weather

Sun 2/1	Mon 2/2	Tue 2/3
 60/31 Mainly sunny. High around 60F. W winds shifting to N at 10 to 20 mph.	 56/30 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	 68/32 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 30s.
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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 weigh-in at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad. 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.

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.

Lottery

Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 13-16-19-53-55; Mega Ball: 2.

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Serena claims 10th grand slam title

By JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer
MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Serena Williams always selects a special outfit to bring to Australia for a victory celebration. Every second year, she gets to wear it.

Williams' 6-0, 6-3 rout of Dinara Safina on Saturday earned her a 10th Grand Slam title, a fourth Australian title — coming each odd-numbered year since 2003 — and the No. 1 ranking.

"I actually forgot until the end when I was saying hi to my box. They're like, 'Hey, you're No. 1.' I was like, 'Oh, yeah,'" she said.

Not that a number means everything.

"I always believe I'm the best, whether I'm No. 1 or 100," she said. "Just having that extra bonus is pretty cool."

Williams set aside a stylish black top to wear for the big occasion this time. In between the match, doping tests and media commitments, she changed into it.

"I always bring an outfit for the championships," she said. "I always try to think positive, and I think it helps me be able to win."

Williams was so dominant that Safina, a 22-year-old Russian playing in her second major final, didn't feel worthy of being on the same

court.

"It was first time for me to play not only for the Grand Slam, but also for No. 1 spot," said Safina, the 2008 French Open runner-up. "I never been through this situation, and she was already."

"Serena was too good ... I was just a ballboy on the court today," added Safina, apologizing to the Rod Laver Arena crowd after the 59-minute match.

After Melbourne's hottest three-day heat wave on record, conditions were a relatively mild 79 degrees for the tournament's first women's final at night.

Safina had been hoping to emulate two feats her brother, Marat Safin, achieved. He won the 2005 Australian Open — the day after Serena won her second title here — and held the No. 1 ranking.

"She played exactly the way she had to play and she was much more aggressive and



AP photo/Rick Stevens

Serena Williams celebrates after beating Russia's Dinara Safina during the women's singles final match at the Australian Open Tennis Championship in Melbourne, Australia, Saturday.

she just was taking time out of me," Safina said.

"She didn't give me a chance."

Williams' win at the U.S. Open in September gave her the No. 1 ranking for the fol-

lowing four weeks, her first stint at the top since a 57-week stretch from July 2002.

She started this year at No. 2 and slowly worked her way through the tournament. She was struggling with her serve at times and had to fend off Svetlana Kuznetsova in the quarterfinals when the Russian was serving for the match.

"I was playing lazy tennis in the beginning and I was doubting myself," she said. "I'll thank my mom for hanging in there this week. The first week was tough, but we got through it."

She lifted herself in the semis to snap Olympic champion Elena Dementieva's 15-match winning streak and was overpowering from the first game of the final, losing only eight points and winning 18 of the last 20 in the 22-minute first set.

Williams finished with 23

winners and just seven unforced errors, winning more than twice as many points as Safina.

In '07, when Williams was ranked No. 81, she beat six seeded players en route to the final, where she beat top-ranked Maria Sharapova 6-1, 6-2.

In her two earlier runs to the Australian title, she'd had to save at least two match points in the semifinals. This was more straightforward.

"It was definitely one of my most dominant performances, especially considering it was a final," Williams said. "I was able to just lift the level of my game."

The first set was only the third 6-0 scoreline in the Australian Open final in 47 years. On the court after the match, Williams commended Safina for never giving up and being a good advertisement for women's tennis.

In a news conference later, she was asked if fans should be surprised or worried about a 6-0 set in a final.

"Uhm, hmm. I don't know ... You should never be surprised by anything that I do."

Williams win here gave her back-to-back majors for the first time since winning the Australian title in 2003 to

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COAHOMA

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district season," said Nichols. "We've got to make a run at the play-offs and we can't afford to be dropping any games."

Coahoma hosts Colorado City at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, which knocked off the Bulldogs in the first game of the district season in January.

Coahoma 8 22 15 14 13—72

Ballinger 19 11 16 13 8—67
Coahoma (19-8, 1-4): Josh Paniagua 13, Braden Griffin 20, Lane Douglass 7, Jovi Paniagua 12, Cody Sheppard 18.

Ballinger: Kalina 15, Lopez 2, Lenge 2, Niehues 6, Travis 8, Eagan 19, Purser 9, Moffett 6.
Free Throws: Coahoma 15-23,

Ballinger 6-14. 3-point goals: Coahoma 5 (Josh Paniagua 1, Griffin 3, Jovi Paniagua 1), Ballinger 5 (Kavina 3, Niehues 1, Purser 1). Total fouls: Coahoma 16, Ballinger 20. Foul Out: Kavina, Lopez.

Ballinger 70, Bulldogettes 39

The battle for girls basketball playoff spots out of District 7-2A will now officially wage on

without the Coahoma Bulldogettes as they have been eliminated from contention following a 70-39 loss to Ballinger's Lady Bearcats.

The Lady 'Cats opened the game with a 17-6 lead after the first period and extended to 33-14 by halftime. They coasted to the win from there.

Kalea Neff was a sharpshooter for the Bulldogettes, scoring all nine of her team-high points from behind the arch. Berkley Iden also hit for nine points.

Coahoma plays host to Colorado City at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Bulldogettes' only victory of the district season came against the Lady Wolves.

Coahoma 6 8 11 14—39

Ballinger 17 16 23 14—70

Coahoma (8-15, 1-6): Berkley Iden 9, Kalea Neff 9, Kylie Gee 6, Mackenzie Stone 5, Alex Moore 4, Jordan Martin 2, Hilari White 2, Gonzales 2.

Ballinger (22-7, 4-3): Michalewicz 21, Halfmann 18, Matschek 8, Hite 8, Kalina 7, Delgado 4, Zentner 4.

Free throws: Coa 7-15, Bal 18-28. 3-point goals: Coa 4 (Neff 3, Stone); Bal 6 (Halfmann 3, Hite 2, Michalewicz).

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FORSAN

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Forsan 12 9 12 17—50

Stanton 20 18 9 10—57

Forsan (19-3, 2-1): Jeremy Freitag 3, Jeremy Robbins 16, Tristian Clay 4, Evan Burton 15, Alex Huckabee 6, Nathan Atkinson 6.

Stanton (7-14, 2-1): Tyler Fulton 19, Trace Fidle 16, Jacob Cazares 12, Nathan Koonce 3, Thomas Ramos 7.

Free Throws: Forsan 7-9, Stanton 10-22. 3-point goals: Forsan 3 (Freitag 1, Robbins 2), Stanton 7 (Fulton 1, Fidle 3, Koonce 1, Ramos 2). Total Fouls: Forsan 18, Stanton 12. Foul out: None.

Battle of the Lady Buffs Stanton 52, Forsan 40

Control of District 7-A took an unexpected turn Friday as the Stanton Lady Buffs knocked off rival Forsan, 52-40.

Stanton did a nice job of playing defense against the district's leading scorer Amanda Longorio, holding her to 11 points — well below her season average.

Meanwhile, Forsan couldn't stop Stanton's Rachel Fleckenstein, who lit up the scoreboard for 24 points. Kesley Jones added 18.

Faith Belew led Forsan with 13.

Forsan travels to Iraan at 6:30 p.m. Friday, while Stanton makes a trip to McCamey at the same date and time.

Forsan 9 8 5 18—40

Stanton 10 13 9 20—52

Forsan (19-7, 2-1): Faith Belew 13, Amanda Longorio 11, Tori Gauer 8, Miranda Park 3, Kelsey Jones 3.

Stanton (13-13, 2-1): Rachel Fleckenstein 24, Kesley Jones 18, Tiffany Saucedo 6, Krista Sanchez 4.

Free throws: Forsan 5-7, Stanton 14-18. 3-point goals: Forsan 3 (Belew 2, Jones), Stanton 2 (Saucedo, Fleckenstein). Total fouls: Forsan 17, Stanton 9. Fouled out: Belew, Jones.

▶ Menus

Forsan ISD
Monday
 Breakfast
 cheese omelet, toast, juice, milk.
 Lunch
 meat & bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce & tomatos, Rosie applesauce, milk.
Tuesday
 Breakfast
 French toast, sausage, juice, milk.
 Lunch
 pigs in blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk.
Wednesday
 breakfast pockets, juice, milk.
 Lunch
 chicken fajitas, refried beans, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cups, milk.
Thursday
 Breakfast
 donuts, applesauce, milk.
 Lunch
 submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, baby carrots, ranch, brownies, milk.
Friday
 Breakfast
 cereal, yougert, juice, milk.
 Lunch
 chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake, milk.

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Britney Denea Camp and Nicholas Dewain Reagan to be wed Feb. 28, 2009, First Baptist Church, Abilene

Camp and Reagan

Mr. and Mrs. William Tommy Camp of Abilene announce the engagement of their daughter Britney Denea Camp to Nicholas "Nick" Dewain Reagan, son of Gary and Rhonda Maltsberger of Midland and Danny and Candy Reagan of Abilene.

Nick is the grandson of Bill and Lu Norris of Big Spring.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Cooper High School and attended both Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and South Plains College, Lubbock. She is employed with Lucile's Flowers & Gifts of Abilene.

The future groom is a 2001 graduate of Wylie High School and attended Cisco Junior College, Abilene. He is employed by the city of Abilene.

They plan to wed Feb. 28, 2009, at First Baptist Church in Abilene.

Lavender lends Valentine's Day wreath a European feel

By CLARE MIERS

McClatchy Newspapers

Valentine's Day is a great winter-blues chaser. It's not quite time to welcome spring, but it's a colorful time to celebrate love and relationships of all kinds. Declare your love with this sweet idea for a double-hearted wreath.

Germain in Dallas, told me once that in Europe, red and white for Valentine's Day is not as popular as it is in the United States. She said that in Paris, we can find shades of lavender with a touch of black and other romantic combinations. Using one of Heymann's favorite color schemes as an inspiration for a Valentine's Day wreath project, I collected some

THE INSPIRATION

Claire Heymann, owner of Hotel St.

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▶ Who's Who

Munsell named to SFA honor roll

NACADOCHES — Stacey Michelle Munsell, interdisciplinary studies major from Big Spring, has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Stephen F. Austin University for the fall semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must be enrolled for 12 or more semester hours and maintain a grade point average of 4.0.

Rose graduates from Angelo State

Travis L. Rose graduated Dec. 13, 2008, from Angelo State University with a bachelor's degree in animal science.

A former Forsan High School student, he transferred his senior year and graduated Brackettville High School in Brackettville.

He is now employed by Cargill Meat Solutions in Friona. Travis is the son of Rolland and Lisa Rose of Big Spring.



