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Robin Hood

Forsan folks to have say in shelling out \$1 million

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — School district taxpayers here will have to give away about \$1 million this school year, but at least they'll have some say as to where the money goes.

As a "property-rich" school district under the "Robin Hood" state education financing guidelines, Forsan Independent School District is obligated to surrender a portion of its tax revenue to help



runs into seven figures, Superintendent Randy Johnson said. "Because our property

equalize funding across the state.

This year, the bill

valuations went up so much this year, we'll have a significant increase in our Robin Hood payment this

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FISD board slated to approve budget

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

FORSAN — School trustees here are expected to approve a budget for the coming fiscal year when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration building board room.

The budget will be basically similar to last year, with a few notable exceptions, said Randy Johnson, superintendent of Forsan Independent School District.

we'll have salary (raises) for our teachers," Johnson said. "Some of that was required by the state and some we did locally." The exact amount of the

"One of the changes is that

raises will be finalized Monday, he added. A somewhat unwelcome

change from last year is that Forsan's "Robin Hood" payment — money the district is

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Throw it that way?



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Adrianna, left, and Connie Garcia urge young Josiah Garcia on as he attempts to win a prize at the ring toss booth during Sacred Heart Catholic Church's annual fall festival Friday evening. The festival concludes Saturday night at the church, located at 508 N. Aylesford.

Spielberg series continues with 'E.T.' at state park

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

An extra terrestrial will be trying to "phone home" atop Scenic Mountain Saturday, Aug. 29, as the Big Spring Film Society prepares to present a free screening of Steven Spielberg's "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial.'

Local resident Brandon Johnson, BSFS founder, said the screening — which is part of a Steven Spielberg retrospective the group be-



gan some time ago - is set to begin shortly after 9 p.m. at the Big Spring State Park.

"This is the third film in our Steven Spielberg

retrospective," said Johnson. "The film will probably start a little after 9 p.m. Everyone needs to bring lawn chairs and bug spray, and a concession stand will be available at the screening site.

"Also, everyone planning to

attend needs to be aware that once we get twenty minutes into the film the front gates to the state park will be locked. There's no admission fee, but donations will be accepted.

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Slaton man injured in cycle wreck

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A 61-year-old Slaton man

was life-flighted from the scene of an accident several miles north of Big Spring on N. Highway 87 Friday morning with what law enforcement officials described as serious injuries. Donald Wayne Patterson,

61, of Slaton was transported from the scene of the accident — the intersection of N. Highway 87 and FM 1584 — by the Big Spring Air Evac Lifeteam shortly after 10 a.m. See WRECK, Page 3A



County Sheriff's Office, prepare a Slaton man to be life-flighted to a hospital in Odessa Friday morning following a motorcycle accident on N. Highway 87.

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Garden City's Schwartz walks on at A&M

Herald Staff Report

COLLEGE STATION — Big Spring's Ryan Tannehill isn't the only athlete from the Crossroads area listed on the Texas A&M Aggies roster this season.

Former Garden City Bearkat Jake Schwartz is listed as a 6-3, 202 pound freshman running back, wearing No.

Schwartz was invited to walk on, giving him the summer and first bit of

fall practices to impress the coaches and make the team. While it isn't

likely Schwartz will find any playing time on the field this season, he will be on the practice field as he attempts to work his way up the depth chart.

Schwartz was a first-team All-State back utility



Garden City, which plays Division I Six-man football, in 2008. He ran for more than 600 yards, caught passes for more than 500 yards and was also a threat returning kickoffs and punts. Defensively, Schwartz had seven interceptions.

Schwartz also qualified for the Class A state track meet in the high jump as a junior and senior.

Unfortunately, he wasn't available for comment at press time.

Cowboys' concerns

Depth a problem after Dallas' 1st preaseason game

STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — There will be a different sense for the Dallas Cowboys when they get backtopractice in the Alamodome. Especially for the non-starters.

One preseason game can change the perception of things.

"You can start plays over at practice. It's different in games, you can't start plays over," linebacker Bradie James said after the Cowboys lost their preseason opener 31-10 at Oakland. "When they get coached this week, they'll understand. It will set in.'

Tony Romo and the No. 1 offense played two drives, following an opening three-and-out Thursday night with a nine-play touchdown drive in which six different players ran or caught the ball.

James and the starting defense held Oakland to a field goal even after a 47-yard pass interference penalty against new safety Gerald Sensabaugh gave the Raiders first-and-goal at the 8 on their opening drive.

But things got out of hand when the starters were done, creating cause for concern about the Cowboys depth.

"That isn't the way we wanted to start out team-wise," coach Wade Phillips said. "Our second groups were sloppy overall. We tried to play basic techniques and basic running plays and pass plays, and we didn't execute them

Beside the 47-yard penalty, the Raiders also had a 48-yard pass play and a 45-yard run against a defense for which Phillips is now his own coordinator. There have widespread personnel changes, with only six of the top 13 tacklers from last season still on the team.

Oakland had 456 total yards, 176 on the ground.

"Overall, we've still got some work to do," James said.

The Cowboys got a break Friday before their final five days of training camp in the Alamodome, starting with two sessions Saturday. They break camp Wednesday, then two days later play the first game in their new \$1.1 billion stadium with the preseason home opener against

With Terrell Owens gone, the starting offense did spread the ball around. The six different players who touched the ball on the touchdown drive each had

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BSHS picks up two wins

Lady Steers go 2-1 on 1st day of tourney

Herald Staff Report

MONAHANS — Big Spring's Lady Steers didn't just pick up their first win of the 2009 volleyball season Friday at the 36th annual Monahans Tournament. The Lady Steers nabbed their second victory as well.

Big Spring went 2-1 during the first day of the Monahans Tournament, defeating El Paso Parkland and Marfa in three sets. The Lady Steers' only loss came to Lubbock Cooper in straight

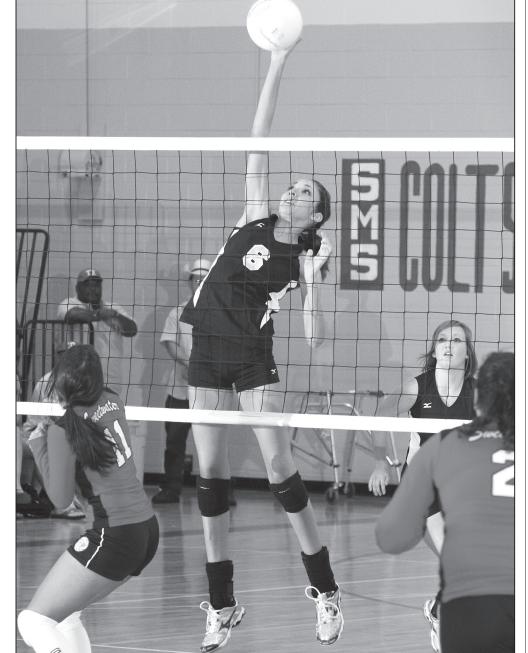
The 2-1 record gave the Lady Steers third place in the Green Bracket, placing them in the Gold Bracket, which is the equivalent of the championship bracket, for Saturday's play.

Big Spring opened its tournament experience with a victory over El Paso Parkland, 13-25, 25-23, 25-18. Desiree Anderson had five kills, while Taylor Seaton chipped in three. Lady Steers Head Coach Lynn Osbourne credited Sloan Davis and Selena Gonzales with outstanding defensive play.

Most importantly for Osbourne and the Lady Steers was the relief of picking up their first win of the season.

"We got off to a slow start against

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Taylor Seaton goes up for a kill in the Lady Steers' volleyball match against the Sweetwater Mustangs in Sweetwater Tuesday. The Lady Steers picked up their first two wins of the season at the Monahans Tournament Friday, defeating El Paso Parkland and Marfa.

Leach says Tech QB Potts best of first-year bunch

BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech coach Mike Leach has a new gunslinger at quarterback, one he says is better prepared in his first year than the other five who wound up leading the nation in

Taylor Potts is not new to Leach's pass-happy offense. He played backup for two years to two-time 5,000-yard passer Graham Harrell, who last year led the Red Raiders to one of their best

Potts, a 6-5, 215-pound junior, impressed Leach with his swagger even before stepping on campus.

"He had that whole John Wayne

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Sports in brief

Big Spring Quarterback Club meeting at ATC Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at the Athletic Training Center at 7 p.m. Monday. Parents of junior high and high school football players are encouraged to attend.

Forsan junior high football players can pick up equipment Aug. 22

All prospective Forsan junior high football players need to pick up their equipment Saturday, Aug. 22 at the Forsan fieldhouse.

Eighth graders can get their equipment from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with seventh graders to follow from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All incoming seventh graders and any new eighth graders will need a physical before school starts.

Prospective Big Spring junior high volleyball players must have physicals

All incoming seventh grade girls wanting to play volleyball must have a physical on file before the first day of school if they want the opportunity to

Tryouts for volleyball occur on the first day of school. Anyone without a physical will not be allowed to try out.

Contact the athletic offices at 264-3662 with an in-

Crossroads Youth Football signups slated for this month

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has begun signups for football players and cheerleaders at the Big Spring Mall.

Final day of registration for the 2009 season is

Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Late registration for football only will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 29.

For more information, call Jeff Vidal at 816-6871.

Coahoma flag football league holding signups this month

The Coahoma NFL Flag Football League will hold signups on every Saturday for the rest of August from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Coahoma Community Center.

This if for children ages 9-11 as of Sept. 1 in Coahoma, Big Spring, Forsan and all surrounding areas. It is a co-ed league and both boys and girls are encouraged to register.

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Up, up and away!



The country's best hang gliders took to the skies this week during the national championships at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark

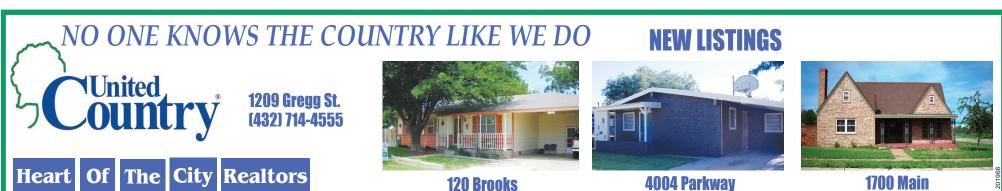






Photos by Thomas Jenkins

Clockwise, from top: A hang glider is shown shortly after takeoff; a pilot lands his ultralight aircraft after towing a glider into the air; a hang glider shows good form as he takes to the air; a large crowd views some of the action at the airport this week.



Roberta Wilkes Shive



Roberta Wilkes Shive, formerly of Big Spring died Aug. 12, 2009, her 93rd birthday.

She was born Aug. 12, 1916, in Hunt County as the fourth daughter of Thomas Walter Wilkes and Carrie Bell George Wilkes. She married Edward Crittenden Shive on Jan. 31, 1940, in Brookston. He preceded her in death July 19, 1999.

The youngest of four daughters, she started community service at an

early age. Besides being the salutatorian of Gober, Texas High School in 1934, she was active in dance, acting, basketball, cheerleading and played the piano for church and other groups from age 3 to 90. Her family and friends named her "Pete" at an early age.

She lived the major part of her adult life in Big Spring where her husband was an administrator with the Texas Education Agency. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Reba Thomas Circle, the Retired Teachers Association, After-Five Garden Club, the Big Spring Lions Club and the 1948 Hyperion Club. She volunteered with the Big Spring State Hospital, American Cancer Society, the Big Spring Concert and Symphony Association, Senior Council to the Chamber of Commerce, and served as a Blue Blazer for the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce for more than 20 years.

She had a life-long career in the women's fashion industry beginning with sales positions at Lerner's in Dallas; Seattle, Wash.; and Norfolk, Va. during the 1940s. When Pearl Harbor was bombed and her husband volunteered for the Navy, she followed him from port-to-port, working in the clothing business. After the war she worked in fashion sales in Midland and Lubbock before moving to Big Spring. In Big Spring, she worked in sales and the production of fashion shows for Swartz, an up-scale women's design store. She was also a representative for Carlisle of New York until her retirement at the age of 74. In a newspaper interview at her retirement she stated, "When you work for years and dress everybody in town for parties, weddings and social events, you feel like you are a part of their lives. People will see me and remember me for that." To many, she was known as "Shive."

