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Rain, Relay, record!

Despite a recession and a downpour, fundraiser to fight cancer was a huge success

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Neither rain or recession could keep the Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life from being a success.

Relay for Life, a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society, has been a local institution for years and this weekend's water-logged edition

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

The 2009 Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life began with the celebratory Survivor's Lap at Blankenship Field Friday evening. Although rain forced the cancellation of the event soon afterward, organizers reported that a record \$205,000 in contributions had been received.

Tough to turn on Gregg Street

Traversing Big Spring's main thoroughfare isn't getting any easier

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Area motorists expecting to make a left turn on much of Gregg Street this week

will have to think again, as resurfacing efforts on the thoroughfare take aim at the turning lane and several intersections. Brian Klinksiek, P.E., the

project engineer with Price Construction, said he and his crews had hoped to start milling down the existing roadway two weeks ago, but thanks to supply problems,

work should begin on the strip of street Monday. "We ran into a problem getting one of the additives for the hot mix, and then there was a shortage of asphalt,"

said Klinksiek. "However, we've taken care of those things and we expect to begin milling down the turning" See **GREGG**, Page 3A



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Led by Frank Acosta, center, prospective graduates from Howard College file into Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at the start of commencement exercises Friday evening. More than 190 students received diplomas or certificates during the event.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Graduates from SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf line up prior to the start of commencement ceremonies at the college auditorium Friday morning. Fourteen students received diplomas and certificates during the event.

Belt tightening time at Forsan ISD?

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

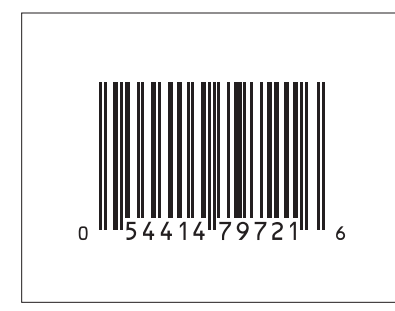
FORSAN — Changes in Forsan Independent School District's economic situation are forcing officials to look at belt-tightening measures as they approach a new budget

year. During their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration wing board room, FISD trustees are expected to take the first steps toward preparing the district's new budget when they approve a salary schedule for

all employees. Superintendent Randy Johnson said he will recommend that all district teachers receive their usual "step" pay increases, while all other employees will receive a percentage pay raise. While the current economic

downturn hasn't directly affected FISD, the district's situation in regards to the state's finance-sharing scheme could have an adverse impact on local finances, Johnson said. "Because of the 'Robin

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Big Spring's Clemons wins regional gold

Herald Staff Report

ODESSA — Three Big Spring Steers qualified for the Class 4A state track meet Friday, delivering top performances at the Region I meet in Odessa.

Highlighting the list is Tyrone Clemons, who won gold in the high jump, clearing 6-10. Arlington Seguin's Jevin Colbert also cleared

that height, but Clemons faulted fewer times.

LaRay Woodard and Kade Parker also qualified for state.

For a second consecutive year, Woodard will be competing for a state title in the long jump. He finished second at the regional with a jump of 22-feet, 11 3/4 inches.

Woodard was a state silver medalist last year as a junior.

Parker will be making his first

appearance in Austin for track. He finished second in the 3,200-meter run with a time of 9:37.14, just a second behind event-winner Isaac Spencer of El Paso Austin.

Through the first day of finals, the Steers are in first place as a team with 28 points. In second is Wichita Falls Rider with 22 points.

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Bufs hold off error-laden Badgers, 8-6

Herald Staff Report

ANDREWS — It simply couldn't be avoided.

For a second straight year, the Forsan Buffaloes baseball team was forced to play its first postseason game after a long layoff.

A year ago, that didn't lead to a positive result as the Buffs were upset by O'Donnell.

They were determined to not let history repeat itself again in 2009.

The Buffs claimed a Class A bi-district title with an 8-6 win over McCamey Friday in Andrews.

Forsan trailed 6-4 after a 5-run fourth inning for the Badgers, but rallied back with three runs in the top of the fifth for a 7-6 advantage. The Buffs added one more in the top of the sixth for the final.

Forsan led 4-1 after three before the Badgers rallied to take the lead, however, Head Coach Jason Phillips said the Buffs were not going to be denied this year.

"The thing about this team, we give up bad innings, but we never quit," said Phillips. "You could tell last night they didn't want to lose and they weren't going to lose. In those five runs McCamey got, I think they hit one ball hard. It was odd. They just kept hitting bloop singles. Things could've gone really bad after that. In the past, things would have gone bad. This team wasn't going to let it happen, though. They kept fighting."

After the 5-run onslaught by McCamey in the fourth, freshman Payton Parker relieved Rey Martinez on the mound for the Buffs and shut down the Badgers. Parker (2-1) pitched 2.1 innings, allowing no runs and just one hit while

See **BUFFS**, Page 3B

Steers' season ended

By **BILL NORRIS**

Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK — While the season ended on a sad note, there was still plenty to be proud of for the Big Spring Steers baseball team.

Canyon Steers proved to be too much as the Raiders closed out the Steers' season, taking the bidistrict series with a 10-0 win at Moegle Field in Lubbock Friday.

In a mirror image of Thursday's games, which Randall won 12-0, it was one big inning making the difference for Randall. The Steers finished their season with a 9-17-1 record, but made the playoffs for the first time in eight years.

Leading 1-0 going into the bottom of the third, Randall sent 13 batters to the plate, scoring eight

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Steven Islas gets a hit in baseball action earlier this season at Canyon Steers. The Steers' season was brought to an end Friday at Canyon Steers in the bi-district round of the Class 4A playoffs.

Resilient Rockets push Lakers to limit

By **CHRIS DUNCAN**

AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets have played their best this season when everything seems ready to fall apart.

They were virtually dismissed as a playoff threat in late February, when Tracy McGrady had season-ending knee surgery and Rafer Alston was traded to Orlando.

They fumbled away home-court advantage in the first round with a 95-84 loss to Dallas in the regular-season finale.

They lost backup center Dikembe Mutombo during the Portland series and leading scorer Yao Ming a week ago against the Lakers.

Yet the Rockets are still playing, pushing Los Angeles to Sunday's Game 7 in their Western Conference semifinal series with the resiliency that has become their defining trait.

"We're surprising a lot of people," said 6-foot-6 forward Chuck Hayes, who became Houston's starting center when Yao, who is a foot taller, broke his foot in Game 3. "I'm sure a lot of people had us written off. But if you did that,

then you really haven't been watching basketball for the past month and we surprise people.

"People least expect it," Hayes said, "but somehow we get the job done."

The day after learning Yao was out for the rest of the postseason, the Rockets routed the Lakers 99-87 in Game 4. Los Angeles won Game 5 by 40 points, a loss that had many believing Houston's spunk had finally run out.

Then came Game 6 on Thursday night. The Rockets raced to another big lead, staved off a Lakers' rally and won by 15 points.

"We've been through so much, that's been the story of this season," forward Ron Artest said. "We're down, but we never fall and we're never counted out."

The Rockets found out on Feb. 18 that McGrady, the face of the franchise since he arrived in 2004, would miss the rest of the season. The two-time scoring champion was bothered by knee problems from the start of training camp and caused a stir when he announced that he was going to have risky microfracture surgery.

Coach Rick Adelman lashed out at McGrady for not properly informing Daryl Morey and general manager Daryl Morey said he wanted to talk to McGrady about his apparent decision.

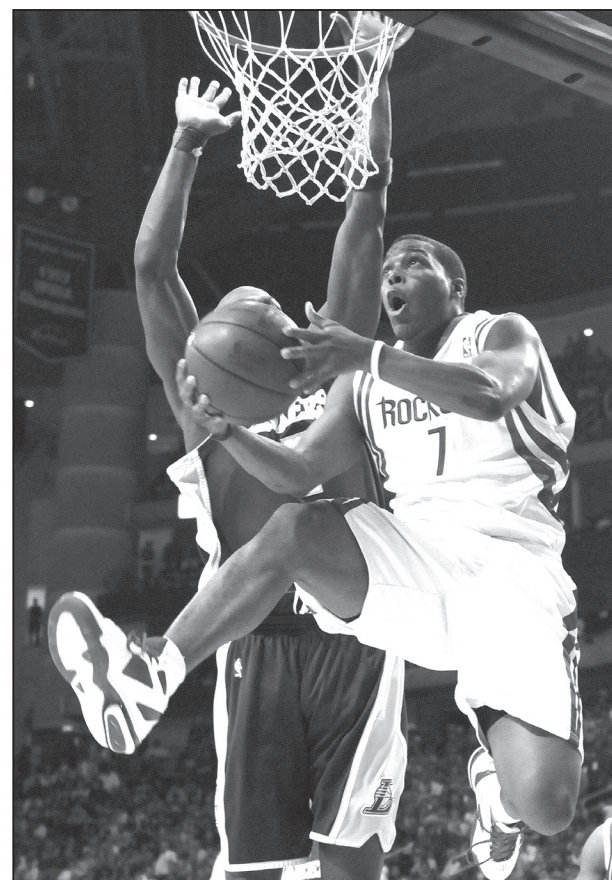
In the midst of that, Houston traded Alston to Orlando on Feb. 19, a deal that brought Kyle Lowry to the Rockets. The move turned Aaron Brooks into Houston's starting point guard, and many questioned if the second-year pro could handle the job.

The upheaval could have easily become a distraction, but the Rockets won 11 of 13 games between Feb. 11 and March 9, including victories over Portland, Cleveland and Denver.

A week later, reserve forward Carl Landry was wounded in the left calf in an early morning shooting in Houston. He missed eight games, and the Rockets won five of them while keeping in constant contact with their injured teammate.

No matter what's happened on the court or off, the Rockets have kept an even keel, a reflection of

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AP photo/Pat Sullivan

Houston Rockets guard Kyle Lowry (7) shoots as Los Angeles Lakers forward Lamar Odom defends during Game 6 of a Western Conference semifinals playoff series in Houston. The Rockets won 95-80 to tie the series at 3-3.

Sports in brief

High school baseball and softball postseason schedule

Interscholastic play has been cleared to resume and local high school baseball and softball teams have reset their postseason schedules.

Coahoma

• Bulldogettes softball faced Clyde in Game 2 of a

Class 2A best-of-three area playoff series at 4 p.m. Saturday in Sweetwater. A third game, if needed, was set to take place 30 minutes after. The Bulldogettes lost the first game, 2-1.

• Bulldogs baseball plays at 7 p.m. Monday at McMurry University's Driggers Field in Abilene in a Class 2A area playoff Eastland.

Forsan

• Lady Buffs softball won its Class A area playoff series over Stamford and face the winner of the Eldorado-Ralls series early this week in the regional quarterfinals.

• Buffs baseball faces Ralls in a Class A area playoff at 7 p.m. Monday at Moegle Field in Lubbock.



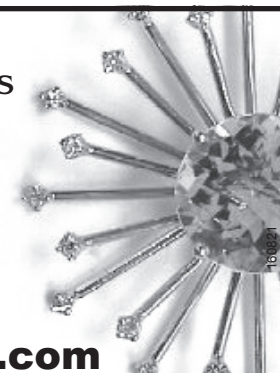
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When camels come calling

Big Spring High School students learn about the legendary 'ships of the desert'



Story and photos by Steve Reagan

Almost everyone knows about camels — or, at least, they think they know.

The humpbacked creatures, celebrated as the “ships of the desert,” are anything but commonplace in West Texas, but that hasn’t stopped people from believing certain things about the animals:

- They spit — a lie.
- They store water in their humps — another lie.
- They can go weeks or months without water — well, that one is true.

Misperception met reality when Big Spring native Doug Baum brought Gobi and Richard, two of the 11 camels he owns at his Valley Mills ranch, to Big Spring High School to meet a group of local biology students.

