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Cindy Miles shows off some of her creations during the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club Sale, held Saturday at Dora Roberts Community Center.

## Adult-child sex assault cases loom

*Trial begins Tuesday  
in 118th District Court*

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

Jury selection is scheduled to begin Monday in the trial of a Big Spring man accused of two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Jon Paul Proctor stands accused of at least two instances of forcing a child to engage in oral sex with him on or about Sept. 27, 2008, in Big Spring.

Robin D. Orr, assistant district attorney for Howard County, declined to reveal many details of the case against Proctor other to say that one count alleges he performed oral sex on the victim — a child under the age of 14 — and the other count alleges he forced the victim to perform oral sex on him.

Proctor will be represented by Midland attorney Tom Hirsch.

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## Big Spring man jailed on outstanding warrant

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring man was arrested Thursday during a traffic stop in Glasscock County on a warrant for allegedly sexually assaulting a young girl more than two years ago.

Javier Cervantez Ortiz, 31, was taken into custody by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office Thursday after he was identified during a traffic stop, according to GCSO officials. Ortiz was charged with aggravated sexual assault of a child and transferred to the Howard County Jail, where court officials say he is awaiting arraignment.

"The crime allegedly took place in July 2007, or thereabout, with another instance reported in January 2007," said Howard County District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson. "The first report was made to the police department in Lamesa, who then turned the matter over to the Big Spring Police Department."

Wilkerson said his office first interviewed the victim in July of this year, and a grand jury delivered an indictment on Ortiz shortly after in August.

"It sounds like the case has taken a long time

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## Gregg reconstruction ready to move north

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Officials in charge of the Gregg Street reconstruction say they hope to have all lanes open on the local thoroughfare from FM 700 to 13<sup>th</sup> Street early next week.

According to Jake Whitehead, spokesman for Price Construction, a surface treatment on the

corresponding roadways should get the project closer to completion.

"Friday we started placing a surface treatment on Gregg Street from FM 700 to 13<sup>th</sup> Street in hopes of getting closer to a major traffic switch on the roadway," said Whitehead. "Monday we will eliminate the current strips and open all of Gregg on the south

end from 13<sup>th</sup> to FM 700. All barrels, drums and barricades will be removed."

Whitehead said the opening of the south end of the project isn't all good news, as it will signify many changes on the roadway's northern end.

"We'll be opening up the south

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## College renovations going well; trustees will get report Monday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

One year in, Howard College renovation projects are proceeding satisfactorily, officials said.

College trustees will get an update on the state of the campus-wide \$21.6 million renovation work when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30

p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's Cactus Room.

College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said she was "very pleased" with the current state of the work, which formally began with groundbreaking ceremonies Sept. 30, 2008, and is expected to continue until 2011.

One sure sign of progress is that trustees will be back in their usual meeting place at the SUB, which underwent kitchen renovations and other upgrades this summer.

Another encouraging sign is that brickwork is beginning on the

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### FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP

# BSHS 5-0 at break

## Steers stay undefeated with 48-0 victory over Sweetwater

By JONATHAN HULL  
Sports Editor

For the past three years, the Big Spring Steers haven't been able to keep pace with a physically dominant Sweetwater Mustangs squad.

It was a reversal of roles Friday night. Big Spring punished the rival Mustangs with the Steers defense pitching a 48-0 shutout.

"This win is a big monkey off our backs," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "To dominate the way we did reinforces what we've realized throughout this season with this team. The past doesn't matter with this squad. That's something we've got to keep in mind against Frenship, too."

The Steers finish the non-district part of the schedule undefeated at 5-0. They now get a bye week and begin preparations for the Frenship Tigers (4-1), who the Steers face in Wolfforth Oct. 9.

Big Spring has not defeated Frenship in 10 years, when the Steers picked up the only victory they've ever registered against the Tigers.

"We're going to be facing a typical

Frenship team. They're going to have good size as always and will want to run the ball right at us," noted Ritchey. "We'll have an advantage speed-wise. Our boys understand we're capable of beating them this year. This teams knows if it prepares well and is focused then it's going to have a great chance of knocking off Frenship. We can't go up there and make a lot of turnovers and penalties, but if we play a clean game, then we're to have a great chance of coming away with a victory."

