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# Homecoming 2009



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Clockwise from top, Paula Mills and Daniel Segundo were named Big Spring High School Homecoming Queen and King Friday night; members of the BSHS band march in the annual homecoming parade; Coahoma High School Homecoming Queen Katie Dunn is escorted by her father, Michael; and former BSHS students roll down 11th Place.





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# **Officials seize** starving horses

Midland man charged with cruelty

### By STEVE REAGAN

#### Staff Writer

STANTON — A pair of emaciated horses seized from a neglectful owner in Martin County are slowly recovering, officials said.

Following a brief investigation, Martin County Sheriff's Office deputies seized the two horses from property owned by Midlander Jesus Alvares, Chief Deputy Ernest Wakefield said.

"Around the end of August, an oil field pumper contacted us and said he had found some starving horses on some ChiefDeputyErnest property in the western portion of the Wakefield talks to county," Wakefield said. "We started an investigation ... and on Sept. 12, we

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

reporters about an investigation into animal cruelty.

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Aric Denton, left, and Jonathan Womack assemble their model aircraft prior to the start of the Big Spring Model Aircraft Association's annual Don McKinney Float and Fly at Comanche Trail Lake Saturday morning. The event continues Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. near Dora Roberts Community Center. The public is welcome and a brisket lunch will be available.



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# An act Of remembrance

On National POW-MIA Recognition Day, the message is simple: We will not forget

# Story and photos by Amanda Moreno

ince this country's founding, there have been men and women willing to give their lives to protect the country. There was a time that people were drafted, but it didn't affect the way they felt about serving their country. Whether of their own choice or not, those selected went to the front lines to defend their country and the people in it.

Today, that sense of honor and duty is still noticeable.

Some answering that call to duty became a prisoner of war or missing in action.

"These are the men and women (POWs) who served under the worst conditions, and were fortunate enough to return home. They are truly remarkable," said Don Boling, Chairman of POW/MIA Commitee of The new legislation marked April 9 as the commemoration date, in 1985. The new remembrance day was to be in July.

Eventually, The National League of Families recommended POW/MIA Recognition Day be commemorated in September. The third Friday was selected because it was a neutral period that isn't normally associated with a particular war or

organizations national convention. The first commemoration ceremony, in 1979, was at the

National Cathedral, in Washington, D.C. Part of the celebration included the 1st Tactical Squadron from Langley Air Force Base flying the Missing Man formation. The first POW/MIA poster was printed. The format was simple and only had "POW/MIA."

site.

Ceremonies for the day are also held on military ships, schools, churches, and fire stations.

"We want nothing more than to have a homecoming for those missing, and this year, we have a homecoming game to honor them at," Boling said.

The National League of Families' POW/MIA flag flies at all military installations. Even though it

has not been declared a federal holiday, it is observed nationally.

"We need to recognize the people who are missing. We (the POWs) were lucky enough to get back home," Buck Turner, former POW, said.

Turner was a prisoner of war for three and a half years. He was taken and held by the Japanese, during

Turner said that there is no greater generation than the other. All of those who have fought, in Korea, Revolutionary War, Vietnam, and even the ones in Iraq, are all doing the same job.

"I don't want anyone to go through what I went through. It was a bad time and I don't like to talk about it," Turner said.

As of April 2009, there are 1,741 Americans listed as missing, from the Vietnam War. Since 1975, 841 Americans have been found and marked off that list. These statistics are recorded on the National League of Families web site.

For anyone wanting to wear a bracelet in honor and remembrance of one missing in action, contact Don Boling.

"Wearing the bracelet is a

the Texas State Vietnam Veterans of America.

On Saturday, citizens across the country paused to remember those who were captured by the enemy, as well as those whose fate is still unknown.

This annual day of remembrance has had an interesting day, to say the least.

On July 18, 1979, Congress passed legislation creating a day so that these heroes could and would be recognized.

Each year, legislation was renewed for the National POW/MIA Recognition Day remembrance, until 1995, when it was halted. Despite that setback, the President has continued to sign a vearly proclamation declaring National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

"The MIAs (missing in action) are a sad piece of history, for the United States 20th century. We were walking off and leaving soldiers, with knowledge that the enemy had them," Bolin said.

The recognition was to be observed around the League's annual meeting. When the ex-POWs spoke up, they voiced their opinion about wanting the day observed on April 9. During World War II, the largest number of Americans were captured on April 9.

"The Vietnam veterans were the ones that started yelling the loudest. The movement started before they created the recognition day," Bolin said.

Their request was considered when drafting the new legislation.

The format was changed, in 1982, when a drawing of a POW, in captivity, was added. The sign remained simple with black and white colors. The drawing was meant to represent the importance of American men in captivity and those missing in action.

President Reagan was determined in finding and accounting for as many Americans as possible from the Vietnam War.

The 1984 ceremony at the White House was not focused on one or the other, but balanced the importance of the POWs and those still missing. It renewed the national commitment to finding as many of those missing as possible.

The U.S. Capitol, facing the Mall, was the ceremonial place on Sept. 19, 1986, and the majority of the time. the Pentagon holds the Recognition Day ceremonies.

"If we are going to be sending soldiers to war, we need to make sure that we are bringing them back," Boling said. "It has happened before, but we will not let this happen in the future."

The main focus of POW/MIA Recognition Day is to remind Americans of the importance to stand behind the men and women serving our country.

"We need to remember those who sacrificed so much," Boling said.

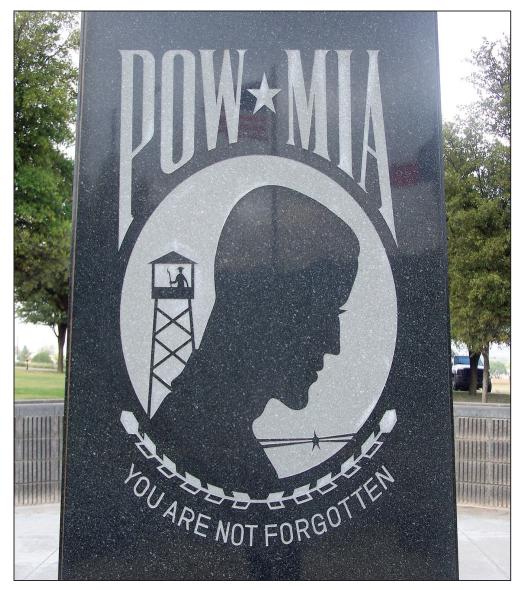
It also serves as a reminder to continue to do everything possible to find those who are missing and return them home, according to the POW/MIA Recognition Day Web

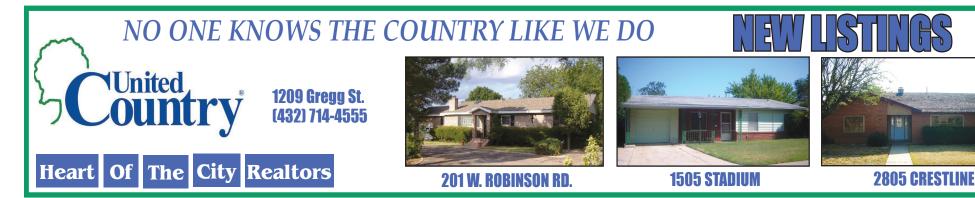
WWII.

"As far as I'm concerned, I don't need any praise or glory. The ones who need to be honored are those that never made it home," Turner said.

reminder to me. It is a way to personally remember those missing in action," Boling said.

"I want to make sure that the legacy of the past is not the prospect of the future," Boling said.





# **Obituaries**

# Joan Kinder

Joan Kinder, 85, of Coahoma, died Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21, 2009, at the Coahoma Cemetery with the Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Aug. 17, 1924, in Weston-super-Mare, England. Joan married Leonard F. Kinder April 22, 1944, at Emmanuel Church in Weston-super-Mare, England. He preceded her in death Nov. 6, 1988. They made their home in Coahoma, where Joan lived until moving to Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

She is survived by two sisters, Shirley and husband Peter and Pauline and husband John, all of England; and numerous nieces and nephews and friends.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Gwen and Margaret and one brother, Llewellyn.

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

# Esther Hernandez

Esther Hernandez, 52, of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

# James Edward Stiles

James Edward Stiles, 80, of Big Spring, died Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009, in a local nursing home. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

# Support Groups

### **SUNDAY**

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

### MONDAY

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

# Take Note

• Robert Diaz is a lifelong Big Spring citizen and longtime city of Big Spring employee. Robert and Yvonne have four children and are raising four of their grandchildren. Robert has been on dialysis for about two years and is in need of a kidney transplant. Roberts's wife, Yvonne is a match and they have been able to start the process due to the kindness and generosity of friends, family and Big Spring citizens. They are still in need due to all the fees that they will incur from the transplant. Any one wishing to make a donation can do that at Citizens Credit Union, account 932728. All donations are appreciated.

• The Ackerly Lunch Bunch will be meeting on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. at the 14th & Main Church of Christ fellowship room, 1401 Main St. in Big Spring. A catered barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Betty Pitts at (432) 267-1449.

• Marcy House will be hosting the first Dementia Support Group meeting Sept. 29. Kim York, RN, will be presenting a presentation on the different types of dementia and its progression. Brenda Hamm, a licensed social-worker, will be on hand to help with and support that may be needed by the patient or the family. Refreshments will be served. Marcy House is located at 2301 Wasson Rd. in Big Spring. For more information, call 268-9041.

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



# **Police blotter**

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

 ANTHONY JOSEPH YANEZ, 18, 1610 Cardinal, was arrested on eight local warrants.

 ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1100 block of 13<sup>th</sup>, the 1900 block of Highway 87 and the 3000 block of Cherokee.

 CASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 600 block of Elgin.

• FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPON SIBILITY was reported in the 1700 block of Bell.

• THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, the 400 block of Birdwell and the 2900 block of Interstate 20.

# Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 31-32-5-37-12. Number matching five of five: 0. Matching four of five: 71. Prize: \$515 Matching three of five: 2,286. Prize: \$11 Matching two of five: 24,683. Prize: \$2 Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-9-1-9. Sum It Up: 21

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# LIFE

# **Coahoma High School reunion called success**

About 400 Coahoma High School (CHS) alumni and former/current staff members met at the Coahoma Elementary cafetorium for an all-school reunion Aug. 1,2009.

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Following sign-in, visiting and a barbecue lunch, Eddie Wolski introduced speakers for the program dedicated to recognizing Sports at CHS Through the Years. Wolski was a CHS football player in the 1960s who went on to a high school coaching career and is now in charge of athletes' eligibility with University Interscholastic League in Austin.

Former CHS coaches Bernie Hagins, Norman Roberts, Jody Sory and Willie Lundy spoke of their days coaching in Coahoma with great fondness and humor.

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All former CHS athletes were asked to stand for recognition. Present at the reunion were nine of the 16 seniors who played on the 1965 CHS football team that went to quarterfinals and lost to White Deer 27-24 in Plainview. Also in attendance were six men who played on the 1968 team that lost to Sonora 7-6 at Regional competition in San Angelo. Former coach Roger Hudgins also attended the reunion. Both Eddie Wolski and Spike Dykes, a former football coach at Coahoma, have been inducted into the Texas Sports Hall of Fame.

Former teachers and staff were also recognized. Past students, teachers and employees of CHS who have passed away since the last CHS reunion in 2006 were

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memorialized by Loma Jean Buchanan Wynn, a CHS alumnus and also a retired school teacher from CHS.

Billy Don Fishback conducted the fundraiser auction to benefit the CHS Scholarship Fund, and did an outstanding job emceeing the day's events. Fishback is a CHS alumnus who is currently the assistant vice president for business and human resources at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Bobby Gene (Bob) Fishback prepared a video presentation of pictures from other CHS get-togethers, and served as official photographer for class photos. Those pictures can be accessed at www. coahomaisd.com under the Alumni section.

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Karen Moore photo

Superintendent Randy Brown, center, accepts a check from Coahoma High School Alumni Association officers Patti Lee Meeks, left to right, Barbara Ballard Reilly, Rose Thixton Teeler and Joyce York Baumann for the CHS Scholarship Fund.

on-site donations, the CHS Alumni Association has since presented Superintendent Randy Brown of the Coahoma ISD with a check for \$3,000 to the CHS Scholarship Fund. Another

\$2,350 was donated by alumni prior to the reunion, bringing the total to \$5,350.

The next CHS Reunion will be held July 23, 2011. Plans call for honoring former band and choral members, sports trainers and managers, mascots and Mr. and Mrs. CHS competitors and winners.

-Submitted by Jean WYNN



Newsom

ter of Regina Newsom and Jimmy Newsom, has been named to the Texas Tech Traveling Debate Team. The Tech team has been nationally recognized for several years.

She was a two-time state qualifier in CX debate for Forsan High School and received the

highest award for speaking in State CX Debate, the Golden Gavel award, as a senior. She was the 2008 Forsan salutatorian.

Newsom is majoring in political science and English at Texas Tech.

James Normal Celestino Bowen, a graduate of Big Spring High school, and Michael George Clarke, a graduate of Garden City High School, have been named recipients of Texas Interscholastic League Foundation schol-

arships. Bowen won the \$2,500 Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd T. Jones Memorial Scholarship and is majoring in neuroscience at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Clarke won the \$1,000 Fasken Foundation Scholarship and is majoring in computer science at the University of Texas at Tyler.

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# Happy 21st Anniversary To Us!



Sincerely, Ricky & Billie Ann Dominquez

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# LOCAL

# **Boys & Girls Club drive ongoing** Once donations are in, construction can begin, officials say

#### By JOHN A. MOSELEY Managing Editor

Salvation Army officials say they are "within striking distance" of finishing the \$1.5 million capital campaign necessary to begin construction of a new Boys and Girls Club in Big Spring.

"We're very excited about the campaign's progress and we're within sight of making the Boys and Girls Club a reality," said Capt. Ed Cheshire. "At this point, we've received funding pledges and donations that put us within 15 percent of having the money necessary for the project."

Once the Salvation Army's local advisory board has received donations or monetary commitments to the project, then a construction timetable can be set for the 17,000-squarefoot facility.

During groundbreaking ceremonies earlier this year, Salvation Army officials said they hoped to open the doors to a new Boys and Girls Club building in Big Spring by the end of the year, but several planning difficulties threw the project off schedule.

completed, Once Cheshire said the new facility will provide a wide range of recreational and educational opportunities for local children. A gymnasium and rooms for art and music will be among the features.

Cheshire noted the new club will be a safe, fun and educational oasis for area children.

"Most of us will never realize just what this facility will mean to the hundreds of young people in Big Spring and Howard County," he said. "The facility will provide an environment that will be wholesome and encourage boys and girls to grow, expand and learn new things a place where they can be the very best they

can be."

A simple look at the demographics of the area served by the local Salvation Army Corps Building makes it clear how important the Boys and Girls Club is to the

"To be honest, if we were opening the doors today, it wouldn't be too soon."

-Capt. Ed Cheshire

community, according to John Schroeder, vice president of The Timothy Group, a consulting firm which assists local Salvation Army officials conduct fund-raising campaigns.

Cheshire and Schroeder noted that within a two-mile radius of the corps building in Big Spring, the 2000 U.S. Census showed 58.5

percent of those living with an annual income of \$25,000 or less, and 25 percent live on \$15,000 a year or less.

"And when you consider that almost 4,000 children live in that area, children under 17, and that 39 percent of the households in that same area are singleparent households, it's clear that there's a clear need for the Girls and Boys Club and its programs," Schroeder said.

"And it's just as clear that we absolutely have to have a new facility," Cheshire said. "We simply don't have the facilities we need for the program here in our corps building. It wasn't designed to house a program like the Boys and Girls Club. We're making do, but there's already a terrific need. And when you consider that we've had to limit participation in our summer program to a certain number of children, having to put

### others on a waiting list, we've got to have a new building."

Shroeder said the capital campaign needs to raise another \$222,000 to reach its goal. "We're asking for \$5,000 commitments over a threeyear period," Shroedersaid. "That's essentially \$1,600 a year, or about \$138 a month. To put it another way, that's a couple of pizzas and a six-pack of soft drinks a week. Obviously that's not something a lot of people can afford, but there are quite a few people in Howard County who could."

Cheshire, Shroeder and local members of the Salvation Army Advisory Committee are meeting with prospective donors in an effort to reach the goal as quickly as possible.