Since the death of her husband in 1999, she has lived in long-term care in Big Spring and Amarillo. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Edward C. Shive, and three sisters, Tressie McCullough of Dallas, Opal McBroom of Leonard and Hattie Porter of Gober. Survivors include a daughter, Charlotte Shive Rhodes and son-in-law, Anthony (Tony) Rhodes of Amarillo; a grandson, Will Rhodes of Austin; a granddaughter, Gainor Rhodes Davis and husband Dr. Derek Davis of Amarillo; and three great-grandsons, Jagger Rhodes of Fort Worth and Rhodes Davis and Van Wilkes Davis of Amarillo. She is also survived by a nephew, Bill McCullough of San Antonio, and two nieces, Harriet Walton of Rowlett and Jarvis Salmon of Midland. The extended family includes nieces and nephews from Wolf City, Mesquite, Dallas, Bonham and Commerce, and Santa Fe, NM.

The family suggests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made in her name to the First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, 400 Scurry St., Big Spring, 79720, or the Amarillo Area Foundation ACE Scholarship Program, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 700, Amarillo, 79101.

Funeral arrangements are through Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo and Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring. The family will greet guests Sunday, Aug. 16 from 6-7 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. A Celebration of Life Service is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17 at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, Big Spring.

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Irene Brown



Irene Brown, 87, of Stanton, died Friday, Aug. 14, 2009, in a Midland hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 17, 2009, at Evergreen Cemetery with the Rev. Monte Kreis, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends on Sunday from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

She was born June 14, 1922, in Clarksville, Texas and married Byron Wilson "Boots' Brown on Oct. 14, 1939, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Sept. 19, 1991.

Irene had been a resident of Stanton since 1936. She was a member of Primitive Baptist

Survivors include three sons, Glenn Brown and wife Brenda of Caddo Mills, Jerry Brown and wife Lyn of Midland and David Brown and wife Debbie of Stanton; one daughter, Linda Phillips and husband Arnold of Stanton; one sister, Uston Caldwell of Phoenix, Ariz.; eight grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by seven brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79701 or to the Evergreen Cemetey Association, P.O. Box 1087, Stanton,

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.

Readers can pay their respects online at www.bigspringherald.com

Julie Ann Farrell,

Julie Ann Farrell, 37, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009, in Big Spring. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

She was born Nov. 22, 1971, in Portland, Maine.

She grew up in Houlton, Maine, and graduated from International Business College and South Texas Law School in Houston. She came to Big Spring in July 2005, then moved to Midland and came back to Big Spring in November 2008. She worked as an accountant and paralegal.

Survivors include life partner, Ken Lewis of Big Spring; brother, Randy Farrell of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two sisters, Susan Farrell of Houlton, Maine, and Margaret Levesque of Mars Hill, Maine.

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

Gracie Mae Johnson

Gracie Mae Johnson, infant daughter of Carrie and Brian Johnson of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 13, 2009, at the Children's Hospital in Dallas. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park, with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, the Rev. Sam Segundo and the Rev. Holston Banks, officiating.

She was born Aug. 7, 2009, in Odessa.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by one sister: Katelyn RaeAnn Johnson of Big Spring; grandparents: Linda Mae and Mike Bruington of Midland and Melvin and Patricia Tuck of Monahans, Jimmy Johnson of Big Spring, and Leslie Johnson of Midland; great-grandparents: JoAnn Miller of Fort Stockton, Lois Maxwell of Midland, Emma Jean and Harold Hall of Big Spring, and Carolyn and Gene Welsh of Scottsdale, Ariz.; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her great grandfathers: Charlie Miller and James L. Johnson Jr.

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Sunday, August 16, 2009 QB McCoy, Longhorn aim for ring of their own

<u>JIM VERTUNO</u>

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — With its gold band and fake diamonds, Texas quarterback Colt McCoy's 2005 national championship ring is little more than a gaudy dust collector at his parents' house.

It's a nice reminder of a fun season, but McCoy never

"I didn't win it," he said. The most prolific passer in Longhorns history was a redshirt freshman in the 2005 season, spending practices with the scout team and notably pulling off a spot-on impression of Matt Leinart before the Rose Bowl. He spent games carrying a clipboard and charting plays for Vince Young.

So there lies the goal for McCoy and the seven other senior Longhorns still on the team from that season: win Big 12 and national titles to earn a ring they can call their

"That," McCoy said, "would be a sweet ending."

And it would make up for a 2008 season that saw the Longhorns left out of the national title hunt by the slimmest of margins.

A last-second loss at Texas Tech meant the Longhorns

ultimately bumped out of the Big 12 title game when the league tiebreaker which used the BCS formula favored the Sooners by 13 thousandths of a point.

"If we beat Tech, things might have been different," McCoy said.

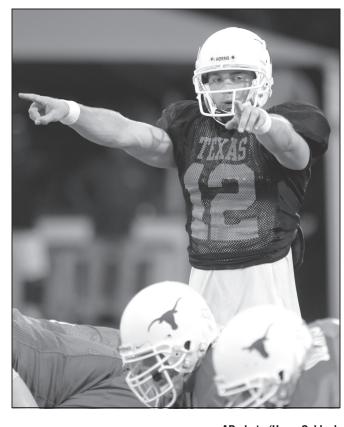
Different in ohso-many ways:

· Beat Tech and Longhorns would have played for the Big 12 title against a Missouri team they thrashed earlier in the sea-Beat Tech and

maybe it would have been McCoy and not rival Oklahoma's Sam Bradford accepting Heisman Trophy. McCoy finished second.

 Beat Tech and Texas could have played Florida for the BCS championship. The Sooners did, and lost.

"What we could have done is play for one more second," Texas coach Mack Brown



Texas senior quarterback Colt McCoy signals toward receivers during a Longhorns football practice in Austin Wednesday.

> Like last season, most of Texas' hopes of a national championship run hinges on McCoy, who seems to set a Texas record every time he steps on the field.

Once described by offensive coordinator Greg Davis of a "skinned squirrel" then a big-time quarterback, McCoy now packs 214 pounds on his 6-foot-3 frame. His 32 career

looking more like

wins rank first in program history. So do his career passing (9,732) and touchdowns (85). His completion rate of 76.7 percent set an NCAA season record. He also led the Longhorns in rushing last year with 561 yards.

McCoy revealed at Big 12 media days that he had to think long and hard before deciding not to enter the NFL draft after last

"It was definitely a hard decision, McCoy said. "It wasn't made over-

night."

When McCoy chose to return, Brown briefly wondered if McCoy was setting himself up to take a step back-

"That was a concern I had. You come back now, how do you beat being the best in the history of college football?" Brown said, referring to McCoy's completion rate record.

BIG SPRING HERALD

McCoy is one of eight returning starters on offense, including wide receiver Jordan Shipley, his childhood buddy, roommate and favorite target. Shipley caught 89 passes with 11 touchdowns and scored twice on kick returns last season and was granted a sixth year of eligibility after losing two earlier seasons to injury.

Defensively, Texas returns seven starters on a unit that led the Big 12 overall and led the nation in sacks with 47. Senior linebacker Sergio Kindle had 10 sacks last season and is expected to be one of the most feared players in the league when coordinator Will Muschamp, now in his second season, moves Kindle around the field, including at

Texas has the same expectations it had four years ago when the Young-led Longhorns bumped off USC to win the national title.

"The 2005 team lived up to those expectations," Brown said. "So we feel like that if this team will play up to their ability, they do have a chance to be really good."

Same questions lingering over the Aggies

<u>CHRIS DUNCAN</u>

AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION — Mike Sherman faces many of the same questions heading into his second season at Texas A&M that he did in

Once again, several underclassmen will be thrust into starting roles and A&M's depth will be tested on both sides of the ball. And just like last season. Sherman will hold an open audition for the starting quarterback

Junior Jerrod Johnson would appear to have the edge after starting 10 games last season as a sophomore. Johnson was beaten out by senior Stephen McGee for the starting job last August, but took over when McGee injured his shoulder in the second game of the season.

Johnson threw for 2,435 yards and a single-season school record 21 touchdowns in 2008. But the Aggies went 4-8 and Johnson conceded that he probably didn't play consistently enough to earn the starting job this "I'm not really surprised," Johnson

said. "A quarterback is judged by how many games he wins and we didn't win as many games last year as

we would've liked. I think I played pretty well, but I think there are things I definitely need to improve on. Ultimately, that's going to be coach Sherman's decision."

freshman Dorman.

Tannehill

Johnson's competition this time will come from sophomore Ryan Tannehill and

Tannehill came to Texas A&M to play quarterback after starring at the position in high school, but Sherman moved him to receiver before last season.

Tannehill was A&M's most reliable receiver in 2008, setting school freshman records for receptions (55) and receiving yards (844), and that may work against him now. He's focused on his quarterbacking skills this summer and he would prefer to throw passes rather than catching them.

"I want to be a quarterback, that's my goal," he said. "At the same time, I just want to help this team in the ways the coaches want me to. If that's at quarterback, that's my No. 1 choice. If that's at receiver, then OK, I'm all

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Baylor looks to young QB Griffin for leadership

<u>STEPHEN HAWKINS</u>

AP Sports Writer

WACO — Joe Pawelek and Jordan Lake chase Robert Griffin at practice, never allowed to tackle the speedy Baylor quarterback who piled up 28 touchdowns last season.

"At practice, you can't hit quarterbacks," said Lake, a hard-hitting All-Big 12 safety. "He gets to run all over you and you just have to tag him, school-yard two-hand touch. That's

Opposing defenders know that all too well.

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Griffin threw for 2,091 yards as an 18-year-old freshman last year, with 209 passes before an interception to set an NCAA record, and 15 touchdowns. He also ran for 843 yards and 13 more scores.

The Bears have big expectations this year based largely on the emergence of their quarterback and their most returning starters in 40 years.

"I'll be happy that he's on our side," said All-Big 12 linebacker Pawelek, the nation's leading active career tackler (313).

From his first scramble and first pass, Griffin created a sense of excitement unseen for so long at Baylor, which last went to a bowl in 1994. The 15-year postseason drought matches Duke for the longest for teams playing in a Football Bowl Subdivision

So can one player change a program

which hasn't even had a winning season since the Big 12's inception 13 vears ago?

"Looks like it. He's in the process of doing it," coach Art Briles said. "Can one person do it in general? No. Can one person help lead the charge?

Griffin graduated high school a semester early to go through spring practice before the 2008 season with the Bears and their new coach. Briles

still let a senior start the opener, but Griffin took over for good before that game ended. "He's got this confidence about himself, even as a little 17-year-old kid

who came in for spring ball," Pawelek said. "He was not really cocky, but just had this great confidence about himself. That's definitely rubbed off

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Sue and Lloyd Robinson

50th Wedding Anniversary

Sue and Lloyd Robinson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Aug. 1, 2009, with a trip to Ruidoso, N.M. The trip was hosted by their children and grandchil-

The couple's children are Kent Robinson of Knott, Scott and Leslie Robinson of Tarzan and Lance and Leslea Robinson of Ackerly. Their grandchildren are Lauren and Lane Robinson and Sloan Robinson.

Lloyd was born in Knott to the late T.M. and Ima Robinson, old settlers in the Knott Community.

Sue was born to Vaughnea and Floyd White in Big Spring. She went to school in Big Spring. Lloyd went to school at The two met in 1943

at the Howard County Livestock Show in Big Spring. Lloyd showed the champion steer and Sue won reserve champion that year. The two 4-H members repeated winning the following years. They showed Hereford cattle in expositions all over the na-

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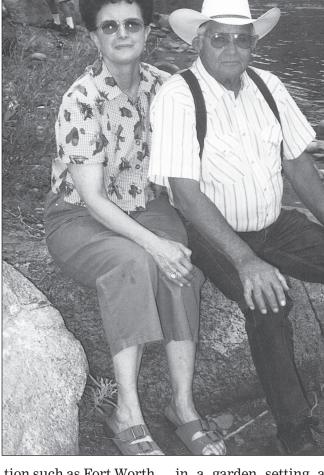
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tion such as Fort Worth, Dallas, San Antonio, Denver, Colo., San Francisco, Kansas City, Louisiana and Baltimore.

The two Howard County 4-Hers won the International Exposition in Chicago twice. Lloyd won in 1950 and Sue in 1953. Howard County 4-H was unmatched and still holds that record.

Sue and Lloyd graduated from high school and Howard College. Lloyd served in the Marines in 1952 and 1953.