A clean game is what Ritchey got from the Steers Friday night as the Steers committed no turnovers, while forcing Sweetwater into two, and limited their penalty yardage to 60 with most of the infractions coming when the game was already out of hand.

In last week's 49-7 win over Andrews, the Steers were guilty of three turnovers and had numerous penalties and bad snaps that backed them up in the second and third quarters. Fortunately, Andrews wasn't able to capitalize on any of those mistakes. Sweetwater never had the chance.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring Steers quarterback Tyler Tannehill (right) hands off to tailback Monte Anderson during the Steers' 48-0 victory over the Sweetwater Mustangs Friday in a non-district football game at Memorial Stadium. The Steers improved to 5-0 and head into a bye week before starting District 4-4A play against Frenship Oct. 9.



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan's Jake Rhoton (center) is stymied by two Iraan defenders in the Buffs' 56-0 loss in a non-district football game Friday night at Buffalo Stadium.

# Iraan shuts out Buffs

Herald Staff Report

FORSAN — Nothing went right for the Forsan Buffaloes Friday night.

The Iraan Braves dominated the Buffs in every aspect, coming away with a 56-0 victory at Buffalo Stadium.

Forsan was held to a mere 53 yards of total offense with 43 coming from the arm of sophomore quarterback Foster Burchett. Burchett finished 6-of-22 on the night with two interceptions. More than two-thirds of Burchett's yards went to receiver Kolton Self, who finished with 31 yards on three receptions.

Aaron Valle led the Buffs with 30 rushing yards on three carries. As a team, Forsan had just

10 yards rushing on 27 attempts.

Meanwhile, Iraan had no issues moving the ball up and down the field. The Braves got on the scoreboard first with a safety at the 10:13 mark in the first quarter.

Not even two minutes later, Iraan took a 9-0 lead when Dakota Green scored the first of his three touchdowns in the game, scampering into the end zone from 13 yards out.

Iraan scored two more touchdowns in the opening stanza with quarterback Drew Fellows passing for one and rushing for another. Iraan led 23-0 at the end of the first.

The Braves' offense was kept out of the end zone in the

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# Bulldogs' slow start gives Kermit 49-32 victory

Herald Staff Report

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Lupe Abrego took the opening kickoff from the Kermit Yellow Jackets and returned it for a touchdown. However, it was called back.

The first play of the game was simply foreshadowing as to how it would ultimately be played out.

Kermit took advantage of several early Coahoma miscues, jumping out to a 35-0 lead with 9:03 to play

in the second quarter. The Yellow Jackets then had to fend off a Bulldogs' rally, holding on for a 49-32 victory.

Following the called back touchdown, the Bulldogs were backed up inside their own 5-yard line and fumbled on their first offensive play. Kermit recovered and running back Steven Alvarado scored from 4 yards out a play later.

The sudden change of possession was just the first of many turnovers throughout the night. Both

teams combined to throw six interceptions and lose four fumbles. Coahoma had six total turnovers (three interceptions, three fumbles), while Kermit limited their losses of possession to four (three picks, one fumble).

Kermit got touchdown runs from Fabian Aranda and Gabriel Chavez along with Alvarado's scoring plunge to register three scores in the first six

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## CROSSROADS SCOREBOARD WEEK 4

Big Spring 48 Sweetwater 0	Kermit 49 Coahoma 32	Iraan 56 Forsan 0	Sands 76 Spur 48	Ropes 48 Grady 38	5 p.m. Saturday Garden City (3-1) vs. Com. Paradigm (2-2)	Stanton, bye
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# Classmates Come Together

## Gay Hill students enjoy their reunion and reminisce about old times

Story and Photos by  
Amanda Moreno

**T**he bond between classmates transcends the walls that hold the school building together. The classes that went through Gay Hill Common School have proven that.

Even though their school building has been vandalized, burned, fallen apart, and used for other non-scholastic purposes, the bond the students created hasn't been destroyed. Instead, their bond has lasted and thrived through the years.

"We knew the kids, parents, grandparents, even their dog's name. We were a family," Doyle Fenn, former principal of Gay Hill Common School, said.

Fenn was acting principal from 1954 until 1959, when he moved to Houston. He loved the students and the school but had to accept the opportunity when it presented itself.

The students of Gay Hill gathered together to celebrate their reunion Sept. 17, 37 years after the school closed.