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# St. Mary's to celebrate 30-year outreach through Canterbury

## By LYNDEL MOODY

Features Writer

St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes will celebrate 30 years of service to the community with an evening of musical worship Tuesday night.

"Since 1979, St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc. (known as Canterbury South and North) has been providing safe and affordable housing to the elderly and disabled," said Shannon Nabors, executive director. "This event will celebrate and



#### Lane Bond photo

Canterbury turns 30 years old this month and St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes will celebrate.

of St. Mary's Episcopal the public is invited a Church. reception in the Parish Several local and area Hall.

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South began. The apartment complex is a sixstory, high-rise building with 120 apartments. The first resident, Winnie Greenlees, moved in September 1979. Within 45 days, the complex was at 100 percent occupancy and had a waiting list of more than 50, according to Nabors. Canterbury North, a fivestory high-rise building consisting of 59 apartments, opened in 1985. A \$1 million renovation project was completed this year to upgrade the 30-year-old facilities.

honor this outreach mission of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and those who have supported it."

Evensong, a liturgy in which the Word is illuminated by music, will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Birdwell. The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer, Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Northwest Texas, will be the officiate assisted by the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris, rector

talent to the service, including guest conductor Dr. Keith Graumann, conductor of the Big Spring Symphony, organist Darryl Knapp and Linda Hill, choirmaster of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

"Tuesday night will be a truly magical evening of worship and music to honor this outreach's milestone," Nabors added.

Following the service,

Retirement Homes Inc. began in the mid-1970s, by a group of individuals led by the Rev. Harland Birdwell, then rector at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, and Gill Jones III, a local attorney and an Episcopalian, to address a need for safe and affordable housing for the elderly and disabled in Big Spring.

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Tuesday: Breakfast- Waffles, syrup, sausage links, orange juice, milk; Lunch- Hamburgers, salad trays, chips, peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast-Pancake sausage on a stick, applesauce cups, syrup, milk; Lunch- Shake n Bake chicken, creamed potatoes, grapes, bread, milk; Corn dogs.

Thursday: Breakfast- Pop Tarts, sausage links, grape juice, milk; Lunch- Pizza, corn, pineapples, milk.

Friday: Breakfast- Oatmeal, sausage, grape juice, milk; Lunch- Nacho grande, baked beans, fruit cup, milk.

### **Big Spring ISD**

Monday: Breakfast- Cereal, cheddar cheese, fruit juice, milk; Lunch- Chicken parmesan, baby carrots, applesauce, rolls, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Sausage patty, biscuits, fruit cup, milk; Lunch- Pork rib, barbecue sauce, baked potato, strawberries, sugar cookie, margarine, sour cream, milk. Wednesday: Breakfast-Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk; Lunch- Meatballs, mashed potatoes, pears, green peas, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast- PBJ uncrustable, fruit cup, milk; Lunch- Cheeseburger calazo, broccoli, mandarin oranges, milk.

Friday: Breakfast- Honey bun, fruit juice, milk; Lunch- Sausage pizza, corn on the cob, apricots,

### milk.

### Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast- Waffles; Lunch- Burrito or hot dog, chili, corn, vegetable sticks, pear, milk, cheese.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Oatmeal; Lunch- Popcorn chicken or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, spinach, fruit cocktail, rolls, milk, gravy.

Wednesday: Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage and gravy; Lunch-Baked fish or corn dog, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, peaches, French bread, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast- French toast; Lunch- Baked chicken or beef tips, steamed rice, green beans, pineapple, bread sticks, milk

Friday: Breakfast- Burrito; Lunch- Choice of sandwich, potato puffs, vegetable sticks, apple, milk.

### **Senior Center**

Monday: Ham and potato casserole, country style greens, cornbread, angel cake with strawberries, milk. Tuesday: Tamales with chili,

refried beans, tossed salad, dressing, tortilla chips, salsa, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Pot roast, potatoes and carrots, tossed salad, dressing, chocolate pudding, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Beef stroganoff, noodles, green beans, pineapple cream cake, rolls, milk.

Friday: Chicken ala orange, broccoli and rice casserole, italian vegetables, mixed green salad, peaches and cream, rolls, milk.



#### **Zachery Ryan Porch**

Michael and Renae Porch of Allen announce the birth of their son, Zachery Ryan Porch, at 7:18 a.m. June 23, 2009. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Grandparents Charles Porch of Big Spring and the late Pauline Porch and Janet Reinert of Fort Worth and the late Ralph Reinert.

Zachery was welcomed home by sibling Evan Ray Porch.

# Parson to Person: Just think it through first

'ears ago, after I had moved to Nebraska from Kansas I was talking to the editors/publishers of the local

newspaper. They (husband and wife) were trying to decide if they wanted to publish my column, which at that point had been running only in the Great Bend Tribune for about two years.

I remember

kind of stumbling over one of the questions they asked. "What do you write about?"

Of course the answer that I usually give now is, "anything that comes to mind and that I find of interest," but at the time I was looking for the "right" answer that would get my column published.

I bumbled and stumbled a bit before saying, "I write about common sense stuff, politics, and some religion stuff like that."

A few months ago I saw a news story on the television that pushed my "common sense" button fairly hard. The story was about a group of people up in Iowa who were protesting against a cell phone company because they did not want them to put up a cell tower. The story actually made national news for the day — must have been a slow news day.

Those who were interviewed were afraid the tower would give off too many radio waves that would hurt the children who went to a school close to where the tower was going to be built.

Do you know the noise of the buzzer at a basketball game that is used by the timekeeper? That's the noise that went off in my head.

Wait a minute; let's walk through this one just a little bit slower.

One, the tower is going to be high above the school and town. Any waves coming into that tower are going to be up — not down. The town is safe from "other people's" cell waves just passing through.

Two, any waves from that specific tower that will go in and through the head of little Jack and Jill are going to be from the use of cell phones from themselves and from their friends and family in the town.

Instead of protesting against a tower, why not get real active and get the people of your town to shut down all of their radio waves. I am pretty much certain that if the cell phones were turned off, the cell company would not put a tower there.

In fact, reverse logic would dictate that the reason why the cell phone company is putting a tower there is because their customer base has grown large enough in that area to make the company want to make sure there is a good signal — to entice even more customers with the coverage.

This is another case where it is much easier to protest and rail against a faceless corporation then it is to deal with the real issue.

As in most protests, there were only a handful of people actually doing the protest. The other people in the town were probably wondering what was going on and pleased when they

found out that a tower was going up. Some may have even snapped open their cell phone to tell a friend or family member the good news.

All of this reminds me of a scene from the movie "Armageddon." Bruce Willis plays an oil driller out in the Gulf of Mexico. At the beginning of the movie he is hitting golf balls at a Greenpeace boat that is there protesting the oil drilling. He yells at them, "You're protesting against me? Do you know how much gas that ship of yours uses a day?"

Do cell phone signals cause brain cancer or are they harmful? Who can say for sure; like anything else we will find out the hard way in 10 or 20 years. Remember the warnings on the first microwave ovens? "Do not stand in front of door when operating." Come to find out those doors were very leaky.

If sustained exposure to radio waves does cause irreparable harm then most of the people of this world below the age of 70 are in trouble. Most everything that some of us do requires radio waves of some kind from blue tooth gadgets, cell phones, I-pods, and computers — just to name a few.

Of course, radio waves have been around for some time. Maybe some people are just looking for a cause. I have no problem with that; I am an advocate for a cause myself. Just think it through some first before you call the television station.

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# WHO's WHO

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skills under the direct Norma Spencer of Quasupervision of a licensed physician. He will join

the family practice services of Health First Garden City and Clay Medical Group in Keller Oct. 1. Blake received a bachelor of arts degree with honors in history from Texas Tech in December 2002 and was a teacher and coach in Tahoka and Levelland before beginning his PA studies. Blake is the son of Mike and Linda Weaver and grand so of R.H. and Joyce Weaver of Big Spring, Joie Ray Jeter of Paducah and the late

nah.

Trey Dale Hillger of Allen Faulkner of Big Spring were among the more than 1,800 Texas A&M University graduates who received their diplomas during commencement ceremonies in College Station. Hillger received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural systems managment, while Faulkner received his bachelor of science degree in construction science.

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# YOUR VIEWS

#### To the Editor:

I want a \$500,000 house, but I live in one under \$100,000.

I want a housekeeper, but my house is "presentable" ... most of the time

I want a new Cadillac Escalade, but I drive an '05 Saturn Vue.

I want people who are supposed to represent to actually represent me, but...

I don't think anyone in Big Spring is against a pool for our kids to enjoy, but is this really the time to build a \$4.2 million pool that will only be used three or four months a year?

I recently read an article in the Herald that said, "The poverty rate among older Americans could be nearly twice as high as the traditional 10 percent level."

On an Internet site I saw this from 2000, "The median income for a household in the city (Big Spring) was \$28,257 and the median income for a family was \$35,448. The per capita income for the city was \$14,119. About 17.1 percent of families and 22.2 percent of the population were below the poverty line, including 30 percent of those under age 18 and 18.3 percent of those age 65 or over."

I see statistics that state the estimated household income in 2007 (for Big Spring) was \$32,470 with a per capita income of \$16,876. As you can see, our residents have not become wealthy in these seven vears

So, it looks like we could have approximately 35 to 40 percent of our population at or below the poverty level and our city council is seriously considering building a \$4.2 millon pool.

Are you crazy? This is not Washington, D.C. You can't print money!

How many bids did you get for this pool? It's my understanding that an out of state company that builds pools contacted one of our city representatives and was told we weren't interested in an estimate from them...hmmmm. This company recently built a pool for 100 more occupants, with all the bells and whistles, and it cost less than the proposed pool. Making the pool house ADA compliant will not cost \$200,000, unless you want it to.

Have you solicited area businesses for contributions? Or, what about CVB money since the mayor wants to use this pool to attract people to move to Big Spring?

# Heads I win, tails I'm bailed out

resident Obama was on Wall Street, calling for a new regulatory regime to prevent a financial panic like the one set off a year ago. "We will not go back to the days of reckless behavior and

unchecked excess that was at the heart of this crisis," he said.

But there are doubters. Far from the granite canyons of southern Manhattan comes sharp criticism about the plans for new regulations and, not unrelated, who would do the regulating. The skeptics

argue that the too-big-to-fail

philosophy that saved the hides

of CitiGroup, Bank of America

The president of the Kansas

Thomas Hoenig, turned heads

last June when he characterized

the lack of action in addressing

And he warned, "If we hesitate

this fundamental weakness as

to make needed changes, we

will perpetuate an oligarchy of

interest." In other words, the fi-

nancial Mr. Bigs will be running

everything from their East Coast

On Wall Street, Obama out-

lined some fine reforms, but he

gave only lip service to end-

ing the assumption that some

"regulatory malpractice."

and AIG remains in force and

will make another meltdown

City Federal Reserve Bank,

inevitable.



FROMA HARROP institutions are too big to fail. He of banks' assets. Therefore, they mainly said that stockholders in these financial companies would have to bear the cost of their poor management.

Well, stockholders already do. The crisis sent their shares plunging to single digits. (Your writer speaks from sad experience.) The bailout did stop the stock prices from going to zero and enabled a partial recovery of their earlier value, but believe me, the shareholders didn't get away with much.

The big bucks went to the executives who vanished with their kingly bonuses and let others clean up the mess made by their reckless risk-taking. I don't recall their reimbursing the taxpavers.

If anything, the government's response over the last year has made the players more smug. The proven deal is "heads I win, tails I'm bailed out."

And that's Hoenig's point.

When the feds stepped in to save the largest institutions, the argument went that America was facing a financial Armageddon. Their collapse would have unleashed another Great Depression.

But Hoenig doesn't endorse letting big banks go splat on the pavement, but rather letting them fail in an orderly manner. That could mean putting them under new ownership or closing them by stages. There are ways to do it.

Instead, sick banks were merged into larger ones. That made the big banks bigger. The top 20 banks now own 70 percent

would expose the system to even more risk if they should get into trouble.

As already noted, banks deemed too big to fail enjoy an implied subsidy. They get sweeter terms from lenders and investors, who know that however badly the companies are managed, the government won't let them go under. That sends money flowing not to the safer banks but to the bigger ones.

This critique extends beyond the concentration of financial power among a few banks. It also concerns a concentration of regulatory power in Washington.

There's worry that clout is being taken away from the 12 regional Federal Reserve banks, which serve a purpose in being outside those cozy circles.

The view sees Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke as too chummy with the Treasury. After all, presidents appoint treasury secretaries (often from Wall Street), and the Fed is supposed to be independent of politics.

A year after the panic following the collapse of Lehman Brothers, little has changed. Banks still peddle unregulated derivatives. The big bonuses are back. And the taxpayers are still holding a safety net under the whole enterprise.

That's not a very good situation — for the taxpayers, that is.

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# Memo to Dems: Spare us phony outrage

emo to the Democratic leadership threatening to censure Rep. Joe Wilson if he doesn't publicly apologize on the House floor for calling President Barack Obama a liar on that

the substance of his remarks in comparing Gitmo to the gulag? Did House leader Nancy Pelosi

now that government-revised estimates project the insolvency of Social Security to occur even sooner than expected?

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"As people come to look at us to relocate businesses or to move to our community, they are looking for a progressive community," said McEwen. "And I feel very strongly that this type of swimming pool is something we can show off."

The mayor also stated that Judge Barr said we can their own decorum "provide something kids can go and get into for \$2 to \$3 a day," referring to the cost of admission to the pool. I wonder how we are going to still charge this when the pool will be much bigger and have all the water float areas?

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# **A SMALL PRAYER**

### by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, are a good deal for all of us. Amen floor: You don't have the moral authority to be demanding apologies.

Not only has in that very chamber been abysmal at times, such as when they booed President George W. Bush during his 2005 State of the Union address; they do much worse damage every week to this nation and its institutions than Joe Wilson conceivably could have done

decorum. While Democratic leaders are wagging their fingers at the Republican Party's alleged descent into incivility over Joe Wilson's unplanned, indignant outburst, they have a very short memory about their own partywide monopoly on incivility, as they savaged President Bush throughout his presidency.

with his temporary breach of

I researched and wrote a 400-plus-page book documenting the moral and intellectual bankruptcy of these hypocritical scolds in 2006, in case you need a refresher course.

Unlike Rep. Wilson, these ofapologized for their outrages. Did Rep. John Murtha apologize for prejudging and slandering our battlefield Marines who were later vindicated? Did Sen. Harry Reid ever apologize for calling President Bush a liar? Al Gore? John Kerry? Has suspected tax evader Rep. Charles Rangel apologized for his conduct while devising new ways to confiscate even higher taxes from honest, hardworking Americans who actually pay their taxes?

Did Sen. Dick Durbin retract

repent for defaming the CIA?

While we're at it, is anyone calling Obama and his colleagues on their opportunistic attacks on the Bush administration for not capturing Osama bin Laden, just as bin Laden has reportedly issued another taped lecture against the United States from some undisclosed cave somewhere?

On a related matter, Democrats. in order to bolster their credibility to attack President Bush on Iraq, pretended for years to be war hawks on Afghanistan. Iraq, they said, was an ill-conceived Bush-Cheney diversion from the war on terror. The real war, they said, was Afghanistan, where al-Qaida trained for its 9/11 attacks. But I could have sworn I just read this past week that Nancy Pelosi said, "I don't think there's a great deal of support for sending more troops to Afghanistan, in the country or in the Congress." I guess Dems were just kidding, then, when they bludgeoned President Bush for soft-pedaling 'the good war," huh?

Then there's the little matter of Social Security, the subject that gave rise to Democrats' unceremoniously booing President Bush on the House floor.

Though Democrats were so concerned about a looming Social Security crisis in 2000 that Bill Clinton and Al Gore demanded Social Security funds be placed in a "lockbox," they caught partisan amnesia when President Bush tried to reform it five years later.

The Chicago Tribune reported Feb. 3, 2005, that Democrats "plan to stand in the cold and excoriate the president, accusing him of dismantling a 70-year-old promise to senior citizens." The beloved Sen. Harry Reid went so far as to say: "Social Security is not in crisis. It's a crisis the president's created, period." Do you suppose an apology will be forthcoming from Reid, though,

How about the Democratic leaders who urged President Bush in January 2007 to reverse his "reckless" fiscal policies, a move that would include "difficult choices and shared sacrific es"? Where are these latter-day fiscal hawks now that President Obama is deliberately bleeding the national treasury and mortgaging our future earnings in pursuit of a fiscal recklessness so egregious that it represents a difference in kind, rather than degree, from President Bush's budgetary infractions?