They were married in Big Spring, Aug. 1, 1959,

in a garden setting at the home of the late Verda and A.L. Cooper. The Robinsons built their home on the Robinson farm at Knott and have lived there their entire marriage. Lloyd has been a life-

long farmer and rancher. He has served the community well. He was on the Sands CISD school board for 17 years, Farmers Co-Op Gin Board for 18 years, Howard County Farm Bureau, Howard County A.S.C. Committee, Howard County Livestock Association, American and Texas Hereford Association, Texas Cattle Raisers Association and director of Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District.

The Robinsons are members of the First Baptist Church of Knott. Lloyd has served as deacon for 48 years and as treasurer and teacher for a number of years. Sue is a song leader, teacher and the community hospitality chairman for the church.

Sue and Lloyd owned and managed the Knott Fuel and Station for 26 years. Because of health reasons, they sold the store and retired. The Knott Station was the meeting community place. The Robinsons miss all the customers who passed through their doors.

Sue and Lloyd have been 4-H adult leaders for their children, grandchildren and for many other children. Sue and Lloyd have received numbers awards for county, district and state leadership. It's hard to believe that they still have time for hobbies or free time, but they enjoy gardening, reading, animals, going to stock shows and visiting friends. Sue really enjoys scrap booking and cooking. Most of all, they love their children and grandchildren's activities.

of Love is everything. May the honeymoon never

Wedding



Mrs. Joseph Petrowski

Tubb and Petrowski

Hali Kaye Tubb and Joseph Justin Petrowski were united in marriage May 29, 2009, at The Courtyard in Big Spring. Gene Glaeser, uncle of the bride, officiated.

Hali is the daughter of Richie and Jill Tubb of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Janie Hunt of Big Spring and Horace and the late Jewel Tubb of Big Spring.

Justin is the son of Joseph and Lisa Petrowski of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Merlin Kirk of Brazil, Ind., and Judy Via of Big Spring and the late John and Doris Petrowski of Terre Haute, Ind.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown of luminous satin by Maggie Sottero. The strapless gown with lace-up closure featured beaded embellishments throughout the bodice. Hali carried a handtied bouquet featuring purple irises and orchids.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Karli Tubb, daughter of the bride. Angela Crowley, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Amber Maenius and Haley Rivas.

The flower girl was Ashlynn Peugh.

Serving as best man was the groom's brother, Jeremy Petrowski. Groomsmen were Jacob Petrowski, brother of the groom, Cody Sneed and Jason Garza. The ring bearer was Major Stockton.

A reception and dinner immediately followed the ceremony. The four-tiered, white wedding cake was accented with ornate scrollwork and fresh flowers. The chocolate groom's cake featured the image of a wide mouth bass with camouflage icing.

Hali is a graduate of Big Spring High School and the Howard College School of Dental Hygiene. She is employed as a dental hygienist for the La Esperanza Clinic in San Angelo.

Justin is a graduate of Big Spring High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in animal science from Angelo State University. He is employed as a veterinary technician for Arden Road Animal Clinic in San Angelo.

Following a honeymoon to Ruidoso, N.M., the couple made their home in San Angelo.

This was their comment about their 50 marriage. "They attribute a long marriage commitment to strong faith in God. Fifty years together is about trust, being there for one another during the good and bad times. Fifty years together, you find your best friend.



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Aug. 17-21

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Friday: Fried catfish, tartar sauce, macaroni and cheese, spinach, hush puppies, lemon bar, milk.

Aug. 24-28

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Aug. 31

Monday: Baked pork chop, Italian cut green beans, candied yams, pineapple cake, rolls, milk.

beans, guacamole salad, 7Up cake, milk.

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ELECTION

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year," Johnson said. expect it to be about \$1 million, compared to \$367,000 last

Although FISD cannot keep that money, voters will have a voice as to its dispersal when they go to the polls this fall. Johnson said school trustees are expected to call for a "wealth equalization election" in either late September or early October.

The purpose behind the election is to allow the voters a voice as to where they want the Robin Hood money to be dispersed.

Johnson said voters will have four options when they cast their ballots:

They can authorize the

school board to send the money directly to the state in exchange for attendance credits. This is what FISD has done with recent Robin Hood pay-

• They can authorize trustees to send the money to EdLink 18, a technology consortium operating under the auspices of the regional educational service center in Midland, to help area school districts purchase and maintain technology systems.

The obvious advantage to this option is that the money remains in West Texas, with some of it returning indirectly to Forsan.

- They can vote "yes" to both of the first two options, leaving dispersal of funds up to trust-
- Or they can vote "no" to both of the first two options,

which would likely result in trustees having to de-annex a portion of FISD and ceding it to an adjoining school district.

"If voters vote 'no' to those options, we'll have to give away a part of our district that has wealth," Johnson said.

Saying yes to either or both options will not effect taxes, he added. "It will just (give direction to) the school board as to how the money should be dis-

Regardless of what the voters decide, however, the \$1 million will be leaving FISD.

"Robin Hood's here to stay," he said.

Johnson admitted that, at first glance, the options voters will face are confusing.

"That's why we'll be spending a lot of time between then and now educating voters on these issues," he said.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- SONIA STRAUGHTER, 44, 1513 Sycamore, was arrested on four local war-
- JOSHUA RIOS, 26, 409 Sunset Blvd., was arrested on a charge of public intoxi-
- ROCKY HILARIO, 27, 1500 Main, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- GUADALUPE CRUZ, 19, 1115 Lloyd, was arrested on charges of consumption of alcohol by a minor and assault class C/family vio-
- ASSAULT CLASS C/ FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd and the 1700 block of

Third.

- BURGLARY OF A VE-HICLE was reported in the 3300 block of Cornell.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1100 block of Grafa.
- DRIVING WHILE IN-TOXICATED was reported in the 100 block of Third.
- TROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 1900 block of FM 700. POSSESSION OF MARI-
- JUANA/TWO OUNCES OR LESS was reported in the 2400 block of 16th and the 1100 block of Lloyd.
- THEFT was reported in

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The screening will take

place at the playground area on top of Scenic Mountain.' The BSFS recently staged a screening of

"Jaws" at Comanche Trail Lake that drew an immense crowd, an accomplishment he and his fellow society members hope to duplicate Aug. 29. "This is an opportuni-

ty to do something most people will never get the chance to do," said Johnson. "It's something kids and adults alike will remember for many years to come." For Johnson, remem-

bering is a big part of what's driven him to screen the Spielberg

classic.

goes back to the summer of 1982. We headed to the College Park Cinema to see this movie that we kept seeing commercials on television for, something about aliens, kids and flying bicycles. When we walked into the theatre it was absolutely packed. The only seat we could find was

I can remember being scared, then laughing, then being sad. And when those flowers came back to life I jumped up from my seat on the floor and screamed 'He's alive!' at the top of my lungs. After I walked out of that theatre I looked at my mom and told her that I wanted to be a part of movie stuff.

sitting on the floor. "The film started and

I wasn't quite sure what

"My first film memory

something that fascinated me, especially after the emotional roller coaster that 'E.T.' was for a 5-year-old." "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" — which is

Rated PG — won four Oscars and countless other awards after its debut in 1982. The film also introduced the world to actress Drew Barrymore and actor Henry Thomas, who would both go on to establish themselves as mainstays in Hollywood. The film also got

'movie stuff' entailed,

but I knew that it was

a thumbs up from the White House, as Spielberg personally screened "E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial" then-President Ronald Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan.

And while E.T.'s voy-

must come to an end after approximately 115 minutes, Johnson's and the film society's voyage is far, far from over. "We will be screening

age on the big screen

'Raiders of the Lost Ark,' hopefully in the Comanche Trail Park Ampitheatre, next," said Johnson. "Then we'll wrap up our Spielberg retrospective with 'Jurassic Park' back at the excellent screening site by the water in Comanche Trail Park. There was a lot of talk of us screening 'Star Wars,' but currently the rights are not available, so after the Spielberg films we will most likely continue with films from the late 70s and 80s like 'Ghostbusters', 'The Goonies', 'Back to the Future' and

who knows what else. "We would also like to try and work with Howard College during the winter to do a weekend of Alfred Hitchcock — 'Psycho,' 'The Birds,' 'North by Northwest' and maybe even 'Vertigo.' The Film Society is still working on getting its non-profit status and plans on an organizational meeting in the

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24th & Johnson 267-8288 Ruben "Rubio' Rodriguez, 55, died Saturday, June 27, 2009. A Memorial Mass was at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 15, 2009, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Gracie Mae Johnson,

infant, died Thursday. Graveside services was at 4 p.m. Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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According to Howard County Chief Deputy Mark Hall, the accident was a one-vehicle motorcycle wreck.

"We received a 911 call

in reference to a major accident involving one vehicle — a motorcycle near the intersection of N. Highway 87 and FM 1584," said Hall. "Apparently he had just purchased the motorcycle and was headed home. He turned off of Highway 87 while traveling northbound onto FM 1584 at too high a rate of speed, hit some gravel and lost control of the motorcycle, striking a sign pole and laying the motorcycle on

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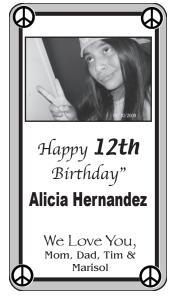
Hall said there have been several wrecks in the past at the intersection due to a deceptive slope that many drivers attempt to take at too high a rate of speed.

Patterson was transported to a hospital in Odessa, according to Hall, and was in serious but stable condition at the time he was lifeflighted.

"He appeared to have some minor facial injuries and a broken leg," said Hall. "It's unclear if he sustained any other injuries in the accident. He was life-flighted to a hospital in Odessa. They had originally planned to take him to University Medical Center in Lubbock, but then they decided to take him

to the closest facility, which was Odessa."

It's unclear if Patterson purchased the new motorcycle in Big Spring or was simply traveling through the Crossroads area at the time of the accident, according to Hall.





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TCU favored to pick up Mountain West title

DOUG ALDEN

AP Sports Writer

The Mountain West Conference title has spent all but one of the last six years in the state of Utah.

TCU's 2005 championship was the only one since 2003 not won by Utah or BYU. The Horned Frogs came painfully close to winning another last year, but a mistake-filled fourth quarter allowed Utah to rally for a 13-10 win and go on to an MWC title and an unbeaten season.

The Frogs remember just how close they came — and know that's probably why they were picked to win it

Parkland, but we managed to pull it

out," said Osbourne. "It was nice and

we needed the win. The girls were

down after the loss against Sweet-

water. They took it really hard. That

win took the weight off their shoul-

ders and allowed the team to play

Lubbock Cooper, which has gone at

least two rounds deep in the Class 3A

playoffs in four of the last five sea-

more relaxed for the rest of the day."

LADY STEERS

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this time.

"Preseason ranking is potential," TCU quarterback Andy Dalton said. 'We want to prove it right."

The league is coming off a frustrating offseason. Repeated pushes for changes in the Bowl Championship Series were unsuccessful despite the MWC having the only unbeaten team in major college football last season.

Utah holds the nation's longest winning streak, which reached 14 when the Utes beat Alabama 31-17 in the Sugar Bowl. The Utes finished No. 2 in the final AP poll and revived a campaign for change, but coach Kyle Whittingham says that argument

sons, handed the Lady Steers their

only loss of the day with a 25-18, 25-11

Still, Osbourne was impressed with

"I was very pleased with the first

set of the match. The girls played

Cooper toe-to-toe," she said. "They

showed themselves and me they can

play with the big dogs. Unfortunately,

we had a tough time keeping that

momentum. We lost the intensity in

the second set. The next step is for

them to learn to hold on to that emo-

There was a bit of a layover before

tion.'

the way the team hung with a proven

program like Cooper in the first set.

ends with the new season.

"That's really not my arena — to lobby and politick for something,' Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. "That's something for our commissioner, our president and the athletic directors to debate. I just need to try to continue to win games."

The Utes became the fifth straight conference champion to go 8-0 in the league, a streak that started with Utah's unbeaten Fiesta Bowl team of

change will come if teams from the Mountain West and Western Athletic Conference continue to get at-large

TCU coach Gary Patterson said

the Lady Steers' final match Friday and Osbourne says they took that opportunity to grow closer as a team.

"The girls had quite a bit of time to visit before the game against Marfa," she noted. "They did some team bonding and when they came out their goal was to just enjoy the game of vollevball."

Whatever was said or did worked as the Lady Steers defeated Marfa in the Green Bracket's third-place game, 25-15, 20-25, 25-22.

Most encouraging for Osbourne was the way the team responded after losing a tough second set.

"I think they got a little lax in the

BCS berths and win.

'When you get on a big stage, you have to be able to go play and you have to be able to deserve the respect, Patterson said. "You can't just do it every once in a while."