Baum, the son of former local radio personality Jim Baum, admits to a long-time admiration of the animals.

“I played music professionally for years,” he said. “While I was doing that, I lived in Nashville and during the day, I’d have a lot of time on my hands. So I volunteered and later worked full-time at the zoo there and I just fell in love with the camels.”

After about five years in Nashville, Baum and his wife decided to start a family. Figuring that Music City, USA wasn’t the best place to raise children, they moved back to Texas — and he brought camels with him.

Baum owns the Texas Camel Corps, which specializes in educational exhibits, historical reenactments and film and media productions involving camels. As a self-professed camel

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Clockwise, from top: BSHS student Aaron Haynes gets a close look at Gobi the camel; Gobi strikes a pose for the camera; Big Spring native Doug Baum talks to students during his Thursday presentation; Gobi is the center of attention as several students give him a friendly pet.



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Shirley A. Brumley

Shirley A. Brumley, 64, of Big Spring died Friday, May 15, 2009, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Steve King and the Rev. Jesse Colegrove officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Shirley was born May 14, 1945, in Mitchell County to Ethel and Marvin Robertson. She married Walter H. Brumley Sr. on Oct. 9, 1965, in Las Cruces, N.M. He preceded her in death Jan. 3, 2000. Shirley was the bookkeeper for the family business for 15 years. She was a member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church and played the piano and organ at the church, as well as numerous other instruments for many years until her health declined. Her hobbies were painting, crocheting, sewing and studying her Bible daily. Shirley was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

Shirley is survived by her son: Walter H. Brumley Jr. and his wife Robin of Big Spring; one daughter: Amanda G. Morris of Midland; one brother: Richard Robertson of Big Spring; two sisters: Vida Gonzales of Big Spring and Louise Bolton of Sargent; and grandchildren: Emilea Brumley and Walter H. Brumley III "Trey", both of Big Spring. A very special thanks goes to Vida and Richard for their compassionate and loving care of their sister, Shirley.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers: Milton and Marvin Robertson; and one sister: Jo Thigpen.

Pallbearers will be Keith Crane, Brandon Luce, Shane Clark, Kerry Fryar, Larry Fryar and Don Williams.

The family suggests memorials to Compass Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

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Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 3200 block of Ave. C.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was reported in the 400 block of Young.
- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY/FUGITIVE GIVING FALSE INFORMATION was reported in the 1400 block of Nolan.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 2600 block of Ent.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARPHERNALIA was reported in the 1200 block of Pickens.
- POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA/TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 2500 block of March and the 1200 block of Pickens.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORT was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.
- RETALIATION was reported in the 1000 block of N. Main.
- THEFT was reported in the 1100 block of Lame-sa Highway, the 1700 block of FM 700 and the 1800 block of FM 700.

Lottery




Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 7-12-24-36-48; Mega Ball: 27.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-34-21-6-35. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$25,875. Winning ticket purchased in: Petrolia.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-8-5-2. Sum It Up: 21.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-0-2. Sum It Up: 9.

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Bulletin Board

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MONDAY

- The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weigh-in starts at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 6 p.m. There is a different program each week. For more information, call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:45 p.m. at Dragon China Buffett.
- DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Howard County Master Gardeners meet at 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the county courthouse. The public is invited.
- Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library.

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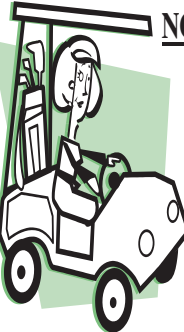
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Nowitzki remains committed to winning with Mavs

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki is the backbone of the Dallas Mavericks, the first MVP in franchise history and the career leader in pretty much every scoring category.

All that's missing is a championship, and he's not interested in going anywhere else to get one.

"After I played here for 11 years — played hurt, played sick, whatever they needed me to do, basically playing my heart (out) for the last 11 years — I don't think it would feel the same way somewhere else," Nowitzki said. "It's always been my dream here to finish my career and win a championship. I think my window has not closed yet and I'll still see what we can do."

Nowitzki inadvertently raised the question of how long he was willing to stick with the organization while describing his disappointment over falling short again this season.

After the Mavs were eliminated by Denver on Wednesday night, then again during a wrapup interview Thursday, Nowitzki mentioned several times that this was his 11th season and that he'll be turning 31 in a few weeks. He talked about the window of opportunity starting to close, calling every title-less season a waste. He also said he understands that 36-year-old Jason Kidd might sign with another team he considers closer to winning a championship.

So, does all that mean Nowitzki thinks the Mavs are far from winning a title? That time is running out for him? Or maybe that he's running out of patience?

No, no, no.

"I always said I'd love to finish my career here and bring this franchise a



AP photo/Jack Dempsey

Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki sits on the bench as time runs out in the fourth quarter of the Denver Nuggets' 124-110 victory over the Mavericks in Game 5 of an NBA Western Conference semifinal in Denver Wednesday. Nowitzki has stated his commitment to the Mavs, despite the team's recent struggles in the postsason.

championship," he said. "I still feel like I have a good three, four years left of solid basketball. I don't want to feel overanxious and put my pressure on myself. I'm going to be ready to play and I'm going to work hard again

this summer and do more of the same again next year."

Nowitzki noted that he could opt out of his contract in 2010 "if I wanted to," but he didn't say it in a threatening way.

In fact, he tempered the thought by adding, "I never really thought about it this way."

Nowitzki is coming off perhaps his best year other than his MVP season of 2006-07.

He averaged 25.9 points and 8.4 rebounds and was first-team All-NBA — or, as coach Rick Carlisle put it, he was voted "the best power forward on the planet."

His numbers were down in the first round of the playoffs because San Antonio based its defense around slowing him. Then, facing single coverage from the Nuggets, he averaged 34.4 points, scoring 44 in Dallas' lone victory. He did it while dealing with his girlfriend getting arrested at his home, bringing unwanted attention on his very private non-basketball life.

"It takes a strong individual to go through what he did and then carry us on his back through this whole playoffs," teammate Jason Terry said.

Part of Nowitzki's devotion to Dallas stems from his confidence in owner Mark Cuban and front-office boss Donnie Nelson.

"It's pretty obvious (Cuban) wants to win — getting in fights with people in the stands, being fired up about every loss," Nowitzki said, laughing. "I think he wants to win as much as I do. He made all the right statements that we're trying to improve the team this summer."

If it was up to Nowitzki, the Mavericks' offseason plan would start with keeping Kidd.

"His leadership on and off the floor has been great," Nowitzki said. "He's showed that even though he's a little

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ROCKETS

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both Adelman and strong team chemistry.

"We win by two, or win by 10, the locker room is still joking," Artest said. "That helps us stay mentally stable, with this long season of grueling playoffs. It's hard enough playing the game. When the game's over, you've got to go back to being family,

no matter what happens, win or lose."

Morey has built a roster of a good mix of veterans willing to mentor and share experience and young players who have accepted their roles without argument.

Artest has found a niche after signing with the Rockets last summer. He admitted his intensity didn't mesh with the team early, but he's settled down and tried to make Houston's more impressionable players see the possibilities he didn't early in his career.

"I took my legacy for granted, so I'm trying to continue to build a legacy," Artest said. "I told the guys, they're young, 'You've got a chance to build a legacy. And when your career is over, you can look back at everything you've accomplished and don't take anything for granted.'"

The reward could come Sunday, if the Rockets can stamp themselves not only the feel-good story of the playoffs, but a legitimate championship contender.

Few are expecting them to beat the Lakers at the Staples Center, where

Los Angeles went 36-5 during the regular season.

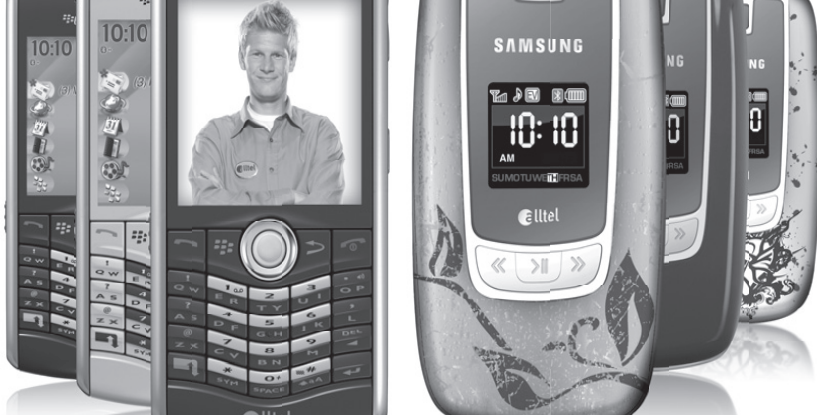
But the way this season has gone and the team has come together, the Rockets wouldn't have it any other way.

"We've been through a lot this year. A lot," said forward Shane Battier, who missed 16 of the first 18 games with inflammation in his left foot. "It has galvanized the group to the point where, when you have something as small as no one believing in you, it's really a minor thing. It doesn't even faze us."

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Hudson-McSpadden

Sterling Renae Hudson of Miles and Tyler Seth McSpadden of Rankin have planned a June wedding.

Sterling is the daughter of Steve and Valerie Hudson of Miles and the granddaughter of Cecilia Adams of Big Spring and the late Gene Adams and Johnny and Joanne Hudson of San Angelo.

The groom-to-be is the son of Steve and Penny McSpadden of Rankin and the grandson of W.R. and Barbara McSpadden of Rankin and the late James and Almina Braden of Rankin.

Sterling is a 2006 graduate of Miles

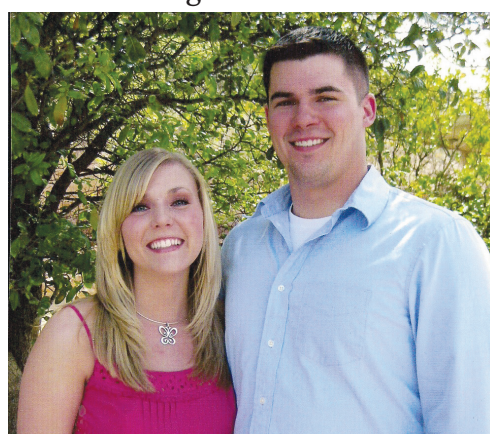
High School and a 2009 graduate of Howard College with an associate's degree in dental hygiene.

Tyler is a 2003 graduate of Rankin High School and a 2007 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene with a bachelor of science degree. He is currently attending Texas Tech Health Science Center School of Medicine in Lubbock.

The couple plan to wed at 5 p.m. June 13, 2009, at Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo. A reception, dinner and dance will follow at the LeGrand Alumni and Visitors Center.

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RELAY

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was no exception.

Despite being shortened from the scheduled 12 hours to less than three hours because of thunderstorms that rolled through the area Friday evening, Relay for Life organizers announced another record-setting amount of contributions.

And more is on the way, they promised.

Angela Kennedy, co-chair for this year's Relay, said \$205,000 has been collected to date, eclipsing last year's record amount of \$191,000.

"And that's without all the teams' money or online donations reported yet," she said. "Our final total will be announced when we hold our community wrap-up/closing ceremonies June 4 at (First United Methodist Church's) Garrett Hall.

Organizers were concerned about what effect the current economic downturn would have on the event, one of the most successful per-capita Relays in the nation. And

when rain began falling soon after the 8 p.m. opening ceremonies, it seemed like another bad omen for Relay officials.

The rain did squash official ceremonies, forcing Kennedy to call off the event at 10:30 p.m., but did nothing to hinder the record-setting amount of contributions.

"Despite the rain, it was a great success," Kennedy said. "I hated to have to call it (because of the rain) ... but it had a great ending."

Many annual Relay events that were postponed by the rain — such as the silent auction and the luminaria ceremony — will be held at the wrap-up meeting at Garrett Hall, Kennedy said.