Area students named to ASU dean's list

SAN ANGELO — Several Big Spring area natives were named to the Angelo State University Dean's List for the fall 2008 semester, university officials announced.

To be eligible for the dean's list, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average.

Honorees are Sarah N. Bartlett; Samantha N. Boehringer, Eric S. Canada, Becky L. Cheyne, Patrick W. Croft, Laura K. Fitzgibbons, Emily D. Gully, Taylor W. Haile, Christina Hernandez, Krystal L. Hughes, Whitney A. Kellermeier, Sloan W. Kelly, Porscha L. Knowlton, Bradan W. Ritchey, Raegan M. Ritchey, Anthony C. Rodriguez, Kayla B. Spence, Laci M. Sterling, Aarika N. Thixton and Samuel K. Tindol.

WTAMU honors Big Spring duo

Two students from Big Spring were among the 1,100 students named to the academic honor rolls at West Texas A&M University.

Amanda F Moreno, who also received her bachelor of arts degree in mass communications on Dec. 13 during fall commencement exercises, and Crystal A. Ward, a sophomore majoring in music, were named to the Dean's List, which required them to have a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 on the 4.0-point scale and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

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JAIL

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bid packages we got back," said Barr. "Monday's meeting should cover those bids, and we should be able to finish up this part of the jail construction."

Barr said construction on the \$11.57 million facility is moving along smoothly despite recent rain and ice in the Crossroads area.

"The project is in the dry now, which means all the work on the facility is being done indoors," said Barr. "So weather really isn't a factor when it comes to the building from here until it's completed. The contractor is telling us the jail will most likely be done by the end of February, give or take a week. So we're looking at having it completed the first part of March."

The 96-bed jail, which was approved by voters in 2006, will replace the current facility located in the Howard County Courthouse.

Barr said the early completion date — the original completion date for the facility was April — should have jail officials and inmates ready to move in sometime in March.

Monday's meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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Menus

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Breakfast: Bagels with cream cheese, fruit juice, milk.
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Tuesday
Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuits, pears, milk.
Lunch: Beef taco pie, broccoli, mandarin oranges, cornbread, salsa, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Pizza, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Meatballs, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, milk.

Thursday
Breakfast: Cereal, applesauce, milk.
Lunch: Pork rib, barbecue sauce, baked potato, strawberries, sugar cookie, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Honey bun, fruit juice, milk.
Lunch: Sausage pizza, corn cob, apricots, milk.

Coahoma ISD
Dry cereal and toast daily

Monday
Breakfast: French toast, sausage, syrup, juice, milok.
Lunch: Chicken patty, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, pears, bread, milk.

Tuesday
Breakfast: Waffles, sausage, syrup, juice, milk.
Lunch: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, sausage on a stock, juice, milk.
Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwiches, corn, pickle spears, apples, milk, corn dogs.

Thursday
Breakfast: Pancake sausage on a stick, juice, milk.
Lunch: Chicken fried steak, gravy, sliced carrots, mashed potatoes, rolls, peach cups, milk.

Friday
Breakfast: Biscuits, jelly, gravy, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch: Pizza, baked beans, carrots, ranch dressing, orange smiles, milk.

EDC

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Monday.

The plan currently being considered by local agencies, according to officials, would call for the Big Spring ISD, Howard College, Howard County, the city of Big Spring and the Big Spring EDC to donate \$20,000, and Coahoma ISD and Forsan ISD will donate \$10,000 each.

The funds would be used to hire a grant writer, who would serve all of the participating agencies, including the cities of Coahoma and Forsan, which are not being asked to chip in for the program because of budgetary constraints, according to County Judge Mark Barr.

According to Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring EDC, the board gave the plan a preliminary nod during its last meeting, but reserved final approval — which it's expected to give Monday

— until the contract was in-hand.

"The board liked what it saw, but wanted to wait until it could review the actual contract before giving it final approval," said Wegman. "The contract gives the agreement some structure we need to make it all work."

The grant writer — believed to be Stacy Payne, regional planner for the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, according to Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen — would serve all of the agencies, but officials have already expressed a severe need for grants to fund vocational training in Howard County, an area being sorely neglected.

"I know one of the things we're really looking for, and benefits us all, would be the development of some type of vocational training in our high schools — all three high schools, as well as Howard College," said McEwen. "Believe it or not, there is no vo-

— until the contract was in-hand. cational training in the city of Big Spring right now, at any level whatsoever. There are a lot of kids who are dropping out of high school and not progressing because we don't offer avenues other than core curriculum type situations."

And while Big Spring EDC obviously plans to focus on growing business in Howard County, Wegman said vocational courses could have a pronounced impact on more than just the local drop out rate.

"You have to remember, all of it's connected. What helps one agency in Howard County eventually helps them all," said Wegman. "From our standpoint, workforce development is critical when you're trying to create jobs for both existing industry and prospective industry."

"Most businesses will tell you about 25 percent of their workforce is made up of employees with a bachelor's degree. That leaves 75

percent of their workforce to fill. The way the system is set up now, the kids that aren't going to college are being neglected."

Barr said the grant writer would work for the agencies through the Workforce Solutions Permian Basin, but would be dedicated to the agencies that are funding the endeavor.

"There are a lot of grants for education," said Barr. "The education system in Texas is aimed at kids who are going to be going to college. As we all know, not everyone goes to college. There are things out there that people who don't go to college can do very successfully. One of the things the grant writer would be looking at is developing a program for these drop outs to learn a trade, like electricity and welding, or plumbing. We would work in conjunction with Howard College on this."

"The grant writer would be working for

the Workforce (Network). They would have their office here in Big Spring and would exclusively be working for Howard County entities. We (the entities) would pay for her salary and for the office."

The meeting is expected to begin at noon in the Chamber of Commerce Board Room, located at 215 W. Third St.

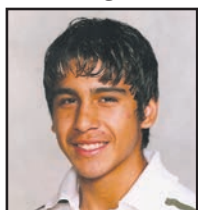
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BID

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They soon began keeping a list of what they could give away — a jogging stroller here, a dining table there.

"Then it kind of hit us both, let's just sell it all," she said, explaining the couple figured "we will buy these things again some day."

They listed approximately \$40,000 worth of items on the popular online auction, from DVDs and leather coats, to the king-sized bed where the family had Saturday morning pillow fights, according to a Web site set up by well-wishers trying to help the couple.

The Peters spent Friday morning trying to persuade the Fort

Worth family to accept their belongings, which include a 2000 Chevrolet Tahoe. They even tried to retract the couple's bid.

"They are apparently not willing to take our stuff," Brittny Peters said. "They're purchasing them to give them back to us."

The Peters said they will accept the money from the Blairs, but want to pass along the kindness to others. They are considering making donations, including giving away their SUV.

They are also trying to figure out what to do with money raised on the Web site, www.everythingweown.org. They didn't ask for the money and their efforts to return donations have upset some people, Brittny Peters said.

The Peters are perfectly willing to stick by the bargain. But the Blairs — who wouldn't give details on how they can afford to give away \$20,000 — won't budge.

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Dynasty vs. doormat

Surprising Cards fight for 1st title, while Steelers shoot for 6th

By **BARRY WILNER**

AP Football Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Dynasty vs. doormat.

The Pittsburgh Steelers have signified success in the Super Bowl era with their stable ownership, brilliant coaching and throwback style. A victory Sunday will give them a record sixth Super Bowl title, and they are 6½-point favorites to get it against the Arizona Cardinals.

Yes, those Cardinals — a franchise that has defined dysfunction since the 1950s.

If it's easy to believe the Steelers are back in the big game three years after winning one for the thumb against Seattle, it's just as difficult — nearly impossible, actually — to believe the Cardinals are providing the opposition. This is a classic yin and yang setup: the defensively miserly AFC champs against the offensively potent NFC winners. The team with the proud history against the club with the forgettable past.

As if any of that matters now.

"Legacies are something you kind of worry about after the season," Steelers All-Pro safety Troy Polamalu said.

When that season ends Sunday night, the Steelers will be judged by a commitment to excellence — sorry, Al Davis — established by the Steel Curtain teams of Chuck Noll in the 1970s and carried on through the Bill Cowher years. It is not something they can ignore, even if their coach, Mike Tomlin, has been on the job only two years and has few ties to



Noll or Cowher.

Indeed, when they look around Raymond James Stadium and see all those fans waving Terrible Towels, the players will readily accept that extra burden every Steeler has carried for decades.

"Well, there are really a lot of reasons. Success has had something to do with it," Steelers owner Dan Rooney said. "The fact that they have had difficult times ... in Pittsburgh and we sort of filled the void — they could have something for their pride."

The Steelers could have something for the ring finger on the other hand after filling up five fingers following the 1974, '75, '78, '79 and 2005 seasons.

They currently are tied with Dallas and San Francisco at five Super Bowl titles, but unlike the Cowboys and 49ers of late, the Steelers (14-4) have been regulars in the postseason.

Which is something the Cardinals could only have dreamed of. Since moving to Arizona in 1988, they've had two winning seasons. In 1997, they were a wild-card qualifier and beat Dallas in the playoffs, which merely was the franchise's second postseason victory. Ever.

The other came in the 1947 NFL championship game, and the Cardinals didn't even host a playoff contest again until last month's wild-card win over Atlanta.

They followed with victories over

Carolina and Philadelphia, all as underdogs, to surpass their all-time postseason victory total — and shockingly get into the Super Bowl.

A wonderful story, with only one acceptable ending for the Cardinals (12-7).

"Nobody remembers the Super Bowl loser," defensive tackle Darnell Dockett said. "I don't believe in losing."

"We are definitely the underdogs. We all play with the underdog mentality. Once we got in the playoffs and we realized we were going to be the underdogs no matter what or who we played, we thought we would shock the world."

"One more step."

But any steps forward against Pittsburgh's league-leading defense come with a price. The Steelers allowed the fewest points (223) and ranked first in nearly every defensive category, led by Defensive Player of the Year James Harrison and James Farrior at linebacker, Polamalu in the secondary, and the brilliant coordinating of Dick LeBeau. When Tomlin, steeped in the 4-3 defensive alignment, was hired, he wisely didn't toy with Pittsburgh's 3-4 setup, and he gave LeBeau all kinds of leeway.

The result is a unit as fearsome as any previous Steel Curtain, even if LeBeau downplays the dominance.

"We try to level the field a little bit for your guys, that's all," he said. "We're always going to be a stimulus-response type of situation, but

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STEERS

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finally overtook the Steers at the 3:06 mark as Scott McInnes converted a three-point play, giving Frenship a 52-51 lead.

The slim margin held until the final minute of the game, when Frenship made three free throws to finally put the game out of reach and McInnes dunked the ball on a breakaway following a Big Spring turnover to put an exclamation point on the victory.