According to numerous students, the maximum number of students at the school, at any given time was around 118. There were about 50 students in attendance for the reunion.

Along with students, there were former

teachers, parents, children and even grandchildren of those who, at one time, had attended Gay Hill.

"It's wonderful to come back and see all these guys. It's been since 1965 since I was here," former student Rudy Guevara said.

The original school building was a two-room building 18 miles north of Big Spring.

Gay Hill students moved out of the two-room schoolhouse in 1952, and the school expanded its size about five years later.

When the school was in operation, it was considered one of the richest school districts in the area — it was located in the center of several oilfields. In addition, it was ranked as one of the better schools in the area.

"I have really good feelings about the education the students received here. I believe they received as good an education here as they would have in any other school," Fenn said.

Many of the students lived close to the school, which taught students in grades 1 through 8, and had parents involved in the oil industry.

"It's been about 25 years since I've been back here. It's nice to be back and see everyone. There are wonderful memories here. It truly was a wonderful place to

grow up," former student Sidney (Carr) Arrick said.

Sidney's sister, Marilee Carr, was also in attendance at the reunion. She said she enjoyed seeing former classmates, teachers and parents. The last time she visited Gay Hill was when she was a junior.

"We've all changed just a little. Seeing everyone makes you realize how time flies," she said.

According to some of the students, one of the biggest events at the school were the basketball tournaments.

The older students had buried a time capsule around the time the school building was erected. During the reunion, the students hoped to find the capsule.

"We are trying to find it, but rumor has it that a former student has already come and retrieved it," said the Rev. Monty Clendenin, former student and organizer of the reunion.

Even though the time capsule was not discovered, there were items that had been in the time capsule that were discovered. One of those items was a medicine vial, which Clendenin believed held polio vaccine.

"Around the time the capsule was buried was when the polio vaccine was first used. All the

students received it, and even though we aren't sure, I would guess that's what it is in the vial," he said.

Danny Clendenin, brother of Monty, was a member of the last class to go through Gay Hill Common School.

"It's really nice to see all these people, even though I don't recognize most of them," Danny Clendenin said.

Before Gay Hill was consolidated with the Big Spring Independent School District in 1972, there was a petition presented to the citizens of the Gay Hill area. The petition requested consolidation with Borden County.

"There was a community meeting, with everyone in the community gathered in the gym. The Big Spring and Borden County school boards were also in attendance," Fenn said.

The Big Spring school district was wanting to consolidate with Gay Hill because of the oil wells, according to Fenn.

During the community meeting, the Big Spring School Board reassured area residents that the school would not be consolidated without a vote from the community.

"I had no objection to the school being consolidated, if that's

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Pictured above: Top Photo, Gay Hill Principal Doyle Fenn and wife, Betty Fenn. Middle Picture, Ken Henry and other former students talk about their memories at Gay Hill. Bottom Picture, Monty Clendenon and Marilee Carr catch up and talk about old times.



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• Howard County and Forsan 4-H Club members will clean the pocket park off Main Street in Big Spring Oct. 10 beginning at 10 a.m. The effort, planned as a way for 4-H to "give back" to the community that has supported its efforts for more than 100 years, will be led by AgriLife Extension agents and 4-H adult leaders with guidance from Master Gardeners and Keep Big Spring Beautiful.

• Home Hospice would like to welcome anyone who would like to give a few hours of their time a month volunteering with patients or doing office work. There are many areas you can volunteer in. We train you at your convenience. Please call Sherry Hodnett, volunteer coordinator, at (432) 264-7599.

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

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:






- MICHAEL HORN, 21, 2524 Albrook, was arrested on a local warrant.
- TREVOR DAVILA, 20, 2905 Piper, was arrested on a local warrant.
- ERNEST GARCIA JR., 37, 2001 Runnels, was arrested on charges of burglary of a building, evading arrest and four warrants.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 900 block of Johnson.
- EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 300 block of 12<sup>th</sup>.
- POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 500 block of Douglas.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

## Lottery

- Here are the winning numbers selected Friday in the Mega Millions lottery: 7-27-42-49-52; Mega Ball: 19.
- Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 8-4-17-18-22. Number matching five of five: 0.
- The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-3-2-2. Sum It Up: 9.
- The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-2-5. Sum It Up: 11.