The reason for the event's success was simple, she added.

"We had great people working for us," she said. "The underwriters and sponsors were fantastic, our committee members were awesome and we had several new teams that collected a lot of money. Plus, we had 29 'green shirt' people who each collected \$1,000 or more."



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Josh Mireles of the Men in Black team grills fajitas during the 2009 Howard-Glasscock Relay For Life, held Friday evening at Blankenship Field. The event raised more than \$200,000 for cancer research.

GREGG

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lane from 14th Street to 17th Street first thing Monday morning. Once we begin that, motorists will be unable to turn left anywhere along that stretch of work."

Klinksiek asked area drivers to be vigilant when traveling through the work areas because looks could very well be deceiving.

"We're putting a slight angle on the edges of the areas we're milling down, but that doesn't mean people are supposed to drive there," said Klinksiek. "We put that edge to it so if someone accidentally goes off the roadway, they won't flip their vehicle.

However, it's still very dangerous, and drivers should avoid going off those edges."

Klinksiek said the southbound inside lane closest to the turning lane will also be closed during the daytime hours.

"We'll close that lane so we can get equipment and people in there," he said. "However, when we're finished working for the day, that lane will be opened back up. Unfortunately, when that lane is closed we're expecting traffic to back up. Motorists will definitely want to give themselves more time to get where they are going if they have to travel through that area."

Several intersections will also be closed, most

likely beginning next week.

"Intersections at 15th, 18th and 17th streets will be closed at some point next week," he said. "They will be unmarked detours, so motorists will have to find another way around."

Klinksiek said he expects efforts to mill down that particular stretch of Gregg Street to last until sometime Tuesday.

"We're planning to mill down about 11 inches of material, then we'll come back and put 4.5 inches back with hotmix," said Klinksiek. "Overall, we're still on schedule. We've been able to keep up with the sidewalk and curb work as we expected, but the roadwork has

fallen behind by about two weeks. We expect to have the work done by the first of August."

The project, which is estimated at \$5.2 million, will resurface Gregg Street from the FM 700 intersection to the Fourth Street intersection, according to TxDOT plans.

Klinksiek said he and his crews are aware the work will put a strain on motorists, but if the reaction from motorists concerning the downtown street project is any indication, things should go smoothly.

"We know this is going to inconvenience motorists, and we're doing everything we can to minimize that," he said. "And we're very appreciative of the cooperation we're

currently receiving on the downtown project. People's attitudes have been very accepting of the work, and I feel like they understand the final product — which is better driving conditions — is worth the effort."

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Robert L. Pope, 84, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial with Military Honors will be at Lone Wolf Cemetery in Scurry County.
Shirley A. Brumley, 64, died Friday. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

FISD

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Hood' (school financing system), we're expecting to make a payment to the state this next year of about \$1 million," he said. "We'll definitely be tightening our belts."

In fact, unless drastic changes occur at the state level, FISD

could be looking at a deficit budget in the coming fiscal year.

"That's unless the Legislature comes up with a new system, but we can't count on that happening," Johnson added.

If trustees must accept a deficit budget in the coming months, funds to balance the district's spread sheet will come from reserve funds, he said.

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- Approval of the employee health insurance package.
- An agreement with the Ector County Regional Day School for the Deaf to provide deaf education services for the district.
- Policy updates.

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BUFFS

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striking out five batters. "Why I like to bring Payton out of the bullpen is because he shows no emotion whatsoever," said Phillips. "He doesn't get excited and he doesn't get nervous. He just gets out on the mound and throws strikes."

Sophomore Dylan Lowery pitched the seventh inning, picking up the save.

Offensively, the Buffs only recorded four hits, but nine fielding miscues by the Badgers allowed Forsan to push across several runs.

The Buffs advance to the area round of the playoffs, facing Ralls at 7 p.m. Monday at Moegle Field in Lubbock.

Forsan lost to Ralls earlier this year in finals of a tournament hosted by the Jackrabbits.

"We played Ralls in their tournament. They beat us 6-4 in their championship game but that was before our basketball games were back," said Phillips. "We look a little different now. They're always in the playoffs. We've played them a couple of times. It's been close every time, but they've managed to win. Hopefully, the result will be different this time around."

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Rey Martinez, Payton Parker (4), Dylan Lowery (7) and Zach Herrin. Lopez, Smith (4) and Esparza. W - Parker (2-1). L - Smith. S - Lowery. 2B: For - Ryan Flores. 3B: For - Evan Burton; MC - Rodriguez. RBI: For - Foster Burchett, Flores, Zane Herrin, Burton, Jakw Rhoton.

STEERS

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runs and taking control of the game.

Big Spring starter Cade Hollandsworth struggled with his control in the third, walking five batters, four of whom scored in the inning.

After Corey Kirkland struck out to lead off the inning, Chance Harlan walked and Dex Hjerstad followed with an infield hit. Montana Collie followed with a 3-run homer to left, making it 4-0.

After another run made the score 5-0, Kirkland came up again, but with the bases this time. He tripled to right center to make it 9-0. Randall would add one more in the bottom of the fourth for the final tally.

The Steers had a chance to add some runs in the bottom of the fifth, loading the bases, but failed to come through, bringing an early end to the Steers' final game of the season.

Although the season is over, Big Spring Head Coach Bert Otto sees it as a strong building block for the future of the program,

"It is a big step for us to make the playoffs as tough as the district was," Otto said. "Hopefully, this will generate some excitement and get some more kids out that have not thought about playing baseball, but have the ability. They see we can do some good things."

Otto will have a lot to replace next season as he loses a stellar senior class of Jon Benavides, Hutton Evans, Cade Hollandsworth, Kaegan Hunt, Colby Landis, Jeremy Solis and Rance Terry all of whom played a big part in the Steers success this season.

"A great group of kids and we are going to miss them," Otto said. "It's hard to realize when you start up next year you are not going to see them."

Canyon Randall improved to 21-9 on the season and will face the winner of the El Paso Bowie/El Paso Riverside matchup in the area round.

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BS - Hollandsworth and Rance Terry. R - Tyler Vance and Alex Esposito. WP - Vance, LP - Hollandsworth. 2B: BS - Henry, R - Kirkland, Esposito. 3B: R - Kirkland. HR: R - Collie. RBI: R - Kirkland (3), Collie (3), Vance.

TRACK

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The Lady Steers' 400-

meter relay team qualified for the finals of the regional meet Friday. They didn't register a point in the team standings after the first day.

Forsan sending two freshmen to state meet

Forsan High School is going to be celebrating

the accomplishments of a couple of fabulous freshmen.

Ty Johnson and Ambra Hill will each be advancing to the Class A state track meet after placing second in their respective events Wednesday in Levelland.

Hill ran a 15.75 in the 100-meter hurdles at the Region I meet, which was two-one-hundredths of a second better than third-place finisher Renae Fangman of VEGA.

Johnson was second in the 100-meters with a time of 10.99. He qualified by just one-hundredth of a second ahead of Larry Dennis of New Deal.

Coahoma has several athletes ready for region

The Class 2A, Region I meet will be one of the last regional events completed in the state, scheduled to begin Monday and wrap up Tuesday.

Coahoma will be well represented at the event.

Three Bulldogettes will take part, including Kylie Gee (high jump),

Jennifer Pittman (shot put) and K'Leigh Fowler (400 meters).

The Bulldogs will have eight athletes at the event: Corey Roberts (800-meter relay), Lupe Abrego (800-meter relay, triple jump), Ben Raad (800-meter relay, 200-meter dash), Hunter Williams (800-meter relay), M.J. Castillo (800-meter relay), Damien Bailey (shot put), Justin Coker (800-meter relay) and Ray Gutierrez (110-meter hurdles, 300-meter hurdles).

Blagrave places 8th at regional

Sands had just one athlete qualify for the Region I meet at South Plains College in Levelland Wednesday.

Senior Brittni Blagrave qualified for the finals of the 300-meter hurdles and placed eighth with a time of 50.01.

GHS' Rodriguez headed to Austin

Grady's Jacob Rodriguez qualified for the Class A state meet after finishing second in the 400-meter dash at

the Region I meet at South Plains College in Levelland Wednesday.

Rodriguez came in with a time of 50.84 finishing behind only Bovina's Oscar Rodriguez, who won with a 50.29.

The Rodriguez from Grady also nabbed bronze in another event. He finished half a foot away from advancing to state in the long jump with a 21-09.25.

Unfortunately, bronze was the favorite medal among the Wildcats athletes Wednesday.

Sam Harryman placed third in the 200-meter dash, while Eva Dyck took bronze in the pole vault.

GC's Schwartz on his way back to state meet

Garden City's Jake Schwartz will be competing at the Class A state track meet again, qualifying in the high jump after winning the event at the Region II meet in Abilene Friday.

Schwartz cleared 6-9, breaking a Garden City school record.

Paige Niehues and Schwartz's sister, Morgan, will be attempting to advance to Austin Saturday when they run in the 400 meters and 800 meters, respectively.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chavez

Wed
May 2, 2009

Carol Sneed-Drinkard and Simon Chavez, both of Big Spring, were united in marriage by Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman at 6:30 p.m. May 2, 2009, at 6808 W. FM 818 in Big Spring.

Carol is the daughter of Debra Stroud Maas and Gary Lynn Nelson of Big Spring and the granddaughter of the late Charles William Stroud of Amarillo and the late Betty Jo Keller of Big Spring.

Simon is the son of Maria and Eugene Arellano of Big Spring and the late Eleno Chavez of Big Spring and the grandson of Solidad Rodriguez and the late Bill Rodriguez of Sand Springs and the late Simon and Benita Chavez of Big Spring.

The bride was given away by her father, Gary Lynn Nelson. The bouquet was white roses with diamond accents. The bride wore an A-Line white gown with floral embroidery and pearl accents.

Flower girl was Emily Z. Kesler. Ring bearer was Conner D. Grigg.

Serving as best men and groomsmen were Gary D. Goodman, Chase A. Chavez and Conner D. Grigg. Debra Stroud-Maas was the bride's attendant and matron of honor.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Lomax. The groom's cake was chocolate with chocolate icing. The bride's cake was three-tiered, white, with butter cream icing and silver accents.

The bride is employed by Texas Book Company-Howard College Bookstore. The groom is employed by O'Brien Concrete. The couple will reside in Sand Springs and have planned a honeymoon at a later date.



Mr. and Mrs. Clark

Wed
February 28, 2009

Sterling Tyler Burchett and Jeffrey Reginald Clark were united in marriage Feb. 28, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Church in Lubbock. The Rev. Jay Franco of Trinity Church officiated.

Sterling is the daughter of Bill and Vanessa Burchett of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Jean Cooper and the late Cecil Cooper and Willis and Bobbie Burchett, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Reggie and Rebecca Clark of San Antonio.

Walking down the aisle to the song "Moon River," Sterling was given in marriage by her father. She wore a light gold Maggie Sottero designer gown with a corset closure. The strapless, a-line gown was embellished with lace and Austrian crystals descending into a tulle skirt. Accenting her waist was a sash with a vintage rhinestone brooch. Sterling's birdcage veil with a side feather and rhinestone brooch created a complete look for the vintage wedding ensemble. She carried a bouquet of peonies, peacock feathers, tiger lilies and accents of curly willow branches, wrapped with ivory ribbon.

The flower girls were Brylee and Bree Burchett of Lubbock, nieces of the bride. They

dropped peacock plumage from bird nest baskets adorned with peacock feathers and navy blue ribbon. The ring bearer was Caleb Clark of Lubbock, nephew of the groom.

The ushers were Brien Burchett and Braden Burchett of Lubbock and Brantz Burchett of Big Spring, brothers of the bride, and Stephen Clark of Lubbock, brother of the groom. A solo was sung by Braden Burchett, brother of the bride, and a duet was sung by Braden Burchett and Sherrean Jones of Big Spring. Prelude wedding music consisted of the bride and groom's favorite jazz music.