McInnes finished with 13 points, but he wasn't the catalyst for Frenship. The Tigers got 26 points from point guard Jordan Merchant, who sank four threes in the first half and five for the game. Merchant's fifth three initiated the 14-0 run by Frenship to end the contest.

The Steers were led by Williams and Tyrone Clemons, who each shot lights out for three periods to score 18 points apiece.

However, neither could get a shot to fall in the pivotal fourth period.

The Steers fall to 2-2 in District 4-4A play and are now feeling the pressure of fighting for a playoff spot again after opening the league schedule with two wins over Lake View and Abilene Cooper.

The Steers host Lake View at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Big Spring and Lake View played even with each other for the better part of three periods the first time they met, but the Steers rallied late for the win.

"I feel confident about this team still," said Morris. "We could easily be 4-0 right now. We could also easily be 0-4, too. We were playing to beat Frenship and the team really put forth a great effort. Chances are we're going to be in another

close game in the second half of district play. I think we're in a pretty good position right now."

Big Spring 13 19 16 3-51

Frenship 13 15 15 14-57

Big Spring (9-15, 2-2): Darius McCalister 0 3-4 3, Jerrell Williams 7 3-5 18, Tyrone Clemons 8 1-3 18, Josh Harris 0 1-2 1, Xavian Parnell

1 1-2 3, Matt Ritchey 4 0-0 8, Sidney Parker 0 0-2 0. Totals 20 9-18 51.

Frenship (19-8, 4-0): Tyler Pool 3 3-5 9, Scooter Williams 1 0-0 3, Lance Ratliff 0 1-2 1, Scott McInnes 6 1-3 13, Jordan Merchant 7 7-9 26, Jade Hughes 0 1-2 1, Zack Kittley 2 0-2 4. Totals 19 13-23 57.

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Births

Chase and Casie Bennett of Snyder announce the birth of their daughter Brailee Chaise Bennett, born at 12:18 p.m. Oct. 22, 2008, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long.



Brailee Chaise Bennett

She is the granddaughter of Donald and Delinda Reid of Coahoma and Rolland and Lisa Rose of Big Spring.

Brailee was welcomed home by big brother Kyler Tayden Bennett.



Megan Olivia Bronaugh

Mat and Misty Bronaugh of Bertram announce the arrival of their daughter, Megan Olivia Bronaugh at 12:38 p.m. Dec. 5, 2008, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She is the granddaughter of Jr. and Kim Savell of Betram, Joe and Sharon Adams of Big Spring and Chuck and Ronda Bronaugh of Big Spring. She is the great-granddaughter of Marva and Preston Daniels of Big Spring, Nell Clark of Big Spring, Fern Bronaugh of Big Spring and Laverne Lockhart of Lindale.

Megan was welcomed home by big sisters Elizabeth and Katie.

WREATH

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lavender-y purple berry sprigs, fresh lavender and some natural grapevine forms to make something very special this year.

THE MATERIALS

Two heart-shaped wreaths from a craft store (I bought mine at Michaels for less than \$5 each)

Twiggy-looking craft wire (Michaels, less than \$3 for a large roll)

Purple and crystal-looking berry sprigs (\$1.99 each from craft store)

Gold-tone heart-shaped orna-

ment (craft store)

Bundle of dried lavender (available in most craft stores)

THE CONSTRUCTION

I arranged the two woody heart wreaths together in a layered pattern and bonded them with the woody-looking wire, twisting it on the back.

Then I inserted the ready-made purple and crystal berry sprigs onto the face of the grapevine hearts, keeping to the lower quadrants of the heart shapes, berries pointed upward.

I placed each lavender stem into areas with the berry picks to create a nice mix of artificial decor and natural botanicals. (The dried lavender makes the wreath smell wonderful.) I attached the



heart-shaped ornament into the arrangement using craft wire.

To dress your wreath more, consider using more dried flowers or charms. I inserted a few tiny dried white roses and more lavender to cover where I installed the heart ornament. For charms, think of adding some old heart-shaped costume jewelry or look around for wooden hearts that are often hanging from garland sold at craft stores.

I added a loop of wire to the back so that the wreath would hang easily, and the project was complete.

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Military

Army Pvt. Joshua A. Barboza has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning in Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training.

During the nine weeks of basic combat training, Barboza received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons employment, map reading, tactics, military justice, physical fitness, first aid skills and Army history, core values and traditions. Additional training included development of basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced use of various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

The Advanced Individual Training course is designed to train infan-

try soldiers to perform reconnaissance operations; employ, fire and recover anti-personnel and anti-tank mines; locate and neutralize land mines and operate target and sight equipment; operate and maintain communications equipment and radio networks; construct field firing aids for infantry weapons; and perform infantry combat exercises and dismantled battle drills, which includes survival procedures in a nuclear, biological or chemical contaminated area.

The private is the son of Ector Barboza of Stanton and graduated from Stanton High School in 2008.

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OUR VIEWS

Don't forget to get those tax bills paid

A word to the wise is sufficient — at least that's the way the adage goes. Well, for right now the “word” is that it's time to pay your property taxes, if you haven't done so already.

Time is running out for area residents who haven't paid their 2008 property taxes, and that means that starting this week, penalties and interest begin accruing.

Monday is the last day for area taxpayers to pay their bills before they go delinquent — a one-day reprieve since the actual deadline would have been today.

“Once the taxes go delinquent Feb. 3, the penalties and interest start at 7 percent and increase each month,” said Howard County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles. “As of July 1, penalty and interest grows to 18 percent, with an additional penalty tacked on for attorney fees.”

Sayles said area residents who aren't sure how much they owe can get that information over the phone or in person at the tax office.

“Some individuals don't get their statement for whatever reason,” said Sayles. “We can pull up their name on the system and tell them the amount that's due. So if you haven't received a statement, call us or come by the office. Some people, because of their homestead exemptions, have no taxes, so we don't send them a notice. However, if they just want to make sure everything is OK, all they have to do is call.

“They can reference their check with an account number that we can give them so they can get their payment in the mail. Once that's done, we mail them back a receipt for their payment.”

For taxpayers over the age of 65 or currently on disability, there is an installment plan that can help them avoid penalties and interest, which can quickly add up.

Here's the tax penalty and interest schedules: After Monday, 6 percent penalty and 1 percent interest; after Feb. 28, 7 percent penalty and 2 percent interest; after March 31, 8 percent penalty and 3 percent interest; after April 30, 9 percent penalty and 4 percent interest; after May 31, 10 percent penalty and 5 percent interest; and after June 30, 12 percent penalty and 6 percent interest, including an additional 20 percent attorney fee.

And remember, Sayles said her office goes by the postmark on the envelope. So as long as you're payemtn is postmarked by the Monday deadline, you can avoid penalty and interest.

Now, that's more than a few words to the wise and certainly enough said.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When we make You part of our routine, Lord, we become more efficient.

Amen

In search of a happy ending

Who doesn't want a happy ending? I want to see the bad guy punished, the hero and heroine together and everyone getting exactly what they deserve. Some call this a craving for justice. I prefer the proverb — “All's well that ends well.”

This is probably why I generally ask my daughter if I will like “this” book or “that” movie. (My daughter has her Master's in English Literature and is a book and movie connoisseur.) She knows what I'm really asking — does it have a happy ending. If she answers “yes” to my question, then I know I can handle whatever problems the characters will face because I know the outcome will be good.

Even when I've been assured I will like the conclusion, the challenges characters face can seem so insurmountable that I begin to think my daughter's definition of a happy ending is somehow different than my own. But it always turns out as she promises it will, even if the course to the happy ending is completely different than I expect or want.

I've heard it said that Cinderella doesn't always get her happy ending, but I wonder if perhaps this is because she has concluded there is only one possible happy ending. And just maybe there is more than one way to find the happiness and satisfac-

tion she seeks.

I recently finished reading Stephanie Meyer's Twilight series, and I must admit I read these four books faster than any books I've ever read. I had not read book reviews or commentaries, so I was completely in the dark about the story's finale. But my daughter assured me I would be happy with the conclusion.

Even still, I read as fast as I could because I wanted to see if she was right. And now that I've finished the books, I'm actually wishing I had taken more time to ponder the unfolding saga of the story.

This wish has me contemplating my own life story. I know without a doubt that the author of my story is the best writer of happy endings. Actually, since God promises us eternal life, our story doesn't exactly have an ending. “And this is the promise that He made to us — eternal life.” (I John 2:25)

Believing in eternal life is perhaps the best ending we can hope for — an ending that never comes. The promise of eternity pretty much dismisses the idea that it's ever too late or that there is no hope.

Many aspects of my life journey have not turned out as I first imagined them. But I've learned, and continue to learn, that there is more than one way to obtain the “happy ending” in any circumstance. This has always required that I remove my own preconceived notions and limited expectations and remember that God has happiness as part of His plan.

God said, “I have it all planned out — plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give

you the future you hope for.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

I believe in a happy ending — or future. It's just that simple. I don't want to ever buy into the idea that the world is cruel and dark and people are damned. So expecting and anticipating a happy ending gives me hope.

Lately I've been thinking I need to slow down and enjoy my journey more. What's my hurry anyway? If life is unending, then what's most important is the journey. I don't want to miss anything. Every moment needs to be cherished, every lesson treasured, every triumph celebrated.

So I guess I'm not really in search of a happy ending after all — but rather a happy future and journey along the way. And I'm learning that the more I understand that happiness is a God-promised present possibility and not something obtainable only in the distant future, the more happiness is within my grasp right now. The future is tomorrow as well as the next hour or moment of our day.

I'm beginning a new book, and this time I hope to take more time to enjoy what I'm reading. Of course, my daughter says you know it's a good book when you can't put it down until you've finished it. But as part of my new goal to relish every moment in my life journey, I do plan to try.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am taking a moment to say thanks to all who helped put on the race at Moss Lake.

TCRC (Texas Crossroads Racing Circuit) wants to thank the city Of Big Spring, Debbie Wegman, Peggy Walker, the Convention and Visitors Bureau and Big Spring Fire Department.

We also want to thank Rick Boiles, the caretaker at Moss Lake. He went beyond his call of duty to help us with every aspect of the race. Thanks also to Randy Lewis and Billy Richardson, who came out and helped lay out the course.

We had riders from as far away as Austin and Amarillo. We want to thank all the riders and specta-

tors who came out to race.

Thanks also to the businesses that also helped sponsor the event. We are planning on having 10 races in the surrounding area.

BOB STAPP
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my carriers at the *Big Spring Herald* for their dedication and hard work. They quite often do a thankless and unnoticed job until they make a mistake.