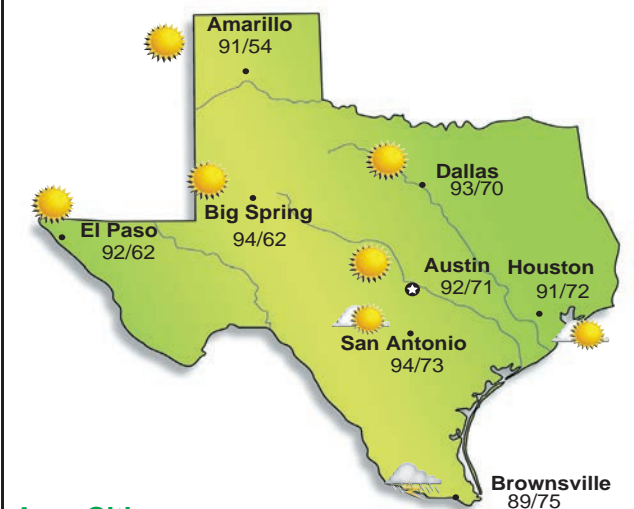
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 <b>94/62</b> A mainly sunny sky. Hot. High 94F. Winds SW at 10 to 20 mph.	 <b>88/60</b> Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.	 <b>86/66</b> Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	 <b>91/66</b> Mostly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.	 <b>91/60</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:38 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:36 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:38 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:34 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:39 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:33 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:32 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:40 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 7:30 PM

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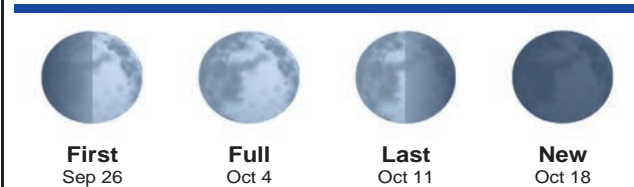
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Austin	92	71	sunny	Longview	91	69	sunny
Beaumont	90	70	mst sunny	Lubbock	95	57	sunny
Brownsville	89	75	t-storm	Lufkin	93	69	sunny
Brownwood	95	67	sunny	Midland	94	64	sunny
Corpus Christi	91	76	pt sunny	Raymondville	91	74	t-storm
Corsicana	92	69	sunny	Rosenberg	92	72	mst sunny
Dallas	93	70	sunny	San Antonio	94	73	mst sunny
Del Rio	94	72	mst sunny	San Marcos	93	71	sunny
El Paso	92	62	sunny	Sulphur Springs	90	70	sunny
Fort Stockton	94	65	sunny	Sweetwater	94	64	sunny
Gainesville	93	67	sunny	Tyler	91	68	sunny
Greenville	90	67	sunny	Weatherford	93	67	sunny
Houston	91	72	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	95	64	sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	81	61	mst sunny	Minneapolis	72	50	mst sunny
Boston	65	56	rain	New York	70	58	rain
Chicago	75	51	sunny	Phoenix	103	75	sunny
Dallas	93	70	sunny	San Francisco	86	58	sunny
Denver	80	45	pt sunny	Seattle	69	49	sunny
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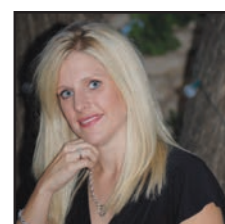
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Lake Travis 56, Killeen 31  
Lindale 43, Pittsburg 33  
Longview 28, Texarkana Texas 25  
Lumberton 42, Livingston 35  
Magnolia 17, Waller 14  
Magnolia West 40, Willis 20  
Marble Falls 14, Dripping Springs 7  
McKinney North 31, Frisco Centennial 14  
Mission Memorial 12, Pharr Valley View 0  
N. Richland Hills Birdville 63, Azle 28  
New Braunfels Canyon 24, Seguin 14  
Pearland Dawson 21, Manvel 20  
Pflugerville Hendrickson 55, Hutto 29  
Port Lavaca Calhoun 33, Rockport-Fulton 0  
Pt. Neches-Groves 27, Little Cypr.-Maur-ville 20  
Red Oak 21, Lancaster 16  
Richardson Pearce 75, Carrollton Turner 25  
Rockwall 42, Royse City 21  
Rockwall Heath 38, Greenville 12  
Rosenberg Terry 21, Katy Mayde Creek 14  
SA Alamo Heights 27, Schertz Clemens 14  
SA Brackenridge 42, SA Memorial 0  
SA Fox Tech 28, SA Edison 27  
SA Lanier 26, SA Burbank 6  
SA McCollum 49, Floresville 28  
Saginaw 35, Mineral Wells 22  
Santa Fe 10, Brazosport 7  
Schertz Steele 44, San Marcos 20  
Stephenville 31, Mansfield Legacy 7  
Sulphur Springs 45, Longview Pine Tree 7  
Uvalde 21, Pleasanton 0  
Waco 38, Ennis 25  
Waco University 42, Corsicana 27  
Waxahachie 49, Midlothian 26  
Weslaco East 11, Edcouch-Elsa 8  
West Mesquite 27, Terrell 16  
Wolforth Frenship 56, Hobbs, N.M. 28  
Zapata 20, Rio Hondo 13