TCU was 8-0 in 2005, then BYU won back-to-back titles by going 16-0 through 2006 and 2007. Utah regained the crown last year, but is missing three-vear starting quarterback Brian Johnson and All-American kicker Louie Sakoda. Defensive standouts Paul Kruger and Sean Smith left school early for the NFL.

"Every year is a new set of circumstances," Whittingham said.

second game and let it get away from them," she said. "They didn't panic after losing the second game. They came back and played well in the third game. They just have to keep from being lax like they were in the second game." Big Spring faced Midland HIgh,

which won the White Bracket in straight sets over Big Spring's district rival Frenship Friday, in the first round of the Gold Bracket Saturday.

The Lady Steers results from the final day of the Monahans Tournament will be available in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

TECH

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quality," Leach said. "The ultimate dust and tumbleweeds coming from Abilene, quiet kind of guy. Even now he kind of is."

The Red Raiders have had the nation's leading passer in eight of Leach's nine seasons in West Texas. Is Potts the next in line?

"As far as having new guys going in, I feel better about this year than I have most of them in the past," Leach said. "He's talented, and he's learned and developed very quickly." A year ago, the Red Raiders rose to No. 2 in the

AP poll and shared the Big 12 South title after beating Texas 39-33 on a final-second touchdown pass from Harrell to Michael Crabtree, a two-time Biletnikoff winner as the nation's top receiver. The Red Raiders traveled to Oklahoma in

November with 10-0 record only to stumble badly, 65-21. They barely beat Baylor at home the next week before losing to Mississippi in the Cotton Those losses didn't ruin the season, Leach said.

"Would I have liked to have them over? Is there

stuff I'd like to do differently?" Leach said.

'Absolutely. But both of them were great teams." Leach, whose record last season (11-2) matched a school record for wins, was in the news in the offseason, too. He and the school spent months in a standoff over a contract negotiation, and Leach even traveled to Washington in December to check out that job.

Leach in February emerged with a new five-year, \$12.7 million contract extension after a 15-minute negotiating session with the school's chancellor.

Now he's ready to watch Potts spread the ball around the field.

Detron Lewis, Harrell's favorite receiver behind Crabtree last year, said defenders face a more difficult task this season. Harrell probably first looked to Crabtree, who left for the NFL after his sophomore year.

"I think (Potts) will be able to distribute it more," said Lewis, who finished with 76 catches for 913 yards and three touchdowns. "It'll be harder on the defense to key on a certain receiver.'

Potts knows expectations are high. That could be "nerve-racking" but he wants to put last season

"I'm just going to try to not think about it, not look back on it, knowing really last year doesn't matter anymore" he said. "We had a great season. So what? All that really matters is this season. And hopefully next year I'll be thinking the same thing."

In the past two seasons Potts has thrown for 669 yards and five touchdowns. He said Leach has kept his instructions simple.

"He said don't throw interceptions and don't get sacked," Potts said, recalling Leach's mantra in spring practices. "As long as I do that there's really

no way we can lose the ball." Tech fans won't soon forget the brouhaha and

hype from last season. But some — because of Harrell and Crabtree's departures — will likely expect greatness from the Red Raiders this season, said defensive back Jamar Wall, the lone returning member of Tech's secondary.

"We're underestimated every year," said Wall, who pointed to a recent media poll that picked Tech to finish fourth in the Big 12 South. "So using that, hearing that, it's really no big deal to us. We hear, but we don't let it get us. We just do what we do best: work to come out and prove people wrong."



COWBOYS

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gains of at least seven yards.

"It's a glimpse about what this offense is about," said tight end Jason Witten, who caught an 8-yard TD from Romo. "There are a lot of different weapons. Obviously, it makes us a better offense when we can do that, puts a lot of stress on the defense."

Romo completed four passes on his final drive to four different receivers.

One of the second-team standouts was receiver Sam Hurd, who caught five passes for 79 yards.

"It was obvious that Sam played really well," Phillips said. "He showed some things. That was encouraging for us."

Fullback Deon Anderson had arthroscopic surgery on his left knee Thursday and could be out a month. The Cowboys also played the preseason

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opener without cornerbacks Terence Newman (groin), Mike Jenkins (ankle) and rookie Michael Hawkins (knee), backup running back Alonzo Coleman (knee) and rookie linebacker Stephen Hodge (knee).

But there appeared to be no significant injuries sustained against the Raiders.

"It looked like we didn't get many injuries," Phillips said. "Look at it the other way, it doesn't look like we played hard enough to get some injuries sometimes.

By Steve Becker

Detective Work Works Well

North-South vulnerable.
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North dealer.

Pass Opening lead — king of diamonds. Bridge is not what you'd call a guessing game. When you have a problem, there is usually a way to deduce the right answer. There are

very few guessing situations where there isn't at least a smidgen of a clue to steer you in the right direction. Take this case where South is in four spades and West leads the K-A of diamonds. Declarer ruffs, noting that he will almost certainly lose two

clubs, and that to make the contract

he must avoid losing a trump trick.

This doesn't look like much of a chore, since the trumps are likely to be divided 2-1, but if South is by nature a cautious soul, he makes allowance for the possibility of a 3-0 trump division. This matter cannot be ignored, since if the spades are actually divided 3-0, the trump loser can still be avoided by initiating the suit correctly.

Thus, if West has the Q-6-5, the

lead of the king exposes the situation and wipes out West's potential trump trick, while if East has the Q-6-5 starting the trumps by cashing the ace first similarly overcomes the potential trump loser. How does declarer resolve the

question of whether to play the king or ace first? Obviously, he doesn't just toss a coin; he starts by looking for clues instead. There is a strong indication that

West does not have a spade void. With the A-K of diamonds and one or two of the other missing honor cards, plus a void in spades as well, he might have either overcalled or doubled for takeout at his first turn to

Declarer therefore plays the king of spades at trick three, and is rewarded for his caution when East shows out, rendering West's queen

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Wedding

Kemper and Pritchard

Brian Pritchard and Kortney Kemper, both of San Angelo, were wed June 13, 2009, at The Courtyard in Big Spring during a 5:30 p.m. ceremony performed by Gary Bear, family friend of the groom.

Given away by her father, Kortney wore an ivory A-line gown with pleated bodice and pearl-beaded empire waist. She carried carried a fresh bouquet of light pink and hot pink gerber daisies.

Bride's attendants included: Kelby Kemper of San Angelo, brother of the bride; Lyndsey Russell of North Richland Hills, maid of honor; Cody Keesee, Wichita Falls, man of honor; and Kenri Kay Wright of Coahoma, matron of honor. Bridesmaids were: Ashley Kemper of Big Spring, sister-in-law of the bride; Heather Schoen of San Angelo, friend of the bride; and Marcie Pritchard of Round Rock, sister of the groom.

Groom's attendants included: Michael Pritchard of Abilene and Aaron Pritchard of Lubbock, best men, brothers of the groom; Shane Colburn and Jared Airhart, both of Winters, friends of the groom; Cody Driver, Will Blaine and Cody Kendrick, all of San Angelo, friends of the groom; and Guy Slimp of Benton, serving in Iraq presently.

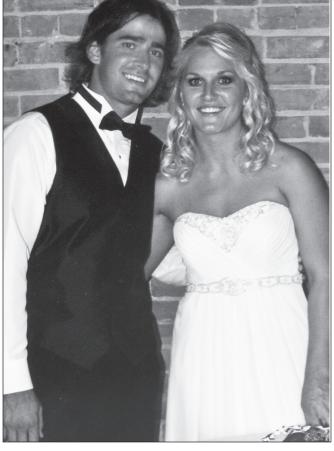
Flower girls were Kamri Kemper, niece of the bride, and Baylor Wright, second cousin of the bride. Ring bearers were Ky Kemper, nephew of the bride and Kenny Joe Pritchard, nephew of the

During the ceremony, a special prayer was said for Brandon Kemper, brother of the bride, and Guy Slimp, groomsman and lifelong friend of the groom, who were serving their country in Iraq at the time of the wedding.

Music was provided by Shanna Bear of Comanche, family friend of the groom, and Clete Carrillo of San Angelo, friend of the couple. The first dance was sung by Cody Kendrick of San Angelo, friend of the groom.

Kortney is the daughter of Boyce and Laura Kemper of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Gene Ann Robbins and George Schlemeyer of Arlington and Bryan, Donald Robbins and Judy Robbins Ro-

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Mr. and Mrs. Brian Pritchard

man of College Station, and Myra Kemper and the late Velah Kemper of Big Spring. She is the greatgranddaughter of Helen Hart of Bryan.

Brian is the son of Donna and Joe Pritchard of Wingate and the grandson of Barbara Morris of Lawn and the late David Carroll of Winters and the late Pat and Maxine Pritchard of Winters.

Kortney is a 2001 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2005 graduate of Midwestern State University. She is a teacher and coach at Grape

Brian is a 2003 graduate of Winters High School. He attended Texas Tech University and is employed by Blattner Energy Inc.

Following a honeymoon in Cozumel in July, the couple made their home in San Angelo.

Who's Who



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Duke earns degree

The University of North Texas announces the completion of degree requirements and the awarding of a bachelor of arts degree in speech and language pathology to Amy LeeAnn Duke, Aug. 15, 2009. Amy is a 2005 graduate of Nocona High School. She plans to pursue a master's degree at UNT. She is the granddaughter of Nora and Ted Nairn of Big Spring and the daughter of Andy and Julie Duke of Montague.

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Our View

Have a message to get out? Well, rent a fair booth

's time to be thinking about the Howard County Fair, and that means it's time to think about showing off your product, sell crafts or get the word out about a cause you believe in. Whatever you have to present to the public, one of the best ways to reach a lot of people in a short amount of time is through a booth at each year's fair.

The fair is scheduled Wednesday, Sept. 30, through Saturday, Oct. 3, and again feature lots of activities that organizers believe are certain to attract a large number of visitors.

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Booths can be set up between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, or 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. The fair officially opens at 4 p.m. Wednesday. Each booth will be given four weekly passes. Additional passes, if needed, can be purchased at the fair office.

One other important note — extension cords are not provided by the fair association and some outlets are located overhead, so we suggest you plan

For more information, call 432-353-4448.

And remember, if you are a local businessman or someone with a cause you believe in, that larger than normal crowd of visitors expected at this year's fair are potential customers and people to be convinced of the things you're working toward.

We've said this before, but there's no doubt in our mind that making sure you have a fair booth is a real "no-brainer."

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

There are so many arguments about health care reform that the opportunities are in danger of being lost. But our country has a great opportunity to fix at least two serious problems.

The first is we need to make sure that every woman can get maternity coverage.

For example, if pregnancy is defined as preexisting, then a woman might not be able to afford needed maternity

A second reason to improve the current system is to make sure that children who are born with a birth defect or se-

rious condition, including disabilities caused by being born preterm, can get the quality, affordable and comprehensive medical care they need to survive and thrive.

This is not about special interests; it's about our families.

As a March of Dimes volunteer, the health of women, newborns and children matters to me. I hope that our leaders in Washington remember this and don't lose sight as well surveying of what this generation the scene. They should be doing to en- probably think sure healthy future generations.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we take the safe path.

Joy often a long time in coming

't's never too late. I learned that again late last week when my oldest friend, Gary Cravens, called to tell me that he and his girlfriend, Ann, were getting married and that I needed to be at the

Episcopal church in Paris, Texas, at 1 p.m. on Sept. 19. He said a formal invitation would be coming in the mail, but he and Ann wanted me to know the moment they'd set a date and made sure the church was reserved. I couldn't be



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happier. In fact, I'm positively

Those of you familiar with recent columns might remember that Gary was my best friend from high school. That's 40 years of friendship, and nothing to sneeze at. If I'd ever doubted that, any questions concerning our friendship evaporated last year when I was injured in an automobile accident. While I was hospitalized in Dallas, even during the couple of weeks or so that I lay in a coma, Gary made trips from his home in Terrell to Dallas every weekend to see me.

Gary and Ann, I've noted before, were high school sweethearts. Once we graduated, Gary joined the Army, while Ann and I both went to college. By the time Gary returned from the Army — he re-enlisted a couple of times — Ann had married another of our high school class-

Before anyone feels too sorry for Gary, consider he joined the Army while we were at war in Vietnam, but he never had to go to Southeast Asia. He wound up a military policeman stationed in Germany. If I'd joined the

Army with hin, I'd have found myself wading through rice paddies!