In the meantime, could we please not lose sight of the fact that Wilson's claim was substantively true? President Obama has dissembled on many of his health care claims. Adding insult to injury, in that very speech before Congress, Obama was falsely accusing Republicans of lying — an accusatory art Democrats perfected during the Bush years.

Indeed, if Democrats were to issue public apologies every time accepted moral standards demanded it, they wouldn't have time for governance, which would be a wonderful development. This latest witch hunt — against Rep. Wilson, who has already apologized to the White House — is strategically designed, along with their infernal playing of the race card against Obama's critics, to divert attention from and marginalize the spontaneous grass-roots tidal wave of opposition to Obama's socialist agenda.

So please, Democratic high officials, spare us the phony sanctimony in your transparent attempt to mask your own policy outrages, about which the public has been awakened and duly mobilized.

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# Grand Op-Awning



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Hundreds of Marcy Elementary students and parents attended a recent hamburger dinner to celebrate the addition of a new awning to the school's playground area.

# **Oncor: Transition to new street light** outage tracking system is a success

Reporting a streetlight outage has never been easier for Big Spring residents, according to Oncor.

Thanks to a new Google maps-based Street Light Outage Tracking System (SLOTS) launched recently at OncorStreetLight.com, a few mouse clicks make it simple to find the issue and get it fixed.

Oncor employees, cities and contract resources have been trained internally and externally on the new system, which allows customers to zoom in on the map, select the issue, and submit a ticket. Once the repair is complete, customers can be notified by e-mail.

"We have already received compliments on the tool and the ease of use," said Mike Navarro, who manages the streetlight maintenance group. "To date, over 1,000 outages have been reported on the new tool, system wide. The success of this transition was made possible due to a thorough and col-

laborative effort by Oncor employees and is greatly appreciated."

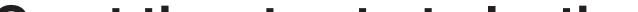
Residents may wish to bookmark the new Webbased outage reporting site, http://oncorstreetlight. com/

For a quick tutorial and printer-friendly reference on how to use the new SLOTS, visit https:// OncorStreetLight.com/instructions.pdf

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Customers can still call 1-888-313-4747 to report outages and call center personnel can provide live support if a user enters a valid phone number.

"Please use OncorStreetLight.com whenever you see outages in your community, and tell your friends and neighbors to do the same," said Navarro.



# **Energy Watch**



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We admit the market action since early August has made us a bit bipolar. In late July, we advised investors to maintain about an 80/20 investment portfolio (80 percent stock, 20 percent cash) and to withhold new buying. After the market's very sharp rally from the March 9 lows, we believed that August would be a month of either a churning correction or a moderate, 3 percent to 5 percent pullback. Into late August, the stock market corrected in a very benign, churning fashion so we the advised investors to do some buying.

So far, September has also made no real progress up or down. However, market action on a day-to-day basis has been pretty darn bipolar with a few sharp down days and then back up. Therefore, we feel good about our short term cautious optimism overall, but then after a good rally session, we wonder about the cautious part.

Despite the stock market generated bipolar problem we have, the action of the market says a number of positive things. Most critical, the market's ability to work off its extended condition in a fairly gentle fashion says that the downside risk at this time is limited. This is probably due to the fact that most investors missed the rally, and thus there are not many potential sellers around. Also, the economic fundamentals continue to improve, with one important exception. Job losses are diminishing but unemployment continues to rise. August nonfarm payrolls decreased 216,000 following a loss of 276,000 jobs in July. However, the August unemployment rate increased to 9.7 percent from 9.4 percent in July. This is the highest rate in 26 years. Employers kept working hours near a record low in August. This will reward companies' profits but delay a recovery in the job market.

The very soft job market will probably keep consumer spirits at depressed levels but also keep inflationary pressures subdued. We would much prefer a strong labor market and some moderate inflation, which in the past have proven to be good for the country and for stocks. Now that Labor Day is past and summer vacations have come to an end, the number of market participants will increase. A valid question is what mood the folks who have been away will be in as they return. Will they believe they are close to missing the boat and become buyers, or will they be nervous and do some profit taking? Of course, no one knows for sure which of the two bipolar poles these folks will jump to. However, with bullishness way up and bearishness down, we believe the best approach is to remain optimistic about the rest of the year but short term cautious. Therefore, we continue to advise investors to do selected buying during pullbacks, but not to chase strength. Hopefully, soon our bipolar problem will go away, and we can remove the word "cautious" from our optimistic opinion.

# Great time to start planting

Now that cooler weather has arrived, it is signaling that fall is soon to come. That is a great time for planting. Trees and shrubs planted now will be well established by spring's growing season and endure next year's heat much better.

Remember when planting to dig the hole as deep as the plant is in the pot and at least twice as wide as the pot. Normally it is not recommended to modify the soil to be backfilled into the hole. The idea is to select plants

that will be happy



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with the soil you have rather than trying to rebuild what nature has given you.

This is also a good time of year to dig and divide spring bulbs and perennials such as daffodils, iris, daylilies, ajuga, liriope and cannas. Sowing seeds of

snapdragons, dianthus, pansies and other winter flowers in flats should have them grown enough to set out in October. Toward the end of the month plant cool weather vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, radishes, spinach and lettuce. This is also a good month to sow wildflower seeds.

Rejuvenate heat-stressed geraniums, petunias and chrysanthemums for the fall season by lightly pruning, fertilizing and watering. Remove weak. unproductive growth from roses to stimulate new growth for fall beauty. Hold off on any major pruning of trees until mid-winter. Pruning now will stimulate tender growth that probably won't survive a frost. Trim back any houseplants that are spending the summer outdoors to reshape them before their return indoors This is the last chance to

apply iron sulfate to correct yellowed foliage on iron-deficient plants such as St. Augustine

grass, apricot trees, mulberries and roses.

Apply pre-emergent weed killer mid-September to mid-October for the most effective kill. Read the label carefully. Some pre-emergents target broadleaf weeds and others target grassy weeds. Select the product according to which type you wish to control. Remember to water plants with green berries or fruit to prevent them from drying out. Hollies will frequently drop their fruit and nandinas will not produce berries under drought conditions. Christmas Cactus can be made to flower by supplying 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness and cool nights for a month starting in mid-October. Keep them on the dry side for a month prior to the treatment.

For more information, call Walter Ward at (432) 935-6455 or visit the Howard County Master Gardeners Web site at www.howardcountymastergardener.org

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# Financial rewards for landowners who protect natural resources

Do you take extra steps to protect the natural resources on your farm or ranch? Would you like to be financially rewarded for being the best of the best in land stewardship? If so, then you need to contact your local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to sign up for the

Conservation Stewardship Program.

The Conservation Stewardship Program, also known as the CSP, is a voluntary conservation program that encourages agricultural and forestry producers to main-

tain existing conservation activities and adopt additional ones on their operations. The program provides financial and technical assistance to conserve and enhance soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their land. It was authorized under the 2008 Farm Bill to financially reward the best of the best in agricultural and forestry conservation.

Eligible lands include cropland, grassland, prairie, improved pastureland, rangeland, non-industrial private forestland, and agricultural

land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe.

CSP is a five-year program which offers continuous signup. All eligible applicants who sign by Sept. 30, 2009, will be ranked as a group in October and November and will be eligible for funding at that time. A second ranking of subsequent applications will likely take place again in January or February.

To apply for CSP, potential participants are encouraged to use a self-screening checklist first to determine whether the new program is suitable for them or their operation. It is available on NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov and at NRCS field offices.

After self-screening, the producer's current and proposed conservation practices are entered in the conservation measurement tool, which estimates the level of environmental performance to be achieved by a producer implementing and maintaining conservation activity.

CSP payments will compensate producers for:

• Installing and adopting See NRCS, Page 6B

additional conservation activities;

 Improving, maintaining, and managing conservation activities in place a the time the contract offer is accepted;

Adopting resource-conserving crop rotations to achieve beneficial crop rotations;

 Engaging in activities related to on-farm conservation research and demonstration activities, and pilot testing of new technologies or innovative conservation practices.

LOCAL

# Keep Big Spring Beautiful: Twelve ways you can prevent litter

This is information published by Keep America Beautiful a few years back, but it's still very applicable. I felt I should share this with you to see where you stand on litter prevention.

1. Set an example by not littering.

2. Pick up one piece of litter daily. I have stressed this for years. 3. Teach your children the proper way to dispose of trash. Show them the difference between a clean area

litter and stress why it's



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important to put trash in the proper container. In some instances, I believe the children can show the parents.

4. Make sure your trash cans have lids that can be securely attached. If you have curbside trash collection service, don't put out open containers or boxes filled with trash.

Ask local businesses to buy car litter bags and distribute them to customers. Encourage them to print their name and an environmental message on the bag.

6. Ask your local department of public works to become involved by waiving the landfill fee on special days, such as Trash Off and Make A Difference Day.

7. Tie papers in a bundle before placing them in a curbside bin. Loose paper can be blown out by the wind. This does not apply to us as we do not have a paper recycling program.

8. This is one of my favorites. If you or a member of your family is involved in a civic group, scouting or recreational sports program, encourage the group to become involved in a cleanup. In some communities, groups can earn cash for cans. Or have the group "adopt" a spot and maintain it on a regular basis. We have several spot's and highways adopted, but can always use more. Be

5. Carry a litter bag in your car. a part of sharing in cleaning up our community.

> 9. Find out how you can plant and maintain flowers along a curb or sidewalk. People litter less where areas have been beautified.

> 10. Ask business owners to check their dumpster daily to make sure tops are closed and in good repair. If they have a loading dock, ask them to keep it clean and put out a receptacle for employees to use.

> 11. If you own a construction or hauling business, make sure your trucks are covered when transporting material to and from sites. This prevents debris from blowing out and littering various areas.

> 12. Ask civic groups to start an awards program that recognizes individual, groups and businesses for their litter prevention or beautification efforts.

Why do people litter?

Litter is misplaced, improperly handled solid waste. Three attitudes predominate most people's thinking about handling waste. They feel it is OK to litter where they have no sense of ownership for the property, where someone else will clean up after them and where litter has already accumulated.

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I think we have had an impact on our city and our litter has been reduced. Keep America Beautiful stresses the most successful way to prevent litter in a community is to have an ongoing, organized program that involves local government, businesses, civic groups, the media, schools and private citizens. This is what Keep Big Spring Beautiful is striving to do.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful's mission statement and our vision is to empower Big Spring's citizens through education to take responsibility for enhancing their community environment. Our vision is for every Big Spring citizen to take individual responsibility for making Big Spring the cleanest, most beautiful city in Texas.

# What makes a responsible pet owner?

We have all heard the term responsible breeder, but how much thought do we

give to the other side of that term. The responsible pet owner is really more important in a pet's life than the breeder. A breeder has a puppy for a few weeks of its life; a responsible owner will have it for many years.

The majority of pet owners are very caring and responsible in most areas of ownership. They get veterinary care, provide food, water and shelter for the pet.

# Shared knowledge from animal control

Let's cover a few things that might make us less-thanresponsible owners. Do you provide a secure, escapeproof yard or a dog pen? Any dog running loose is a danger to people, property, themselves and other animals. Allowing your dog to run loose to damage or relieve itself in some one's yard, dig up or trample in flower beds, threaten walkers, fence fight with other dogs, or wander

around in traffic is not being responsible. Aside from being illegal, it is endangering people and property.

Does your pet always have some form of identification a microchip, tattoo, collar with ID tag? Is your dog always on leash when outside its fenced property? Do you always clean up after your dog if it relieves itself outside your yard? Does your dog bark, growl and lunge at people and other animals when out in public? A responsible pet owner will answer ves to all these questions.

City, county and state animal laws, ordinances and regulations are all the result of irresponsible pet owners. Enforcing these laws costs more than the license fee and fines bring in, so we end up paying more taxes to cover this. We, as pet owners, by being irresponsible, have brought these things on ourselves. Being irresponsible not only places our pets in

danger, it becomes very expensive in veterinary bills, city fines and possibly a lawsuit. Being a responsible pet owner benefits everyone, it makes for happy neighbors, a healthy happy and safe pet.

Stop those litters, spay those critters. If you have any questions about pets or animal regulations in Big Spring, contact animal control at AC@bigspringpd.net



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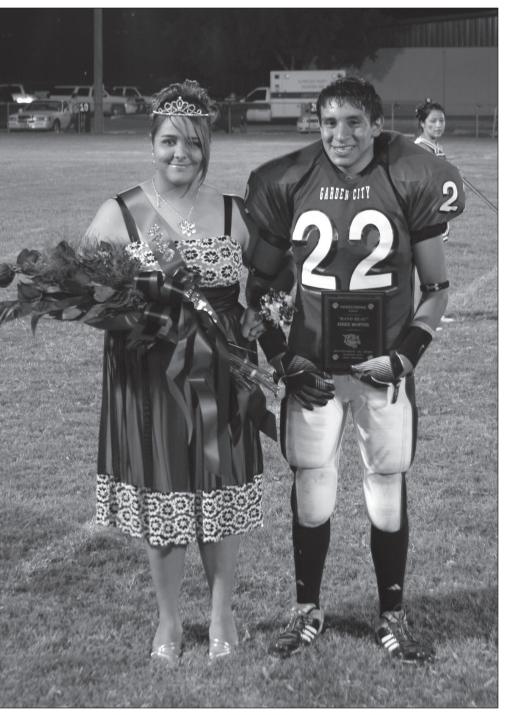


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Courtesy photo/James Schwartz Kelsey Hicks and Jesse Montez were recognized as Garden City High School Band Sweetheart and Beau Friday night.

The horses, a bay geld-

ing and a gray mare,

were literally skin and

bones at the time, offi-

"There were about 15

horses ... on a 50-acre

tract of land," Wakefield

said. "There was a very

crudely built corral, but

there wasn't sufficient

shelter or food for the

amount of horses out

Wakefield said author-

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# Unlawful restraint call was hoax, officers say

#### By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Law enforcement officers responded to a possible case of unlawful restraint in the Sand Springs area Thursday morning, but the situation turned out to be a hoax, according to county officials.

Deputies with the Howard County Sheriff's Office responded to a home in the 600 block of Jill Road in the Sands Springs area at approximately 10:30 a.m. after dispatchers received a phone call believed from a woman being held captive.

"We were told there was a woman at the residence that was being held there against her will," said Sheriff Stan Parker. "Deputies immediately made their way out to the residence."

What deputies found when they arrived, according to Parker, wasn't quite what they expected.

"There was a man and a woman at the residence, but neither of them had any idea what was going on," said Parker. "They were just as surprised as we were."

Parker said the man believed to be holding the woman at the home against her will was actually her husband, and the two were attempting to settle some marital matters.

"The couple was apparently trying to work out some differences in hopes of getting back together," said Parker. "Apparently, that didn't sit too well with some of their family."

The caller who initially reported the unlawful restraint is believed to be a member of the man and woman's family, according to Parker, who declined to go into more detail.

"Investigators did everything they needed to make sure it wasn't a real situation," said Parker. "They are still looking into who made the call, but I really don't expect anything more to come of this."

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

# **HC Mini Cheer Camp begins soon**

The Howard College Hawk Cheer squad is hosting the annual HC Mini Cheer Camp Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and invites all aspiring cheerleaders to join the fun.

The camp is designed for mini cheerleaders in grades K-6 and will begin registration 8 a.m. with camp getting under way at 9 a.m. and concluding at 1 p.m. The camp fee is \$25 and includes a Tshirt. All campers will be invited back to perform at the 'Cheer Showcase/ Battle" in October and again during the half-time of a Hawks basketball game in February. The registration form is on the Hawk athletic Web site at www.hchawk. com and will be available during registration.

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executed a warrant and seized the horses."

In addition to the seizure, deputies also arrested Alvares on one count of cruelty to livestock, a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in county jail and a fine not to exceed \$4,000.

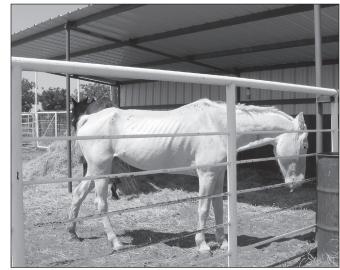
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ities will monitor the situation concerning the other horses on the property and added that further seizures may be forthcoming.