On Tuesday, Jan. 27, our press broke down and we had to go to our sister paper in Sweetwater

to get our paper printed. By the time I got back it was 4 p.m. As most people know, it was icy that day and the roads got worse as the afternoon progressed. These carriers went out and did their jobs to get the newspapers to our customers in very bad conditions. I would like to applaud their efforts and tell them, “Job well done.”

Every carrier we have here at the *Herald* has been here at least a year and some have been here 20 years. They are dedicated and do a fantastic job. Once again, thank you.

ROBERT SMITH
CIRCULATION MANAGER
BIG SPRING HERALD

Time to act on medical marijuana

During the campaign, President Obama said he would stop federal raids of medical marijuana clubs in states (like California) that had passed medical marijuana laws.

Yet federal agents raided medical marijuana dispensaries, including the Patient to Patient Collective in South Lake Tahoe, two days after his inauguration. The Tahoe Daily Tribune reported that agents seized between 5 and 10 pounds of marijuana.

The Marijuana Policy Project, which wants to legalize marijuana, accused the Drug Enforcement Administration of “defying” Obama's position on medical marijuana and “called on the president to immediately replace Bush administration holdovers at DEA.

“During the presidential campaign,” the press release continued, “Obama repeatedly promised not to waste federal resources interfering in states with laws protecting medical-marijuana patients from arrest, and he told Southern Oregon's Mail Tribune editorial board on March 28, 2008, ‘I'm not going to be using Justice Department resources to try to circumvent state laws on this issue.’”

So will Obama keep his word by directing federal drug agents to concentrate on going after drug kingpins instead of sick people?

I understand that Obama has bigger issues on his plate, which probably is why the White House has yet to respond to my Tuesday query.

That said, this issue is vital to many Californians with health problems.

Item No. 2 for the Marijuana Policy Project: In the closing week of Bushdom, the Drug Enforcement Administration rejected Administrative Law Judge Ellen Bittner's decision to allow the University of Massachusetts to grow marijuana for medical research.

Until now, only the University of Mississippi has filled that role — and not well, according to critics.

Again, the Bush-DEA's action undermined the position of the incoming administration. Obama also told the Mail Tribune, “I think the basic concept of using medical marijuana for the same purposes and with the same controls as other drugs prescribed by doctors — I think that's entirely appropriate.”

Obama is right. Some doctors believe that marijuana has properties — it can ease pain, is an anti-inflammatory and stimulates appetite — beneficial to patients with AIDS, glaucoma and muscular dystrophy and other chronic diseases, as well as cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Aaron Houston, the Marijuana Policy Project's director of government relations, said U. Mass. agronomy professor Lyle E. Craker has until Friday to file a motion to reconsider the DEA's last-minute gambit, which Craker plans to do.

“We want (White House Chief of Staff) Rahm Emanuel and the White House to do the same thing that the White House did for the other actions” — that is, direct federal agencies to hold off on rule-making on medical marijuana until the Obama folks take a look at it.

Judge Bittner was highly skeptical of some of the claims made by marijuana advocates who complained about the quality of medical marijuana supplied by the University of Mississippi. But Bittner also found that the National Institute of Drug Abuse has failed to make marijuana “available to all researchers who have a legitimate need for it in their research.”

You could understand the institute's opposition to these projects if marijuana were a rare and lethal drug. But it is impossible to take a lethal dose, and marijuana is so prevalent that a 2005 National Drug Threat Assessment reported that, in some areas, marijuana seems “easier for youths to obtain than alcohol or cigarettes.”

To the extent that federal officials have been slow to approve medical marijuana research, you have to believe that their biggest fear was that the research would be successful. That's right, it might help people in pain.

Obama has made much of his commitment to “restore science to its rightful place.” Here's his chance.

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ANNETTE BRIDGES



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Obama's Super Bowl party goes bipartisan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sure, it's all about bipartisanship. Not to mention the perks of watching the Super Bowl at the White House with the first fan playing host.

President Barack Obama is inviting a group of lawmakers — some Republicans, many Democrats, and a few from Pennsylvania and Arizona — to join him for Sunday's championship game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Arizona Cardinals.

With no Chicago team for Obama to cheer, the president said he's rooting for Pittsburgh against the "long-suf-

fering" and "great Cinderella story" Cardinals, and he wished the Cardinals the best.

Steelers owner Dan Rooney, a longtime Republican, endorsed Obama's presidential bid and campaigned for him. Obama also noted that Franco Harris, one of the most beloved former Steelers, campaigned for him in Pittsburgh, too.

Five of the 15 lawmakers invited to join Obama are from Pennsylvania, and two are from Arizona. There are four senators and 11 representatives. The group includes 11 Democrats,

four Republicans and three women. The White House released the guest list on Friday.

Press secretary Robert Gibbs said the gathering is another step in the president's continuing effort to reach out to lawmakers and get to know them better in hopes of reducing the partisan rancor as they work together on the people's business.

Since becoming president, Obama has met at the White House with congressional leaders, traveled to Capitol Hill for private sessions with House and Senate Republicans and invited a

bipartisan group of lawmakers to the executive mansion for cocktails.

The invited lawmakers are: Sens. Bob Casey, D-Pa.; Dick Durbin, D-Ill.; Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn.; and Arlen Specter, R-Pa.; and Reps. Elijah Cummings, D-Md.; Artur Davis, D-Ala.; Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn.; Charlie Dent, R-Pa.; Mike Doyle, D-Pa.; Trent Franks, R-Ariz.; Raul Grijalva, D-Ariz.; Paul Hodes, D-N.H.; Patrick Murphy, D-Pa.; Fred Upton, R-Mich.; and Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C.

SUPER BOWL

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hopefully by moving and bringing some different people in different combinations, we can deter some of the things they want to do."

They've done it to everyone else this season; the Cardinals certainly can expect a dose of that punishing D.

"I think the biggest thing about the Steelers that you're concerned with, especially from a defensive stand-

point, is just all the different looks that they give you," said quarterback Kurt Warner, whose reclamation story — from two-time league MVP and 2000 Super Bowl champion to retread to star — is unique for the Cardinals. "It's going to be key for us to understand, to watch film, and to be able to recognize.

"They're going to throw things at us that we've never seen before with all their playmakers and all the different guys they can move around. Our recognition of what they're doing, where they're coming from, who we're blocking, who are the free guys, I think that's going to be a huge key

come Sunday evening on how much success we have."

Of course, Warner isn't exactly operating without support. All-Pro wideout Larry Fitzgerald already has a postseason-record 419 yards receiving and five TDs. He has been uncov- erable throughout the playoffs.

If Warner gets time, he and Fitzgerald could swing matters in Arizona's favor.

The Cardinal most responsible for getting that duo to click is coach Ken Whisenhunt, who was the offensive coordinator for the Steelers during their last Super Bowl run. He was passed over for Tomlin two years ago,

making for yet another juicy story line.

"I'm sure coach Whis will have some insight into what we do," said Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

And some extra motivation to beat his old team?

"I had a great mentor in coach Cowher as far as how you handle a team and how you deal with a lot of the things that go with it," Whisenhunt acknowledged this week.

Hey, if you're going to start building a new dynasty, if doesn't hurt to learn lessons from the old one.

AUSSIE

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complete her "Serena Slam" of four consecutive majors. The only other woman since then to win back-to-back majors was now-retired Justine Henin, who won the 2003 U.S. Open and 2004 Australian title.

Williams still remains far away from the women's record for Grand Slam singles titles. Margaret Court Smith had 24 and Steffi Graf 22.

But by making the singles and dou-

bles finals, she already had become the all-time leading money winner in women's sports. And her \$1.3 million for the singles title lifted her career earnings above \$23.5 million.

She planned to spend a little of it in a double celebration with men's doubles champions Bob and Mike Bryan. She and sister Venus won the women's doubles final Friday — their eighth Grand Slam doubles title.

American twins Bob and Mike Bryan won their seventh Saturday, beating Mahesh Bhupathi of India and Mark Knowles of the Bahamas 2-6, 7-5, 6-0 to regain the No. 1 ranking.

"All I know is Serena usually picks up the bill," Mike Bryan said of the impending, co-celebrations.

Williams took less than one-fifth of the time to beat Safina than top-ranked Rafael Nadal needed to fend off fellow Spanish left-hander Fernando Verdasco to reach the men's final.

Nadal won 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (2), 6-7 (1), 6-4 in 5 hours, 14 minutes Friday, the longest match in the tournament's history, to reach Sunday's final against Roger Federer.

Federer, seeking to equal Pete Sampras' record 14 Grand Slam singles titles, beat American Andy

Roddick in straight sets on Thursday.

On Sunday, they'll be meeting for the seventh time to decide a Grand Slam. Nadal, the four-time French Open champion, has a 4-2 edge highlighted by last year's epic five-set win at Wimbledon. He also ended Federer's 237-week stretch at No. 1 last August.

"This is where I won the Grand Slam to become No. 1 in the world, back in 2004," Federer said. "The stage is set for a great match. I hope we can live up to them.

"Hopefully, (I'll) equal Pete's record."

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- 2003 Ford F250 Crew Cab XL - White, 5.4 V-8. Was \$12,995 **NOW \$9,995**
- 2002 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT 4X4 7.3 Powerstroke Diesel - Local One Owner w/90,000 Miles. Was \$15,995 **NOW \$13,995**
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Growing Mac family tree

The Macintosh computer celebrates its 25th anniversary. A look back at key moments in its history.

Personal

Today: iMac
Price: \$1,199 (20-inch)
CPU Speed: 2.4 GHz
Introduced in 2004, the latest iMac design has a smaller footprint than its predecessors yet has a larger screen and faster Intel processor.

2002: iMac G4
Price: \$1,299 (15-inch)
CPU Speed: 700/800 MHz
The first major design overhaul of the iMacs, the new computer replaces bulky CRT screens with flat-panel monitors

1998: iMac
Price: \$1,299
CPU Speed: 233 MHz
Upon his return, Steve Jobs begins streamlining Apple's dull and bloated product lines; the iMac revisits the classic Macintosh with its all-in-one design — monitor and drive in one enclosure; the colorful design influences pop culture and helps Apple regain its reputation as an innovation giant

1993: Macintosh Color Classic
Price: \$1,390
CPU Speed: 16 MHz
First Macintosh with a built-in color display, but last of the iconic box shape of the classic Mac

The first
1984: Macintosh 128k
Price: \$2,495
CPU Speed: 8 MHz
Inspired by Lisa, the all-in-one design includes built-in monitor, 3.5" disk drive and a mouse

Professional

Today: Mac Pro
Price: \$2,799
CPU Speed: 2.8 GHz
Introduced in 2007, Apple's current tower line boasts eight-core processing with Intel chips and two optical drives

2003: Power Macintosh G5
Price: \$1,999
CPU Speed: 1.6 GHz
Apple's next generation of towers uses a PowerPC G5 chip and an innovative aluminum casing

1999: Power Macintosh G3
Price: \$1,599
CPU Speed: 300 MHz
Taking cues from the iMac, Apple redesigns its workhorse tower desktop computers with an innovative "easy-open" case with convenient handles on top

1991: Quadra 700
Price: \$6,000
CPU Speed: 25 MHz
Apple's first desktop model to ship in a tower case

1987: Macintosh II
Price: \$3,898
CPU Speed: 16 MHz
First Mac with a color video card option and expansion slots; it is Apple's response to businesses' demands for a faster Mac

Portables

Today: MacBook Pro
Price: \$1,999 (15-inch)
CPU Speed: 2.4 GHz
Introduced last year, Apple's latest has a casing carved from a single block of aluminum for durability.