Anyway, as fate would have it, Gary and Ann found themselves single when our high school class held a 35-year reunion a few years ago — Gary'd been married and divorced a couple of times and Ann had been widowed — and they were soon a couple again.

And while I couldn't be happier for them, I'd be lying if I didn't admit I'm even happier for me.

What, you might ask, do I mean by that?

Well, it's simple. Not only are my friends getting married after all these years, but I get to be there to see them tie the knot.

Believe me, in June of 2008, there was plenty of question in several doctors' minds that I'd be here today. And even when they'd decided I'd survive my injuries, there were plenty of doctors and therapists that thought I'd spend the rest of my life in a wheelchair, having to be hoisted in and out of bed every day. Even when I managed to get

out of a wheelchair and in and out of bed on my own power, there were still many that thought I'd be using a walker to get around for the rest of my life. That walker still sits in my bedroom, but is relegated to the

role of being a drying rack for my socks. And there was a considerable period when my family, and I'll admit I'm included, thought I

might have to use a cane for the rest of my life. But on June 27 of this year, I gave myself a birthday present — I threw my cane in the back floorboard of my truck and it has stayed there. Of course, Jason Sims and

Toby Keel, my therapists at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, who work with me three times a week, say they always expected me to graduate from the cane.

So, come Sept. 19, while Gary and Ann are exchanging vows, I'll not only be there, but I'll walk into the church and be able to send them off on their honeymoon in style.

And while I'm not back to being where I was before the accident — I still have my limitations — I'm much better than most could have expected. It's not lost on me, as to why

I've been able to make the progress I've made. It's the result of prayer ... thousands of them that were not mine.

Oh, I'd again be lying if I claimed that I didn't ask the Lord to restore my health many, many, many times. But it was the prayers of many people some, I'm sure said by many people I'll never know — that made the difference.

It's one thing to have people tell you that you've been in their prayers, or to learn you're on a church's prayer list, it's entirely something else to feel the prayers of others working in your life. And that's what I've been given.

So, when Gary and Ann are saying their I dos, I'll certainly be remembering lots of things we were a part of during our days at Paris High School in the late 1960s and early '70s, but I'll also be thinking about what a wonderful gift I've been given.

And to all of you that offered prayers on my behalf, I thank you. This column simply doesn't

do you justice, but mere words can't express my appreciation. But please know, I love you all

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hazards of fishing

t must've rained last night because there are squirrels and ducks and birds (oh, my!) in my backyard, foraging for the worms and insects

the rain always draws from the ground.

My cats are there they've died and gone to cat heaven. I can see it on their bewhiskered faces: "There are so many feathered fritters here, I can't decide which one is going to be my breakfast!"



Laura SNYDER

Which reminds me, I need to feed the cats. Soon, my children will rise

and begin foraging for worms as well. Not to eat, of course. I do have Froot Loops in the cupboard. The reason they want the worms is because they want to go fishing. This is where I begin rooting

for the birds. "Eat! You little feathered feasters! Eat!" The less worms left on the ground, the better, because my children won't stop fishing (and I use that term loosely) until the worms are gone. The longer they

Amen fish, the more pants we have to

burn... I suspect this might need some explaining.

Fishing should be a relaxing pastime, I know, and it is... unless you are fishing with children. The first thing to be done is to make sure the poles are fish-worthy. You grab the first fishing pole from the heap they were left in the last time they went fishing. It can't be done. The cluster of poles is not willing to give up one of their own. They seem to say: "You take us all, or you take nothing!"

You look at the tangled maze of fishing line, rusty tackle, dried up bait and bobbers. Apparently, this is the perfect habitat for all manner of tiny arachnids to make their home as well. Ew! You grab all of the poles, just to break up the party, and because you don't have a choice. Then you line them up on the floor. It's difficult to tell the spider webs from the fishing line, but eventually, you've got them separated and equipped with the correct tackle.

Now for the hard part... Oh, you thought that was the hard part. That's funny! No, the hard part is watching these young children flailing rods, lines and hooks hither and yon with no apparent goal in mind other than perhaps hooking one of their

siblings.

As parents, we run around

Laura Snyder is a nationally

baiting hooks and yelling, "Keep it in the water!" and "Watch your bobber!" and "Didn't you

go before we left the house?" Eventually, miraculously, one of them manages to hook a blue gill. Rather than reel it in, her brain stops functioning entirely and she lifts the entire eight feet of line, fish and all, up out of the water. As my husband runs to help with the net, she swings around, staring at the fish, and hits him in the head with her pole. The now-swinging fish wraps the line around his leg. At his howl, the other would-be fishers pivot in unison to trap him between the lethal, bait-laden lines. He swerves, the worm bucket tips over, his shoe gets caught in the net and down he goes. The next thing he knows, he's sitting with a blue gill flapping in his lap and a dozen wellflattened night crawlers between the ground and his backside.

"I caught a fish!" she yells. Somehow, the joy on her face is worth having worm guts plastered all over your backside. I think, though, rather than laundering those pants, we'd better just burn them.

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Coach June Jones sees turnaround coming at SMU

DALLAS (AP) — Coach June Jones greatly overestimated what kind of success SMU could have on the field his first season. He admits that. "We had an opportunity, I felt, that

we'd probably win four or five games," Jones says now, though he never made such a public prediction before his first game. "Then I kind of said, if we win four or five, it may lead to one or two more."

The Mustangs instead will begin their second season under Jones the same way as the first: With a 10-game losing streak and coming off a 1-11 record.

Still, Jones is making a much more public proclamation this time.

"This season or next season, we're going to a bowl game," Jones said. "I'll be really disappointed if we don't win enough games to go to a bowl game this year."

A lofty goal for a program that has had only one winning record (6-5 in 1997) in the 20 seasons since returning from the NCAA death penalty for paying players and breaking rules.

Jones knows about rebuilding awful programs. He took over a winless Hawaii team that went 9-4 his first season, the biggest turnaround in NCAA history. He was 75-41 in nine seasons at Hawaii, where his last game was in a BCS bowl, the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Day 2008.

At SMU, Jones installed his runand-shoot offense before last season. He had a true freshman quarterback who started every game, learning a scheme he had never played. Bo Levi Mitchell threw for 2,865 yards and 24 touchdowns, but also had 23 interceptions.

"It was probably unfair to him to throw him into the situation he was in, but we kind of knew that's what we had to do," Jones said. "He was feeling his way while the receivers are learning what they're doing. For him, he got better as the season went on."

The Mustangs do return two of the nation's most productive receivers in senior Emmanuel Sanders (67 catches, 958 yards, nine TDs) and junior Aldrick Robinson (59, 1,047, 11).

On defense, the Mustangs plan to utilize more three-man fronts, a move that frees up Youri Yenga, who had a team-high 6½ sacks last season, to move from end to outside linebacker.

Overall, Jones said his team "from January to now, this is a different group of kids," a group that stayed together and learned from last sea-

"That builds for what we're going to do this year," Jones said. "That 1-11 season will be the reason we win and learn how to do it."

BAYLOR

on us."

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Until Briles was named coach after the 2007 season, Griffin had never paid any attention to Baylor football.

"I wanted to come here for track and academics, but not so much for football," said Griffin, who had planned to go to Houston with Briles.

"I trusted him in Houston, and when he left, he told me he wanted me to go with him, so I trusted him and came here."

The Bears finished 4-8 last season, but three of their losses were by seven points or less — including No. 14 Missouri and at No. 7 Texas Tech.

There are 18 returning starters, nine on each side of the ball.

Kendall Wright led the Bears with 50 catches for 649 yards and five touchdowns as a freshman last season, and Jay Finley had a team-high 865 yards rushing. The returning offensive players accounted for 91 percent of last season's 4,517 total yards.

But there are two big holes to fill on offense with the departure of senior offensive tackles Jason Smith, the No. 2 overall pick in the NFL draft, and Dan Gay, who is also in the

Smith's spot protecting the blindside of Griffin will be filled by Danny Watkins, a junior college transfer from Canada whose background is hockey.

"Oh yeah, he's a mean kid," center J.D. Walton said.

The key newcomer on defense is 6-foot-4, 355-pound tackle Phil Taylor, who had to sit out last season after transferring from Penn State.

With Griffin, the returning starters and the kev newcomers. Pawelek is excited about his senior season.

"This is what you want," Pawelek said. "Coming in and having a bunch of guys coming back, and some buzz around Waco."

AGGIES

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right with that."

Sherman said Tannehill must "throw a knockout punch" to unseat Johnson. "He understands that it's somewhat

of a challenge in regard to Jerrod Johnson having gone through last season as well as the spring under his belt," Sherman said.

The Aggies' receiving corps should be a team strength, regardless of which position Tannehill ends up playing.

Sophomore Jeff Fuller caught nine touchdown passes and nine receptions that covered over 20 yards in 2009. Senior tight end Jamie McCoy was A&M's third-leading receiver and younger brother Terrence made 24 catches for 237 yards last season. Johnson said he's also been impressed with incoming freshman Brandal Jackson, who chose A&M over Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

Sophomore running back Cyrus Gray will take the bulk of the carries after rushing for 363 yards on 75 carries last season. He also compiled a school-record 1,169 yards on 49 kick returns last year and gained 1,592 allpurpose yards, a freshman school record.

But the abilities of A&M's skill players won't matter much unless the offensive line improves. The unit was ravaged by injuries last season and gave up a Big 12-worst 39 sacks. Four starters return, defensive tackle Lucas Patterson will move across the line and LSU transfer Matt Allen becomes eligible to add depth.

The Aggies have only four starters back on defense and that may be a good thing. A&M ranked 114th in total defense (462 yards per game) and scoring defense (37.4 points per game).

Sherman raised eyebrows when he retained defensive coordinator Joe Kines, but sophomore safety Trent Hunter said A&M's problems had nothing to do with Kines.

Hunter said the Aggies became a divided group last season, often resisting the coaches' methods. He said the players who remain have developed better chemistry.

"We never did anything as a team last year," Hunter said. "A lot of guys were like, 'I'm here for me, to get mine and then I'm leaving.' Coach Sherman has kind of gotten it across that he doesn't want that. "This year, we'll hang out a lot

more as a team off the field," Hunter said. "We're together a lot more now and it actually feels like we're a real team, not just a bunch of individuals. That should make us better."

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Ugallala

Aquifer recharge projects are catching on in water-strapped cities

The Ogallala Aquifer occupies the High Plains of the United States, extending northward from western Texas to South Dakota and is the major aquifer for Howard & Martin Counties. The Ogallala was created 10 million years ago by fluvial deposition from streams that flowed eastward from the Rocky Mountains during the Pliocene epoch. Erosion has removed the deposits between the mountains and the existing western boundary of the Ogallala, so there is no longer water recharge being received from the Rockies.

Natural recharge to the Ogallala aquifer occurs primarily from rain, snowmelt, river and reservoir leakage, or from irrigation. It is recognized that playa lakes are the primary points of most natural recharge. Recent studies have estimated an average recharge rate for the entire High Plains region of approximately 0.5 of an inch per year. The amount of water in storage in an aquifer is reflected in the elevation of its water table. If the rate of recharge is less than the natural discharge rate, the water table will decline and the aquifer's storage will decrease.

The use of artificial recharge to store surplus surface water underground can be expected to increase as growing populations demand more water. Artificial Storage and Recovery (ASR) programs are being implemented as a way to store water in aquifers during times when water is available and recover the water when it is needed. The State of Texas has seen ASR programs implemented in such places as the San Antonio Water System (SAWS). The Corpus Christi Aquifer Stor-

age and Recovery Conservation District is in the preliminary testing stage for the ASR program.

As the artificial aquifer recharge gains momentum state wide it is also becoming of interest nationally. Utilities and water managers from Florida

OGALLALA AQUIFER WYOMING NEBRASKA COLORADO OKLAHOMA NEW MEXICO

> to California are beginning to rely on recharged aquifers to help maintain water supplies during periods of drought. For instance, Florida aquifers are routinely recharged in the winter, and then tapped

See AQUIFER, Page 5C



Howard College officials are joined by representatives of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

during a ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally dedicate the college's Mobile Go Center, seen in the background. The college plans to use the center as a portable outreach/recruitment tool as it travels to school districts in Howard's service area.

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.