Melanie Gambrell, owner/operator of All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue in Coahoma, was called in by deputies to care for the seized animals. What she saw sickened her.

"They were basically one step from death,' Gambrell said. "There was no meat on their necks ... and their bones and ribs were very discernible."

The horses, which are being housed at the county arena pending a hearing before the justice of the peace, are being closely monitored by Gambrell. "We're letting them eat all the hay they want," she said. "On top of that,



**HERALD** photo/Steve Reagan

This mare is one of two horses seized by sheriff's deputies in western Martin County recently. The horses suffer from starvation and other maladies. officials said.

weak for some needed veterinarian care, such de-worming, but as Gambrell is optimistic they will eventually make a full recovery.

The horses will be subject to a hearing before Justice of the Peace Merv Miller Tuesday. At that time, the animals will either become wards of the county or returned to Alvares.

"If we can find someone willing to take them, we'll adopt them out as soon as the judge gives us the say-so," Gambrell said. "I'm just tickled to death that Martin County has been so proactive in this case. They've been just great."



we're feeding them two cups of grain a day and we hope to increase that in the next few days."

Initial results are promising, Gambrell noted.

"Just with what we've been able to do so far, they look great," she said. "They look good compared to the way they were Saturday." The horses are still too

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Grantor: Isaac Amoako and Gloria

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Grantor: Noel Hoff and Brenna Hoff

Property: Lot 8, Block 1, College Park

Grantee: Kyle Carroll and jeannie

Property: Lot 8, Block 13, Fifth Filing of

Grantee: Linda Anderson and John

tion 27, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co.

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# Public Records

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- Daniel Antrim, 120 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Pl., Lamesa Nancy Ramirez Banuelos, 1002 N.
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- brook Misty Goldston, 2429 20th St., Lubbock Melissa Gonzalez, 2317 CR 220,
- Garden City Steven Joe Guzman, 4172 Lake
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- Sharon Marquis Hanson, 1201 E. Co. Rd. 34, Big Spring
- Clifford Arvin Hart Jr., 3234 Drexel, Big Spring

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- Chris Henry, 3520 28<sup>th</sup> St., Lubbock Cherie Brandy Hernandez, 2006 Ave. L, Snyder
- Pilar Ann Hilario, 1904 Runnels, Big Spring
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- Lubbock Sarah A. Barrow Johnson, 3402 D.
- State St., Big Spring Johnny Ray Jones, 501 E. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Big Spring
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- wards, Big Spring Natalie Ann McDonald, 2464 Glen-
- wood, San Angelo Thomas M. McKellen, 2010 Sierra,
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Judgment and Sentence: Ricardo

Ramirez, theft of property - more than

theft of property - more than \$50 less

than \$500. \$750 fine. \$328 court costs.

180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12

cooperative agreements with state on

fuel tax, \$2,000 fine, \$328 court costs,

180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24

Probated Judgment: Armando Avina,

duty on striking fixture/highway landscape

- more than \$200, \$100 fine, \$278 court

costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspend-

Seay, driving while intoxicated - second

Probated Judgment: Justin Speer,

possession of marijuana - two ounces or

less, \$1,000 fine, \$328 court costs, 180

Probated Judgment: Malory Marie

Luna, theft of property - more than \$50

less than \$500, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court

costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspend-

Probated Judgment: Gabriel Jesie

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Hernandez, theft of property - more than

Probated Judgment: Jessie Castillo Jr.,

driving while license invalid with a previ-

ous conviction or suspension, \$750 fine,

\$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time

Judgment and Sentence: Sherry Lynn

Johnson, possession of marijuana - two

Judgment and Sentence: Tari Dalun

Jessie, driving while license invalid with a

Judgment and Sentence: James Clifton

previous conviction or suspension, \$200

Edwards, theft of property - more than

\$50 less than \$500, \$1,500 fine, \$278

Probated Judgment: Benito Lorenzo

Torres, driving while intoxicated - open

container, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs,

180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12

Judgment and Sentence: Ernest Wil-

liam Clark, criminal trespass, \$750 fine,

Coy L. Keaton, 22, and Ashton R.

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Luis A. Pena, 30, of Big Spring, and

Tyson Leo Kubena, 25, and Jenna Rae

Jeanette L. Gonzales, 21, of Seminole.

Hensley, 25, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

\$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.

Marriage Licenses:

Taylor, 22, both of Coahoma.

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Judgment and Sentence: Michael Allen

Probated Judgment: Larry David Stott,

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- Matthew Henry Steadman, 801 W. Marcy, Big Spring
- Misty D. Sternadel, 457 Seventh St., Scotland TX
- Paula Valdez, 2220 S. First, Lamesa Liandro Ventura, 1905 Wasson No. 23, Big Spring
- Rene Villa, 106 Circle, Big Spring Laura Villa, 106 Circle Ave., Big Spring Amy Wagner, PO Box 784, Blanco
- Michael Wagner, P.O. Box 428, Denver City
- Jim Bob White, 412 Davis Rd., Big Spring
- Candida Lynn Whitehead, 1405 runnels, Big Spring
- Tina Diane Whitlow, 1407.5 Settles, Big Spring
- Brandi Woodard, 642 Westview Dr., Abilene
- Chad Matthew Wright, 211 E. Robinson, Big Spring

Judgment and Sentence: Alberto Rivas,

violation of a protective order, \$350 fine,

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Probated Judgment: Rod Lee Puga,

driving while license invalid with a previ-

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Give Texas a Boost – booster seat initiative under way

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County Court Decisions:

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months probation).

one-time event or appointment to receive the seat and have it properly fitted for their child by a certified child passenger safety technician.

#### How to register

Low-income families are encouraged to call Howard County Extension Service at (432) 264-2236 to see if they qualify for a booster seat.

#### What is a booster seat?

A booster seat "boosts" the child up so the lap/



# By Steve Becker *Maximum Security*

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**Card-reading** — the ability to figure out how the opponents' cards are divided based on bids and plays they have or haven't made — is a crucial element in the play of many hands.

**Consider this deal** where West leads the king of spades, on which East plays the seven. West continues with the ace and another spade, East playing the six on the ace and the ten on dummy's nine.

South ruffs the third spade and does not have to think very hard to

conclude that East has the missing queen of spades. It is inconceivable that East would play the 7-6-10 of spades, in that order, unless he also had the queen.

**South's prospects** therefore are extremely good at this point, provided he does not now fall into the trap of drawing trumps, cashing the ace of diamonds and then finessing the iack.

In the actual case, the jack of diamonds would lose to East's queen, and when declarer later attempted a club finesse, he would lose that also and finish down one. True, it would be unlucky for South to have both finesses fail — the odds are 3-to-1 that one or both will succeed — but that's the way the cookie sometimes crumbles.

However, if South takes advantage of his knowledge that East has the queen of spades, he can assure the contract in a perfectly simple way. After ruffing the third round of spades, he draws three rounds of trumps ending in dummy, leads the jack of spades and discards a club on it

**East takes the jack** with the queen but is helpless. He must either return a club into dummy's A-Q-x or a diamond into dummy's K-J-x, and regardless of which he chooses, South acquires his 10th trick.

**Tomorrow:** Famous Hand. ©2009 King Features Syndicate Inc. al forward-facing child safety seats have a 5-point harness system that can be used until the child reaches 40 pounds. However, most children weigh 40 pounds long before they are tall enough to fit in the vehicle lap/shoulder belt. In order to get the best protection from a seat belt, children usually need a booster until they are about 4 feet 9 inches tall and weigh between 80 and 100 pounds.

#### New laws in Texas

Effective Sept. 1,Texas will have a new child safety seat law. The law states that children under 8 years of age — unless taller than 4 feet 9 inches will need to be in a child safety seat system (this includes traditional child safety seats with harnesses and booster seats). Many are referring to this new law as the 'booster seat law' because it will extend the current law to cover older children who need to ride in booster seats.



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the vehicle lap/shoulder belt and not need to be in a child safety seat system. Best practice, however, is that children not ride in the vehicle lap/shoulder belt until they are at least 4 feet 9 inches tall.

According to the law, once a child reaches 8 years

old or a height of more than 4 feet 9 inches he or

she will not be legally required to use a child safety

seat system. Thus, a child who 8 years old, but is

not yet 4 feet 9 inches tall will be able to legally use

Another occupant protection law effective Sept. 1, will require all passengers in a vehicle (including 15-passenger vans) to use a seat belt if there is one available in their seating position, regardless of age. This means adults will be required to buckle up in the back seat as well as the front seat.

### **4 STEPS FOR KIDS**

Step 1. Rear-facing seats: For the best possible protection, keep babies in the back seat in rear-facing child safety seats for as long as possible up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat. At a minimum, keep babies rear-facing until age 1 and at least 20 pounds.

Step 2. Forward-facing seats: When children outgrow their rear-facing seats (at a minimum of age 1 and at least 20 pounds), they should ride in forwardfacing child safety seats, in the back seat, until they reach the upper weight or height limit of the particular seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds).

Step 3. Booster seats: Once children outgrow their forward-facing seat (usually around age 4 and 40 pounds), they should ride in booster seats, in the back seat, until the vehicle safety belts fit properly. Safety belts fit properly when the lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt fits across the chest (usually at age 8 or when they are 4 feet 9 inches tall).

Step 4. Safety Belts: When children outgrow their booster seats (usually at age 8 or when they are 4 feet 9 inches tall), they can use the adult safety belt in the back seat if it fits properly (lap belt lays across the upper thighs and the shoulder belt across the chest).

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The program provides equitable access to all producers, regardless of operation size, crops produced, or geographic location.

To learn more about CSP or how to your land could qualify for the program, call your local NRCS at (432) 267-1871 ext. 3 or visit the office located in the USDA Service Center at 302 W. IH-20 Suite 101 on the north I-20 service road, just a quarter-mile east of the TA Travel Center located on the northeast corner of U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 20.

# LETTERS

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How will our "poverty level" citizens be able to pay these increases? And, how are we able to justify using so much more water for this "Schlitterbahn/ Disneyland" pool when our rain is so precious?

Ms. Horton stated, "that pool had to turn down kids because there wasn't enough room in the pool and there weren't enough lifeguards to cover them." I would think we will need more lifeguards for this bigger pool and all the "float" area, but where will we get them if we don't have enough now?

As I said, our city will need major renovations, known or unknown, and you can only go to the well so many times.

Roll the taxes back, live within your budget like the rest of us have to do and build something reasonable.

#### **RITA M. BROWN BIG SPRING**

#### To the Editor:

Wow! This is a hard letter to write, but there are a few points I feel a need to make. I want to re-state that I think the mayor, county judge, city council and commissioners court truly believe they are doing the right thing for Big Spring and Howard County. I just happen to disagree with their approach of raising taxes at every opportunity. Therefore I have decided to make one more effort to express my concerns regarding the proposed tax increase to the mayor and city council through this letter, I happened to have a doctor's appointment Monday and missed my opportunity to express my concerns to the commissioners court.

I have several points to re-iterate and I apologize to your readers if I seem to ramble.

First, let me explain my view on the tax terminology. I prefer to disregard the terms "effective rate, roll back rate, etc." I believe it much simpler to use the old school math, therefore; if I am asked to pay more money to the city, county or any taxing entity in property taxes for this year than I paid last year I consider that a tax increase. Let me remind you, once a tax rate has been established it becomes the base that next years tax will be guided on. So this \$500,000-plus that the council wants to take from us this year plus the two cents per \$100 the county has increased taxes will be taken from us every year from now on. Even after the pool is built and paid for, the city will continue to take the additional \$500,000 per year forever. The same applies to the tax increase by the county. The only way this additional tax stops is if the council votes to approve a tax cut once the pool is paid for. If you think that will happen, I have some swamp land in Big Spring I'd like to sell you.

I encourage you to call your council person and the mayor and ask them when was the last time they voted to reduce the dollar amount of your taxes, and don't let them try to confuse the issue with terminology. Just ask when did they vote to take less money in a tax year than they did in the previous year.

If we must have a \$4 million pool, there are ways to do this without a never ending tax incre

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did the commissioners by voting to raise property taxes two cents per \$100 of value.

The commissioners court comment that since no one showed up to complain it must mean its OK to raise the taxes, leaves me speechless. I can only imagine what the school district and Howard College will do on their next opportunity.

The council and department heads seem fixated on the thought that "the average cost of a home in Big Spring is \$41,000. Therefore the average tax increase is 97 cents per month. I'm not sure how they came up with the average cost of a home. I question how many homes in Big Spring are valued at \$41,000. I don't think the council really believes it will raise more than \$500,000 by getting an additional 97 cents a month from the "average home owner." I would like to know how many citizens will have their property taxes increase by \$20, \$30, \$50 or even more a month.

I would bet there are many homes valued much more than the "average" amount. In any case, the fact remains our appraisal district has raised the taxable value of many homes in Big Spring and many, many homeowners will see property taxes increase significantly with the tax rate proposed by our city council and commissioners court.

Fourth, I would remind our elected officials that we have many people living in Big Spring on fixed incomes who are trying to decide whether to buy groceries or medicine. How much use do you think these people will get out of a \$4 million pool that is open about three months a year?

I encourage you to read the front page of the Sept. 4, Big Spring Herald. Note the article that states there are now thought to be twice as many elderly living in poverty than was previously indicated. I wonder, do we have any elderly people in Big Spring? Do you think any of our elderly citizens are having a tough time financially? Are there others having a tough time with home payments, insurance payments and taxes? If so, raising property taxes, raising water rates and raising sewer rates may not be the answer the citizens need.

Fifth, the mayor commented at a recent meeting that a local judge had told him that if we didn't spend the money on a pool for the kids that we would see them standing before him and would spend the money then. If you think a water park being open three months a year is going to stop delinquency, come on over and look at this swamp land.

But I recognize that I am only one person. I am now asking the council put this tax increase before the citizens for a vote. One council member recently made the comment that the people of Big Spring "just don't vote, God bless the ones that do but most people just will not vote." I remind that council member that the ones who do vote are the ones who put him in office. He may want to think about letting them vote on a \$500,000 per year tax increase that lasts forever.

I believe our elected officials think they are doing the right thing, but they don't want us, the citizens, to get involved in their decision making. I sense that they believe they were elected and we the citizens should just let them do what they think is best. I strongly believe a tax increase of this size, and especially for a recreational project, should be put before the voters.

Citizens of Big Spring, please take a few minutes of your time and call your elected officials to press your view and even better, be at the council meeting Tuesday, Sept. 22. One hour of your time could save you a lot of money over the next 20 years. A half million dollars a year for 20 years is pretty close to \$10 million taken from the citizens of Big Spring without their input. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Gloria McDonald for her courtesy. I called her and she provided me with the information about her citizens group, she took my e-mail address and has promised to invite me to the next meeting. Thank you Mrs. McDonald for your courtesy, but I ask you one more time to please put this tax increase on the ballot for your citizens. Don't make this mistake by yourselves.

ed can lead productive, healthy lives. Yet, people in our community mistakenly believe that abusing alcohol or drugs is a personal weakness, not a medical illness.

The truth is that addiction is a medical condition that should be treated like any other illness.

The 2008 expansion of the Mental Health Parity Act of 1996, which provides equity in the coverage of mental health and substance use disorders, proves we have made many strides. We must continue to collaborate to educate people about addiction and the benefits of treatment and recovery by sharing this message online and offline.

As someone in recovery, I have firsthand knowledge of this reality. Addiction is a real issue, with an estimated 23.2 million people needing treatment for an alcohol or illicit drug use problem in 2007. There were 360,000 people in Texas who needed but did not receive drug rehab services, according to the National Study on Drug Use and Health conducted in 2005. Some 92,000 teenagers, aged 12 through 17; 196,000 young adults, aged 18 through 25; and 172,000 adults, aged 26 and over likewise needed a drug rehab to overcome their drug dependence, but ended up not getting the assistance they needed. Most of these represent families in need of quality drug rehab and all of the above figures relate to an individual wanting to get clean and sober but not being able to find the resources to do so.

This September in celebration of the 20th annual National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month, an initiative of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and its Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, I call on everyone in the Permian Basin to educate others about this disease and encourage access to treatment and recovery services in our area. We can give teachers resources to support children who need help for their own or a family member's addiction, open communication lines through our everyday social and work interactions and provide the media with up-to-date, accurate scientific information about addiction, treatment and recovery to dispel the myths.