2008: MacBook Air
Price: \$1,999
CPU Speed: 2.8 GHz
At .76 inches, it is the world's thinnest laptop

2001: PowerBook G4
Price: \$2,599
CPU Speed: 400 MHz
Sleek titanium casing is a major departure from the plastic cases of its predecessor

1999: iBook
Price: \$1,599
CPU Speed: 300 MHz
Called an "iMac to go," the glossy candy-colored iBook is aimed at low-end consumers and features a handle and optional wireless connectivity, rarities for portables at that time

1991: PowerBook 100
Price: \$2,500
CPU Speed: 16 MHz
Apple's first truly portable Mac, the PowerBook 100 has no internal floppy disk drive and a lackluster screen, but is well received nonetheless

1989: Macintosh Portable
Price: \$6,500
CPU Speed: 16 MHz
At 16 pounds, the clunky system is a laughingstock

Apple's Mac celebrates 25th birthday

By JOHN BOUDREAU

San Jose Mercury News

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Apple Macintosh, born at the hands of renegade engineers in the early 1980s, changed the relationship between human and keyboard.

The Mac, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary, has consistently been an industry pioneer of new technology, including the graphical user interface, speech, Wi-Fi and video.

"Apple redefined the computer beyond crunching ones and zeros. It made a technology lifestyle a reality," said Jupiter Research analyst Michael Gartenberg.

More than two decades after the original Mac engineers toiled away in buildings flying pirate flags under the direction of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, the Macintosh now sits at the center of Apple's digital universe.

The company's ability to seamlessly match hardware with software, such as its popular iLife photo and video programs, is unparalleled in the industry. As a result, Macs are gaining market share again. Last quarter, it garnered about 8 percent of the U.S. market, according to Gartner. Part of its growing popularity is tied to the re-engineering of its operating system to accommodate the trendsetting iPhone and Apple TV.

From the beginning, the Mac had a larger-than-life personality.

The company announced the Macintosh's arrival in Ridley Scott's watershed commercial that featured a lone runner defeating Big Brother — also known as IBM. It aired Jan. 22, 1984, during the third quarter of Super Bowl XVIII.

Two days later, Jobs, wearing a suit and bow tie, strode onto the stage at the Flint Center at De Anza College in Cupertino, recited a few verses from Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are A-Changin'," and then pulled the first Macintosh out of its canvass carrying case.

Jobs inserted a floppy disk, and the small computer began to speak: "Hello, I am Macintosh. It sure is great to get out of that bag! Unaccustomed as I am to public speaking, I'd like to share with you a maxim I thought of the first time I met an IBM mainframe: Never trust a computer that you can't lift!"

"There wasn't a person in the room who didn't think this was history happening," recalled Richard Doherty, analyst with the Envisioneering Group, who was there.

The Mac's graphical user interface, or GUI, set the computer apart from everything else. Jobs discovered the GUI, which was developed at Xerox's Palo Alto Research Center in California in the late 1970s. The breakthrough made the computer much easier to master for the average person, who could simply click on a file to view it, rather than memorizing text-based commands. It was first used with the company's 1983 Lisa personal com-

puter, whose \$9,995 price tag doomed its success.

The 1984 Macintosh, priced at \$2,495, was the first computer to popularize the revolutionary new interface. It came with a mouse — one of the first computers to have one — a built-in monitor and a more durable hard-case floppy disk. Two applications, MacPaint, which allowed users to draw, and MacWriter, a basic word processing program, were bundled with the computer. Its compact design was a stark contrast to the big and boxy competing systems sold by IBM and others.

"The Macintosh was like this string hanging down from the future," recalled longtime Silicon Valley technology forecaster Paul Saffo.

In a click of a mouse, the Mac opened up the world of personal computing to hundreds of millions of people.

"We had a feeling this new style of computer would be the way of the world," said Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, who at the time oversaw the Apple II, the company's first mass-produced computer.

Jobs adopted Adobe's Postscript, which enabled printers to replicate a computer screen's text or graphics, into the Macintosh environment. A year later, Apple introduced the LaserWriter, one of the first laser printers. PageMaker software, created by Seattle-based Aldus, which eventually merged with Adobe, was released in July 1985.

"It was the birth of desktop publishing," said Tim Bajarin, president of Creative Strategies.

The Mac's creation occurred amid company turf wars and chaotic working conditions. In May 1985, Jobs was stripped of his day-to-day duties at Apple, and he resigned his position as chairman several months later. Soon after that, he founded NeXT, a new computer company in Redwood City, Calif.

For a time during Jobs' 12-year absence, the Macintosh lost its innovative edge.

During the mid-1990s, the un-Microsoft computer teetered on irrelevancy, barely capturing 3 percent of the market. For a short time, Apple even licensed its operating system for Mac clones, something Jobs had rejected years earlier.

In 1996, Apple acquired NeXT to use its software to replace the Mac OS operating system. Jobs returned to Apple the following year. Shortly after the Second Coming of Jobs, the Mac revived the company from its near-death experience with the 1998 launch of the sleek all-in-one iMac desktop. Four years later, Jobs laid out a 10-year vision in which the Mac would be the center of a new digital lifestyle — music, video, networking.

Jobs had always envisioned the computer as something more than a slab of technology.

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Macintosh roots

Mac predecessors and inspirations

1983: Lisa
Price: \$9,995
CPU Speed: 5 MHz
First personal computer with a graphical user interface (a system using visual cues such as icons and folders to navigate) and a mouse, but flopped because of its high price

1977: Apple II
Price: \$1,298
CPU Speed: 1 MHz
The company's first mass-produced computer, it helps popularize personal computers; its success makes Apple into a multimillion-dollar company

NOTE: Lisa II is pictured

1982

1981

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NOTE: All prices are for base models. Source: Apple, Apple-History.com, Woz.org, Mercury News. Graphic: San Jose Mercury News.

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Ranchers face drought, ever-increasing costs

Extreme drought and ever-increasing costs are presenting Texas cattle producers challenges they haven't experienced in decades, said industry experts.

"The Texas cattle industry is simultaneously having to deal with drought, increasing operational costs and a declining cattle market," said Dr. David Anderson, Texas AgriLife Extension Service livestock marketing economist in College Station.

A combination of factors is producing a perfect storm for many of the state's cattle producers, Anderson said.

"Along with the drought, cattle pro-



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Meghan Fernandez Bias, Hangar 25 Air Museum administrator, accepts a \$500 check from Wal-Mart, presented by store manager Tim Walsh. The donation will help with the museum's Veteran of the Month program.

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 Vern Black, 329 W Tennessee, Floydada
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 Dave Bracken, 2720 42nd Street, Lubbock
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 Krishna Nicole Castillo, 905 Walnut, Colorado City
 Jared Wendell Coby, 901 S. High Street, Longview
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County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: David Matthew Rodriguez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$2,000 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Lorenzo Torres Ramirez, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Ernest William Clark, criminal trespass, \$278 court costs, 15 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Jimmy Dee Kilman, driving while license suspended with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: David Rey Gonzales Jr., prohibited weapon - switchblade/knuckles, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Robert Aldridge, burglary of a vehicle, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Robert Aldridge, burglary of a vehicle, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: David Canales Jr., possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Melvin Biddle, deadly conduct, \$2,000 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Joseph Melvin Fraser, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Reginald Vanderbilt, criminal trespass of a habitation, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Lorenzo Torres Ramirez, violation of a protective order, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Hasaan Mitchell, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Prince Corpel Vanderbilt, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Juan Pablo Mendez, deadly conduct, \$1,770 fine, \$228

court costs.
Probated Judgment: William Horace Carter, deadly conduct, \$2,000 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Milton Raynaldo Montelongo, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Brandon Joe Robinson, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Rolando Vargas, theft - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$278 court costs, 33 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Shane Thomas Estes, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Sergio David Alvarez, resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Sergio David Alvarez, evading arrest, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: David Franco, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Michael Lee Munoz, evading arrest, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Brandon Joe Robinson, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,000 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Brandon Joe Robinson, unlawfully carrying a weapon, \$250 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Jason Scott Edwards, evading arrest, \$1,500 fine, \$228 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Ruben Aguirre Dominguez, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$2,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Quincy Lamar Henry, evading arrest or detention, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Quincy Lamar Henry, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.

District Court Filings:
 GMAC Mortgage LLC vs. Daphne Barnes Burdette, accounts, notes and contracts.

Amber Russell vs. Greg McKenzie, protective order.
 Stephanie Dawn Tate vs. Boyce Alan Tate, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
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 Date: Jan. 23, 2009

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 Grantee: Samuela Mau-mau and Rainbow Monika Ilolahia Maumau
 Property: Not provided
 Date: Jan. 26, 2009

Grantor: Patty D. Rodriguez
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 Property: Lot 1, Block 27, College Park Estates
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 Property: Lots 4 and 5, Block 12, South Haven Addition
 Date: Jan. 28, 2009

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 Grantee: Machelie Williams
 Property: Lots 3 and 4, Block 3, Mittel Acres
 Date: Jan. 28, 2009

Grantor: Billy G. Barber
 Grantee: Johnny Puga
 Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 1, Sunset Place Annex
 Date: Jan. 28, 2009

Grantor: Pete Rosenbaum
 Grantee: Timary Rosen-

baum
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Grantor: Bill Bennett and Johnnie Bennett
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 Grantor: Foxwest Properties LTD
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 Grantee: Patrick B. Gonzales

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 Property: Lot 9, Block 7, Coronado Hills
 Date: Jan. 22, 2009

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 Grantee: Emmitt H. Barteel II
 Property: Lot 33, Block 3, College park Estates
 Date: Jan. 27, 2009

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News in brief

Round Rock police find mother of newborn

AUSTIN (AP) — Round Rock police said Friday they have found the mother of a newborn left on a doorstep last week.

A witness and detective were driving through a neighborhood during a follow-up interview on Wednesday when the witness saw a 17-year-old who looked like the woman he'd seen with the baby Jan. 22.