Momentum is king and it continued to reign last week, but at a reduced pace. The economic data from the past several weeks indicated that the recession is probably gone. Our long-time projection has been for the recession to end in the August / September period, but it now appears we are about there. Of course, the end of the recession won't be official until the Nation Bureau of Economic Research makes the official announcement, but that's usually months

Our prediction was pretty accurate, and the stock market turned up five months before the better news. Once again, we have another clear example why market action must be respected much more than mere mortals who believe they are smarter than the market, and more than those who rely on simplistic, technical chart patterns such as a supposed head and shoulders top, that again was proven totally wrong.

Of course, the good news is that it appears the recession is about gone. However, going by the markets somewhat tired action the past several days, it also appear that our big rally from the March 9 lows (up 50 percent from lows to highs for the S&P 500) is also about gone. This does not at all mean the market has stopped going up, but it does probably mean we are in for a normal pause to refresh period. Basically, the market has gotten ahead of itself, and the dramatic mood shift has put stocks into an extended condition that needs to be corrected. Don't worry, this is a good thing. It takes a strong market backed by prospect of improved fundamentals to even get extended on the upside. And corrections are also good things as they work of excesses, create a healthier market, and lower stock prices to more attractive levels.

The most encouraging economic data last week was that second quarter, inflation adjusted gross domestic product (GDP) contracted at only a 1 percent annual rate, substantially less than the -6.4 percent drop in the preceding quarter and the -5.4 percent rate in the last quarter of 2008. Also, June new home sales jumped 11 percent. Manufacturing continues to contract, but not as broadly as in previous quarters. And of course the July jobless rates were at its least in any month since August of 2008.

So where do we go from here? The uncertain health reform proposals, no matter how one feels about the bill, have created a cloud of concern over the stock market. No one knows how it will finally develop, but the mood of the nation appears to be that we will see health care reform probably in a watered down version, later this year. As we have commented, nobody knows how high is too high, but the rubber band continues to stretch. Our belief is that the short term extended condition will be worked off this month with either a dull, churning pattern or moderately lower process. Given this opinion, we continue to advise traders not to chase stocks and investors to hold back some buying power.

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NRCS announces sign-up for Conservation Stewardship Program

Special to the Herald

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) state conservationist for Texas, Don Gohmert, announced a sign-up which began Aug. 10 for the new Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) to assist agricultural and forestry producers. CSP is a new program authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Farmers and ranchers ac-

tively engaged in conserva-

tion land stewardship have the opportunity to earn conservation rewards through CSP," Gohmert said. "This program gives conversationminded producers the ability to apply and build on their current stewardship efforts."

CSP is a five-year program

which offers continuous signup, but all eligible applicants who sign up between Aug. 10 and Sept. 30 will be ranked as a group in October and No-

vember.

A second ranking of subse-

quent applications will likely take place again in January or February. CSP replaced a program

authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill, the Conservation Security Program which was only offered on a watershed-specific basis. The new CSP is now available to landowners statewide.

Gohmert noted only top

stewards will be awarded contracts for CSP and receive funding.

NRCS encourages farm-

involved in conserving their natural resources to apply for CSP in order to maintain existing conservation activities and implement additional enhancements or practices on their land. "CSP is for the best of the

ers and ranchers actively

best stewards," Gohmert said. "We have many land stewards in Texas that are worthy of this recognition, and I encourage them to apply." Lands eligible for CSP in-

industrial forestland, a new land use for the program. Agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe is expressly eligible as well. The CSP application pro-

pastureland, and private non-

cess begins with a self-screening checklist. Interested producers can

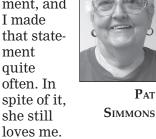
obtain additional information from the NRCS Web site at www.nrcs.usda.gov/ programs/new_csp/csp.html or contact their local USDAclude cropland, grassland, NRCS field office.

'I've been thinking' of some projects

thinking" is a statement former Keep Big Spring Beautiful president Debbie Wegman hated to hear me make, because she knew there was a challenge or a project

opportunity behind that statement, and I made that statement quite often. In spite of it, she still

I called



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Walter Ward, KBSB president, and told him what "I've been thinking" and he thought it was a great idea and very support-

The challenge I've been thinking of involves E. 15th Street from Goliad to Birdwell Lane. It is a heavily traveled residential street. I thought we members of KBSB would contact every resident on that street in the next few days to solicit their help. We would like to make East 15th street a showcase for visitors and residents to enjoy. We can — with their help

— make this a beautiful

We recently gave the Doing Your Part **Beautification Award** to Pat and Tony Vines, 600 E. 15th. They took a house that was not very attractive and made it into a showplace.

So, I would like to challenge all the residents in this area to look at their property. What do you see? Does it need a sweep-up, pick-up job? What can you do to spruce up your property where we can show it off?

We might even take a block-by-block challenge to see who could make the greatest change in the appearance of their block. With that, we might just have an ice cream party ... sound good? We might entertain the idea of a block captain to be the guide for your block.

We might just ask you to challenge other residential streets to work on their street to showcase. There is lots of work to be done in Big Spring and we need everyone chipping in to help.

The Doing Your Part Beautification Award carries with it some gifts certificates from local businesses and a bag of nice items from Wal-Mart. The city gives a certificate for

\$50 off your water bill. That is not bad!

We will have your yard/house picture made with you, along with KBSB members and your city councilman. Do you know what district you live in or who your city councilman is? I will tell you, some are in District 2, which is Manual Ramirez, and others are in District 5, which is Troy Tompkins. The certificates will be presented during meetings of the city council, which convenes at 5:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

KBSB is working very hard on various projects to submit to Keep Texas Beautiful. We have strived, and still strive, to make Big Spring better, cleaner and a beautiful city. By doing this we will submit our application to Keep Texas Beautiful for the Governor's Community Achievement Award.

We need heaps of volunteers to aid us in this challenges for the work to be done by Dec. 31. The amount of money for communities the size of Big Spring receiving the award was recently increased to \$230,000. We could really use it with our entry ways and along



The Pat and Tony Vines home at 600 E. 15th won the most recent Doing Your Part Beautification Award from Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

in adopting the north

any TxDOT corridor Gregg Street, Third and Fourth streets and FM 700.

To accomplish and complete all the planned work we have scheduled for the year, we need lot of volunteers and every member of KBSB involved. Will you help us to spotlight Big Spring?

I still have a number of areas in the park to be adopted, mostly small ones. Then, there is Birdwell Park, which could use some

tender love and care. side park. Also, I'm in discussion with people interested

If you are interested in any of these, give me a call at 263-4607.

Crossroads Hospice

welcomes

Lisa Bihl, cna

to our staff



Lisa has lived in Big Spring for nearly 30 years, she has been a CNA for 9 years and has been providing compassionate CNA care for hospice patients in the Big Spring/Howard County area for 3 years. Lisa has two kids Joshua and Elias Bihl.

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Take Note

• If you are considering homeschooling as an option for your family but aren't really sure how to begin or what is involved, there will be a homeschooling informational meeting Tuesday, Aug. 18. Several local families with the Big Spring Christian Home Educators support group will be available to answer questions about and share information regarding homeschooling in Texas. Free to the public, the meeting will be from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ's Community Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. For more information, send e-mails to dnhlong@hotmail.com

 Former students of Gay Hill Common School near Luther will be having a reunion and time capsule dig at the remains of the school house at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Bring your shovels, metal detectors, etc. Organizers have planned the event in conjunction with the Big Spring High School 2009 Homecoming. More than 50 former students have been contacted and many are planning to attend.

• A benefit fund for stroke victim Rocky Dunlap has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton St. Dunlap has been employed for the past several years as a principal with Big Spring Independent School District.

· The Permian Basin Foundation has award-

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

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Howard County Justice of the Peace Outstanding IBC Warrants: Sonjia Aycock, 2105 Runnels, Big Spring

Kevin Glenn Cate, 4301 Raleigh Ct., Midland Gloria Flores, 1518 Stadium, Big Spring Irene Paredez Flores, 1000 E. 20th St., Big

Spring Danny Frias, 207 W. 17th St., Georgetown Carlos Garcia, 1211 S. Third St., Brownfield Lindsey Gaston, PO Box 34, Westbrook Misty Goldston, 2429 20th St., Lubbock Steven Joe Guzman,

4172 Lake County Rd. 254, Colorado City Edna J. Hale, 510 Milton Ave., Brownwood September Rose Hallmark, 508 Dallas St., Big Spring Clifford Arvin Hart Jr.,

3234 Drexel, Big Spring David Henson, 2501 Broadway, Big Spring Pilar Ann Hilario, 1904 Runnels, Big Spring Renee Hodnett, 4108 Muir, Big Spring Danny Holt, 606 Caylor, Big Spring

Byron Johnson, 801 Ohio, Big Spring Steven Daniel Johnson, 1509 142nd St., Lubbock Luz Martinez Juarez, 602 N.W. Seventh St., Big Spring Tina Lynne Junkin, 1410

Lancaster, Big Spring Jason Earnest Key, 602 George St., Big Spring Kenney Jana Krueger, 1207 Johnson, Big Spring Amanda Lasater, PO Box 30475, Midland Lindsey Kay Lee, 1405 S. Benton, Big Spring Juan Miguel Lerma, 605 Linda Lane, Big Spring Linda Marquez, 905

Terry Marquez, 1518 El Camino, Big Spring Andrew Martinez, 822 E. 15th St., Odessa Jarrod Martinez, 61 E. Eighth St., San Angelo Lorene Martinez, 702 N. Iowa, Lamesa Christopher Wayne Mason, 2901 S. Brahma, Kingsville

Sgt. Paredez, Big Spring

Natalie Ann McDonald, 2464 Glenwood, San Thomas M. McKellen,

2010 Sierra, Kenah Daniel Mercado Jr., 5611 Lancaster, Houston Robert Wayne Moseley, PO Box 39, Hondo Royal D. Padden, PO Box 401, Big Spring Benson Nelson Payne, 1117 Toby Lane, San Daniel Scott Rawls,

1704 W. First St., Big Spring Jackie Doyle Richey, 700 E. 15th St., Big Spring

Magaly Romero, 1900 MLK Blvd. Apt. 603, Big Ismael Saiz, 801 Anna

St., Big Spring Amy Leigh Corley Shifflett, 209 N. Main, Coa-

Jason Heath Shifflett, PO Box 15, Big Spring

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Korina Sirmon, 608 W. 15th St., Big Spring Amy Wagner, PO Box 784, Blanco

Amanda Elizabeth Wallace, 602 George, Big Spring

Candace Bobbette Williams, 2401 Alamesa, Big Spring Sherri Lvnn Willis, 2437

Granada, Big Spring Chad Matthew Wright, 211 E. Robinson, Big Spring

County Court Decisions:

Judgment and Sentence: Martina Renee Deanda, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Martina Renee Deanda, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice giving false information, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: William Dale Stewart, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 90 days in jail. Probated Judgment:

Kristina Lea Miller, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Erlinda Evette Rios, duty on striking fixture/highway landscape, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Orrin Lee Mansfield, 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: Leannda Roberts, 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: Leona Ann Johnson, theft more than \$50 less than \$500, \$1,500 fine, \$298 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Brandon Paul hernandez, duty on striking fixture/ highway landscape, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Charles Ray Smith, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 6 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Rickey Dean Richters, assault causing bodily injury - family violence, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: David Renteria, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$750 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Ernest Lee Chance, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 75 days in jail.

Probated Judgment: Alan Wayne Fligg, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). **Probated Judgment:**

Julian Jordan Chavez, accident involving damage to a vehicle - more than \$200, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Judgment and Sentence: Ernest Lee Chance, failure to identify

as a fugitive from justice

giving false information,

\$500 fine, \$328 court costs, 75 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Ernest Lee Chance, fictitious/counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display, \$500 fine, \$278 court

costs, 75 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Tony Sanchez, violation of a protective order, \$1,500 fine, \$328 court costs, 180 days in jail.

District Court Filings:

Diana Carmona vs. Daniel Flores, protective order.

Cyndi Lambert vs. Travis Lambert, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:

Fabian A. Carpenter, 22. and Amanda N. Viera, 21, both of Big Spring.

Eric Lee Warneke, 43, and Lisa Jo Akin, 46, both of Big Spring.

Christopher L. Clawson, 37, and Joann Puente, 37, both of Big Spring. Clayson Clay Bates, 19, and Amanda Lynn Perez. 22, both of Big Spring.

Michael Ray McMillan, 30, and Michelle Lynea Patschke, 22, both of Big

Tony Ellis Ware, 56, and Debra Ann Sanders, 54, both of Big Spring.