**CLASS 3A**

Abilene Wylie 41, Canyon 24  
Andrews 52, Fabens 0  
Argyle 44, Bridgeport 14  
Bandera 34, Carrizo Springs 0  
Bellville 28, Brookshire Royal 21  
Bridge City 43, Beaumont Kelly 28  
Brownsboro 40, Emory Rains 7  
Burkburnett 28, FW Eastern Hills 0  
Caldwell 21, Madisonville 14  
Canton 38, Quinlan Ford 36  
Carthage 21, Jacksonville 17  
Celina 45, Whitehouse 16  
China Spring 28, Marlin 7  
Coldspring Oakhurst 42, Huffman Hargrave 14  
Columbus 26, Luling 12  
Crandall 27, Fairfield 21  
Cuero 41, La Vernia 16  
Dalhart 14, Dumas 7  
Devine 27, Crystal City 6  
Ferris 41, Eustace 20  
Fischer Canyon Lake 42, Ingram Moore 7  
FW Castleberry 64, Dallas Roosevelt 6

Gainesville 26, WF Hirschi 19  
Gatesville 44, Waco Connally 34  
Giddings 26, Elgin 3  
Gilmer 43, Daingerfield 20  
Gladewater 28, Commerce 16  
Gonzales 23, Kyle Lehman 22  
Graham 21, Glen Rose 10  
Hidalgo 10, Port Isabel 7  
Hondo 62, Lytle 8  
Ingleside 61, Falfurrias 6  
Jasper 63, Hampshire-Fannett 13  
Kennedale 62, FW West Hills 13  
La Grange 42, Goliad 0  
Lake Worth 53, FW Carter-Riverside 29  
Liberty Hill 34, Fredericksburg 13  
Lordsburg, N.M. 40, Tornillo 0  
Lorena 17, Hillsboro 10  
Lubbock Cooper 44, Brownfield 8  
Lyford 24, La Feria 14  
Mathis 44, Aransas Pass 0  
Midland Greenwood 35, Reagan County 7  
Monahans 43, San Angelo Lake View 13  
Mount Vernon 42, Mineola 21  
Navasota 41, Bryan Rudder 14  
Needville 41, El Maton Tidehaven 14  
New Boston 19, Linden-Kildare 14  
Palestine Westwood 21, Groesbeck 14  
Perryton 51, Canadian 35  
Prosper 49, Decatur 10  
Raymondville 37, Progreso 21  
Robstown 40, CC West Oso 34  
Rockdale 41, Cameron Yoe 21  
Rusk 56, Bullard 7  
Sanger 17, Princeton 14  
Sealy 45, Houston St. Pius X 24  
Seminole 61, Clint 0  
Shepherd 57, Cleveland Tarkington 0  
Sinton 28, Orange Grove 21  
Snyder 58, Pecos 10  
Splendor 20, Liberty 19, OT  
Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 45, Paris 31  
Texar. Pleasant Grove 49, Paris North Lamar 21  
Tyler Chapel Hill 35, Athens 17  
Van 35, Longview Spring Hill 14  
Van Alstyne 41, Bowie 14  
Waco LaVega 42, Crockett 0  
West 28, Mexia 27  
Whitney 21, Rio Vista 7  
Wimberley 21, Burnet 14  
Yoakum 70, Marion 7