We can do this online. According to the Pew Internet & American Life Project, approximately 75 percent of adult Americans use the Internet to search for health information online and indicate that the Internet is a great medium for educating our community about substance use disorders, treatment and recovery.

To maximize this opportunity, I urge local businesses, government agencies and community organizations to showcase details about local treatment and recovery resources on their Web sites and link to additional information available at www.recoverymonth.gov.

> **ANTHONY MASON CLINICAL DIRECTOR CLOVER HOUSE INC.**



Second, it is beyond my comprehension that the council and commissioners want to increase taxes in this time of economic decline. This is the time we should expect our elected officials and taxing entities to step up to the plate and work a little harder to stretch our tax dollars to the limit. They should recognize the hard times that many are going through and cut spending in every area. The mayor, judge and each elected official should be looking over the shoulder of every department and looking for ways to save money. I vaguely remember terms like discipline, hard work and planning for the future.

My parents told me that when times are hard, you can't spend as much. It didn't matter how bad you wanted the new toy, you just can't have it now. You have to work harder and save some money, when you get enough saved up then you can buy it.

Financial experts such as Dave Ramsey and Susie Orbin advise that when times are lean not to make large impulsive or non-essential purchases. They encourage paying off debt, building up sav-

ings for emergencies and only when both those goals are accomplished saving for non-essential purchases. The council needs to reduce our tax burden and then work hard to find ways to save costs within the various budgets and save that money for a more modestly priced pool.

Third, I reminded the council members at a recent meeting that the proposed \$500,000 increase in property taxes they want to take from us is not the only increase in living expenses the citizens will see this year. The cost of medicine, groceries, gas and clothing will also rise and the other taxing entities are wanting money too. The council proved my point by immediately by raising the cost for water and sewer service, as

TOMMY DUNCAN **BIG SPRING** 

#### TO THE EDITOR:

Substance use disorders are treatable diseases, and when they are properly addressed, those affect-





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### Announcements

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### Garage Sales

MULTI FAMILY garage sale 1309 Virginia Ave. 8-12pm. Exercise machines, shelf knickknacks, kitchen items, to much list. Everything between to 12-1pm is half off!

TALL CITY TRADE DAYS Saturday Sept. 19th 9am-6pm Sunday Sept. 20th, 1- 5pm 621 West Wall - Downtown Midland, Tx

Antiques, collectibles, vintage items, purses, jewelry, outdoo items, shabby chic, tools andmore. Food vendors: much turkey legs, roasted corn, sausage on stix, hambugers. Don't it. More info call miss (432)631-0626. or www.tcemidland.com

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# Help Wanted

**CITY OF BIG SPRING** Police Officer (Certified & Non-Certified) Animal Control Kennel Worker Animal Control Officer Utility Service Worker Code Enforement Officer **Temporary Plant Operator** Part-Time General Worker

**Communications Officer CVB** Administative Assistant For more information go to www.mybigspring.com or call (432)264-2346

DELIVERY, ASSEMBLY, clean-up, etc. Must have valid driver's license & good driving record. Apply at Branham Furniture, 2004 West 4th.

EZ PAWN, Now Hiring 2 Full time & 1 Part Time Sales and Loan Representatives. Must have High School/GED, pass background & drug test. Apply online at www.ezpawnjobs.com

HELP WANTED Operator for Bulldozer & Motor Grader. Experience Required. Office (432)264-1579 Mobile (325)340-0595.

HOWARD COUNTY Road Department will accept applications from September 21, 2009 through September 25, 2009, for Truck Driver and Roller operator. Truck driver must have CDL license. Applications may be picked up and returned from 8:00am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday on first floor of the courthouse at the north doors. ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE PRE-JOB DRUG TESTED.

LANDSCAPE HELPER: with experience needed. Call (432)213-0031 Monday - Friday 8-5pm for more information.

**NEIGHBORS CONVENIENCE** Store now hiring cooks, cashiers, stockers. All Shifts. Apply at 3315 E. FM 700.

**NOW HIRING** daycare workers for pre-school and toddler classes. Must be at least 18 yrs old, with GED or High School

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THE COLORADO River Municipal Water District, regional raw water supplier for the Permian Basin, is accepting applications for following position:

Operations maintenance Technician - Responsible for maintaining the District's raw water pipelines, pump stations, and wells in the Big Spring area. Entry to Intermediate level position.

CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, by calling (432) 267-6341 or crmwd.org

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### Lost and Found

MOUNTAIN BIKE: Stolen from Monticello edition 9/8/09. \$100.00 reward for its return, no questions asked. Trek 32 speed, Gunmetal and black. #432-816-1995, Call leave message.

### Miscellaneous

ESTER'S CAFE - Relocated to 3300 W. Hwy 80 (near old Coke Cola Plant). Reopen Sept. 18th, Hours of operation: Mon - Fri 6-2 (closed Tuesdays). Sat & Sun 6-3. HUGE 6PC LEATHER reclin-

ing sectional, solid hard wood frame, lifetime warranty, List \$3600. forfeit \$1580. 806-549-3110..... Bunk bed, STURDAY WOOD, brand new!!!!, store price \$699, furniture direct price \$299 mattress? \$80. Need 806-438-0081.....

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# WORLD/NATION

# News in brief

# Search continues for insane killer who escaped during field trip in WA

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - A criminally insane killer from eastern Washington is on the run after escaping during a field trip to the county fair that his mental hospital organized.

Why such a dangerous person was out in public was a question many, including Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire, were asking as authorities searched for Phillip Arnold Paul.

Authorities at Eastern State Hospital, where Paul is a patient, are being criticized for allowing him to visit the fair despite his violent criminal past and a history of trying to escape.

"Why was he allowed to take such a trip?" the governor said Friday. "Why did they go to a location that was so heavily populated with families?"

Authorities believed Paul, 47, was headed for the Sunnyside, Wash., area where his parents and many siblings live.

# States offer instant traffic updates via Twitter, sending mixed message on texting and driving

Fiddling with your iPhone behind the wheel can get you fined across much of the nation. But many states are more than happy to tweet you with up-to-the-minute directions on how to steer clear of a traffic jam.

It is a mixed signal that some safety experts and politicians say could be dangerous.

At least 22 states that ban texting while driving offer some type of service that allows motorists to get information about traffic tie-ups, road conditions or emergencies via Twitter.

"You shouldn't be fiddling around with any kind of electronic gadget in your car while driving," said Minnesota state Rep. Frank Hornstein, who helped write his state's no-textingwhile-driving law.

Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have banned all texting while driving, and eight others prohibit texting by younger drivers only, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association.

# Police chief says motive for Yale graduate student's killing may never be known

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) - Without a confession from a Yale University technician charged with killing a graduate student and bride-to-be in the medical school lab where they worked, authorities may never know the motive, the police chief said.

"The only person who knows the motive is the suspect," Chief James Lewis told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Friday. "It's true in many cases. You never know absolutely unless the person confesses, and in this case it's too early to tell."

Raymond Clark III, a technician in the lab where Annie Le conducted research, was arrested Thursday, a day after authorities took DNA samples from him to compare with evidence from the crime scene. Le's body was found hidden behind a wall on what should have been her wedding day.

Clark's bond was set at \$3 million, and he did not enter a plea.

A telephone message seeking comment from the public defenders' office, which is representing Clark, was not immediately returned Friday.

# Authorities set up dig at home where kidnapped girl spent 18 years

ANTIOCH, Calif. (AP) — The property where Jaycee Dugard was held captive for 18 years became the site of an archaeological-style dig as authorities revealed the discovery of another bone and a soil "anomaly" that



could indicate something lies buried in an area where cadaver dogs earlier picked up a scent.

Police from the cities of Dublin and Hayward have been searching the land to see if Phillip and Nancy Garrido, the couple charged with kidnapping Dugard in 1991, can be tied to two other Northern California child abductions from the late 1980s.

They cautioned that it was too soon to know whether the bone — one of several fragments recovered from the Garrido property and a neighboring parcel — or the presence of disturbed soil that indicates previous spade work were related to any crimes.

"It could be a lot of different things. It could be significant, and it could not be significant, but it's helping us target where we might do some digging," said Hayward Police Lt. Chris Orrey.

Orrey said Dugard, who was snatched outside her South Lake Tahoe home in 1991, has not supplied any information to indicate the Garridos were involved in the 1988 kidnapping of 9-year-old Michaela Garecht outside a Hayward market and the 1989 disappearance of 13-year-old Ilene Misheloff in Dublin.

# Man to answer questions for fourth day; attorney denies leaked reports of al-Qaida link

DENVER (AP) - A man under investigation in a terrorism probe in New York and Denver is expected to voluntarily answer questions for a fourth day even as a senior U.S. intelligence official says the man played a crucial role in an intended terrorist attack.

Najibullah Zazi's attorney says the 24-year-old airport shuttle driver has never met with al-Qaida operatives and isn't involved in terrorism. Zazi completed a third day of questioning by FBI agents in Denver Friday but was not under arrest and was allowed to return to his apartment.

A senior U.S. intelligence official in Washington told The Associated Press Friday that Zazi has indicated that he is directly linked with al-Qaida. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss intelligence matters, said Zazi played a crucial role in an intended terrorist attack but that it was not immediately clear what the targets were.

The official went on to say that the plot was being directed from outside the United States.

"Absolutely no way, it's a rumor," Zazi's attorney Arthur Folsom said as he returned to his office late Friday of the official linking Zazi to a terrorist plot.

# Between sexy TV and a religious crackdown, Ramadan stirs Egypt's cultural schizophrenia

CAIRO (AP) — The holy month of Ramadan has brought out Egypt's raging case of cultural schizophrenia, twisting Egyptians into knots over whether their society is secular, Muslim or a muddled mix.

Two furious debates have been raging through the season in the Arab world's most populous nation. On one hand, rumors that police arrested Egyptians violating the daily Ramadan fast raised dire warnings from secularists that a Taliban-like rule by Islamic law is taking over.

On the other, Ramadan TV talk shows on state-sponsored television featuring racily dressed female hosts discussing intimate sex secrets with celebrities have sparked outrage from conservatives, denouncing what they call the decadence that is sweeping the nation.

So is Egypt being taken over by sinners or saints? Egyptians have always been a boisterous combination priding themselves on their piety, while determined to have a good time.

Ramadan, the final day of which is Saturday in most of the Islamic world, shows the contradictions. Egyptians widely adhere to the dawn-to-dusk fast, in which the faithful abstain from food, drink, smoking and sex from dawn until dusk. After sunset, while some pray into the night, many Egyptians party with large meals and a heavy dose of TV entertainment produced specially for the month.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce & Big Spring Economic Development, Inc. presents:

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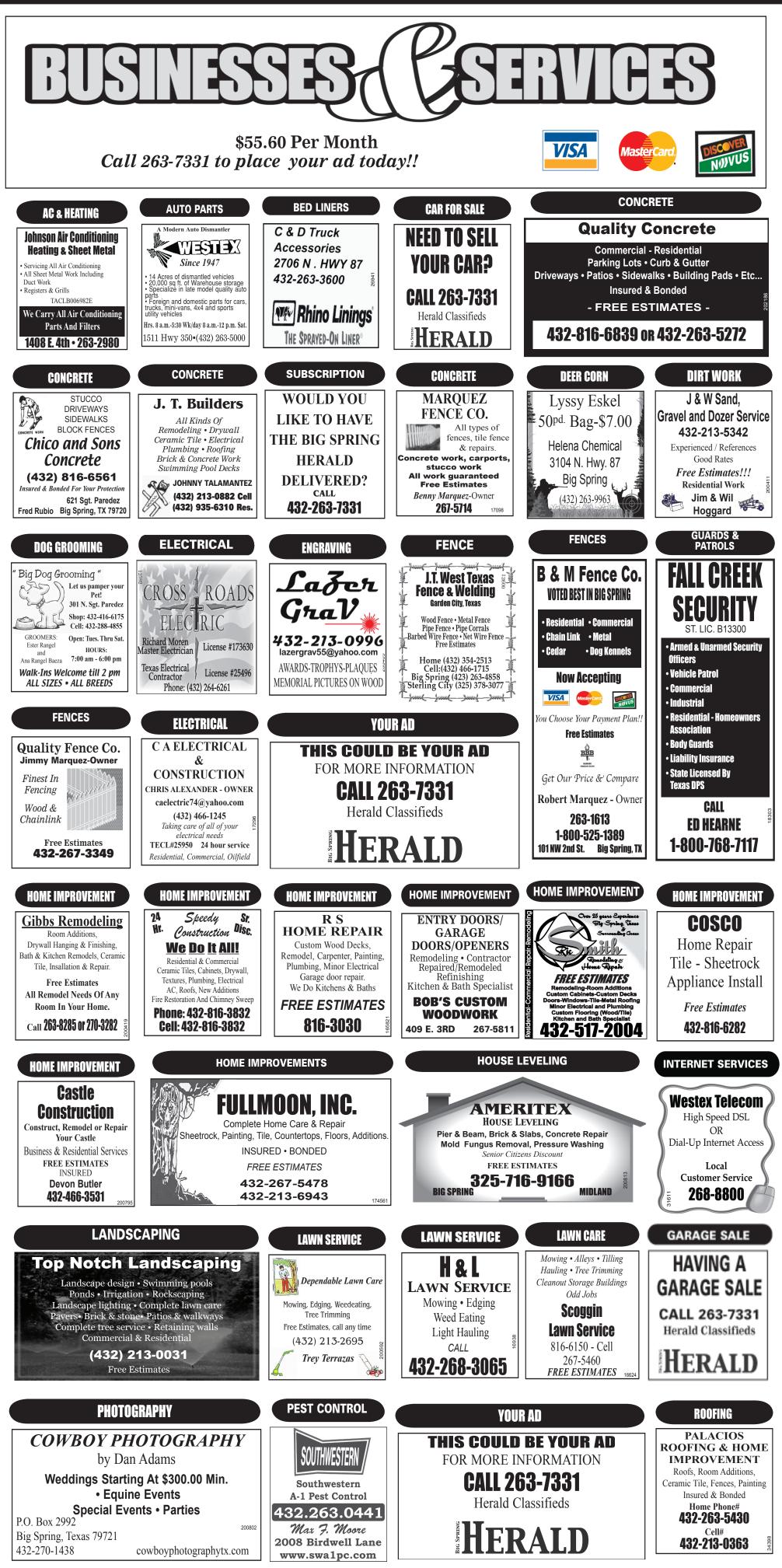
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# **F**EATURES

# West Texas ranches struggle to stay afloat

# RAMON RENTERIA

El Paso Times VALENTINE (AP) — Albert Miller drives an ancient, heavy-duty Ford truck on a bumpy dirt road and talks about how his family tries to overcome a multitude of ranching hardships and still cling to the cowboy culture and what some fear is a fading way of life.

The truck is Miller's official workhorse, a clunker with a broken air conditioner but still handy on the 33,000-acre Miller Ranch as a mobile tool shed.

"The biggest threat to family ranches is the lack of a shared dream," Miller said. "Not everybody wants to ranch anymore."

At 59, Miller, the oldest of four sons, and a younger brother help operate their aging parents' cattle ranch, nine miles west of the tiny town of Valentine and about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours' drive southeast of El Paso.

"There's not too many big ranches anymore. A lot of them have been sold and belong to absentee owners. Family ranches are fewer and fewer," he said.

Texas is still the top cattle producing state in the nation, with an estimated 13.6 million head of cattle, according to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in Fort Worth. Texas Agrilife Extension Service at Texas A&M University estimates cattle account for a direct economic impact of \$15 billion in Texas.

Some experts suggest that keeping traditional family ranches together is becoming increasingly difficult.

More and more ranchers, faced with escalating costs of doing business, drought in some cases, steep inheritance taxes and other factors, give up sharing the dream and sell out to developers or investors more interested in using ranches for hunting and recreation. Neal Wilkins, director of the Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources, pointed out that Texas has 142 million acres of private farms, ranches and forest land, almost the size of the entire national forest system, owned by an estimated 250,000 landowners.

over the past decade of large ranches greater than 2,000 acres in size. Those ranches are being subdivided into smaller ownerships," Wilkins said, adding that inheritance taxes are so steep in Texas that ranchers almost have to be independently wealthy to keep a ranch intact.