Following the ceremony, a reception and dance was held at the Lubbock Women's Club. Sterling and Jeff were escorted by the Lubbock Fire Department in Engine No. 14. The bride's cake was a four-tiered stacked cake covered with rolled beige fondant icing with ivory piping and pearl accents.

A large rhinestone "C" adorned the top layer. A large, pearl-dusted, fondant dress bow with a vintage rhinestone brooch in its center adorned the side of the cake.

The groom's cake was a layered chocolate fudge cake with butter cream chocolate icing. The layers were filled with raspberry filling. It was adorned with shaved chocolate and their monogrammed initials complimenting the sides. The cen-

terpieces for the tables were crystal chandelier prisms and crystal beading on vintage pewter candelabras. The tables were also adorned with peacock feathers, votive candles and ice crystals atop navy blue, willow-green and brown satin table runners.

Sterling is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School. She received her RN degree from South Plains Nursing School and is employed as an operating room RN at Texas Tech University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Jeff is a 1995 graduate of Frenship High School, and a graduate from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree in economics and a minor in business. He is employed by the city of Lubbock fire department.

They will reside in Lubbock.

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Kimberly Ann Robertson-Turnbow will be graduating May 23, 2009, from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School.

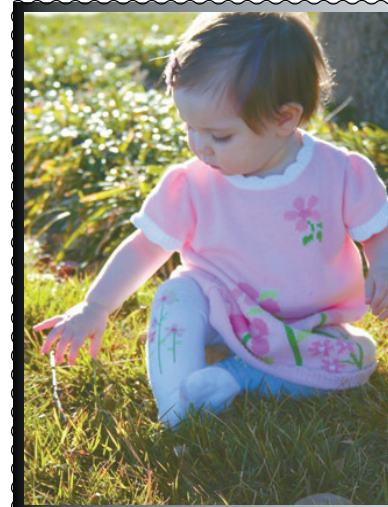


She is the daughter of Cheryl Robertson of Big Spring and Terry Robertson of Murfreesboro, Ark., and the granddaughter of Helen Hobson of Lamesa.

Kimberly is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1999 graduate of Howard College.

She received a bachelor of science degree from Hendrix College in Conway, Ark., in 2001 and a master of science from Texas Tech University in 2003.

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OUR VIEW

‘Click it or Ticket’ means we must use our seat belts

A word to the wise is sufficient. It’s an adage we’re all too familiar with, and that’s especially true when it comes to the use of seat belts when we’re driving.

There’s another adage, too. No mercy. Sound familiar?

And as of Monday, if you’re one of those people who refuse to wear their seat belts, that’s exactly what Big Spring Police Department officers will offer you — no mercy.

Running through two weeks, the police department is using funds from a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation to take part in the “Click It or Ticket” program — a nationwide campaign developed to force people into compliance with seat belts laws.

It’s a program that is working both nationally and locally. In 2002, when the program began, the usage of seat belts in Texas was around 76 percent. It is now at 91.2 percent.

The result, according to BSPD Lt. Terry Chamness, was fewer injuries and deaths as a result of traffic accidents.

Sadly, the BSPD wasn’t able to participate for several years, due to manpower constraints. As a result, seat belt usage dropped a percentage point or two.

That unacceptable to BSPD officials, and the grant money, coupled with increased staff, means that’s going to change.

Texas law requires every person sitting in the front seat of a vehicle to be secured by a safety belt, no matter how big or small the vehicle is. The law also states that all children under 17 years old must be secured with a safety belt or in a child safety seat, whether they are sitting in the front or back seat. A child less than 5 years old or less than 36 inches tall must be secured in a child safety seat.

Chamness said Police Chief Lonnie Smith supports a zero-tolerance stance on seat belt violations. So, if you get pulled over for not wearing your seat belt by an officer, you won’t be getting a warning.

“That’s why they call it ‘Click It or Ticket,’” Chamness noted.

And with an extra officer on duty for four-hour periods each day — his whole purpose out there will be to look for seat belt violations — it behooves us all to make sure we wear our seat belts and make sure others in our vehicles do the same.

After all, a word to the wise...

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We were wondering why you did not put a small piece in your paper about Justin Denton, a city employee who received an award for the employee of the month, a certificate and a \$250 check for his service.

This award was given at the same city council meeting May 12, when the mayor gave a 12-year plaque to one of the members. We live in Midland and also knew that young gentleman and was amazed that he got no recognition from your paper.

PAM RINEHART
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we have an exclusive relationship with You, Lord.

Amen

Gifts, of sorts, from the inbox

It’s downright amazing what my e-mail inbox is stuffed with each morning. Like most people, I’m sure, there’s tons of spam and very little I’m interested in reading.

But sometimes just sometimes ... there’s stuff that, while not really wanted, turns out to work as a column. Such was the case this week — twice.

Again, I have to thank the Texas Republican Party for its diligence. It was the Texas GOP that informed me the Obama administration “had unveiled a budget blueprint that fails to fund extension of the popular border fence that stretches across nearly a third of the border that the United States shares with Mexico. This despite the fact that according to polls, a heavy majority of Texans and Americans support completing the fence as a way to cut down on crimes such as drug trafficking and illegal immigration.”

Really? Does anyone with a modicum of gray matter really believe that?

Not me.

Seems to me that too much money can be made supplying America’s drug users for traffickers to be deterred much by a fence.

And the same holds true for illegal immigration. The financial opportunities even the lowest paying jobs here in the United States look like the proverbial pot at the end of the rainbow

to illegals. For decades they’ve risked life and limb to get here. I don’t think a fence is going to stop that, do you?

Besides, if the GOP wants to complain about illegal immigration, you have to wonder why something substantive wasn’t done all those years Republicans held sway in the White House, much of it when they also held sway in Congress.

The Texas GOP e-mail said, and I quote: “The Obama administration is once again showing that its priorities are out of sync with Texas and the country as a whole on serious security issues.”

Texas Republican Party Chairman Tina Benkiser went on to say, “About two-thirds of Americans support completing the border fence, but the Democrats in Washington have instead chosen to halt it. While the administration is touting a small but welcome increase in overall border security spending, it ought to focus on common-sense items like the fence that Texans are very much in favor of, and without which we are all left at risk. It’s high time President Obama and his allies here in Texas got the message that we have to secure our border, and completing the fence is key to that.”

Again, really?

Remember now that the fence, 700 miles of it constructed, brings a price tag of about \$1 million per mile. And to completely finish the project, the fence will be some 2,000 miles long.

That means another 1,300 miles or \$1.3 billion! Talk about wasting more good money after bad...

Oh, yes, don’t forget that one of the firms putting up part of the fence in Arizona ran into trouble with federal authorities because it was employing undocumented workers as labor.

But I also have to thank a fellow by the name of Neal Enderly. Don’t know who he is or where he’s from, so I ought to also thank our publisher, Ron Midkiff, for forwarding the e-mail he’s initially received.

Mr. Enderly opined: “Two brick walls moved. Health care industry executives will meet with Obama with a pledge to slow rate increases to help provide insurance for those without it, and an Iranian court decided to release an American journalist previously sentenced to eight years in prison.”

“These moves can be attributed to Obama’s pragmatic, non-divisive presidential style, or to the fact that at least he’s not a stooge for the oil industry.”

Call me what you will, but I can’t help but agree. But I liked Enderly’s second observation even more.

“Ever ask yourself, what if Bush had not been such an errand boy for the richest Americans, and, basking in the good will generated after 9/11, had devised a course based on what the majority of people really want?” he wrote.

“After all, isn’t that what Obama’s doing?” he added. “It seems unique to us because few presidents ever try it.”

Indeed.

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It’s called fearing our government

Of the dozens of reasons to be concerned about the ever-growing and unchecked power of the federal government under President Barack Obama, the upcoming assault against conservative talk radio may surpass them all.

It’s not enough that liberals dominate the executive and legislative branches, liberals are poised to control the judiciary, and, at liberals’ direction, government is absorbing ownership and control of large chunks of the private sector. They must also shut up the opposition.

We have genuine cause for alarm on multiple fronts — and actual alarm indeed exists among increasing numbers of people, not all of whom are predisposed to excitability.

The government has declared war on innocent life in the womb in the name of “free choice.” It is spending unconscionable amounts of money it doesn’t have and can’t possibly acquire without taxing the primary producers in this nation into abject servitude.

It’s set to impose “cap and trade” taxes in the name of protecting an environmental threat that exists mostly in the data-resistant prisons of their ideological minds, which will yield no environmental benefit but will cause irreparable economic harm.

It has passed constitutionally repugnant and morally odious legislation, carving out new crimes for violent acts motivated by “hate” against certain protected groups. Neither military veterans nor conservative males are among the protected groups, but pedophiles very well may be. The proscribed “hate” under the statute may not be “hate” at all, but mere political or theological disagreement with the view of the dominant media culture and the ruling class on, for example,

the normalcy of homosexual behavior. Meanwhile this same ruling class and its enablers, who are so selectively indignant about certain majority opinions they mischaracterize as “hate,” openly bask in the kind of behavior no one can rationally dispute as hateful at the White House Correspondents’ Association dinner.

The government, through President Obama, has trotted the globe, painting the United States, the most magnanimous nation in the history of the world, as an international pariah and disgrace for which he must presume to apologize.

The government would have prosecuted officials of the previous administration for conducting enhanced interrogation techniques they reasonably believed were legal — and the lawyers who furnished the legal opinions approving the techniques — until it discovered, with egg on its face, that in a recent case, an appellate court — and the Justice Department, in another — had endorsed the prior administration’s definition of torture.

The government threatens and intimidates creditors into transferring wealth to the administration’s friends in labor.

It uses taxpayer money to fund nefarious enterprises, such as ACORN, to engage in widespread illegal activities designed to corrupt and skew the census, elections and other democratic processes as we watch, with mouths agape, seemingly powerless — for now — to stop it.

The government is a heartbeat away from nationalizing health care based on deliberate misinformation about the nation’s uninsured and despite the 100 percent failure rate of such fantastic reforms elsewhere on the globe.

This government has declared a false moral equivalence between the respective behaviors of democratic Israel and Palestinians committed to the extinction of Israel. It will attempt to force the Israelis to accept the twin suicidal concessions of relinquishing strategic real estate

vital to its security and agreeing to the “return” of millions of Palestinian refugees. It appears to have abandoned any pretense of preventing Iran — a nation also committed to Israel’s extermination — from acquiring nuclear weapons while encouraging Israel, instead, to disarm.

But of all the unfolding outrages, I doubt any will ignite true patriots more than the imminent resurrection of the government’s war on conservative talk radio. If we can’t even express political dissent, the nation we’ve known as a bastion of individual liberty will be no more.

President Obama, in classic misdirection, has proclaimed that he will not support efforts to reinstitute the Fairness Doctrine, through which the government would silence conservative talkers in the name of achieving “balance.”

But he doesn’t have to support the Fairness Doctrine to accomplish the same sinister goal when Congress and the Federal Communications Commission will do his dirty work for him. WorldNetDaily reports that Michael J. Copps, acting FCC chairman, has denounced the lack of racial and gender diversity in the broadcast industry as “a shameful state of affairs.” Unsurprisingly, his proposed corrective is to force the transfer of station ownership to greater numbers of minorities, who are statistically more likely to carry liberal talk shows.

Let the record emphatically reflect that conservatives have never tried to use government to shut down the liberal media monopoly in network television and major newspapers, under the deceitful pretense of achieving balance or otherwise.

Let the record also reflect that if this administration presses forward with this overreach, it might finally jolt the complacent among us out of their stubborn naiveté and apathy.