**CLASS 2A**

Altair Rice Consolidated 38, East Bernard 6  
Amarillo Highland Park 42, Claude 6  
Amarillo River Road 46, Dimmitt 8  
Anahuac 38, Deweyville 6  
Arp 54, Tatum 7  
Aubrey 28, Whitesboro 0  
Bangs 21, Early 15  
Big Sandy 24, White Oak 14  
Blanco 59, Universal City Randolph 20  
Bloomington 35, Runge 26  
Buffalo 27, Jewett Leon 14  
Bushland 55, Floydada 0  
Caddo Mills 48, Alba-Golden 0  
Centerville 41, Elkhart 7  
Cisco 47, Colorado City 6  
Clyde 49, Vernon 21  
Comanche 49, Coleman 13  
Cooper 33, Como-Pickton 7  
Corrigan-Camden 19, Woodville 7  
Crane 26, Wall 20  
Crawford 55, Clifton 28  
Denver City 42, Abernathy 41  
East Chambers 7, Buna 0  
Eastland 66, Tuscola Jim Ned 23  
Edgewood 49, Blooming Grove 21  
Garrison 24, San Augustine 0  
George West 48, Freer 6  
Union Grove 27, Gladewater Sabine 7  
Hamilton 23, Moody 14  
Harleton 28, Elysian Fields 6  
Hawley 38, Ranger 0  
Hearne 44, Groveton 8  
Hempstead 33, Schulenburg 14  
Henrietta 65, Chico 12  
Hooks 9, Redwater 0  
Hughes Springs 32, Troup 23  
Idalou 10, Shallowater 7  
Jacksboro 28, Holliday 27  
Johnson City 60, SA Brooks 6  
Jourdanton 36, Cotulla 18  
Kerens 42, Scurry-Rosser 0  
Kermit 49, Coahoma 32  
Kirbyville 28, Hardin-Jefferson 14  
Kountze 41, Warren 21  
Lago Vista 29, Lexington 6

Little River Academy 41, Jarrell 7  
Littlefield 41, Slaton 0  
Lone Oak 42, Quitman 6  
Malakoff 35, Corsicana Mildred 17  
McGregor 41, Hico 14  
Melissa 51, Honey Grove 6  
Millsap 42, Perrin-Whitt 0  
Muleshoe 52, Borger 26  
Navarro 35, Poteet 0  
New Diana 35, Winona 7  
New Waverly 28, Huntington 0  
Newton 62, Orangefield 40  
Nixon-Smilely 20, Woodsboro 19  
Omaha Paul Pewitt 55, Bogata Rivercrest 7  
Ozona 19, McCamey 18  
Panhandle 39, Tulia 15  
Paris Chisum 45, DeKalb 20  
Pattonville Prairiland 33, Clarksville 12  
Pilot Point 56, Childress 13  
Post 40, Lubbock Roosevelt 11  
Poth 18, Odem 6  
Refugio 42, Vanderbilt Industrial 6  
Riviera Kauer 31, Premont 16  
SA Cole 42, Comfort 28  
Salado 20, Florence 0  
San Saba 24, Dublin 0  
Sanford-Fritch 14, West Texas 0  
Sonora 16, San Angelo Grape Creek 14  
Spearman 14, Boys Ranch 7  
Sunnyvale 41, Dallas Gateway 16  
Three Rivers 21, Natalia 0  
Troy 37, Bruceville-Eddy 6  
Weimar 32, Wallis Brazos 7  
West Rusk 33, Queen City 7