Michael S. Stromberg, 25, and Ashley B. Monroe, 24, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Horace E. Tubb

Grantee: Richard Spencer and Tracye Spencer Property: A tract out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Aug. 7, 2009

Grantor: Shani J. Stillwell Grantee: Mike Ingram and Gayla Ingram

Property: Lots 12-15,

Researchers continue to work on by each of its water users.

The Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District invites you to view their website at www. pbuwcd.com for more information on Recharge Enhancement. You can also call their office at 432-756-2136 or e-mail us at permianbasin@sbcglobal.net

Block 38, Original Town of Forsan

Date: Aug. 7, 2009

Grantor: Patrick Dale Ferguson and Glen James Ferguson Grantee: Johnny Mize and Jill Mize

Property: Lot 15, Block 1, Hillcrest Terrace Date: Aug. 7, 2009

Grantor: Kathryn C. Chadwell and James Chadwell Grantee: Bradley J.

Mikeska Property: A 10.1-acre tract out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Aug. 7, 2009 Grantor: Violet Patter-

son Grantee: Ben Kilgore and Janet Kilgore Property: Lots 3 and 4, Block 23, Subdivision C, Fairview Heights

Grantor: Rodrigo Rodri-Grantee: Juan Aguilar

Date: Aug. 7, 2009

Hernandez and Carmen Aguilar Property: A tract out of

Tract 21, WM. B. Currie Subdivision located in Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Aug. 10, 2009

Grantor: Daniel Lee Gough and Debra Gough Grantee: Marcellous Weaver

Property: A tract out of Section 21, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Aug. 10, 2009

Grantor: Rodney Sargent Grantee: Delma Zamora

and Kevin Ward Property: Lot 8, Block 3, Washington Place

Date: Aug. 10, 2009

Grantor: Sarwest Capital LLC Grantee: Cody Brown and Jessie Brown Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Piner Heights Date: Aug. 10, 2009

Grantor: Gregory A. Kizziah and Sabrina Kizziah Grantee: Primacy Closing Corp.

Property: Lot 19, Block 1, Highland South No. 6 Date: Aug. 10, 2009

Grantor: Primacy Closing Corp. Grantee: Richard Craig Felty and Cherise Felty Property: Lot 19, Block 1, Highland South No. 6 Date: Aug. 10, 2009

Grantor: Rebecca Dorton Grantee: Roberta Rivera Property: Lot 7, Block College Park Estates Date: Aug. 10, 2009

Grantor: Nancy Burton Grantee: Robert Rivera and Rosie Rivera Property: Lot 7, Block 13, College Park Estates Date: Aug. 10, 2009

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien: Grantor: Mark Leon Taylor

Ш Property: Lot 1, Block 34, College Park Estates Date: Aug. 7, 2009

Grantee: Robert Deotte

Grantor: Gerald Lee Harris Jr. Grantee: Antonio A. Rodriquez Sr.

Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 10, Edwards Heights Date: Aug. 10, 2009

Grantor: Charles Terry Denton and Vicki Denton

Grantee: Paul Aguilar Property: Lots 1-4, Block 6, Sherrod Heights Date: Aug. 12, 2009

Grantor: Ronald L. Howell and Patricia Howell Grantee: Daniel Garza and Maria Garza Property: Lots 5 and 6,

Subdivision D, Block 18, Fairview Heights Date: Aug. 12, 2009

Grantor: Bill T. Baker

and Erma Baker

Grantee: Carroll West Texas Investments Property: A .5-acre tract out of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Aug. 12, 2009 Grantor: Jewel F. Fowler

and David Fowler Grantee: USAA Federal Savings Bank Property: A 10.13-acre tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Aug. 12, 2009

Grantor: Susan L. Bryan and Larry Bryan Jr. Grantee: Randy Murley and Janey Murley Property: Lot 10, Block 1, Jordan Park Estates Date: Aug. 12, 2009

Grantor: Bob C. Parks and Angela Parks Grantee: Larry A. Bryan Jr. and Susan Bryan Property: Lot 1, Block 1, Westay Subdivision; and a 0.047-acre tract out Coronado Hills alleyway Date: Aug. 12, 2009

Grantor: Donna Lasater Grantee: Dusty Davis and Nancy Davis Property: Lots 22-24, Block 10, South Haven Addition Date: Aug. 12, 2009

Do You Know the FACTS About Family Violence?

Decide whether you think each statement below is TRUE or FALSE, then look on the other side for the **FACTS**.

- It's not against the law to slap your own spouse.
- "Battering" means beating someone to the point of bleeding or broken bones.
- Alcohol and drug abuse cause family violence.
- Battering is passed from generation to generation.
- Men being injured by women is just as big a problem as women being injured by men.
- Most victims of family violence are not seriously injured.
- If a battered women would leave her abuser, she'd be safe.
- The police can't do much about family violence.
- Arresting batterers and putting them in jail will end family violence.
- T F 10 Violence in someone else's family is not my business.

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exceeds supply. In other areas, geologic constraints and the need for long-term storage have led water managers to view aquifer recharges and withdrawals as a last resort.

in the summer when water demand

In Albuquerque, water officials hope the Bear Canyon pilot project will demonstrate that infiltrated water from the Rio Grande can recharge the over pumped Middle Rio Grande Basin aquifer and effectively store water for use in times of drought. Stephanie Moore, manager of the project, noted that cities typically store water in reservoirs, but in dry states like New Mexico, 10 to 15 percent of that water is lost to evaporation. Storing some of the water underground reduces that loss to about 3 percent, and shields it from the vagaries of the elements.

methods to increase natural recharge to the aquifer and to improve wateruse efficiency. The prospects for the future of the Ogallala aquifer ultimately depend upon its management

News in brief

7 killed, 91 wounded as suicide car bomb explodes at NATO

headquarters in Afghan capital

KABUL (AP) — A suicide car bomb exploded Saturday outside the main gate of NATO's headquarters five days before Afghanistan's presidential election, killing seven and wounding 91 in the biggest attack in the Afghan capital in six months.

The bomber evaded several rings of Afghan police and detonated his explosives on the doorstep of the international military headquarters, an assault possibly aimed at sending the message that the Taliban can attack anywhere as Afghans gear up for their second-ever direct presidential election. Militants have warned Afghans not to vote and have threatened to attack voting sites.

The NATO headquarters — where top commander U.S. Gen. Stanley McChrystal is based — sits beside the U.S. Embassy and shares the same street as the presidential palace. The explosion was the first major attack in Kabul since February, when eight Taliban militants struck three government buildings simultaneously in the heart of the city, an assault that killed 20 people and the eight assail-

Afghanistan has braced for attacks ahead of the election. International workers in the country were planning on working from home over the next week or had been encouraged to leave the country. U.S., NATO and Afghan troops were working to protect voting sites, particularly in regions where militants hold sway.

President Hamid Karzai condemned

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GLASSCOCK COUNTY ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM, AUGUST 27, 2009 in GCISD BOARDROOM, ADMINIISTRATION BUILDING, 308 WEST CHAMBERS, GARDEN CITY, TEXAS. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax

\$1.03/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)

School Debt Tax Approved by Local Voters

\$0.03/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations _ _%increase or <u>5.00%</u> (decrease) <u></u>% increase or Debt service <u>47.00%</u> (decrease) Total expenditures %increase or <u>52.00%</u> (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code) Preceding Tax Year Current Tax Year

Total appraised value* of all property Total appraised value* of new property** \$1,238,560.00 Total taxable value*** of all property

\$1,230,517,600.00 \$1,227,855,570.00 \$2,255,130.00 \$1,089,138,610.00 \$1,086,516,040.00

Local Revenue State Revenue

Per Student

Per Student

Total taxable value*** of new property** \$1.039.850.00 \$2,001,560.00

- "Appraised value" is the amounts shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code
- ** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code
- *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code

Maintenance

& Operations

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$3,411,260.00

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rate

Interest &

*Outstanding principal.

Last Year's Rate	\$1.04	\$0.05*	\$1.09	\$48,143.00	(\$43,287.00)			
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.06	\$0.03	\$1.09	\$14,816.00	\$2,726.00			
Proposed Rate	\$1.03	\$0.03*	\$1.06	\$13,370.00	\$2,726.00			
*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded Indebtedness on construction, equipment or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters								

of the district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last rear</u>	Inis Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$44,178.00	\$46,193.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$28,955.00	\$30,959.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.09	\$1.06
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$315.75	\$328.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$12.42

stead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence home-

requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.04.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$4,692,335.00 **Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)** \$74,288.00

the attack and said Afghans knew the importance of Thursday's election.

Regulators shut down **Colonial BancGroup in biggest** bank failure of this year WASHINGTON (AP) — Real estate

lender Colonial BancGroup Inc. has been shut down by federal officials in the biggest U.S. bank failure this year. The Federal Deposit Insurance

Corp., which was appointed receiver of the Montgomery, Ala.-based Colonial and its about \$25 billion in assets, said the failed bank's 346 branches in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Nevada and Texas will reopen at the normal times starting on Saturday as offices of Winston-Salem, N.C.-based BB&T. The FDIC has approved the sale of

about \$22 billion of its assets to BB&T Regulators also closed four other banks: Community Bank of Arizona, based in Phoenix; Union Bank, based in Gilbert, Ariz.; Community Bank of Nevada, based in Las Vegas; and

Colonial's \$20 billion in deposits and

Dwelling House Savings and Loan Association, located in Pittsburgh. The closures boosted to 77 the number of federally insured banks that

Obama's visit puts focus on rural state's senator leading bipartisan health care talks BELGRADE, Mont. (AP) —

have failed in 2009.

making a rare presidential visit to Montana, Barack Obama has put even more pressure on the rural state's senior senator, Max Baucus, and his panel to produce bipartisan health care legislation in just a month's The president's Friday town hall

in a conservative suburb of Bozeman allowed him to speak directly to Baucus' constituents — the same people who are already giving the senator an angry earful during the congressional August recess.

It also allowed the two Democrats to show solidarity, even as significant policy differences remain.

The White House supports Baucus' bipartisan effort in hopes of crafting a bill with broader appeal, although Baucus has been given just a month to finish the job.

During the town hall, Obama brought up one of the biggest differences he is likely to have with the bipartisan plan that comes out of the Senate Finance Committee. Obama defended the "government option" he favors — one that Baucus so far doesn't — that would let those without private health insurance buy into a plan like Medicare.

Families mourn hundreds of Taiwan's storm victims buried alive in landslides

SHIAOLIN, Taiwan(AP)—Families and friends paid homage Saturday to victims buried alive under mud and rock after the worst storm in more than 50 years pounded southern Taiwan unleashing flash flooding and massive landslides.

Some 380 people were killed in the hardest-hit village of Shiao Lin more than half its entire population — after Typhoon Morakot pummeled the island last weekend causing tons of earth to come crashing down surrounding mountains.

Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou said Friday more than 500 had died in southern and central Taiwan in the typhoon. TV images Saturday showed survi-

vors from Shiao Lin being shuttled from shelters by pickup trucks to attend a Buddhist memorial service a few miles (kilometers) away from their buried homes.

Villagers cried, held each other tightly, and lit sticks of incense at the service to honor family and friends who perished in the storm.

Officials say controller chatting on phone about dead cat before deadly mid-air crash

WASHINGTON (AP) — The air traffic controller handling the small plane involved in a deadly crash with a helicopter over the Hudson River was chatting on the telephone about a dead cat at the airport and initially failed to warn the pilot of other air-

craft in his path, officials say. The controller tried unsuccessfully

to contact the pilot before the acci-

dent, officials said Friday, but the plane collided with a tour helicopter over the Hudson River, killing nine people. The controller handling the plane

and his supervisor at Teterboro Airport in New Jersey at the time of the accident a week ago have been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation by the Federal Aviation Administration. The National Transportation Safety

Board said in a report that the controller, who has not been identified, cleared the single-engine Piper for takeoff at 11:48 and 30 seconds a.m. EDT, then made a telephone call. He remained on the phone, including while further instructing the plane's pilot, until the accident happened.

The phone call, to an airport contractor, was a "silly conversation" concerning a dead cat that had been removed from the airport, a retired union official said, in an account supported by transportation officials also familiar with the contents of the call.

S. Korea president renews offer of aid to N. Korea SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South

Korea's president renewed his offer of aid for impoverished North Korea if it abandons its nuclear weapons and called Saturday for talks on the reduction of conventional weapons along their heavily fortified border. In a nationally televised speech,

President Lee Myung-bak said he wanted a "candid dialogue" with North Korea about dismantling its atomic programs so the communist nation can prosper economically.