Police interviewed the girl on Thursday and determined she was the mother.

She has not been charged with a crime. Police will hand the investigation to the district attorney, and the case could go to a grand jury.

The baby was only a couple of hours old when he was left at a home in a Round Rock neighborhood. A neighbor told police he saw a woman walking in the neighborhood and carrying a baby around noon. The infant was found on the porch by the homeowners around 6:15 p.m.

Fire possible in west central Texas Saturday

ABILENE (AP) — A week after fires blackened thousands of acres in west central Texas, forecasters for the National Weather Service issued a fire warning for parts of the region on Saturday.

The fire warning was in effect Saturday afternoon when southerly winds near 20 mph and relatively low humidity values could create rapid fire growth in a seven-county area near Abilene.

Crews worked fires last week that burned in Jones, Jack and Montague counties. Highs in the upper 60s and lows near 40 were expected around Abilene.

Highs in North Texas could be near 70 with lows in the mid-40s. Wind gusts as high as 20 mph could blow in from the south.

Forecasters expected windy weather in the Panhandle. Winds could reach 45 mph around Amarillo under sunny skies. Highs in the mid-60s and lows near 30 were forecast for the Panhandle and the South Plains.

Central Texas had a slight chance of showers at night, with highs near 70 and lows around 50 in the Austin and San Antonio areas.

The Gulf Coast also had a slight chance of rain overnight with similar highs and lows predicted for the Houston and Galveston areas.

Sunny skies were forecast around West Texas with highs in the lower 60s around El Paso and the Midland-Odessa area and lows in the 30s.

Sheriff department receives unexpected bonuses

ROSENBERG (AP) — More than 200 employees of the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department have received \$1,000 bonus checks this week, courtesy of



AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez

A worker lines up Texas Stadium seats in preparation for pick up and shipment from the stadium in Irving Friday. Items from throughout the stadium are being auctioned off over the internet to fans wanting to purchase a piece of the stadium that played host to the Cowboys.

an anonymous donor.

Sheriff Milton Wright told the Fort Bend Herald that the donor wanted to give \$250,000, and that 220 employees would receive checks.

At the request of the donor, the checks were given to certified employees in the patrol and criminal investigation divisions. Chief Deputy Craig Brady says the donor appreciates the professionalism of the people in those departments.

Brady said only Wright knows the donor's identity.

The checks were delivered yesterday during a shift change.

SPCA awarded 185 animals seized in Van Zandt Co.

DALLAS (AP) — A judge on Friday awarded custody of 185 animals found living in filthy conditions without food or water in Van Zandt County to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals of Texas.

Richard Anthony Delfeld Jr., 53, was also charged with felony injury to a disabled person after authorities found 63-year-old James Helvey living in a home on the property with no food or electricity.

Helvey, who was found unconscious on the property, was taken to a Tyler hospital where he was listed in stable condition, the Dallas Morning News reported in its online edition Friday.

Justice of the Peace Scott Shinn also awarded SPCA \$10,000 in restitution, the paper reported.

East Texas authorities discovered the animals — dogs, cats, sheep, turkeys, rabbits and geese

— on Sunday. About 75 animals were dead. SPCA of Texas said some of the animals were found in filthy pens, enclosures and cages.

Necropsies showed some of the animals died from starvation.

Some of the animals will be available for adoption beginning noon on Feb. 6.

Delfeld was in the Van Zandt County jail Friday in lieu of \$100,000 bond, a jail spokesman said.

Three new committees in Texas Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst added three new committees in the state Senate on Friday.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, will chair the Higher Education committee; Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington, will chair the Economic Development committee; and Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, will chair the Agriculture and Rural Affairs committee.

Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, will take over the Senate Administration committee, which was previously held by former Sen. Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth, who was defeated in November. Brimer's replacement, Sen. Wendy Davis, a Democrat, will serve on the committees on Education, International Relations and Trade, Transportation and Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs and Military Installations.

The other freshman, Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, will serve on the committees on Government Organization, Health and Human Services, Transportation and Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs and Military Installations.

There were few changes in the other standing committees.

Center star rolled up at Texas Stadium

IRVING (AP) — The undisputed star of Texas Stadium has left the field.

Crews on Friday rolled up the star section of blue artificial turf, about 30 feet by 30 feet, as part of plans to remove and sell items from the former home of the Dallas Cowboys.

John Linville of Hellas Construction says the company laid the latest artificial field in 2002, including the more than 1-ton section of star.

The star graced the 50-yard line at Texas Stadium, which hosted its last Cowboys game on Dec. 20, a 33-24 loss to Baltimore.

The Cowboys this year will inaugurate their \$1.2 billion retractable-roof stadium in Arlington.

An online auction was held to sell items, such as an American flag hanging in the stadium that went for \$850. A Cowboys helmet golf cart sold for \$12,500.

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Iraqi voters pass through full-scale security squeeze in key elections

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqis passed through security checkpoints and razor-wire cordons to vote Saturday in provincial elections that are considered a crucial test of the nation's stability as U.S. officials consider the pace of troop withdrawals.

Polls opened shortly after dawn after a step-by-step security clampdown across the country, including traffic bans in central Baghdad and other major cities and closure of border crossings and airports.

There were no reports of serious violence as voting got under way. In Tikrit, about 80 miles north of Baghdad, three mortar shells exploded near a polling station, but caused no casualties, said police, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media.

A bomb found near a Tikrit voting center was defused, police added.

Obama to outline strategy soon for reviving battered economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Saturday his administration will outline a new strategy in the coming days for spending billions of federal dollars to pull the nation out of an economic crisis he described as "devastating."

Obama and his top advisers are weighing how to structure the remaining \$350 billion that Congress approved last year to save financial institutions and lenders from collapse. The new president also warned there is no single action that would allow his administration to fix the struggling U.S. economy, a stark statement at the end of a week that saw hundreds of thousands of Americans lose their jobs.

"No one bill, no matter how comprehensive, can cure what ails our economy," Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address. "So just as we jump-start job creation, we must also ensure that markets are stable, credit is flowing and families can stay in their homes."

Obama and his aides spent his first two weeks in power working on the nation's economic troubles. The final three months of last year sent the economy into its worst downhill slide in a quarter-century. The economy stumbled backward at a 3.8 percent pace, government economists said Friday; that rate could accelerate to 5 percent or more this quarter.

NASA safety reports show birds frequently cause emergency landings

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commercial airline crews reported more than two dozen emergency landings, aborted takeoffs or other hair-raising incidents due to collisions with birds in the past two years, according to a confidential database managed by NASA.

An Associated Press review of reports filed voluntarily with NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting

System show that bird-airliner encounters happen frequently, though none as dramatic as the one involving a US Airways jet that ditched safely into the Hudson River on Jan. 15 because a run-in with birds took out both of its engines.

Since January 2007, at least 26 serious birdstrikes were reported. In some of them, the aircraft's brakes caught fire or cabins and cockpits filled with smoke and the stench of burning birds. Engines failed and fan blades broke. In one case, a birdstrike left a 12-inch hole in the wing of a Boeing 757-200.

The NASA data does not include details such as the names of crews, airlines, and in many cases, the airports involved — confidentiality designed to encourage greater reporting.

From hardhats to geeks, recovery package promises jobs all around

WASHINGTON (AP) — No matter the color of your work shirt, this recession is sparing few. From blue collar construction workers to white collar financial sector employees, the economic crisis has dragged a growing swath of American workers into joblessness.

Economic downturns predominantly used to hit blue-collar and young workers. But in this recession, layoffs and business closings are affecting bankers, middle managers, even scientists and journalists.

White collar unemployment jumped 1.6 percentage points — to 4.6 percent — from December of 2007 to December of 2008. But blue-collar workers are still bearing the largest brunt of unemployment, at 11.3 percent.

The shared pain helps explain the varied priorities in the \$800 billion-plus rescue package put together by President Barack Obama and Democrats in Congress. The \$50 billion for building roads, bridges and schools addressed the hardest hit of the unemployed first — hardhat workers.

But there are also piles of wage-producing money for college-educated workers: \$62 billion in the House version for health information and renewable energy technology, improving the nation's power grid and scientific research. Getting it all to them will take longer.

Obama facing dilemma on protectionism in stimulus bill, warnings from abroad

WASHINGTON (AP) — Less than two weeks into office, President Barack Obama faces a dilemma over protectionist provisions in a massive economic stimulus bill: Backing the measures could set off a trade war, while opposing them could trigger a backlash from his supporters.

The choice involves "buy American" provisions attached to White House-backed stimulus legislation moving through Congress. They would require major public works projects to favor U.S. steel, iron and manufacturing over imports.

Some Democratic lawmakers and interest groups allied to the president support the measures, but

international allies and trading partners are warning that favoring U.S. companies would breach U.S. trade commitments and could set off tit-for-tat countermeasures around the world.

The two largest U.S. trading partners already have spoken out against the measures. On Thursday, Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper expressed concern and the European Union warned that it would not "stand idly by" if such measures were passed. On Friday, Brazil's president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva also criticized the measures.

Palin's return to Alaska's capital stirs questions about national aspirations

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — Driving home at night from her Capitol office, the leader of Alaska's House Democrats often passes the governor's white-columned mansion and wonders why more lights aren't on.

Rep. Beth Kerttula assumes Gov. Sarah Palin is out of town, though Palin's staffers say so far their boss has been there for most of the legislative session that began Jan. 20.

It's a small matter, but it's part of the buzz around the Capitol among lawmakers who are seeing less of their governor than in years past and wondering what it means in the wake of a Republican vice presidential run that brought Palin global fame and notoriety.

They're accustomed to spotting her striding past, using two BlackBerries, stopping to chat in the hallway or inviting reporters into her office while she prepares for a speech.

Palin insists her focus is still on Alaska.

Some say she appears more tense than the vice presidential candidate who delivered sly jokes and incendiary speeches to packed rallies across the Lower 48.

Kentucky residents battered by severe ice storm plead for help amid wide outages

MARION, Ky. (AP) — A crippling winter storm has plunged about a million customers into the dark from the Midwest to the East Coast, and thousands of people in ice-caked Kentucky have sought refuge in motels and shelters.

Dozens of deaths have been reported and many people are pleading for a faster response to the power outages. Some in rural Kentucky ran short of food and bottled water, and resorted to dipping buckets in a creek.

Thousands fled frigid, powerless homes for hotels and even a heated auditorium at Murray State University that was converted into a shelter following Monday's storm that left some areas in up to 1 inch ice.

Utility workers hoped to speed up efforts Saturday to turn the lights back on. Still, rural communities feared it could be days or even weeks before workers got to areas littered with downed power lines.

Temperatures were expected to rise just above freezing Saturday for the first time in days.