**CLASS 1A**

Agua Dulce 34, Santa Maria 14  
Albany 37, Anson 7  
Alto 34, Grapeland 0  
Baird 28, Santo 22  
Ben Bolt 26, Bruni 16  
Benavides 48, Kingsville Academy 0  
Blue Ridge 23, Celeste 14  
Bronte 18, Hamlin 7  
Burton 34, Granger 21  
Cayuga 23, Price Carlisle 2  
Chilton 36, Bremond 20  
Chilmesneil 55, Chester 6  
Cross Plains 27, Rotan 22  
Dawson 62, Hubbard 26  
DeLeon 50, Valley Mills 26  
Electra 15, Memphis 7  
Evadale 32, Sabine Pass 0  
Falls City 25, Karnes City 6  
Farwell 41, Amarillo Arbor 0  
Ganado 21, Danbury 14  
Goldthwaite 41, Merkel 0  
Gunter 48, Bells 7  
Haskell 34, Quanah 14  
Hull-Daisetta 25, High Island 13  
Iran 56, Forsan 0  
Italy 48, Frost 0  
Itasca 34, Axtell 0  
Joquin 30, Mount Enterprise 6  
Junction 17, Eldorado 0  
La Pryor 57, Center Point 18  
Lindsay 17, Archer City 7  
Lockney 20, Nazareth 16  
Lovelady 33, Franklin 14  
Mason 48, Menard 21  
Maud 34, Cumby 14  
Milano 47, Bryan St. Joseph's 35  
Miles 26, Mertzon Iron County 13  
Muenster 32, Wolfe City 24  
Munday 43, Olney 28  
New Deal 58, Tahoka 6  
Normangee 24, Bartlett 6  
Overton 28, Cushing 6  
Quinlan Boles 61, Gilmer Union Hill 20  
Riesel 44, Rosebud-Lott 14  
Roby 22, Winters 21  
Rocksprings 30, Christoval 7  
Roscoe 35, Ballinger 28  
Sabinal 20, Medina 12  
Seagraves 60, Crosbyton 28  
Shiner 43, Palacios 0  
Springlake-Earth 21, Bovina 10  
Stamford 40, Windthorst 16  
Stratford 20, Friona 7  
Sundown 40, Morton 0  
Sunray 35, Clarendon 21  
Tenaha 52, Beckville 21  
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## ► Anniversary

### McMahan 50th anniversary



Bernard and Shirley McMahan

Bernard and Shirley (Papa and MaMa) McMahan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 18, 2009.

Bernard met Shirley Patterson in the ninth grade at Runnels Junior High in 1955 in algebra class. They were 15 years old. They started dating and have been together ever since. Their senior year, they were voted "Coconut Cuties" of their senior prom.

Bernard worked for Fina Oil and Chemical for 38-1/2 years, retiring in June 2000. Shirley worked for Coahoma

ISD for 20 years and retired in May 1997. They lived in Coahoma for 27 years where they raised their children, Cindy and Joey. In 1999 they moved to their lake home in Colorado City to retire, fish, renovate and relax. In 2006, they moved back to Big Spring and attend Trinity Baptist Church.

When asked how they have stayed together for 50 years, they said, "seems like we have loved each other forever." They've given each other space and always put the other one's feelings first. They have loved through the good and the bad times and always had lots of laughter.

Their faith in God has made them love each other more.

Bernard and Shirley's children are Cindy and her husband Terry Sanders and Joey and his wife Jenny McMahan. Their grandchildren are Tanner Sanders and his wife, Shaina, Shiloh Sanders, Jordan McMahan, Nicholas McMahan, Jacy Hensley and Stephanie Senter. Great-grandchildren are Rylie and Ty Sanders.

Bernard and Shirley enjoyed old high school friends at the 50th Big Spring High School Reunion. The family celebrated Bernard and Shirley's 50th wedding anniversary at KC Steakhouse.

## ► Weddings



Shawna and Andrew Lasater

### Warner-Lasater

Shawna Warner of Yuba City, Calif., and Andrew Lasater of Big Spring were united in marriage in a beautiful garden wedding Sept. 5, 2009, in Yuba City, officiated by Justice of the Peace Benny Green of Big Spring.

Shawna is the daughter of Terry Warner and the late Ken Warner of Yuba City. She is the granddaughter of Harold and Connie Hudgins of Yuba City.

The groom is the son of Jim Lasater and the late Geri Lasater of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Dean and Donna Lasater and Dick and Alice Bollinger of Berne, Ind.

The bride graduated from the TOP dental tech program at Maryville, Calif. Both attended college in Yuba city and Big Spring. The groom is currently enrolled in the Howard College RN program.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Chris, from South Dakota. She wore a gathered bouffant white strapless gown and carried a bouquet of white and apple green.

The bridesmaids wore

tea length strapless dresses of apple green.

The groom and groomsmen wore black tuxes with apple green vests, bow ties and lilac boutonnières.

The bride and bridesmaids rode to the rose garden in a 1934 Ford roadster.

The matron of honor was Amy Sanchez, best friend of the bride.

The best man was Shay Long, best friend of the groom.

Other attendants were Kristen Roberts, Jenny Johnson, Brianna Hudgins, Caleb Choate, Trevor Sheppard and Nick Massey.

Ring bearer Trevor Watson was dressed in a black tux and black cowboy hat.