"Nuclear weapons will not guarantee its security but rather make its future more difficult," Lee said in his speech marking the 64th anniversary of Korea's liberation from Japanese colonial rule.

For years, South Korea had been one of Pyongyang's biggest benefactors, but since taking office early last year, Lee's pro-U.S., conservative government suspended unconditional aid to the impoverished North as part of a new hard-line approach. The North responded by cutting most ties and curtailing key joint projects.

Wind spreads wildfires across parched parts of California as state declares emergency

DAVENPORT, Calif. (AP) Strong winds are spreading multiple wildfires across parched parts of California as officials worry the gusts could ignite more blazes and force more evacuations in areas already under a state of emergency.

The Lockheed Fire in the Santa Cruz Mountains has blackened close to 8 square miles of remote wilderness and prompted mandatory evacuations of the mountain communities of Swanton and Bonny Doon, which have about 2,400 residents and several wineries.

Lt. Gov. John Garamendi declared a state of emergency Friday for Santa Cruz County. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has returned to California after attending the Massachusetts funeral of his motherin-law, Eunice Shriver, is scheduled to visit the fire zone Saturday.

The fire sent huge plumes of smoke across Monterey Bay and damaged two small structures. It also was threatening more than 1,000 homes and buildings.

Fighting among inmates kills 19, injures 20 at prison in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A fight among inmates Friday at a prison in northern Mexico killed 19 inmates and left more than 20 injured, Durango state officials said. The battle apparently involved inmates jailed on drug or organized crime charges.

Durango state Public Safety Department spokeswoman Barbara Ramirez said only inmates — not prison guards — were killed and injured in the afternoon clash at the prison in the city of Gomez Palacio, about 135 miles (220 kilometers) south of the Texas border.

State Public Safety Secretary Jorge Torres Castillo said in an interview with the Televisa television network that the fighting was "a dispute for dominance" among inmates at the prison. He suggested the presence of drug and organized crime suspects who are being held on federal charges at a state-run, low-security prison were responsible.

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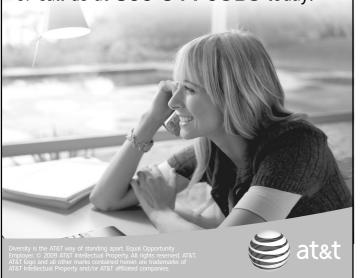
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required to disperse as part of state education financing guidelines, will radically increase, Johnson said.

A sharp increase in property valuations within the district will cause the district's payout to more than double from 2008 — from \$367,000 to roughly \$1 million — he noted. "This is something

that's out of our control,' Johnson said. "Robin Hood is not something we can get out of ... We hate sending that money away, but it's a fact of life right now." Some district taxpay-

ers may be in for a bit of a break, however, as trustees are expected to approve a 3-cent decrease in the overall tax rate — from \$1.13 per

\$100 valuation to \$1.10, he said.

The reason for that decrease is a lowering of payments due on the \$4.9 million bond district voters approved earlier this decade, Johnson said.

But for some taxpayers in the district, the steep increase in valuations may offset the tax rate decrease, he added.

"This is the second year in a row that we've decreased the tax rate by 3 cents," Johnson said. "But with the increase in valuations, it's possible that some individuals will pay more in taxes this year."

Revenue caps placed on state aid three years ago basically mean that Forsan and other school districts have to make do with locked-in budget numbers.

"The (state aid) numbers have not changed dramatically the past

few years," Johnson said. "It's certainly not us driving up appraisal values. If you look at the budget, the bottom line is going up, but the amount of money we send out is also increasing. Local expenditures are remaining stable."

In other business Monday, trustees will consider:

- · Naming teacher appraisers and setting the appraisal calendar for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Final amendments for the current district budget.
- Reports from Johnson and the elementary and junior high/high school principals.
- Personnel matters.

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you to be consoled may wish they had visited at Libra or Aquarius instead. You're inclined to state the truth and you're not overly concerned with how it will land either.

GEMINI (May 21-June come as a reaction to reading a book or watching a show. It's nice when a story can make you understand the depth of your own heart. It's also nice that your real life is in a relatively serene place.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Take your time and sure make understand everything that's going on around questions. Ask you. move You'll slowly toward a realization, and "slowly" is the only speed that will lead you there.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Get out with old friends and do new things. You'll reminded how charming your friends are. It will be pleasing to those you don't know.

22). You could separate your own views from a teacher's views, part ways with a guru or decide to mentor yourself instead of follow another. The break is good for you. You'll see the world with new eyes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not enough to hear that you are important appreciated. It needs to be represented in the actions that others take. You have nothing to gain from lip service. Make it known that you accept only true respect.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. relationships, 21). Just because you do a relationships that echo job well doesn't mean you that dynamic. Saturday is should do it forever. It's partly Leo, partly Virgo. time for you to teach By the evening hours, the someone to take over certain responsibilities. Teenagers in particular need more to do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For you to be happy, you must be involved with others. A heavenly mindset enraptures when you busy you're too interacting, exchanging creating to be and concerned with yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Nothing inherently serious or meaningful until you decide it is. Realizing this, have you compassion for others who are making a big deal over something they care about. You'll refrain from judging.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). "What were they thinking?" is the theme of the day. You'll witness unlikely pairings and confusing actions. You usually sense the motives of others, but after what you see today, you'll be almost too puzzled to guess.

20). This is no time for theorizing. Don't settle for hearing about life or imagining what it might be like to do something.

Find out firsthand. Dig **TAURUS** (April 20-May into life and gobble it up. 20). Those who come to You can't digest without eating.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (AUGUST 16). You'll go into this year on an emotional high. With great ease, you continue to ascend the mood of whatever circumstance you find yourself in, even Strong emotions if it is already quite good. September brings more pleasantries in the form of good friends and glamorous work. getaway in March is for a noble cause. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 38, 19 and 43.

FORECAST FOR THE

WEEK AHEAD: Leo

energy rules all things related to showing off. It is the realm associated fame, show with business, charisma and moxie. Leo energy is childlike, playful and inclined to exaggerate things. This is the last week of the sun's 2009 transit through the sign of the lion. If the Leo solar transit has had a dramatic effect on your see them interact with life, don't worry - the soap opera only goes on VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. for a few more days. In the last week that the sun moves through Leo, some will notice that they have a bigger audience than they previously believed. Maybe private information goes public and makes a big splash, perhaps or supporters spring from the woodwork to help with an effort. Whatever occurs, the message is clear. People notice and care what's going on and no one is entirely hidden from the eyes of the world. Thursday, the new moon in Leo brings a

fresh start to parent/child Virgo sun begins her reign by helping us get back to basics, like the truth

exaggerations, no drama.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: One interesting aspect to Madonna's natal chart is the overwhelming number of planets in her 12th house. With her sun, Mercury, Uranus and Pluto all in the sign that rules the subconscious, and Leo on the 12th house, too, Madonna is a powerful creator of all she imagines. Her dreams, artistic whims intuitive leanings and fascinate others. Her place in the public spotlight is cemented for

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on Mom once Josh

leaves for college, he

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is happening. Abusers

should not be protected

Dear Annie: My hus-

band's family has had a

vacation cottage for 40

years. The siblings are

expected to share this

cottage throughout the

Rules regarding time

spent, upkeep, etc., are

well laid out, but one

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You also can call and

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KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: Two months ago, my boyfriend, "Josh," confided that his father has been verbally abusive since he was little. He also remembers his mom having bruises, but not in recent years.

However, in the last couple of weeks, his dad has been getting worse. He comes home from work extremely angry and kicks his wife and wakes her up during the night to hit her.

She is often crying

when Josh comes home because she's afraid to go to sleep. His dad tells them both that they are worthless and should kill themselves.

Josh's mom won't because she doesn't have enough money and is very religious and believes marriage is forever.

However, I know she is terrified to walk out because she thinks her husband will find her and beat or even kill

Josh's mom is the nicest lady, but even I can see that she is scared. It's difficult for me to hug my crying boyfriend who is so worn down by his dad.

He worries about leaving for college in the fall because he doesn't know what will happen to his mother. Please tell me what I can do. — Broken

Dear Broken: This is a terribly sad situation.

The National Domestic sibling and his family Violence Hotline (ndvh. flout the rules, and it drives me crazy. org) can help Josh and

> The flouters infringe on everyone else's time and don't do their share of upkeep. My husband won't speak up and neither will anyone else.

> It's reached the point where I don't want to spend time there, but my husband insists we go because our kids love it and he feels nostalgic for his childhood vacations.

> It's hardly a vacation, cooking and cleaning for my own family let alone the extra people. All this stress is making me ill. How can I get him to

> stand up to his brother

and make sure the rules

are followed? — Cottage Cranky Dear Cranky: Call a family meeting and try to enlist the help of the

other siblings to reinforce the rules.

Otherwise, there's not

much you can do, although there's no reason to be accommodat-

ing to uninvited guests. If they show up, make it clear they are on their own. Do not lift a finger to cook or clean for them.

If you still can't take the stress, tell your husband he is welcome to take the children to the cottage without you.

Dear Annie: "Tired of It" complained that her husband hollers when he yawns and scares everyone. I saw an episode of "House" where a man exhibited similar symptoms, and one possible explanation was his body's reaction to acid reflux. Maybe "Tired" should

have her husband consult an ENT or at least his primary care physician to see if there is an easy fix. — "House"

Dear Fan: We saw COM

that episode, too. The man (played by Carl Reiner) squawked spontaneously and unexpectedly, and it turned out he had a tumor.

We don't believe this is the case for "Tired of It," but you are right that it wouldn't hurt to have the hollering checked out by a medical professional (as opposed to the TV kind).

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Goodbye

Margo: Saying

Dear Margo: Recently, an elderly friend's husband died after a long

illness. His wishes were to leave his body to science and to not have a funeral. His wife

of 50 years complied and is privately

grieving. My sister, in the final stages of a long illness, also prefers no funeral and wants to donate her body to sci-

Margo

ence, as well.

In her case, the likelihood of having her body accepted for research is slim, though we are try-

My sister's children have expressed their desire for the family to be able to conduct a private, closed memorial service.

My sister has argued with her children and insists, "No funeral." My other sister and I feel this is selfish.

What about family and friends' need to grieve and console one another? Aren't death rituals for the benefit of the liv-

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ing, not the dead? — Grievance about Grief

Dear Griev: Let's deal with the smaller issue first. Sometimes, in the case of an elderly person, medical institutions cannot use either the body or any organs because of prevailing illnesses.

I would finesse this issue with your sister by saying you will make her offer known to different medical institu-

My mother, as well, wanted this to happen, but it was not possible. And speaking of my mother brings me to the larger point.

She, also, did not want a funeral. Our situation, of course, was complicated because she was famous.

She feared it would be a circus, and additionally did not want to inconvenience friends with having to fly to Chicago. (There are people who are mad at me to this day because there was no funeral.)

My mother said to me, however, what I say to you: Do what you need to do for yourself. You will not be having a funeral (religious service, burial)

if you have a gathering of friends and family to laugh and cry together. I suggest you close the discussion by saying, "Mom, there will be no funeral." As to your larger question, death rituals really are for the living, though for many people, dictating the terms of their formal farewell has meaning.

For myself, I have chosen another way. I have told my husband and children to do whatever they like. Actually, what I said was, "Surprise me!" - Margo, individuallv

Robbing the Cradle

Margo: Something that is none of my business is getting under my skin. A friend of my boyfriend, "Rick," is dating an underage girl, "Wendy," who looks a lot younger than she is.

She's 17, but looks more like 12. Rick is 27. I have expressed my opinion that I don't want to attend social events with them. She drinks alcohol and does an assortment of drugs, and so does Rick.

My boyfriend and I have worked hard for everything we have and do not want to take the chance of losing it all because we were in the company of a minor drinking alcohol or doing drugs.

My boyfriend and I were invited over one night to hang out with them, not realizing that

the house was full of teenagers drinking. We said hello and

goodbye. Am I being too much of a prude because I don't want to involve myself with a possibly volatile situation? — Not Sure What To Think

Dear Not: This situation is more of your business than you may think, insofar as socializing with these people. Legal issues aside,

I believe people of principle are free to choose to not associate with people whose standards do not meet their

Some people, for example, will not socialize with Mr. X and his girlfriend if they are friends with Mrs. X. See what I mean? At some point, Wendy will be of legal age to drink, but the drug business is a legitimate reason for you and your boyfriend to steer clear.

You are in no way a prude to decide that certain behaviors are unacceptable to you. Margo, honorably

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