"It points to needed changes in the tax code. And we're going to have to start rewarding landowners for good land management, good stewardship and good wildlife management. Even though people in El Paso don't see ranch land or experience its scenic beauty, they do experience the benefits of it through clean air, clean water and those sorts of things," Wilkins said.

In mid-July, James H. "Jay" Williams III, a longtime El Paso-area rancher who operated his family's ranch in the Cornudas area for many years, died without leaving any children. His siblings are managing the ranch with the help of a neighboring rancher but they are still debating whether they can keep the ranch in the family.

Marianne "Bunny" Beard laments it has become tougher to find skilled cowboys who can rope and ride and brand livestock and do all the other ranch-related chores. Her husband, Rob, a longtime rancher, is helping the Williams family look after the livestock.

"Cowboys are a dying breed," Beard said. "It's kind of a closed community and it's getting smaller, unfortunately."

Beard's nearest neighbor is 15 miles away. She loves the tranquility associated with ranching near Cornudas. "It's being one with nature,"



AP Photo/Ramon Renteria

Jody Miller and her husband Clay pose for a photo on their ranch near Valentine. The Millers have received numerous awards for their conservation efforts.

boys, is the mayor of Horizon City near El Paso.

The Miller Ranch is adjacent to the Chilicote Ranch owned by El Paso's Tigua Indian Tribe and still maintained as a working cattle ranch.

Albert Miller, the modern version of a cowboy, still tips his hat to the ladies and wears a thick handlebar moustache like an old-time Western gunslinger.

Albert Miller rolled out of Valentine, where he lives, early one morning and drove to his parents' ranch house, secluded in an oasis of pecan trees nourished by an underground spring. He suggested ranchers in far West Texas could use more rain before winter.

"It hasn't been a bad year but it hasn't been good enough," he said. "What we need is a good hurricane on either coast."

He left ranching for a spell, went to college and then spent eight years working for a federal agency before returning home to help out on the ranch where he grew up. He and his wife also work in nearby Valentine to help supplement their income. His two sons work at nearby ranches. "This ranch has supported several generations but there's only so many resources that a ranch has to provide income for folks," Albert Miller said. "Our costs have gone up and continue to squeeze us. In the old days, my dad bought pickup trucks for \$3,500. Now, they're \$35,000." The Miller Ranch, about 50 miles from the nearest major town, has adapted to change over the years. The ranch still has horses but pickup trucks are more convenient for handling day-to-day chores like checking on livestock, repairing broken fences, or making sure that water pumps are working. Most of the ranch's windmills, once an icon of the American cattle ranch, are now obsolete. Some ranchers have switched to solarpowered pumps.

"To run a ranch like this, you have to know so many different things," Miller said. "You have to be a mechanic, an electrician, a plumber, a cowboy and a fence builder. Service calls out here are of out of the question."

The stereotypical image of the weathered, veteran cowboy on horseback is gone. Albert Miller spends most of his time on a truck checking on livestock and potential trouble spots. The ranch has around 400 head of Angus-based cows, 35 bulls and 20 horses.

Clay and Jody Miller, both 83, the owners of the Miller Ranch, recently assessed their 60 years of life together on the ranch in a dining room that looks like a hunting lodge filled with paintings, books, a lifetime of mementos, and a string of awards that they have received during the years for being good stewards of the land and its resources.

The ranch routinely attracts biologists and other scientists doing research on birds, snakes or mud turtles.

Clay Miller talked about how his family has been involved in ranching in the region since 1892. He most enjoys the lifestyle, working outdoors, and family gatherings at the ranch where he has lived all his life.

"The freedom is sometimes overrated. There's enough problems to go with it, a good deal of work and lots of uncertainties," he said. "It's lovely when it rains, fierce when it doesn't."

During the past 50 years, he has seen the ranch evolve from a mostly horseback operation to a mostly motorized operation.

Clay Miller has seen some area families who lost the ranch to financial difficulties and a few others like Jay Williams who did not produce heirs to take care of the ranch.

"There's still a good many of us left," he said. "I don't have the statistic but the amount of land that is no longer producing livestock in this part of the world is staggering. Land just west of us was subdivid-

Clay and Jody Miller, ed 30 years and sold, site oth 83, the owners of unseen, to folks all over ne Miller Ranch, re- the country."

Nicole Miller, the daughter of Jim Miller — one of Albert Miller's younger brothers — is studying veterinary medicine at Texas Tech University. At 24, she is committed to helping the family continue the ranching tradition. Her father opted to work in the oil fields in the Permian Basin near Midland.

"Ranching has taught me to be strong and to endure, which has helped me with everything that I come across in life," she said. "It keeps us together as a family and will continue to keep us together as it has ... in the past."

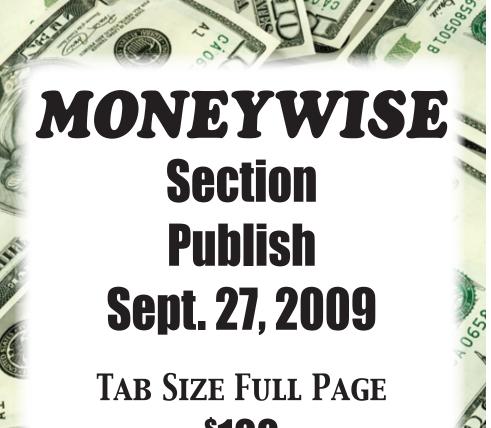
Bill Miller, the second oldest Miller son at 57, managed a vineyard, ran a store in Fort Davis, taught school and worked on a ranch north of Van Horn before coming back to help manage the Miller Ranch.

"It's certainly not for the money," he said. "It's the lifestyle, being out in the open all the time. Out here, you never quit learning."

On the way back to town, Albert Miller explained why he never strayed too far from the ranch, why his grandchildren love hanging out at the ranch, and why some families refuse to give up the dream, a dream shared by one generation of Millers and the next.

"Ranching is something we do because we love it," he said. "What's neat is that you do so many different things and face so many different challenges."

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"All across the entire half of the state, we've had a huge loss she said.

The dream is still intact at the Miller Ranch nestled against the Sierra Vieja mountains in the semi-arid desert of the Trans-Pecos region.

The late Espy Miller bought the original part of the ranch, about 11,000 acres, in 1925, and 10 years later bought another 22,000 acres in partnership with a brother. His grandsons and a small army of great-grandchildren still embrace the passion for ranching and help out every chance they can.

Walter Miller, the youngest of the Miller

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# FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP Steers dominate homecoming

BIG HERALD



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Several Big Spring Steers defenders, including Dabonte Anderson (4), Davonte Lloyd (86), Matt Ritchey (9), Dennis Merworth (14) and Dayvion Young (left) converge on Andrews running back Marc Zarate during the Steers' 49-7 homecoming victory Friday at Memorial Stadium.

# Big Spring racks up 686 yards in 49-7 win

#### By JONATHAN HULL

#### Sports Editor

One thing is certain about the 2009 version of the Big Spring Steers — yards and points are going to come easy.

The Steers routed the Andrews Mustangs 49-7 Friday in front of a homecoming crowd. Big Spring (4-0) had 686 total yards of offense with running back Monte Anderson rushing for 300, while quarterback Tyler Tannehill aired it out for 346.

"I didn't think we had near that many yards. That's incredible," said Head Coach Phillip Ritchey after finding out the final statistic totals. "I knew we had a bunch. When you've got the weapons we have all over the field, it's tough to defense. I told the coaches during the game how glad I was to not be coaching against us."

Andrews was obviously undermanned from the start. It took Big Spring just seven offensive plays to score three touchdowns, building a 21-0 lead by the 6:09 mark in the first quarter. Anderson had Big Spring's second score of the game on a 24-yard scamper. His touchdown was sandwiched between two Tannehill touchdown passes the first for 18 yards to Thaddeus Straughter and the second going to Tevian Parnell from 14 yards out.

Tannehill added one more touchdown throw before the first quarter ended, hitting Xavian Parnell on a quick hitter in the seam for a 23-yard score. Parnell followed the block of his twin brother Tevian into the end zone.

The second quarter was an ugly one for the Steers offense as they struggled to put any more points on the board. Big Spring routinely moved deep into Andrews territory, but faulty snaps or untimely penalties and turnovers caused each drive to stall.

Big Spring got back on track late in the third quarter, when Anderson scored his second

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# Forsan clips McCamey, 6-0

### Herald Staff Report

MCCAMEY — A trend is starting to form in football games involving the Forsan Buffaloes.

For a second straight week, the Buffs picked up a 6-0 win over their opponent. Friday, the Buffs defeated McCamey's Badgers by the margin after trumping Irion County by the same mark a week ago. "This win was very similar to last week's," noted Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips. "We scored one touchdown, but we could have scored at least two more. It's some of our own mistakes that are keeping us from getting in the end zone right now."



# Coahoma trashes Tahoka

Forsan had two passes picked off inside the McCamey 10-yard line, keeping the Buffs from adding to their margin of victory.

Fortunately, the defense pitched its second shutout in a row.

"Scheme aside, our defenders are playing hard and flying to the football right now," raved Phillips. "We're a gap responsibility team. Our guys are simply playing to their assignments and

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Coahoma Bulldogs quarterback Josh Paniagua (7) passes as he avoids three Tahoka defenders in Coahoma's 42-12 homecoming victory Friday at Bulldog Stadium.

#### **Herald Staff Report**

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogs were territorial Friday night.

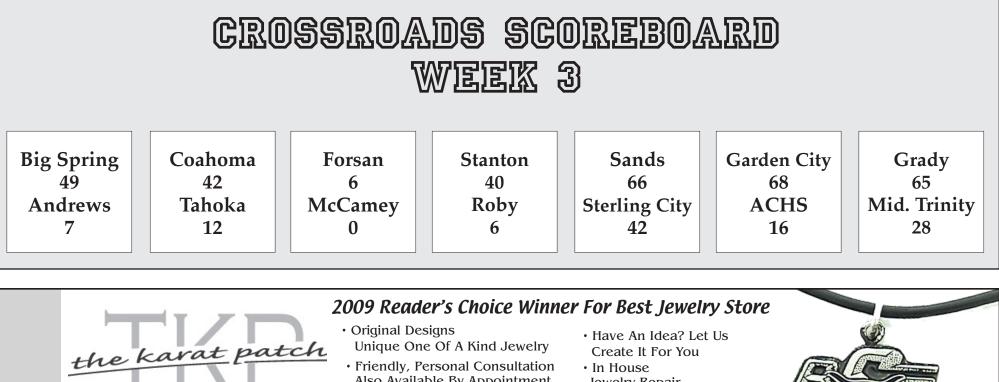
Coahoma didn't play the part of gracious host to the Tahoka Bulldogs, who had the misfortune of being Coahoma's homecoming victim.

Coahoma, spurred by a four-touchdown performance from quarterback Josh Paniagua, ran away with an easy 42-12 victory at Bulldog Stadium.

While Paniagua passed for three touchdowns and ran for another, it was a breakout performance by the Coahoma run game that stuck out most for the Bulldogs.

Coahoma ran for the most yards it had all season Friday, racking up 182 yards on 28 carries. Isaac Garcia led the charge with a 14-carry, 92-yard performance. Paniagua had 42 yards on seven carries and also

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suddenly it  $\equiv$ is possible for you to do this. But at the same time, an opportunity at work makes it hard to leave. Think bigger — a creative solution will free you to do both.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An old friend from the past returns to your life. A pleasant surprise, but are they passing through or digging in? Hard to but say, information important relayed. be will Something is shifting.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June Everyone has 21). unfinished business. Forgive yourself for yours and move on. You will cross the finish line in your next endeavor. You can fully accomplish anything you start now. Say that you can, and believe it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Sometimes it's nice to be needed. Other times like now — you might get scared or put off by someone's dependence on you. Self-sufficient people extremely will be attractive, and there's nothing wrong with that!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The spirit of competition is alive, but you'll be better off if you make this a contest between you and you. Tell yourself that you don't have to be the best in the world; you just have to do better than you did the last time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you love, you give your whole heart. You're willing to do anything for the other person. This is who you are, but sometimes you forget. Remember how you felt when you first fell for someone, and keep that feeling alive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are curious and One open-minded. question leads to another, and soon a whole new area of study will appeal vou. You'll to be delighted by what you learn, whether or not it's what you were trying to find out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Now is a good time for renting a movie or cozying up with a good book. You haven't felt like going out lately, so why do it? This time of personal retreat is going to serve you well in the challenges just around the corner.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A surprising event gives you pause from the daily circus. Take this opportunity to inventory your priorities and make corrections, particularly in your career. Consider whether your job is taking you where you want to go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Be friendly. Give a new person a chance. You might not initially be attracted, but you could be missing something. Appearances will be deceiving. There's а fascinating person inside an unusual faÁade.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A wonderful new influence comes onto the scene. Romance was never far from your mind, but it's now in sharp focus. Knowing the difference between diversion and destiny is a tricky business.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Mundane activities you immense give satisfaction, especially now, when the domestic tasks seem to be piling up like dead leaves under a tree. Make a list and get to the most important things first.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 20). You have a charming, disarming way about you and will use it delight your family and attract many affectionate fans. Finances improve through the next 10 weeks because of your hard work. You get results where others could not and will be paid for that in November. Capricorn and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 42, 18 and 49.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Love takes on a new form this week as Venus lands in Virgo, the sign of virtue, purity and modesty. For singles, this could indicate a shift in preferences. Even if you do not usually go for the strong, silent type or the beautiful wallflower, there will be an attraction to what this sort of person possesses. For couples, this cycle brings new purpose to the relationship. Practical matters will have a certain romance. Who knew that paying off a credit card or cleaning out the garage could have such amorous results? Such endeavors bring out our attractive qualities while Venus is in Virgo, an aspect that lasts until Another Oct. 14. remarkable change in the cosmic climate happens with Tuesday the autumnal equinox. The sun moves into Libra, and achieving greater balance in life is the first order of business. Though

to intrigue your friends, you may feel terrific about how life is going for you, it will get even better with a few adjustments. This is not something we can achieve alone, and trying to do so is as futile as plaving on a teeter-totter alone. It's just not going to work, because we need each other during this solar transit. It's a time to forge new relationships and remake old ones.

### **CELEBRITY**

**PROFILES:** Nicole Richie is a socialite turned actress, singer and author. Richie's first book, "The Truth About Diamonds," made it to The New York Times bestseller list, and there are plans to turn it into a television show with Richie as the executive producer. Mars in Leo gives this Virgo mom a love of the spotlight, although she's probably also a homebody judging from her domestic Cancer moon.

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### Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I'm 15 years old, and for my whole life, my mother has been emotionally, verbally and sometimes physically abusive to me.

I'm constantly scared of when she's going to start screaming. Every time anyone tries to confront her, she gets extremely defensive and starts yelling about how the whole world is against her and everything is the has some small mental fault of her horrible, ungrateful daughter. Of course, my brother is perfect in her eyes. He was recently given a kitten, which my mother now views as being the greatest thing since sliced bread. When I try to talk to her about anything, her attention quickly diverts to the cat and she completely ignores me. I've given up trying to have a normal motherdaughter relationship, because every time I attempt to confide in her, she starts laughing and belittles completely whatever concerns - T might have. I know I am depressed, but I'm not going to talk to her about it. I've tried speaking to my dad, but nothing he says has helped, and I think he's given up. Every day, it gets harder for me to continue already living. I've attempted suicide once before. I seem to be running out of options. Please help. — *Miserable* and Motherless

others will make you feel less alone. Please find someone to talk to today.

Dear Annie: I am a 22year-old college student and recently got a job at a restaurant in my small town. In the short time

I've been working there, I've acquired a regular who often gets seated in my section. "Nate" is in his 40s and disabilities.



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

But how can he get it? My nephew lives in his

car. What are people in circumstances his supposed to do to earn a legitimate living?

It's no wonder the recidivism rate is so high. Can you suggest anything? — Concerned Aunt

Dear Aunt: Many states have programs to help ex-offenders re-enter the job market, and your

Dear Vermont: You can be certain it will. signing When any document, it is wise to read it with a magnifying glass and, if possible, have an attorney look it over.