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Johnson wins pole for NASCAR All-Star race

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Jimmie Johnson has a history of dominance at Lowe's Motor Speedway, but had never started from the pole in the All-Star race.

After a speedy, mistake-free performance Friday, the decorated driver can check off that accomplishment, too.

The three-time defending Sprint Cup points champion won five of six points races at Lowe's from 2003-05. He's in position to return to the top spot after being the star of the unusual qualifying format.

Teams had to go three laps and make a four-tire pit stop without speeding down pit road or leaving loose lug nuts.

Time penalties for those infractions cost several drivers, but not Johnson. He had a speedy first lap, but shot to the front by being the fastest out of the pits — 119 mph.

He finished in 2 minutes, 1.416 seconds, then held off all challengers. Kurt Busch will start second in the 100-lap non-points shootout Saturday night that pays the winner \$1 million.

"I think with track position as important as it's going to be in the race, to be where we are is a great situation," Johnson said. "We focused on it hard today and everybody did their jobs.

Busch finished in 2:02.187. Matt Kenseth will start third, followed by Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Mark Martin.

"Jimmie Johnson, the 48 guys are always the tough ones to beat here at Lowe's, no matter what event it is," Busch said. "But overall I'm very happy with our lap. To be starting outside pole, that's almost as good as starting on the pole here at Lowe's."

Jeff Gordon qualified sixth,

followed by Bobby Labonte, Kasey Kahne, Kevin Harvick and Brad Keselowski.

Several drivers, including Kyle Busch and Carl Edwards, slipped out of the top 10 because of penalties.

Edwards posted a time of 2:01.80, but received 15 seconds in penalties for three loose lug nuts. He'll start 14th.

"It's a mini version of how our season is going so far," Edwards said.

Kyle Busch dropped from third to 13th because of loose lug nuts.

It was a much lighter atmosphere than qualifying for points races. Not everybody even knew the rules.

Tony Stewart sped away from his pit stall after his team had changed only two tires. As his crew stood baffled, Stewart stopped down pit road.

"I'll be right back," Stewart said through his radio before returning for the left-side tires.

Stewart, who will start 15th, then joked that he hoped Earnhardt would make a similar mistake.

"I'm just praying Dale Jr. will do what he's done all year and miss the box," Stewart said.

Earnhardt had no trouble getting into his stall and burned around the track with a time of 2:03.269 to take the top spot until teammate Johnson overtook him.

"It's going to be a big contributing factor to the way we perform (Saturday)," said Chad Knaus, Johnson's crew chief. "It's really good. The guys did a very good job. This is a big week for all of the pit crews."

Jeff Burton, whose team won Thursday's pit crew

competition, was penalized for entering pit road too fast. He'll start 16th.

Qualifying consisted of 18 drivers who got into the All-Star field thanks to victories in the past year or by being former race or series champions.

Those left out will race in Saturday's preliminary Sprint Showdown.

The top two finishers will transfer to the All-Star race, along with a third driver voted by fans.

David Stremme will start at the front of the preliminary race after qualifying was canceled because of a rain shower.

The order was determined by the qualifying draw. Stremme drew third, but Kirk Shelmerdine and Carl Long will have to go to the back of the field because of car issues.

Former Oklahoma great Tisdale dies at 44

Wherever Wayman Tisdale went, whatever he was doing, chances were he was smiling.

Tisdale was a three-time All-American at Oklahoma in the mid-1980s before playing a dozen years in the NBA and later becoming an accomplished jazz musician.

But those who knew Tisdale, who died Friday at a hospital in his hometown of Tulsa,

Okla., recalled not only his professional gifts but a perpetually sunny outlook, even in the face of a two-year battle with cancer that took his life at 44.

"I don't know of any athlete at Oklahoma or any place else who was more loved by the fans who knew him than Wayman Tisdale," said Billy Tubbs, who coached Tisdale with the Sooners. "He was

obviously, a great, great player, but Wayman as a person overshadowed that. He just lit up a room and was so positive."

Jeff Capel, the current Oklahoma coach, noted Tisdale's "incredible gift of making the people who came in contact with him feel incredibly special."

After three years at Oklahoma, Tisdale played in

the NBA with the Indiana Pacers, Sacramento Kings and Phoenix Suns. The 6-foot-9 forward, with a soft left-handed touch on the court, averaged 15.3 points for his career.

He was on the U.S. team that won the gold medal in the 1984 Olympics. Gov. Brad Henry attended Oklahoma at the same time Tisdale did and later appointed him to the

state's Tourism Commission.

"Oklahoma has lost one of its most beloved sons," Henry said. "Wayman Tisdale was a hero both on and off the basketball court. ... Even in the most challenging of times, he had a smile for people, and he had the rare ability to make everyone around him smile. He was one of the most inspirational people I have ever known."

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older that he's a warrior. He played 40-some minutes the last couple of months when we needed to win games."

Next, Nowitzki would make sure to "keep some of

the core guys and just add pieces." He'd like better defenders, more 3-point shooters and some young, fast, leapers so Kidd "can actually throw some lobes on the break."

"It really showed in the second round that we need some athleticism," he said. "Denver was just stronger and faster, it felt like, at every position."

As for Nowitzki's offseason, he's expecting the German national team to ask him to play in the

European championships. He's not sure he wants to after reaching the pinnacle of playing in the Olympics last summer.

"That was one of the greatest times of my life," he said. "It's hard for me to imagine ... starting all over again. I'll just have to wait and see. The good thing is that it's not until September. By that time, knowing me, I'll probably be in the gym for a couple months anyway."

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HC awarded Summer Youth Employment Program pact

Special to the Herald

Howard College has received notice from the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Workforce Solutions (WFS) Division that it has been awarded a contract for the provision of the Summer Youth Employment Program.

The piece of the program being implemented by Howard College will consist of employment skills training and will be coordinated by Don Cook, who has extensive experience in vocational programs.

Approximately 20 students ranging in age from 14-21 will receive training on employment skills such as job searching, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing and critical thinking.

"We are confident that through this type of program and training, we can make a difference for our youth."

—Tom Land, director of Workforce Training for Howard College

"We are very pleased to have this opportunity to work with the Workforce Solutions Division and implement this critical training with our youth," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, president of Howard College. "This type of employment training is crucial for them to be able to go out into the workforce and be successful so we are thrilled to be a part of

that."

The students, selected by the WFS Division, will attend classes in the morning and then will move on to their assigned employment in the afternoon. Classes will be held at HC's College at the Mall location but will also include some field trips and lunch will be provided every day. Each student will receive a certificate of completion in recognition for their accomplishments.

"This is a vital program in Howard County," said Tom Land, director of Workforce Training for Howard College. "We are confident that through this type of program and training, we can make a difference for our youth."

For more information on Howard College, call 264-5000 or visit www.howardcollege.edu

Energy Watch



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It's springtime in the markets! Well maybe that's overstated and there are only signs of a thaw. But whatever the case, last week there was definitely a lift in investor mood as well as the price of many stocks.

For its part, crude oil rose above \$57 a barrel for the first time since November after a U.S. government report showed a smaller than expected increase in stockpiles. A 2.5 million barrel gain was forecasted by analysts but according to the Energy Department, supplies rose by only 605,000 barrels. It seems companies in the U.S. cut fewer workers than economists had forecast, indicating the worst of the recession's job losses may have passed. One analyst was quoted as saying, "the speculators are piling into oil on signs that the economy is recovering." Year to date, crude oil is up 29 percent and we are very pleased with run, but would remind readers that currently stockpiles are still at a 19 year high and demand is a long way from "normal."

The stock market did bend a little last week, but certainly did not break. The popular averages were down modestly but overall a good session for a stretched-out market. The news highlights of the week were comments from Fed Chairman Bernanke and the bank stress test results.

Bernanke's main theme was that the U.S. economy will resume growth in late 2009. He also stated that the housing market, which has been in decline for three years, has also shown some signs of bottoming. He believes our unemployment rate will peak early next year below 10 percent and noted that the purchases of U.S. debt by China and elsewhere has actually increased during the financial crisis.

The Chairman did say this economic recovery will probably be slower than usual. However, at these levels of the market and with so much sidelined cash, just evidence that the economy will eventually recover is enough to fuel the market. Somewhere down the road and at higher prices, investors will start to worry about the rate of economic growth and higher taxes. When the stock market starts to worry about those things, so will we. Our feeling is that's a late 2009 or early 2010 problem, but not now.

Chairman Bernanke also said something else very important in referring to foreigners being willing to hold on to U.S. debt. He said, "I think we'll be fine, but we do need to address both the current account and fiscal deficits as part of our overall macro policies." We believe this is very important long term and hope that all politicians are listening and learning.

Regarding the bank stress test results, they were less onerous than most had expected and more importantly gave the market some much needed clarity. Several banks have already announced plans to sell common stock in public offerings in order to meet government standards. It is very positive that the banks believe the demand is there, we believe the free enterprise system will rise from the dead if these offerings are successful.

Meanwhile, we have a strong stock and oil market that acts like it might pause from time-to-time short term but that the trend remains up. There will be a correction out there, but the current good market action argues for only a moderate pullback.

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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

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In 1989, the Big Spring Correctional Center opened under direction of the city. Since that time, Cornell Companies has overseen the program that now includes four units and houses 3,500 inmates. Among the original employees are, left to right, front row, C.O. Jimmy De Los Santos; middle row, Capt. Lupe Ortiz, Executive Assistant Janice Bishop and Capt. Tommy Hilario; and back row, Maintenance Tech Milton Williamson. Not pictured is Capt. Cruz Sanchez who is on military leave.

Consortium grant writer returns from training on the East Coast

Special to the Herald

Stacy Payne, the new grant writer for the Howard County Consortium, recently returned from a Rural Community College Alliance sponsored workshop partially funded by the Lumina Foundation to North Carolina, South Carolina and Washington, D.C. where she met with community college development officers, grants staff and federal legislators.

Payne visited with grant writing and development staff at Central Piedmont Community College in North Carolina and York Technical College in South Carolina to garner strategic knowledge in acquiring state, federal and foundation funds to assist

the Howard County community in obtaining funding for several projects and programs.

"These two community colleges have been very successful in partnering with city and county groups to obtain funding for much-needed projects and programs in high unemployment areas," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, president of Howard College, which is a consortium member.

"Stacy also visited the staff of John Cornyn's office and Randy Neugebauer's office to explain some of our concerns and asked for direction and assistance in acquiring funding," Sparks added. "She reported that the visits were successful in bringing attention to local and area needs, and will work closely with them

in the future."

In addition to community college and legislative visits, Payne met with officers from the U.S. Department of Education, the Health and Resources and Service Administration, the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Association of Community Colleges and the Council for Resource Development.

"Stacy learned a great deal from these federal departments to acquire grant funding for educational programs for county school districts, workforce projects for youth and dislocated workers, allied health projects,

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\$50M in funding available nationwide; Texas to receive \$4.3M

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced a special initiative of \$50 million, of which Texas will be receiving more than \$4.3 million, to provide financial assistance for conservation practices available for growers transitioning to organic farming

or who are already certified for organic agriculture under new provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill.

Applications for Farm Bill conservation programs are accepted on a continuous basis, this special sign-up period will be through May 29 at NRCS offices across Texas.

Organic or transitioning farmers may apply for funds through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to receive up to \$20,000 annually or \$80,000 during any six-year period.

Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan announced the \$50 million for

the new initiative to meet the Obama Administration's promise to encourage more organic agriculture production when speaking to the USDA National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

"Assisting organic producers is a priority of the 2008 Farm Bill as well as for Secre-

tary Vilsack and the Obama Administration," said Merrigan. "The objective of this initiative is to make organic food producers eligible to compete for EQIP financial assistance."