FDA opens criminal probe into plant that shipped tainted products

WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to reports of shoddy sanitation practices and inspections, federal health officials have opened a criminal investigation into the Georgia peanut-processing plant at the center of the national salmonella outbreak.

The Obama administration on Friday pledged stricter oversight of food safety.

Officials say Peanut Corp. of America sold tainted peanut products to food makers. At least 529 people have been sickened as a result of the outbreak, and at least eight may have died because of it. More than 430 products have been recalled.

Peanut Corp. expressed its "deepest and most sincere empathy for those sickened."

Until recently, federal food safety inspectors had not been to the Georgia plant since 2001. The Associated Press found that FDA interest in the facility was renewed, at least temporarily, after a shipment of peanuts from the plant was seized at the Canadian border.

The shipment, taken April 11, originated at the Peanut Corp. plant and was turned back at the border. The FDA seized the product after it was found to contain metal fragments.



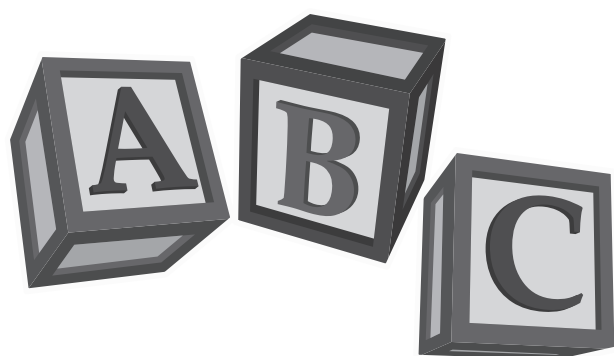
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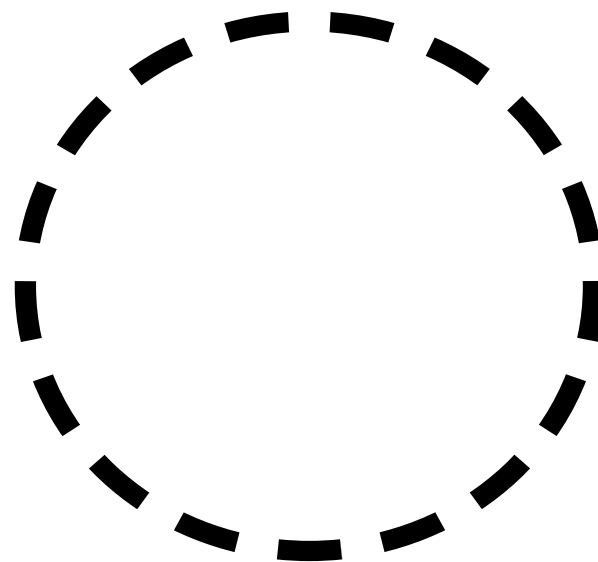
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Heflin names Big Spring native legislative aide

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — State Rep. Joe Heflin has hired Big Spring native Reina Cisneros as his legislative aide to work in his Capitol office during the 81st Texas Legislature.

"I am excited to have a District 85 resident working in my Capitol office this session," said Heflin. "Reina is a very talented young woman and came highly recommended. I look forward to having her perspective on legislative proposals and their impact on Big Spring and West Texas."

Last fall, Heflin had another Big Spring resident, Jaclyn Hise, working in his Capitol

office while she was attending classes at the University of Texas at Austin and seeking to enroll in nursing school.

"Jaclyn worked very hard juggling classes and work," Heflin said. "She helped me get prepared for the new legislative session, and I wish her the very best in her quest to become a nurse."

As the regular session of the 81st Texas Legislature opened, Heflin asked Cisneros to write "Tales from the Capitol," to report about herself and her experiences. Her own words describe her experiences so far this session:

"Anybody who knows me

knows what an honor it is to have an opportunity to work at our state's capitol. Two weeks ago I started working at the capitol for Rep. Joe Heflin. I was both extremely excited and nervous at the same time.

"I arrived on a Monday morning as if it was my first day at school and I was the new kid. I got all of my paperwork in and finally got my employee badge and parking pass.

"I was a genuine employee. I saw my first press conference in the capitol's rotunda, with the new Speaker of the House, Rep. Joe Straus. I also helped get Rep. Heflin's office

ready for session opening.

"Opening day was great! There were so many people and tons of food. It was like an open house times fifty. Opening day is a time to meet and greet the family of Texas Legislators and to meet and greet public figures. The session on opening day began at noon with remarks by Secretary of State Hope Andrade. Another part of opening day festivities was the installation of the Speaker of the House. The day was like none other and absolutely fantastic, but it was so tiring. This seems as if it will be a prevailing trend for the next few months.

"The past few weeks have been wonderful. I have gotten to speak with constituents and learn so much. I have also gotten to witness Rep. Heflin's desire to help District 85. It makes me feel proud and lucky to be working for someone who I know takes this job to heart.

"One of my jobs here at the capitol is to speak and visit with constituents. I also think that will turn out to be one of my favorite parts of the job. So, don't be shy. Make sure to come and visit our office. It is always nice to see a familiar face or talk to someone with the common characteristic of being from West Texas."

Lt. Gov. appoints Seliger to Senate finance committee

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst announced Friday that State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, has been appointed to serve on the Senate Finance Committee, the panel

that is charged with writing the biennial budget for the State of Texas.

"I am honored and humbled by the lieutenant governor's confidence in my abilities, and hope that I can make meaningful contributions that

provide for the continued success and vitality of our state," said Seliger.

Additionally, Seliger will continue his service as vice-chair of the Senate Committee on Criminal Justice and as a member of the Senate Committee on Natural

Resources, which deals with issues important to the citizens of District 31, including water, agriculture and oil.

Seliger has also been elevated to the vice-chair of the Senate Committee on International Relations and Trade, of which he

has been a member the past two sessions.

"I am pleased with all that we have accomplished in

of these areas and am optimistic about the

opportunity to build on that work this session," Seliger said.

District 85 programs receive TDA grants

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — State Rep. Joe Heflin announced that 12 community programs in House District 85 were among the grant recipients of the Texans Feeding Texans: Home-Delivered Meal Grant Program.

The 12 District 85 programs receiving grant funds were Anson Meals on Wheels, Inc., Brownfield Senior Citizens, Inc., Crosby County Senior Citizen Association, Floydada Senior Citizen, Inc., Garza County Trail Blazers, Hale Center Senior Citizen Association, Inc., Hale County Meals on Wheels,

Inc., Lorenzo Senior Citizens Association, Lynn County Pioneers, Inc., Meals on Wheels Plus, Inc., Sterling County Senior Citizen Center, Inc. and Stonewall County Senior Citizens. The 12 programs in District 85 received \$106,520.

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Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims

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By Steve Becker

Not All Mishaps Are Fatal

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
♦ K 10
♥ Q J 8 5 4 3
♦ K J 7 6
♠ 9
WEST
♦ 8 7 3
♥ A K 9 2
♦ A Q 5 3
♠ 10 2
EAST
♠ 9 6
♥ 10 7 6
♦ 10 9 4 2
♠ Q 8 6 4
SOUTH
♦ A Q J 5 4 2
♥ —
♦ 8
♠ A K J 7 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass
6 ♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.
Many errors made during the play of a hand do not prove costly, chiefly because the cards are divided in such a way that the mistake goes unpunished.
Here is a case in point. The hand was played in a match between Italy and Poland. At both tables, six spades was bid and made, even though at each table declarer misplayed the hand.
The deal received only passing

notice at the time because the outcome was a standoff. But it would have caused a much bigger stir had one declarer played the hand properly and made the slam, while the other declarer played improperly and failed.

West led the king of hearts at both tables. Declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of clubs, ruffed a club, ruffed a heart and ruffed another club. After ruffing another heart, declarer drew trumps, luckily finding them divided 3-2, and so made 12 tricks.

However, South should have cashed the A-K of clubs before trumping a club in dummy. He would then have learned the actual club division, making another club ruff absolutely essential to the establishment of the suit.

Both declarers cashed only the ace of clubs before ruffing two clubs in dummy. This method of play would have been fatal had it turned out that the clubs were divided favorably and the spades were 4-1.

By cashing two high clubs first, they would have made the contract if it developed that the clubs were divided 3-3 or the queen was doubleton, even if the trumps were divided 4-1. They would not have wasted one of dummy's high trumps unnecessarily.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.
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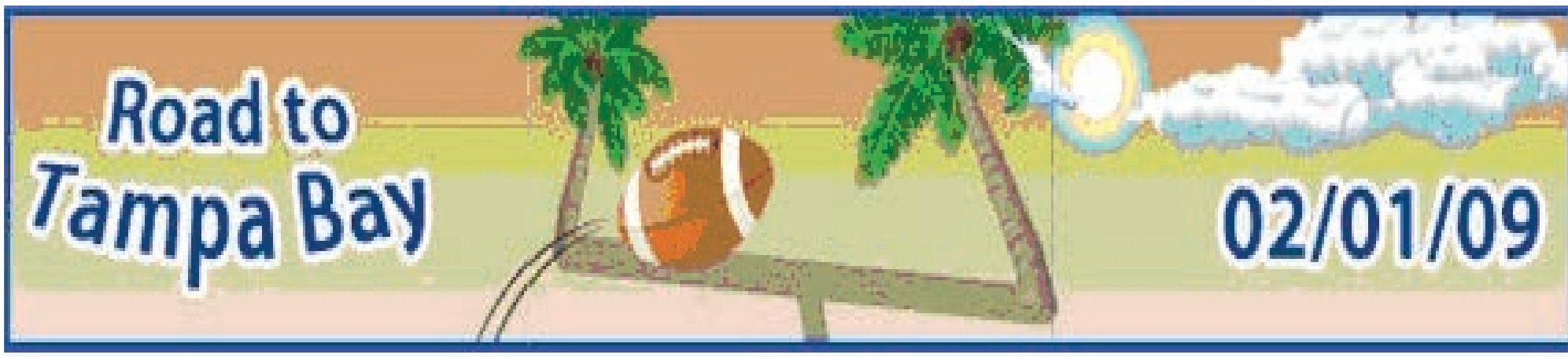
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ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 African capital	1 Fragrant food	9 Fellowship	12 They're late
7 Not automatic	2 Stuck	10 Cataclysmic explosion	13 Icer's creation
15 Saws	3 Bond choice	11 "Let It Ride" artist, for short	14 Fixed (on)
16 <i>Macbeth</i> soliloquy starter	4 Military title	21 Joint tenant	22 Authenticates
17 Contracted	5 Cliffs of Dover site	26 With no relief	28 Gold Rush chronicler
18 All there is	6 <i>The Tin Drum</i> protagonist	30 Maiden	32 <i>Notorious</i> setting
19 Agreed to	7 One way to get clams	33 Kid	35 Onetime American Physical Society president
20 Early hot-air balloon material	8 Photographer's stock	36 Constrained	37 Fantast
22 Hamburger ___ soup (German dish)		38 Very long time	39 Strongman, perhaps
23 Price selection		40 Installment	41 No longer green
25 Cook again, in a way		42 Set things	44 One of the first crooners
26 NFL kickoff?		47 Refuse to clean up	48 Indentured ones
27 Tin anniversary		51 Back part	52 Move along slowly
29 <i>Huguenots</i> (Meyerbeer opera)		55 Dog-star starter	57 65 or so
30 Specialty			
31 "The Last Great Race on Earth"			
33 Finished cleaning			
34 Oscar role of 2000			
35 Plywood sources			
36 Supplements			
39 Where Easter precedes Lent			
43 Penned			
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45 It may be hot			
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