We appreciate your warning and hope you can get this settled to your satisfaction.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Shorty's Mom," the mother of an

### Legals

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Dear Miserable: You need to talk to someone. While mother-daughter relationships can be wonderful, sometimes things become fractious, competitive and filled with resentment, particularly during adolescence.

It doesn't mean it will always be this way, but it can be hard to navigate the rough patches, and abuse should not be tolerated.

Please talk to your school counselor and ask for help. You also can discuss the situation with other relatives, perhaps a grandparent or aunt, or the mother of your best

My co-workers dismiss him because he tips poorly, but he's always been nice to me. А co-worker recently told me that Nate has been coming in multiple times a week, sometimes twice a day, and asks to be seated in my section.

Apparently, he's developed a crush on me. One day he even sent me flowers at work. My boss has decided that Nate will no longer be seated where I can serve him, and to be honest, I'm kind of relieved.

I worry his crush could turn into a very bad situation. I know I should confront Nate about it, but I'm unsure how. -Worried Waitress in Indiana

Dear Indiana: You don't need to confront Nate. You need to have less contact with him. Your boss has seen to it that you are no longer serving his table.

If Nate continues to send flowers or otherwise attempts to engage you in personal а more relationship, then you will need to explain to him (in the restaurant) that you think he's a nice customer but you aren't interested in him that way and your friendliness is just part of your job. (And be slightly less friendly.)

Dear Annie: Boy, did you miss the boat on the letter from "New Homeowners," who said she and her boyfriend wanted to have а housewarming party but avoid gifts.

That was the perfect time to suggest donations to a local food bank, friend. Reaching out to charity, women's shelter, etc. Turning a joyous celebration into a giving celebration is а thing. wonderful Valparaiso, Ind.

Dear Valparaiso: She wasn't actually trying to avoid gifts. She was trying to get gift cards to a specific store. However, you are absolutely right that a charitable donation would have been a more magnanimous idea. Thanks for suggesting it.

Dear Annie: My nephew was involved in a robbery when he was only 19 and paid for it with 10 years of his life. While he was incarcerated, he got his GED and took various classes to prepare himself possible а for job opportunity upon his release.

He was discharged two years ago and has been a model citizen since. He's tried everything to find work, but no one will hire him.

He has taken placement tests for apprentice jobs (and scored very well). It's always the same every company requires a background check, and once they see his record, he is not even given a chance.

I know times are hard, but he is willing to do any minimum wage job just to feed himself.

He has gone to local places like Urban League, United Way and temp services, and still no luck.

finally got Не an interview to join an electrical union, and they turned him down because he had no job experience.

luck checking city hall or the governor's office about local programs. He also can contact the Safer Foundation

(saferfoundation.org) at 571 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL 60661; the National Hire Network (hirenetwork.org); the U.S. Dept. of Labor (www.doleta.gov/usworkf orce/

onestop/onestopmap.cfm) at 1-877-US2-JOBS (1-877-872-5627) or servicelocator.org.

Goodwill Industries has been known to help with training and iob placement, and the also accepts military some enlistees who have a criminal record. We wish him luck.

Dear Annie: My 88year-old mother is dying. For years, she spent \$5,000 annually on longhealth term care insurance.

contacted We her insurance agency and wanted a nurse to come to the house at night so my sister, who lives with Mom, would not be alone.

We were told Mom would have to pay out of pocket for the first 30 days. My mother does not have 30 days left to live.

She has over \$140,000 worth of insurance paid up, and when she tried to use it, this is what happened.

I think this is a disgrace, and we are looking into hiring a lawyer. Please tell your readers to check the fine print on those policies.

How many other people are being fooled? I hope this letter will help somebody else. – Angry in Vermont

nephew might have better 18-year-old who is 4 feet 11 inches and weighs 95 pounds.

That was me 28 years Throughout high ago. school, I was always the shortest and was definitely "late а bloomer," as were my father and my two sons.

Now, at 44, I still get carded and am met with astonishment when I tell people that I have two adult sons.

Being a late bloomer is tough, but as you said in your reply, the benefits reaped when are everyone else is showing signs of normal aging while we don't.

Shorty's Mom" should let her daughter know that right now looking like a child may be insulting, but she will definitely enjoy it when she is older. -J.J.

Dear J.J.: Thanks for weighing in. A happy and healthy New Year to all our Jewish readers.

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# TEXAS SCHOOLBOY SCORES

#### CLASS 5A

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# **BUSINESS/FEATURES**

# Preparing today can mean less stress when a loved one dies

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, which makes it the ideal time to think about life insurance needs. This effort is an unprecedented collaboration among companies, agencies, associations and individual agents committed to a single goal – to help millions of Americans understand and obtain the life insurance coverage they need.

time of personal loss can be devastating emotionally and financially. And while many people have provided for their families by purchasing life insurance, they tend to avoid talking about it with their loved ones. So, here are some basic steps to help your loved ones be better prepared when the time comes to find important policy information or file a death claim. Here's

what you can do to make an otherwise difficult time in life a little bit easier:

As a policyholder: Keep all

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Not doing this can slow down the benefits claim process and send the payment to your estate or to someone other than whom you intended. Events such as marriage, birth, adoption or death often necessitate a beneficiary change.

Keep premium payments current. Otherwise, a loved one may receive a reduced benefit, or in worst cases, no benefit at all.

Understand your own life insurance portfolio and share it with selected loved ones.

As a loved one during a time of loss:

Be prepared with policy information (policy number(s), addresses of any beneficiaries and, in most cases, a certified death certificate).

Ask the insurer if there are other policies on record for the deceased.

Contact the individual's insurance professional, financial or personal advisor. Consult the individual's



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# 42 states lose jobs in August

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forty-two states lost jobs last month, up from 29 in July, with the biggest net payroll cuts coming in Texas, Michigan, Georgia and Ohio.

The Labor Department also reported Friday that 27 states saw their unemployment rates increase in August, and 14 states and Washington D.C., reported unemployment rates of 10 percent or above.

The report shows jobs remain scarce even as most analysts believe the economy is pulling out of the worst recession since the 1930s. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said earlier this week that the recovery isn't likely to be rapid enough to reduce unemployment for some time.

The jobless rate nationwide is expected to peak above 10 percent next year, from its current 9.7 percent.

"You are seeing the pace of job losses slow a little bit," said Mike Lynch, a regional economist at IHS Global Insight. But states "are not out of the woods yet."

The United States lost 216,000 jobs in August, the department said earlier this month, down from 276,000 in July. Employers have eliminated 6.9 million jobs since the recession began in December 2007.

Texas lost 62,200 jobs as its unemployment rate rose to 8 percent in August for the first time in 22 years. The state's leisure, construction and manufacturing industries were hardest hit, losing 35,500 jobs. Michigan saw 42,900 jobs disappear, including 25,000 in manufacturing, as the state continued to suffer along with its struggling auto industry. Michigan's unemployment rate rose to 15.2 percent, the highest in the nation. When its jobless rate topped 15 percent in June it was the first time any state surpassed that mark since 1984. Most economists project Michigan's jobless rate will continue to rise. The University of Michigan estimates it will average 15.8 percent in 2010. Nevada has the second-highest rate at 13.2 percent, followed by Rhode Island at 12.8 percent and California and Oregon at 12.2 percent each. The jobless rates in California, Nevada and Rhode Island were the highest on records dating to 1976. California and Nevada have been slammed by the housing bust, while Rhode Island has lost thousands of manufacturing and government jobs in the past year. Still, California's net loss of 12,000 jobs was down from 35,000 the previous month. From November 2008 through June, the state lost at least 65,000 jobs each month, said Jerry Nickelsburg, a senior economist with the Anderson Forecast at the University of California, Los Angeles.

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Georgia and Ohio reported the third and fourthhighest job losses, respectively.





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# **S**ports

# Area roundup: Garden City wins big again

#### Herald Staff Report

**12A** 

GARDEN CITY — In the past three weeks, the Garden City Bearkats have been on the field long enough to not even complete two full games.

However, they have three wins during the time frame.

Garden City (3-1) defeated its third straight opponent by halftime, routing Abilene Christian High School 68-16 as a part of its homecoming celebration.

Josh Colunga led the Bearkats with five touchdowns and 136 yards rushing on seven carries. Three of Colunga's scores came on the ground, while he also caught one and returned a punt 65 yards for another.

Blayne Batla had three passing touchdowns and the Bearkats returned two — one by Jesse Montez, the other by Brian Hirt — interceptions for touchdowns.

Garden City plays Comanche Paradigm (2-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday at a neutral site in Trent.

Garden City 68, Abilene Christian 16 Abilene Christian 8 8 x x-16 32 36 x x -68 Garden City

#### **First Quarter**

AC - Michael Mackey 68 pass from Shay Beltran (Trey Tyson kick), 9:08 GC - Josh Colunga 42 run (Brett Chudej kick),

8:46 GC - Jesse Montez 56 INT return (kick failed),

6:58 GC - Chudej 33 pass from Blayne Batla (kick

failed), 4:54 GC - Ian Schaefer 5 run (kick failed), 3:07

GC - Colunga 60 run (kick failed), :00

Second Quarter GC - Brian Hirt 27 INT return (Chudej kick), 9:30

GC - Colunga 65 punt return (Chudej kick), 7:57 GC - Colunga 27 pass from Blayne Batla (kick

failed), :37 GC - Marcus Cook 35 pass from Batla (kick failed), 1:42

AC - Trey Tyson 50 run (Tyson kick), 1:30 GC - Colunga 10 run (Chudej kick), :11

First Downs Rushes-Yds. Passing Yds. CompAttInt. Punts-Avg.	ACS 6 13-88 135 12-39-2 NA	<b>GCHS</b> 4 10-184 127 4-5-0 0-0.0
Punts-Avg.	NA	0-0.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds.	5-55	4-55

Individual Leaders

RUSHING - Abilene Christian: Trey Tyson 3-67; Garden City: Josh Colunga 7-136

PASSING - Abilene Christian: Shae Beltran 12-39-2-135; Garden City: Batla 4-5-0-127 **RECEIVING - Abilene Christian: Michael Mackey** 

4-74; Garden City: Marcus Cook 1-35

# Stanton 40,

### Roby 6

STANTON — Stanton had little problem with the Roby Lions Friday, recording a 40-6 homecoming victo-

Stanton (2-2) first got on the board via a blocked punt that was returned 20 yards for a score by Dallas Smith. Two second quarter touchdown runs of 7 and 20 yards, respectively, by Nathan Nix placed the Buffs ahead 20-0 with 6:11 to play in the first half.

Stanton coasted to victory from there. Tyler Fulton added two rushing touchdowns in the second half with Taylor Spinks also chalking up a rushing score.

The Buffs now get to enjoy a bye week. They'll retake the field Oct. 2

		Sta	anto	n 40, Roby 6
Roby	0	6	0	0-6
Stanton	6	14	7	13-40
			Firs	st Quarter

S - Dallas Smith 20 blocked punt return (kick failed), 5:56

Steven Henry and Justin Yanez consistently jamming the middle of the Andrews offensive line.

In the secondary, Dennis Merworth had an interception, while Mike Menefield broke up numerous passes with near interceptions.

"Our goal tonight on defense was to shut Andrews down from the start and not give them any hope of winning this game," said Ritchey. "I know Andrews is beat up. I feel for them. I've been in their shoes. We were in that situation last year. It's tough. I admire the way they kept fighting to the end."

The Steers have one final non-district game on the schedule as another longtime rival makes its way to Memorial Stadium. Big Spring will host the Sweetwater Mustangs (0-4) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

It's been an unusually tough year from the Mustangs thus far as they'll come into Big Spring to face the undefeated Steers following a 27-20 loss to Class 2A Clyde.

Big Spring 49, Andrews 7 Andrews 0 0 7 0-7 Big Spring 28 0 14 7-49

FIRST QUARTER BS - Thaddeus Straughter 18 pass from Tyler

Tannehill (Tannehill kick), 10:17 BS - Monte Anderson 24 run (Tannehill kick), Second Quarter

S - Nathan Nix 7 run (Thomas Ramos kick), 7:14

- S Nix 20 run (Ramos kick), 6:11
- R Christian Gonzales 15 run (kick failed), :37 Third Quarter
- S Tyler Fulton 14 run (Ramos kick), 5:28
- Fourth Quarter
- S Fulton 1 run (Ramos kick), 9:10
- S Taylor Spinks 1 run (kick failed), 8:15

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	5-23.0 5-3

Individual Leaders

RUSHING - Stanton: Nathan Nix 15-64 PASSING - Stanton: Tyler Fulton, 5-10-1-75 RECEIVING - Stanton: Spencer Cortez 3-38

# Sands 66, Sterling City 42

ACKERLY — Sands made certain not to pick up its first loss of the season at the same juncture it did last year, punishing the Sterling City

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# STEERS

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touchdown of the game, making it 35-0 Steers. Anderson had 200 yards by halftime and hit the 300-yard mark early in the fourth quarter before being pulled from the game. It took him just 22 carries to find that total.

"Monte is a true example of what we want a Steer to be," said Ritchey. "He loves this team. He loves this high school. He loves this community. He has spilled his guts for this program and I'm just glad he's getting this type of reward."

After Andrews finally found its way onto the scoreboard in the third quarter via a 6-yard touchdown pass to Raul Valenzuela from Hunter Hicks, the Steers added their sixth score of the game on a 44-yard touchdown strike from Tannehill to Straughter. It was the second time the duo had hooked up in the game.

Straughter finished with six catches for 152 yards and two touchdowns, consistently shedding any Andrews defensive back attempting to cover him.

"Thaddeus is a great receiver.

Unfortunately for him, we don't go to him as much as we'd like to," said Ritchey. "It's hard when you have the type of weapons we do. We try to spread the ball around. I wanted to focus a little more on Thaddeus. He does such a great job blocking down field on runs. I told him when he came off the field, 'When you block like that, I'm going to throw you the ball.' He played great. He's a great player and a great receiver."

Tannehill had four touchdown passes after throwing seven the week before against Pampa. His 346 yards Friday gives him 741 total in a twogame span.

Matt Ritchey added Big Spring's final score with 10:24 to play in the game, plunging into the end zone from 2 yards out.

Ritchey's biggest impact came on the defensive side of the ball, where he led a Steers unit that allowed Andrews to gain just 194 total yards. Sixty-six of those yards came on Andrews' final drive of the game against the Steers' second unit.

The Steers played their most complete game defensively with Ritchey, playing middle linebacker, fellow linebacker Pavel Plakhotny and defensive tackles Kyler McGee,

7:48

- BS Tevian Parnell 14 pass from Tannehill (Tannehill kick), 6:09
- BS Xavian Parnell 23 pass from Tannehill (Tannehill kick), 2:07

#### THIRD QUARTER

BS - Anderson 4 run (Tannehill kick), 8:07

Andrews - Raul Valenzuela 6 pass from Hunter Hicks (Jake Higgs kick), 4:39

BS - Straughter 44 pass from Tannehill (Tannehill kick), 1:23

#### FOURTH QUARTER

BS - Matt Ritchey 2 run (Tannehill kick), 10:24

	AHS	BS
First downs	10	31
Rushes-Yds.	23-63	36-340
Passing Yds.	131	346
CompAttInt.	14-39-1	17-27-2
Total Yds.	194	686
Punts-Avg.	7-33	1-38
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yds.	1-5	9-60
Time of Poss.	23:26	24:34

#### Individual stats

Rushing: Andrews - Hunter Hicks 7-34, Marc Zarate 9-30, Marquis Huey 6-0, Nick Cruz 1-(-1); Big Spring - Monte Anderson 22-300, Davonte Anderson 4-23, Michael Felton 3-11, Xavian Parnell 1-11, Jake Hernandez 2-7, Matt Ritchey 1-2, Pete Chavaria 2-(-7).

Passing: Andrews - Hicks 14-37-1 131, Raul Valenzuela 0-1-0 0; Big Spring - Tyler Tannehill 17-27-2 346.

Receiving: Andrews - Spencer Lopez 5-77, Efren Pando 2-15, Victor Prieto 1-10, Ozzie Bueno 1-10, Valenzuela 2-11, Noe Bueno 2-4, Cameron Comer 1-4; Big Spring - Thaddeus Straughter 6-152, Tevian Parnell 3-86, X. Parnell 2-31, Ritchey 3-49, Martin Yanez 2-22, Pavel Plakhotny 1-6.