The NRCS offices will be

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Parson to person: Someone answer my questions

Did you hear that Congress wants to investigate Nolan Ryan for using a performance enhancing substance that enabled him to throw a baseball more than 100 miles per hour? Yeah, if they can prove that milk does indeed do a body good, they are going to take away his birthday and call what he did to opposing batters torture. Why not? It seems like any form of intimidation to them is torture.



MATT PRICE

A couple of weeks ago our new president decided to drop our country's collective pants and share with the world our intelligence methods of getting information from suspected and proven terrorist. Now it seems like Congress wants to pull down the underwear as well. During the election race I brought up a question that I

truly wanted someone, anyone to ask Obama. The question was: Does pulling all of our troops from Iraq mean that we are going to abandon the multi-billion dollar bases that we have built there? I've said from the beginning that it will be decades before we are totally out of there. Just look at Germany, Japan and South Korea.

Now I have another question that I would love to have answered by our esteemed president — one that no one wants to pin on him or the leaders in Congress. The question is: If so-called "torture" techniques like waterboarding, desecrating a Koran and putting a non-lethal bug in a room were used prior to Sept. 11, 2001, and the information gained would have stopped air hijacking/bombings from happening, would he have authorized it?

Now, I know that any such question is hypothetical but the answer to it can reveal much about a person and their thought process. George WBush might have

made mistakes while he was in office and he wasn't the smoothest operator that ever sat in the Oval Office. He did, however, understand that he had a responsibility as commander and chief of this nation's military to protect the citizens that had elected him.

He authorized and approved the "new interrogation methods" because he knew that what we had been doing in the past wasn't working. How did he "know" that? Because 911 happened — because the U.S.S. Cole bombing happened — because the first World Trade Center bombing by terrorists happened.

If we could have waterboarded the terrorist who did the last act mentioned (because we did get most of them into custody) then we could have found out where Osama bin Laden was and canceled his ticket then and there.

I still believe that what I said in a column immediately following the opening of the Guantanamo Bay Terror-

ist Detention Facility holds true. If protecting our country and citizens from mass slaughter mean hooking up a terrorist with alligator clips and running some electricity through them for information that they are unwilling to part with then do it.

Let me remind all of us of a simple fact. They are not citizens of the United States — therefore they have no Constitutional rights. They were not combatants of a standing army sanctioned by a recognized country therefore the Geneva Convention rules of warfare do not apply. They are terrorists who commit crimes against humanity and because of their actions have chosen to give up their rights to be treated with dignity. It's not like they are repentant — the rate of released prisoners who go back into terrorism is more than 90 percent.

Of course the obvious joke in all of this is the political correctness that has been applied with a putty knife in the changing of the meaning of one word — torture.

We didn't use ye ole electricity and we didn't yank out any fingernails. We didn't rape a man's wife or daughter in front of him and we certainly didn't cut the head off one man with a machete in front of his fellow prisoners.

We used methods that our enemies can train resistance to into their fighters. Not, of course that we will be using them. Our enemies need have no fear of that any more.

No one is going after the president of the Rangers, the Ryan Express. While milk, because of the calcium does make your bones stronger, is performance enhancing — no one yet is willing to call it a drug.

Ahhh. Maybe that is why no one will ask my questions. Because of the discomfort it would cause the persons who would be asked it would feel like — torture.

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Annie's Mailbox



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My daughter is in high school and splits her time between my house and my ex-wife's. She often attends parties and sleepovers, and I've hosted many myself. Recently my house has become unpopular. Why? Because I don't serve alcohol. My daughter has been to parties where the parents provide a bar for the kids that includes beer, wine and mixed drinks. Neither my ex nor the other parents see anything wrong with it. "We might as well provide a safe place," goes the argument.

Annie, my daughter is 15 and some of her friends are younger. I've thought of calling the police, but I hate to escalate things to that level. What do you think I should do? -- Worried Dad

Dear Worried: A lot of parents believe it is safer to let the kids drink at home, but kids can still get alcohol poisoning, climb out windows, leave the house and get hit by a car, or wander outside in the cold and pass out. Some become violent. And evidence indicates there is a greater risk of brain damage for underage drinkers. Even with strict supervision by extremely vigilant parents, problems abound.

The Institute of Medicine and the National Research Council argued in a recent report that parents may be worsening the underage-drinking epidemic by tacitly supporting alcohol use. These parents also run the risk of being arrested. We are

NOT in favor of these parties and prefer parents talk to their children honestly and openly about the hazards of drinking instead of teaching them that "it's OK, everybody does it."

Dear Annie: I am grateful to have a good job. As the head of the household and a single mother, it is necessary that I be frugal. I buy clothes at the local thrift store, take the bus to work and check movies out of the library. I also pack my lunch every day because it is more economical.

My boss, who earns four times what I do, repeatedly asks to borrow cash for lunch because the trendy cafe nearby won't take credit cards. Each time I refuse. I'm sure he would pay it back, but that's beside the point. He never stops asking. How can I be respectful while telling him it is inappropriate to ask for money

from a staff member who makes a lot less? -- Brown Bagging it in Boston

Dear Boston: You're making this harder than it needs to be. You're not in trouble for refusing him, and you don't have to lecture him about what's appropriate. If people keep loaning the boss money, he won't bother remembering to bring enough cash to pay for his own lunch. If he keeps asking, smile and say you don't have any extra cash but you know where there's an ATM nearby -- and give him directions.

Dear Annie: I agree that "Had Enough," who had a colostomy, needs help with her self-image in order to regain intimacy with her husband. But I was upset that you put it all on her. You should have addressed her selfish husband. He should have been helping his wife become comfortable instead of sending explicit e-mails to other females. I know he still has sexual desires, but he should deal with them better, especially after being married for 20 years. Instead, you told the wife to basically get over it and have sex with her

husband anyway.

You said a colostomy is not comparable to her husband losing a testicle. How do you know? This is a deeper issue than sex. I would suggest they BOTH seek counseling. -- Devoted Reader

Dear Reader: You are right that the husband ought to be better about this, but he didn't write. Advice is effective only if a person is willing to listen to it. "Had Enough" cannot make her husband less selfish or less interested in sex. But she can work on her poor self-image, and we hope she will.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Martinez receives Patient's Choice Award

Honored during Hospital Week

Yvette Martinez, LVN, has received Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Patient Choice Award, hospital officials said.

When SMMC asked former patients to nominate nurses who exceeded expectations, the community responded with an incredible number of nominations, officials said. The award recognizes exceptional care, comfort and compassion offered by the nurses at SMMC, and honors one nurse in particular.

Martinez was presented with the award during a special barbecue luncheon honoring all of the SMMC employees as part of National Hospital Week.

Why would SMMC ask former patients to be so involved in spotlighting an exceptional nurse, rather than making the choice internally?

"Sometimes it's just too hard to spot one nurse when there are so many nurses in our

hospital doing an incredible job caring for our patients," said Judy Roever, chief nursing officer for SMMC. "That's why we asked patients to help us make the choice. They see the little things that matter so much on a very personal level."

During the nomination period, March 21 through May 1, individuals who had personally received care at SMMC in the last year, or who had a family member that had received care, were encouraged to thank a nurse for "going the extra mile" by submitting a nomination for the award.

Nominations also included the following nurses: Samantha Kuykendall, Beverly Von Hassell, Terry Sims, Jess Colegrove, Brian Murphree, Shane Kemper, Stephanie Soliz, Christine Everett, JoAnne Arellano, Mandy Pinkley, Teresa Smith, Kaye Womack and Nora Gamble.



Courtesy photo
George Parsley, CEO, left, and Judy Roever, CNO, right, pose with Scenic Mountain Medical Center's 2009 Patient Choice Award recipient, Yvette Martinez, LVN.

Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants:
Irene Lopez Alaniz, 774 E. Highway 80 Apt. 230, Abilene
Bryan Layton Allison, 1108 College Circle, Ranger
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Daniel Antrim, 120 N. 22nd Pl., Lamesa
Trudy Arreguin, 5105 Leisure, Midland
Fernando Arriaga Jr., 606 N.W. Eighth St., Big Spring
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Amy Barber, 2602 Ent, Big Spring
Toby Barnett, 1713 Dwayne Barnett, Lubbock
Christopher Barrera, 1704 Goliad, Big Spring
Teresa Baumann, 1509 E. Sixth, Big Spring
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Casey D. Bernal, 901 Grand, Hereford
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County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Joe Michael Canales, driving while intoxicated - open container, \$1,500 fine, \$491 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Joe Michael Canales, driving while license invalid, \$500 fine, \$326 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Tommy Charles Willingham, driving while

intoxicated, \$2,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Corey Preston Hoffpaur, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Bernardo Frausto Perez Jr., driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$373 court costs, 15 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Corey Preston Hoffpaur, violation of a protective order, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Joe Prado Torres, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Austin Ray Watson, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs.
Probated Judgment: Benjamin Isaac Munoz, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Antonio Garcia Jr., fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display, \$522 fine, \$228 court costs.
Probated Judgment: Benito Paredez, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$4,000 fine, \$443 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jose Alberto

Mier, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Andrea Leeann Hilario, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$1,000 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Marcus Emory Sturgill, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Orlando Isaac Montanez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Jim Harlan Daniels, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Jose Antonio Nieto, resisting arrest, search or transportation, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Jose Antonio Nieto, assault causing bodily injury, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Anselmo Hilario Jr., assault causing bodily injury, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 60 days in jail.

CONSERVATION

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administering the program, which has been reorganized to include a separate fund of EQIP revenue to help the organic farmers and those who are beginning to undertake organic production.

For producers transitioning to organic production, they need to provide a self-certification to develop an OSP during the three-year contract period and implement conservation practices consistent with EQIP statute and the OSP.

Certified organic operations need to include their OSP reviewed by a USDA National Organic Program (NOP) accredited certifier when they apply for financial assistance under the program.

"Farmers with an OSP have typically accomplished much of the work needed to develop an NRCS conservation plan," Don Gohmert, NRCS state conservationist for Texas, said. "Participating in Organic EQIP will result in a complete conservation system."

The 2009 Organic Initiative is a nationwide special initiative to provide financial assistance to

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economic development and community infrastructure building, among others," said Terry Wegman, executive director of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

"She also met with regional Councils of Government and economic development corporations who have successfully aligned with community colleges, cities and counties to achieve regional collaborative goals."

Payne attended the training after Howard County Consortium members prioritized

major objectives for the area:

To upgrade skills of displaced workers in the Permian Basin

To expand educational opportunities for all ages

To expand and upgrade the public infrastructure

To provide job opportunities that result in higher wage levels and per capita income

To economically revitalize downtown areas

To expand and broaden the local economy through tourism

To assist with the redevelopment of abandoned sites

To encourage public/private sector partnerships in economic development efforts.

NOP certified organic producers as well as producers in the process of transitioning to organic production. Organic producers may also apply for assistance under general EQIP.

Under the organic initiative, required minimum core conservation practices will be determined by specific resource concerns. The practices are: Conservation Crop Rotation; Cover Crop; Nutrient Management; Pest Management; Prescribed Grazing; and Forage Harvest Management. States must consider using any appropriate practice that meets


the resource concern on a particular operation.

Applications received from organic producers or producers in transition to organic farming will be accepted under this funding initiative through May 29. Applications will be ranked at that time.

"EQIP is designed to help all types of farmers and ranchers — livestock and dairy, grazing, or cash crop, including specialty crops and organic," said Gohmert. "EQIP also offers additional assistance for beginning, socially disadvantaged, and limited resource farmers and ranchers."

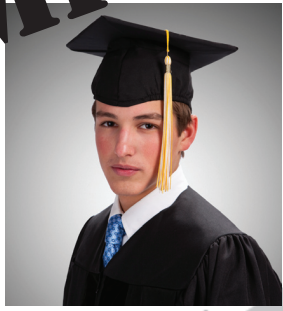
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► Class Reunions

BSHS Class of 1979

The Big Spring High School class of 1979 is seeking classmates to attend our 30-year reunion Sept. 18-19.