This morning's Aries moon is like a vitamin B-12 shot that boosts our energy and vim and may even make us feel a little giddy. If you're smiling slightly more than the situation warrants you might chalk it up to cosmic goofiness and just enjoy it while it lasts. Soon Venus enters Aries as well and the same silliness takes effect in our love lives.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love gives meaning to everything you do. And if you do nothing (which is a good idea for at least a few hours today) and your heart is full of love, great good can come of it. Hold a loving space, actively or inactively.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are still fresh. In spite of all that's happened and not happened, the possibilities are yet to be explored. Hope and a healthy sense of poetic justice are is alive. You are made of mountains and sunrise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your friends will come through for you with some things, but the taller orders are probably too hefty at this juncture. Better to ask for less, or nothing, and be happy with good intentions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To perform magic tricks, as every magician knows, requires knowledge, skills and many hours of practice. There's another way to go: Believe in magic and spiritually connect with it, then watch it unfold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Follow those who teach by example. If you don't see the example in action, don't follow. People who try to force a lesson on

you are suspect and probably frustrated because they themselves haven't learned.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The strong people in your life may be more compassionate and humble than the rest, but they still have egos. Be careful to stroke the self-image of others even if you think they don't need such flattery.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are able to complete a task you thought you had long ago forgotten how to do. Your memory will amaze you once you dive in. You will be surprised to find that nothing has been lost through the years.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have a way of putting others at ease. People feel familiar with you. Sometimes that's not so good. When they are too comfortable they may share their ideas about how to run your life. Try not to take offense.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To marvel at life requires an open mind, which requires tolerance of those things that are different from what you are or believe. Because of others you are able to be awed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whatever your age, you are filled with adolescent longing as you dream of a idealized future. By the time you get to a place just as "cool" as the one in your fantasy you'll look back in amusement on this day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Rare is the day that is not adorned with some kind of affectionate sentiment from loved ones, though you will hardly be expecting the magnitude of attention that's coming at you today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The greatest day ever wasn't 10 years ago and it's not five years from

now, either. The greatest day ever is today, the only day that you'll be in charge of for the next 24 hours. Carpe diem!

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Venus enters Aries, bringing relationship refreshment. There's a frisky nip in the air, and though it's still winter, relationships get an early breath of spring. Couples feel reinvigorated by one another's presence. It suddenly seems like a fantastic idea to pursue and please a partner even if the relationship was solidified long ago. As for single people, the options seem brighter and more varied than they have been in a long while as new characters hop into the scene. People who once went unnoticed come out of the woodwork and seem freshly made over at that! Venus will spend more than the usual amount of time exploring the headstrong youthfulness of Aries as her retrograde action will have her retracing her steps. The lesson in this Venus journey is simple: Love is a thorough process and no matter how well you may know a person there is always more to learn. You can take advantage of this week's astral zing by forging a connection with new people. If you're already part of a couple, socializing with fresh faces helps you see a different side of your loved one. And if you're single, connecting with new friends ignites a flame in your heart.

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When a Father Can't Quite Hack It

Dear Margo: My parents have been divorced since I was 3. I'm in my 30s now and still feel bad about the fact that my father seems to disappear from my life for long periods of time. Several years ago I tried to contact him, and I found out that all three e-mail addresses, both phone numbers and the mailing address I had for him were wrong. I sent a Father's Day package and got it back with the new address written on it.

I sent it to the new place, but I didn't hear from him. (This was after a year and a half of trying to find him, by the way.) After another year or so, he sent me a cell phone, out of the blue. I called him at the number he'd written in the card, and we communicated. That was a couple of years ago.

I thought we could work on building something like a father-daughter relationship, but it seems impossible. Last time I talked to him was a few months ago. He wanted to know if I would like to visit, and I agreed.

He said he'd look into travel options and call me back, and I haven't heard a word. This kind of thing has happened before so I'm not terribly surprised, just disappointed. I feel like I've tried over the last few years to reach out to him several times and he never tries to reach out to me.

I'm sick of having to be the one to call. I know

all relationships require work, but this one feels like forced labor. At what point is it OK to write off a parent as a lost cause, and why do I still feel bad about this? I'm not a child anymore, so I should be able to move on, but I seem to dwell on this more than is necessary. — *Kinda Stuck*

Dear Kind: For whatever reason, your father is irresponsible and unable to be a father to you. His deficiencies have nothing to do with you.

He is, for whatever reason, unable to follow through. So the answer to your question is that the point at which you can write off a parent as a lost cause is when they disappoint you time after time.

As for dwelling on this, you might try a few sessions with a therapist or find an online support group. Believe me, you are not the only one with this problem. — *Margo, philosophically*

Daddy's Widdle Routines Are a Pain

Dear Margo: I work in a small cubicle office of a dozen people. One gentleman who works in the office conducts calls with his young children (two under the age of 4) every day from his desk.

All other personal calls he takes to the conference room where he's able to close the door and not "include" the rest of us. So for five to 15 minutes every morning he subjects the entire office to these childish conversations.

The calls are disruptive and distracting and drive us all batty. You can almost feel the collective eye roll when those conversations

start — but he is oblivious to our irritation. What is the most polite way to curb this behavior?

We really don't want to know what his 3-year-old had for breakfast or how the park was or if Mommy is having a good day. Any suggestions? — *Going Loopy in Lakeville*

Dear Go: For some reason, this man has made a distinction between calls to grown-ups and calls to toddlers. I suggest that the bravest of you tell him that you would all appreciate it if he would make his family calls in the conference room, just as he does his other phone calls.

You might add that the small size of your office makes it impossible to ignore people talking on the phone, and the one-way conversation interferes with concentration. I suspect he has no idea of how these conversations sound to other people. Unless the guy is passive aggressive, he will move his romper room act out of your hearing. — *Margo, unobtrusively*

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Energy Report: We assume economy will slowly pull out of slump

Last week the market was done in by initial jobless claims and housing starts. But this is all old, old news and yet investors again took to the sell side. The main problem was that the "news of the day" was bad and investors are still so shook up they can't look past the now. When they do, there are some good things out there.

Although falling crude prices are not necessarily a good thing here in the Permian Basin, probably most important to our national economy is that falling energy prices are having a very favorable effect on consumer's real income. Another good thing is that interest rates are very low and there is no inflation to worry about for the next several years. The Federal Reserve has already stated they

"will employ all available tools to promote the resumption of sustainable economic growth and to preserve price stability." And finally, given today's political environment, it is almost certain that a large stimulus program will be announced very soon. If the new administration and congress gets a program even half-right, the stock market should respond very favorably.

We believe it is reasonable to assume that the economy will slowly pull out of its slump and show some growth in the second half of 2009. So, ahead of us lies a better economy and an unfreezing of the credit markets. Even assuming a drop in S&P 500 earnings to the \$65 range this year, the current P/E is 12.7. Yes, we are in a recession that may prove to have

been the longest and deepest since World War II. But, is there anyone who doesn't already know this? If someone believes that things will never get better, the stock market is not the place to be. If someone looks at the history of our nation and stock market and can control their emotions that are always most bearish at bottom areas, the stock market is the place to be.

We had expected a rally into the inauguration, which did not occur. We had expected a sell-off after the event, which we did get. Our technicals show a market that is now short-term oversold. Our central nervous system is a mess after last week and we assume the vast majority of traders and investors feel the same. It would almost feel good to abandon

ship but we believe that would be the wrong reaction. The fundamentals are unchanged, the mood and money remain very positive and the nation and the world got the change they wanted. Let's see what happens.

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MAC

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During the spring of 1982, he took his entire team to see a

collection of Louis Comfort Tiffany because, Jobs said at the time, he was an artist who learned how to mass produce his work, recalled Andy Hertzfeld, one of the main authors of the original

Macintosh software whose reminiscences are at www.folklore.org.

When the first Macs rolled off the production line, each team member's signature was engraved on the inside of

the machine's plastic case.

"I never thought the Mac would last even half as long as it has," said Hertzfeld.

"It did not evolve steadily — it was more like Stephen Jay Gould's notion of 'punctuated

equilibrium' where there are sudden great lurches forward, like switching processors or operating systems, followed by relatively calm periods," said Hertzfeld, who now works at Google.

DROUGHT

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ducers are having to deal with near-record high corn and soybean meal prices and increased prices for other inputs," he said. "Producers have had to provide much more supplemental feed and nutrition to their cattle, and costs for these have gone up dramatically in recent years."

Anderson added that while fuel prices have gone down over the past several months, they still constitute a large expense for cattle operations.

"Feed costs remain high across the board," he said, "and hay, which is grown locally, is also in short supply due to the drought."

Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist, said the current drought conditions are much like 2006.

"We have not cut the hay we normally would have for two reasons — drought and high fertilizer prices," he said. "Not only is our hay crop down, but it also has lower nutritive value. Those who are feeding it are likely having to feed some supplementation."

Forages that went into the dormant, winter season were already in a "stressed and short condition." Redmon said.

"As they come out in the spring, they may be slower to come on since there is hardly any moisture stored underground in the soil profile," he said. "As we come out of the dormant season those stressed plants will put out a few shoots and cows will be standing right on top of them ready to graze them. If we don't get some good rainfall and if managers don't carefully consider their stocking rate, warm-season pastures

this spring will have a difficult time due to excessive grazing pressure and lack of moisture."

Winter pasture mostly has been a failure, he added.

Recent reports of cattle dying due from drought-related circumstances in different parts of the state have further demonstrated the extent of those challenges producers currently face, said Dr. Rick Machen, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist in Uvalde.

"The cattle deaths in different areas of Texas are likely drought-related; beef producers have liquidated

cow numbers and reduced stocking rates to balance forage supply and demand and avoid further losses," said Machen. "Forage availability is limited in many areas. Poor growing conditions and reduced nitrogen fertilization have resulted in lower-than-normal hay quality."

Machen noted that the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory at Texas A&M is working to help determine additional steps producers may take to help prevent further cattle deaths related to the drought.



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