FORSAN

a yard out. Rhoton led the Buffs with 57 yards as the season progresses. rushing on 13 carries. He also passed for 146 yards. Forsan has had a different leading rusher in every game. 'Jake did a great job filling in for Foster," said Phillips. "He had some mistakes, but that's to be expected. He hasn't gotten a lot of reps in practice. We're very happy with the peformance he gave. "Jake led us in rushing and we used the quarterback sneak to get most of his yards," he continued. "McCamey switched defenses on us and left the middle of the field open. We just let Jake run it up the middle over and over again. They couldn't stop us until we got 4 or 5 yards each time. It says a lot about our offensive line to have a different guy leading us in rushing every time we're on the field. They're getting better every game pushed and really McCamey around."

continue to clean up the little things nents to less than 125 total yards,

including Eldorado, which Forsan "We moved the ball at will on lost to in the season opener, 20-13.

with a visit to Iraan. R

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getting to the ball. They're doing a great job playing together."

Forsan's defense made a stand late in the third quarter, thwarting McCamey's best opportunity to get on the scoreboard. The Badgers had a first-and-10 at the Buffs 12, but weren't able to pick up a first down.

"That series probably sealed the game for us," said Phillips. "Our defense stood tall and made the plays we needed from them."

Forsan forced McCamey into four turnovers. Kolten Self had two interceptions and a fumble recovery, while Mike Hill also picked off a pass.

The only score of the game came with 11:17 left in the first half, when junior Jake Rhoton, filling in for injured Foster Burchett at quarterback, snuck across the goal line from

Still, Phillips says Forsan has to

McCamey until we got inside their 30," said Phillips. "It's not that they did anything to stop us at that point. We just kept shooting ourselves in the foot over and over again. This is the second game in a row we've had this problem."

The Buffs (2-2) are now preparing for what Phillips said will definitely be their toughest test of the season in the Iraan Braves. Forsan hosts Iraan at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Buffalo Stadium.

"Iraan is going to be good. They lost a lot of players and are down a little bit, but being down for Iraan means they're still a very good team," said Phillips. "It's going to be a challenge. We have to instill in the players that they have a chance of competing with Iraan from the start. It's all about our mentality going into the game."

Iraan (2-2) has held its last two oppo-

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Forsan - Jake Rhoton 1 run (PAT failed), 11:17

First downs Rushes-Yds Passing Yds. CompAttInt. Punts-Avg. Fumbles-Lost Penalties-Yds.	For 14 47-116 146 8-19-2 6-31.3 1-0 4-30	MC 7 25-138 16 2-11-3 5-35.8 2-1 5-35
Penalties-Yds. Time of Poss.	4-30 32:35	5-35 15:25

#### Individual stats

Rushing: Forsan - Jake Rhotan 13-57, Brendan Roman 11-49, Ryan Flores 10-18, Aaron Valle 13-(-8); McCamey - Ryan Acosta 11-81, Tymon Aguilar 6-23, Ethan Mann 2-22, Unknown 2-21, Ethan Richardson 4-(-9).

Passing: Forsan - Rhotan 8-19-2 146; McCAmey Richardson 0-4-0 0, Acosta 2-7-3 16.

Receiving: Forsan - Flores 6-71, Kolten Self 1-63, Valle 1-12; McCamey - Daniel Velez 1-12, Martin Morales 1-4.



# **COAHOMA**

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threw for 162 yards on 13-of-22 passing.

Ray Gutierrez opened the scoring with a 16-yard touchdown run with 3:40 to play in the opening stanza.

Tahoka was able to tie the game with a 20-yard pass from Neiko Garcia to Andy Hinds early in the second quarter. That was the last time Tahoka would find paydirt until the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, the Coahoma offense continued to roll as Paniagua found Hunter Williams and Lupe Abrego for touchdown passes of 28 and 14 yards, respectively, giving Coahoma a 21-6 advantage at halftime.

The senior quarterback then scampered into the end zone from 37 yards out with 10:56 to play in the third before throwing his third touchdown pass of the game — a 12-yard strike to Lupe Abrego — with 5:25 left in the stanza. The two scores gave Coahoma a 35-6 advantage heading into the fourth

Coahoma got a big run from Garcia as he broke loose for 50 yards with 10:25 to cap its scoring.

The Bulldogs held Tahoka's offense to a mere 204 total yards.

Coahoma (3-1) pays a visit to Kermit (2-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

#### Coahoma 42. Tahoka 12

Tahoka	0	6	0	6 - 12	
Coahoma	6	15	14	7-42	
		First Quarter			

C - Ray Gutierrez 16 run (kick failed), 3:40

Second Quarter

T - Andy Hinds 20 pass from Neiko Garcia (kick failed), 9:16

C - Hunter Williams 28 pass from Josh Paniagua (run failed), 4:15

C - Lupe Abrego 14 pass from Paniagua (Judson Chevalier kick), 1:03

#### Third Quarter

- C Paniagua 37 run (Chevalier kick), 10:56
- C Abrego 12 pass from Paniagua (Chevalier kick), 5:25 Fourth Quarter

C - Isaac Garcia 50 run(Chevalier kick), 10:25

T - Ridge Hall 54 run (pass failed, 7:48

First Downs Rushes-Yds. Passing Yds. CompAttInt. Punts-Avg. Fumbles-lost Penalties-Yds.	<b>THS</b> 10 46-155 49 8-17-0 3-25 5-1 1-5	CHS 16 28-182 162 13-22-1 1-54 2-1 6-35
Penalties-Yds. Individual stats	1-5	6-35
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Rushing: Coahoma - Isaac Garcia 14-92, Josh Paniagua 7-42, Dakota Griffith 2-19, Ray Gutierrez 1-16, Pete Acosta 3-5.

Passing: Coahoma - Paniagua 13-22-1 162.

Receiving: Coahoma - Lupe Abrego 6-77, Hunter Williams 3-46, Gutierrez 2-26, Lane Douglass 2-13.



Holistic health counselor and chef Alexandra Jamieson is dedicated to creating transformational conversations about health, lifestyle, and diet.

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In 2005, Jamieson authored The Great American Detox Diet: 8 Weeks to Weight Loss and Well-Being. The book, which was a follow-up Super Size Me, is an everyman's version of Spurlock's own detox diet designed by Jamieson to return him to health.

A graduate of the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, she is a certified holistic health counselor, accredited by the American Association of Drugless Practitioners. Working with clients all over the country, Jamieson provides dietary and lifestyle counseling to help overcome health concerns from weight loss and lowering cholesterol to sleep disorders, skin problems, women's health issues, sugar and caffeine addiction, and detox diets.

As a speaker in New York City, Jamieson has offered such lectures and workshops as "Eating for Energy," "Sugar Blues," and "Women's Winter Wellness." All talks are given in an interactive format, allowing for the participants to really get involved in the conversation to transform their views and learn from others.

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# Deaf Awareness Week Sept 21-25

The last full week in September is Deaf Awareness week. It is also know as the International Week of the Deaf. The purpose of Deaf Awareness Week is to draw attention to deaf people, their accomplishments and their issues. During this week, many deaf organizations hold activities to celebrate and conduct public information campaigns to educate people about deafness.

You are invited to join SWCID for the opening ceremony **11:30 Monday Sept 21** at the College at the Mall in the Big Spring Mall.

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# SPORTS

# Cowboys aim to open stadium with largest NFL crowd

ARLINGTON (AP) — After all the years of dreaming and scheming to build Cowboys Stadium, Jerry Jones is ready to see his \$1.15 billion masterpiece in all its glory.

On Sunday afternoon, fans will gather in outdoor plazas on both ends of the football-shaped building, peeking in through giant glass windows. Those windows will slide open like patio doors, welcoming everyone inside, two hours before kickoff.

About 75,000 folks will head to their seats and another 30,000 will scramble for the best spots to stand and watch, either on the humongous video boards hanging over the field or directly down on the turf. By game time, one of the largest crowds ever to see an NFL game should be in place for a doozy of a matchup: the Dallas Cowboys against the New York Giants, their top rival of late and Jones' hand-picked foe for this extravagant night. A nationally televised showdown between 1-0 teams looking to grab an early edge in what's expected to be a tight NFC East race.

Although the building already has hosted several A-list concerts and other sports events, those were really just opening acts, test runs for this debut.

Jones has held back on many of the finishing touches — such as nostalgic Texas Stadium carryovers: the star logo at midfield; banners; a statue of Tom Landry; and the Ring of Honor — to make their unveiling part of this night. The retractable doors haven't been used since the ribbon-cutting ceremony in May, and the retractable roof was opened only for part of the George Strait concert in June that was the stadium's very first event. Weather will determine if the roof is open this time.

Beyond the bells and whistles (and Jones is promising some surprises), the big intrigue is how this place sounds and feels with a packed house. Emphasis on "packed" because the Cowboys are aiming for several attendance records.

The largest crowd for an NFL regular-season game was 103,467 for Arizona-St. Louis in Mexico City in 2005. The record for a game in the United States is 103,985 for the Super Bowl between Steelers and Rams at the Rose Bowl in January 1980. The record for any NFL game is 112,376 for a preseason game between the Cowboys and Houston Oilers in Mexico City in 1994; that'll probably hold until the Super Bowl comes to this building in February 2011.

Jones is especially counting on the standingroom-only people to set the mood. He called those \$29 tickets a "Party Pass" for a reason and he built three levels of decks for them to have plenty of room to hang out instead of putting in tens of thousands more seats.

The roaming room includes the main concourse, which spills out onto the plaza when the sliding doors are open, making for a great place for mixing and mingling during halftime and any other breaks

# AREA

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#### Eagles 66-42 Friday.

The Mustangs got more than 100 yards rushing from Johnny Rogers and Daniel Armendariz. Both Rogers and Armendariz rushed for four touchin the action.

Jones keeps saying the new surroundings will bring out the best in his club. There is a precedent for that.

When the Cowboys moved into Texas Stadium in 1971, they won every game there on the way to winning their first Super Bowl title. Dallas already was a strong team, having lost the previous Super Bowl, and Landry's decision to make Roger Staubach his permanent starting quarterback had to be a more significant reason for the breakthrough. Still, players recall the boost that came with moving into the fanciest field in the league.

"When we got into Texas Stadium, it felt like, 'This is our new home. We've got to make the most out of it," said Cliff Harris, a starting safety then who is now a member of the Ring of Honor. "Hopefully this group of Cowboys is going to have that same feeling, that we've got to match the spectacular nature of this stadium and get to the Super Bowl."

The video boards are this stadium's signature item, stretching 60 yards long and 24 yards high. There are two, one facing each sideline, and they're the world's largest high-definition televisions.

"We like to say the only screen in the world comparable to the one you're looking at is the one on the other side of it," Jones said.

The screens also are the greatest source of debate thus far because they hang "only" 90 feet above the field and were hit by a punt in the preseason opener. If it happens again, it's a dead ball and a doover. If it happens often, the league likely will force the Cowboys to raise them before next season.

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Another innovative wrinkle is the field-level bar the team walks through to and from the locker room. It was all fun and smiles in there during the preseason, but it remains to be seen what happens when fans are drunk and angry.

"I think it's going to put more pressure on them to perform," said former Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson, who attended the Strait concert with Jones. Johnson returned last month to film commercials about drinking responsibly and about a fan code of conduct that will be shown for the first time during this game.

A popular topic in the Cowboys' locker room this week is who will score the first touchdown. Receiver Roy Williams said if he has the honor, he'll keep the ball, something he rarely does. He won't even give it to the Hall of Fame.

The Giants, meanwhile, are talking about playing spoiler. Running back Brandon Jacobs suggested Jones should've picked a patsy to open against, not the reigning division champs who knocked the Cowboys out of the playoffs when they were division champs the year before.

"You don't want to ever lose a divisional game whether the stadium was built in 1909 or one that was built today," Jacobs said. "Dallas doesn't like us and a couple of guys on their team made that pretty clear earlier in the week. We have guys in this locker room who are going to make that clear as well."

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downs each, while Rogers also passed for one.

The Mustangs were on the verge of ending the game early in the fourth quarter via the 45-point mercy rule as they jumped out to a 60-22 advantage with 9:25 to play.

However, Sterling City rallied, scoring 20 consecutive points, and was able to keep playing the game for the entire 40 minutes.

Sands travels to Spur (2-2) at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

#### Sands 66, Sterling City 42 0 8 14 20-42

Sterling City 6 28 14 18-66 Sands

First quarter

Sands - Johnny Rogers 2 pass to Hayden Ware (Kick failed), 2:24 Second quarter

Sands - Daniel Armendariz 1 run (Armendariz kick), 8:11 Sands - Armendariz 35 run (kick blocked), 7:08 SC - Z. Foster 36 pass from Tate Horwood (Horwood kick), 6:22 Sands - Jo. Rogers 1 run (kick failed), 1:48 Sands - Jo. Rogers 4 run (Armendariz kick), :17

#### Third guarter

Sands - Armendariz 9 run (kick blocked), 9:16 SC - Abel Rivas 56 run (Horwood kick), 9:01 Sands - Junior Rogers 75 kickoff return (Armendariz kick), 8:46 SC - Rivas 5 run (kick blocked), :09

#### Fourth guarter

Sands - Jo. Rogers 3 run (kick failed), 9:55 Sands - Jo. Rogers 2 run (kick failed), 9:25 SC - Foster 21 pass to Horwood (kick failed), 8:21 SC - Kobi Wright 46 pass from Horwood (kick failed), 5:57 SC - G. Munoz 29 pass from Horwood (Horwood kick), 4:57 Sands - Armendariz 1 run (kick failed), 1:20

First downs	<b>SC</b> 9	Sands
Rushes-Yds.	23-105	43-271
Passing Yds.	192	91
CompAttInt.	8-19-4	12-21-1
Punts-Avg.	0-0	1-40
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yds.	5-41	2-25

#### Individual stats

Rushing: SC - Rivas 17-96, Hughes 4-12, Munoz 1-0, Horwood 1-(-3); Sands - Johnny Rogers 24-106, Armendariz 17-156, Ware 1-4, Junior Rogers 1-5.

Passing: SC - Horwood 8-17-3 192, Rivas 0-1-1 0, Hughes 0-1-0 0; Sands - Rogers 7-12-0 34, Armendariz 3-6-1 20, Albert Ybarra 2-3-0 37.

Receiving: SC - Foster 3-82, Wright 3-65, Long 1-16, Munoz 1-29; Sands - Ware 3-24, Ju. Rogers 2-6, Ybarra 3-7, Jo. Rogers 1-0, Gabe Guillen 1-19, Michael Gomez 1-17, A.J. Hernandez 1-18.

# Grady 65, Midland Trinity 28

GRADY — Grady was challenged but never threatened in Friday's 65-28 win over Midland Trinity.

The win improves Grady's record to 3-1 on the season with its only loss coming against No. 2 Meadow, 40-30.

The Wildcats travel to take on Ropes (3-1) at 7:30 p.m. Friday. No stats were available at press time.

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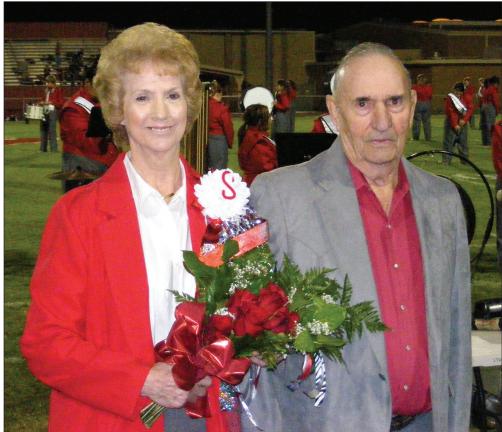
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Kim Phinney and Debbye ValVerde were named Big Spring High School Coming Home Queens prior to Friday's game with Andrews at Memorial Stadium. Pictured with them are their escorts, Kim's husband Jay and Debbye's mother, Gina Salazar.



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Beatrice Martinez, escorted by her father, Jesus, was named 2009 Homecoming Queen for Stanton High School during halftime of Stanton's game with Roby Friday evening.

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Garden City High School's Amber Halfmann was introduced as Queen while Lane Halfmann was presented as Mr. Bearkat during halftime ceremonies Friday night of their ballgame with Abilene Christian High School.

HERALD photo/Steve Reagan Rosie McCuin, shown with her husband, Don, was named Stanton High School's Coming Home Queen during ceremonies Friday night.

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