Please contact Debbye Salazar ValVerde at debbyevalverde@bigspringchamber.com or Cheryl Carter Joy at joycheryl79@

hotmail.com with any contact information, be it an e-mail address or physical address.

BSHS Class of 1979

We are currently seeking Class of 1999 classmates from Big Spring High School.

Our 10-year reunion

will be Sept. 18-19.

Please send your mailing information to bshs1999@gmail.com to receive information on the reunion or contact Jennifer Davidson at (432) 213-0257.

BSHS Class of 1989

The Big Spring High School Class of 1989 is looking for members to attend a 20-year reunion in September.

Contact Christy Alexander Brown at (972) 567-8037 or Irma Moreno Garcia at (432) 816-5321 with your updated information.

CHS All-School Reunion

Coahoma alumni will hold an all-school, all-classes reunion Saturday, Aug. 1 at the Coahoma school building. Individual classes are encouraged to plan their class get-togethers Friday night or Saturday night.

This year's reunion theme will highlight sports and former coaches Bernie Hagins and Norman Roberts will be honored, along with all former athletes and coaches at Coahoma ISD.

Funds will be raised for the Coahoma Scholarship Fund as well.

The Coahoma Alumni Association is trying to update its e-mail and mailing address lists and asks that you contact Patti Meets at pmeeks@basin-net.net or (432) 267-6688 with updates.

More information will be shared as the reunion planning progresses.

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BSHS Class of 1968

The BSHS Class of '68 will be combining their 41st reunion with the Class of '69 during Homecoming this fall.

The Class of '68 needs help with updating addresses of classmates. Anyone with information can contact Jeanie Johnson Knocke at (432) 263-1757 or e-mail Nancy Mathis Marshall at nmarshall1@suddenlink.net.

The following classmates addresses need updating:

JIMMY BELEW
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THERESA MAJORS
RAY MEEK
BEVERLY MERRICK
ROBERT MORAN
DANNY MURLEY
DANNY NICHOLS
DIANA OLIVER
TOINETTE RAINS GRIF-FORD
REGGIE ROBERTSON
GREG SHEPHERD
CALESSA SMITH
CHARLES "LITTLE CHUCK" SMITH
LINDA SWITZER WOLF
CARL VAN VLEET
LARRY WATKINS
JAMES WEBB
GREG WILLIS
RAY WORSHAM

Send your class reunion information to newsdesk@bigspringherald.com and it will be published as room allows.

HELENA WOZENCRAFT

BSHS Class of 1969

The BSHS classes of 1968 and 1969 will be having a reunion Sept. 18-19. Below is a listing of names from the class of 1969 we cannot find addresses for.

If you have this information, contact Shelane Roberts, Class of 1969 at (432) 267-2798 or 267-6013.

MARY ANN ABREO (FICKE)
STEVE AUSTIN
RUTH BAILEY
SHIRLEY BALDOCK
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RHONDA BARGER
JESSIE LADD BENNETT
LINDA GAIL BENSON
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LUCY CERVANTES
ROB CHAPMAN
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ELODIA CORRALEZ (CHERRY)
BENJAMIN RUSH
CROCKER
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MARY JANE DE LA GARZA (GARCIA)
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SANTA DIAZ
GLENDA KAY DIGBY
ALFRED DOPORTO
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MARVA ELIZABETH FOSTER
DEBBIE FRITZ
LARRY FROMAN
LAURA FULBRIGHT (JONES)
CHRIS GILBERT
WANDA SUE GIPSON
CINDY GRESSETT (TRIM)
DARWIN GRIFFIN
NANCY JO HALL
THOMAS HAM
THERESA HEARD
BILL HENRY
DAVID HILARIO
IASCUILA HILARIO
LEWIS HINOJOS
FRANCIS HOLT (HODG-ES)
MIKE HUBBARD
DALE HUGHES
ARTHUR HUSE
CHARLES C. HYDEN
DORIS ANN JENKINS
DEBORAH ANN JENSEN
NANCY KASCH
JAMES KELLY
JUANICE ANN KEY
CATHY KIRBY (MURRAY)
BERTHA KIRK
JOAN KNIGHT (RIDGE-WAY)
VICTORIA LYNN KNOEP-FEL
MARY FRANCIS LEE
JOY LEGG
KENNETH CLARLES LE ROY
BARBARA LONG
MIMI LUVANO (VERA)
NORMA LUVANO
ROBERTA HAZEL MARKS
STELLA MARTINEZ (RUSHING)
GERALD MATIN
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EARSIE JEAN MILLER
THOMAS MOLINA
CAROLYN ANN MONT-GOMERY
KAREN MARIE MOORE
IRENE MUNOZ (MC-CURDY)
LARRY NEWTON
DORIS VIRGINIA NOBLE
MARY JANE PALLO
ROSALINDA PALOMINO
JOHN PANNEL
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RICHARD BARRY PAYNE
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CYNTHIA JANE PINSON
SARA ELIZABETH POHL
CATHY POOLE
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JUDY PRUITT COOK
PAULA RAMIREZ
MARY RHODES
OPHELIA ALVAREZ RIOS
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sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

5			6	4				
	1			8	9			2
3			9				1	
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Silence Is Sometimes Golden

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Pass 3♥ Pass
3 NT Dble Redble
Opening lead — queen of clubs.

When the opponents incautiously warn you of danger ahead, it is surely right to make use of the information. Take this case where South reached three notrump as shown, and West took it into his head to double. This was not the wisest thing for West to do. He certainly had good prospects of defeating the contract, but he could not be sure that he actually would, and, more importantly, he was telling declarer exactly where all the missing high cards were located. North redoubled, and the battle was on. West led a club, and it was-

n't difficult for declarer to deduce that West had a long club suit and both missing aces.

South realized that if he led a diamond to the king at trick two, he would run into a dead end. West would take the ace and establish his clubs, leaving South with only eight tricks.

The same result would accrue if South instead led a low heart to the queen. Again there would be only eight tricks unless the opposing hearts were divided 3-3 — slightly better than a one-in-three chance.

Faced with this thorny problem — and armed with the knowledge gained from the double — South found an ingenious solution. He led a spade to the ace at trick two and a low heart toward dummy at trick three.

West was helpless against this well-reasoned play. In practice, he followed low, allowing dummy's jack to win, whereupon declarer forced out the ace of diamonds to produce nine tricks.

Had West gone up with the ace of hearts, South would still have scored nine tricks consisting of three spades, four hearts and two clubs.

West was dead either way. He should have resisted the temptation to double, as it is highly improbable that South would have found the winning line of play without West's helpful assistance.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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Help Wanted

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THE COLORADO River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following positions.
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In the photo at left, Big Spring High School art student Daniel Budke, center, who represented the school at this year's Texas Visual Arts Scholastic Exhibit, received a certificate of appreciation during the Big Spring ISD school board meeting Thursday. Also shown are BSISD Assistant Superintendent Steven Saldivar, left, and Trustee Maria Padilla. At right, Padilla and fellow Trustee Tony Kennedy take the oath of office from Business Manager Debbie Green, foreground, after they were certified winners in the May 9 school board elections.



Our Park: Trash Off set May 23

Didn't think it would be this soon to clean our park, but as I see it, Big Spring is coming to life again, like a rebirth. I am truly excited about what I see happening in our town.

Now, we need to take back ownership of our park. Disrespect and vandals, you have to go, you've had it far too long. It's time we said "no more."

We will kick off our endeavor Saturday morning, May 23, at the pavilion just north of the new restrooms on Golf Course Road. Starting time will be 9 a.m. We will be handing out assignments and trash bags to volunteers as they set out to clean our park. Some areas are not too bad, and others are awful.

We will be serving our volunteers a lunch of sandwiches, chips and cookies made by Keep Big Spring Beautiful members. We will also have soft drinks on hand and water to quench their thirst.

I think this is a good time to do a park "trash off" as Kids' Zone rebuilding will hopefully finalize on that day. This is going to be an awesome place for the kids to play and the area surrounding it will receive some beautification. Also, a great parking lot. Again, I hope the youth and children will use it and not abuse it!

In taking back our park, we have three of the five pavilions adopted. This will add to the cleaning and beautification, taking responsibility for others to enjoy. I have a good prospect for the fourth pavilion to be adopted. If you are interested in adopting a pavilion, spot, or area give me a call at 263-4607

Those pavilions that have been adopted will meet their new "parents" within the next week or so. Those taking ownership and agree to be responsible for the care of the pavilions are: East Fourth Baptist Church RAs & GAs and they are ready to go this Saturday. They took the largest one, Old Settlers Pavilion. Next came Scout Troop 5, Troy Tompkins, assistant Scout Master, taking responsibility for Alice Haynes Pavilion, the small one across the street from Baleski, which has no name, has been adopted by Scout Troop 187, Chuck Breyman, Scout Master. I just appreciate these groups taking responsibility in taking care of these facilities to clean and do some beautification.

If you want to join us on Saturday, May 23, to assist in the cleaning up of our park, please contact me.



PAT
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Courtesy photo
Newly-inducted officers for the SMMC Volunteer program, pictured left to right: Anita Cline, director of Volunteer Services; O'Neal Phillely, secretary; Dorothy Stovall, parliamentarian; Mary Rossen, president; Betty Daily, president-elect; Patsy Self, treasurer; and George Parsley, hospital CEO. Not pictured is Clara Cline, vice president.

SMMC recognizes volunteers during annual awards banquet

KC Steakhouse was the site of the 2009 Award Banquet for the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Volunteer Program, held May 4. The luncheon served to recognize the outstanding contributions volunteers make to the hospital and to award "Hour Bars" and tenure pins. New officers were also inducted during the event.

Volunteer Lou Hill has given more than 30 years and 18,500 hours of service to SMMC. Loma Jean Wynn was recognized for 15,000 hours of service, while Ruth Manuel and Linda Sliger have each served more than

10,000 hours.

Five individuals received pins representative of milestones of service, including:

- 20 years — Lynda Sliger
- 10 years — Glendia Brown, Betty Daly
- 5 years — Mozelle Osborne.

Dorothy Stovall
During the past year, these and other dedicated volunteers have contributed 14,712 hours, providing invaluable services for the patients, family members and staff at SMMC. More than 30 volunteers work during any given month. While some may spend

as few as three or four hours, others give as many as 40 to 50 hours per month.

"We appreciate the volunteers and the time they so willingly contribute. Our volunteer program is one of the many things that make Scenic Mountain a great place for people to work, for physicians to practice medicine and for patients to receive care," said George Parsley, CEO at SMMC.

To inquire about becoming a SMMC Volunteer, contact Volunteer Service Director Anita Cline at (432) 268-4721.

Holiday Hours

The Big Spring Herald office will be closed Monday

May 25, 2009
in observance
of

Memorial Day



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Deadline for Monday's paper Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

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- b. cook for the homeless
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News in brief

Source: Obama to name Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman ambassador to China

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A Republican governor whose name has come up as a potential challenger to President Barack Obama in 2012 intends to go to work for the president as ambassador to China, a source close to the governor said.

Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, who is fluent in Mandarin Chinese from his days as a Mormon missionary in Taiwan, has accepted the appointment, said the source, who would speak only on condition of anonymity ahead of a White House announcement expected Saturday.

Huntsman, 49, is a popular, two-term governor who served in both Bush administrations and has made a name for himself advocating a moderate agenda in one of the nation's most conservative states.

He made headlines recently for encouraging the Republican Party to swing in a more moderate direction if it wanted to bounce back from the 2008 elections, angering some conservatives.

Obama's 2008 campaign manager, David Plouffe, said Huntsman is a Republican who "seems to understand the party has to adjust — not stubbornly believe that everything is OK and it is the country that has to change."

Huntsman's positions on the environment and other issues have led some to consider him a potential contender for president in 2012.

Revelations on pilot pay, working conditions at regional airlines raise safety issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Revelations this week about pilot pay and working conditions at the regional airline involved in an air crash that killed 50 in upstate New York have raised broader concerns that long-term structural changes in the aviation industry may be undermining

safety.

Members of Congress said they were stunned to learn how little the pilots of Continental Connection Flight 3407 were paid, that they may have tried to snatch sleep in an airport crew lounge against company policy, and that the first officer was living with her parents near Seattle and commuting cross country to work in New Jersey.

"All these things raise questions: Are they an aberration, or are FAA standards sufficient? Or are the standards not enforced?" said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., chairman of the Senate's aviation subcommittee. House and Senate hearings are planned.

Aviation industry experts said conditions at regional carriers reflect a broad restructuring of the industry that took place post-Sept. 11, 2001, when air travel dropped sharply. It took the industry years to recover and triggered a wave of major airline bankruptcies, mergers, and management demands for dramatic wage and benefit concessions.

Regional carriers account for half of all domestic departures and about a quarter of the passengers. They are also the only scheduled service to about 440 communities.

Obama says ways of Washington are beginning to change

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama says agreement on an energy bill and a promise by interest groups to squeeze trillions of dollars in savings from the health care system show that change has come to Washington.

Some of those most opposed to past attempts at health care overhaul pledged this week to reduce the annual rate of growth in such spending by 1.5 percentage points, for a promised savings of \$2 trillion in the next decade.

Weeks of negotiations have led to the introduction in the House of an

energy proposal that, for the first time, would mandate reductions in the heat-trapping gases blamed for global warming and shift the country toward cleaner sources of energy.

Obama campaigned for president on a promise to change the way Washington works.

Republicans said they agree with Obama that the health care system needs an overhaul. But they warned against offering consumers an option for health insurance that would be run by the government and replace employer-based coverage, saying it could have "devastating consequences" that include limits on care and higher taxes.

Stalled automakers G.M., Chrysler to drop 1,900 dealers nationwide by end of 2010

NEW YORK (AP) — A decision by troubled automaker General Motors to drop 20 percent of its dealers is due in part to an oversized network that created stiff internal competition and gave shoppers too much leverage to talk down sticker prices, hurting chances for future sales.

GM's announcement Friday is more bad economic news for dealers, communities and businesses still reeling from Chrysler's similar nationwide dealer cuts a day earlier. Both automakers are scrambling to reorganize and stay alive in a severe recession that has devastated sales of cars and trucks.

Several hundred of the roughly 1,100 GM dealers already knew they were headed for closure, but most of them learned for the first time Friday. The dealerships will be eliminated when their contracts end late next year.

"We're 98 years old. We're two years from a hundred, and I don't want to go out at 99 years," said Alan Bigelow, whose family runs a Cleveland-area Chevrolet dealer that learned it was on GM's hit list.

Including Chrysler's decision Thursday to eliminate a quarter of its own, about 1,900 dealerships learned in a matter of 48 hours that they would be forced either to sell fewer brands or close altogether.

The National Automobile Dealers Association, an industry group, says the GM and Chrysler cuts combined could wipe out 100,000 jobs.

Military tribunals for Guantanamo detainees being restarted

WASHINGTON (AP) — In an apparent reversal, President Barack Obama is reviving the much-criticized military tribunals for Guantanamo Bay detainees and promising to make changes to the system that could jeopardize his timetable for closing the prison by January.

Obama said the changes were designed to give detainees stronger legal protections, such as a ban on evidence obtained under cruel duress. But his action was almost instantly denounced by a host of liberal-leaning groups who suggested he was going back on campaign promises.

During his presidential campaign, Obama was highly critical of the com-

missions used by the Bush administration.

Obama's announcement Friday means the trials of 13 defendants in nine cases will be restarted no sooner than September. Five of the 13 are charged with helping orchestrate the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The rest of the 241 Guantanamo detainees will either be released, transferred to other countries, tried in civilian U.S. federal courts or, potentially, held indefinitely as prisoners of war with full Geneva Conventions rights.

Suspected U.S. strike kills 12 in al-Qaida stronghold in northwest Pakistan

ISLAMABAD (AP) — An apparent U.S. missile attack destroyed an Islamic school in an al-Qaida stronghold of northwestern Pakistan on Saturday, killing 12 people including two suspected foreign militants, officials said.

The strike came as Pakistan's army prepared to assail Taliban militants entrenched in the main town of the Swat Valley, from where nearly a million civilians have fled a military offensive against Taliban guerrillas.

American forces have maintained a bombardment of militant targets in the lawless Pakistani regions bordering Afghanistan while pressing Islamabad to tackle Taliban-held regions further inland.

Pakistani officials said several missiles hit the school and a nearby vehicle Saturday morning in Mir Ali, a town in the North Waziristan tribal region.

Sri Lanka says it has taken control of island's coastline, denying escape for rebels

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Sri Lankan forces took control of the entire island's coastline Saturday, trapping the Tamil Tigers in a tiny pocket of territory and cutting off any sea escape for the rebels' top leaders, the military said.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa vowed to defeat the remaining rebel fighters and end the 25-year-old civil war by Saturday night.

The latest military success gave the government full control of the coast for the first time in nearly a quarter century. The rebels, who once ran a de facto state across the north, had controlled a formidable navy and sea smuggling operation.

Government forces have been hunting for the reclusive Tamil Tiger leader Velupillai Prabhakaran and his top deputies for months, but it was unclear if they were still in the remaining patch of rebel territory or had already fled overseas.

Two army divisions moving along two fronts on the island's northeastern coast linked up at the coastal village of Vellamullaivaikkal early Saturday, military spokesman Brig. Udaya Nanayakkara said.

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Officials deny calls were pretext to raid

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Law enforcement officers denied Friday they used fake calls to a domestic abuse hot line as a pretext to raid a polygamist sect's ranch or that they prepared to rummage through the entire complex before a search warrant was issued.

Texas Ranger Brooks Long and Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran both testified in the third day of a hearing on whether evidence gathered in the raid should be excluded from the trials of 10 men from the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The men face charges including sexual assault of a child and bigamy stemming from the raid last April.

The hearing ended late Friday and was to resume Saturday.

Attorneys for the defendants, all of the sect men charged except jailed leader Warren Jeffs and a member only facing a misdemeanor charge, have accused law enforcement of failing to check the veracity of the hot line calls because the state wanted an excuse to rummage through the ranch.

But Long testified Friday that the caller, now believed to be a Colorado woman with a history of mental illness and false calls to law enforcement, was believable at the time and hot line workers were convinced she was a 16-year-old mother who was being abused at the ranch.

"They totally believed this was going on and that this girl was in dan-

ger," Long said.

He and Doran also denied allegations by the FLDS lawyers that they had planned for a giant raid even though the initial search warrant only gave them authority to look for the girl, her baby and her husband.

The hearing continued into the evening Friday, and it was unclear how long it would take to complete. Texas District Judge Barbara Walther asked pointed questions earlier in the hearing but on Friday allowed attorneys to question Long for nine hours before Doran was put on the stand in the evening.

Defense attorneys want the evidence from the raid, which included some 928 boxes of family photos, comput-

ers and church documents, excluded from the trials. Some appear to show underage marriages and more than one woman married to the same man.

Law enforcement raided the ranch in April 2008 after someone claiming to be a 16-year-old mother and wife said she was being physically abused at the ranch. Later, it turned out that "Sarah Barlow," as the caller was identified, didn't exist. The name of the alleged husband on the search warrants was offered by a domestic abuse hot line worker who did an Internet search for "Barlow" and found stories about a previous case involving a sect member in Arizona.

The Texas Rangers have since named a

34-year-old Colorado Springs, Colo., woman as a "person of interest" in the hot line calls. The Colorado Springs woman, Rozita Swinton, has a history of multiple personality disorder and faked reports of abuse to law enforcement — something Long said that authorities didn't learn until days after the raid was completed.

Swinton faces a misdemeanor charge of making a false report in a separate incident in Colorado but has not been charged in Texas.

The FLDS is a break-away sect of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

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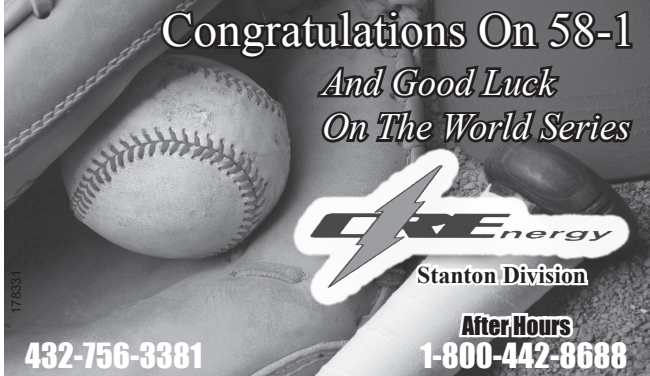
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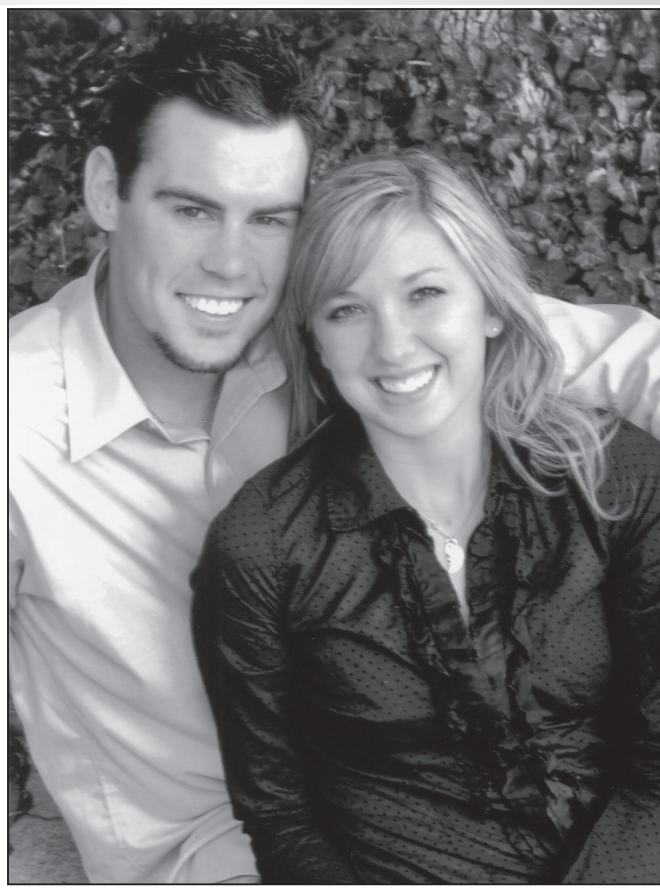
Engagements

Guinn and Hughes

Cassie Dawn Guinn of Big Spring and Brandon Ki Hughes of Burleson announce their intention to marry at 6:30 p.m. June 6, 2009, with the ceremony to be held at Hillcrest Baptist Church. A reception will follow at the Big Spring Country Club.

Cassie is the daughter of Delvin and Carla Guinn of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Alvis and Irene Maynard of Big Spring and Alton and Judy Guinn of Graham.

Brandon is the son of Mike and Cindy Hughes of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Cleta Hughes and the late Eddie Hughes of Lamesa and Thane and Eva Mae



Brandon Ki Hughes and Cassie Dawn Guinn

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Cassie attends Howard College and will transfer to nursing school in the

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The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of Lake View High School in San Angelo.



Katherine Elizabeth Romberg and David Ramirez Gonzalez

The future bridegroom is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is currently a student at

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Belew to participate in Texas Brigades program

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