Addison Sampley was the flower girl in a lavender tutu.

A reception followed at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Yuba City.

They were honored at a reception at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009.

The couple is currently residing at the home of Jim Lasater in Big Spring.

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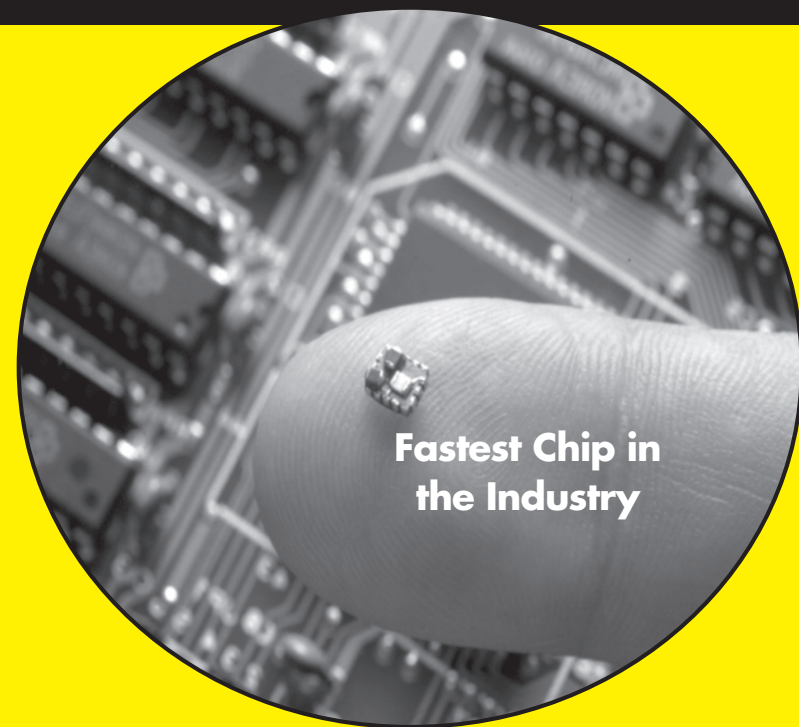
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**TRIAL**

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Orr would not divulge whether the victim and Proctor were acquainted or whether the offenses were isolated incidents. The case was investigated by Big Spring Police Department Det. Phil Whitten.

Proctor was indicted by a Howard County grand jury in July. If convicted, he could be punished by a term of between 5 and 99

years or life in prison on both counts, as well as a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Testimony is scheduled to begin Tuesday morning. Orr said the trial should be completed fairly quickly.

"We anticipate that we'll be close to being finished Tuesday, but there is a chance the trial could continue through Wednesday," he said.

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# Commissioners to mull impact of Alon lawsuit

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A rather quiet budget season will most likely take place Monday morning when the Howard County commissioners meet, as the court prepares to brace county coffers for yet another tax battle with Alon USA.

Commissioners, along with

other local taxing entities that derive the largest part of their tax base from tax revenue centered around the Big Spring Refinery, received word earlier this week the oil company filed suit against the Howard County Appraisal District, the local agency responsible for determining the facility's taxable value.

Alon USA and the appraisal district went through several rounds of litigation last year in 118<sup>th</sup> District Court after the oil company filed similar lawsuits for appraisals in 2006, 2007 and 2008. The petrochemical company agreed to pay taxes on values of \$130 million for 2006.

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**WARRANT**

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to put together, but that's not uncommon in cases like this," said Wilkerson. "Just getting a case from one police department to another takes time, and the investigation for this type of case is very involved. The Big Spring Police finished their investigation in 2008 and turned the case over

to us."

Wilkerson declined to comment on the location of the assault, saying only incidents had been reported to have taken place both in Howard County and possibly Lamesa.

"Ortiz was known to the victim, who was under the age of 14 years at the time of the crime," said Wilkerson. "Ortiz is currently in the custody of the Howard County Jail, and I expect they will bring him

in for arraignment sometime in the next week. The indictment will be presented to him at that time. I'm not sure if he'll be able to bond out or not, but once he's arraigned will begin the process that will eventually bring the case to trial if no plea agreement is reached."

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**GREGG**

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end to make way for the traffic control on the north end, which will consist of narrowing the north and south bound lanes to one lane in each direction and closing the passing," said Whitehead. "Then we'll start removing the turning lane and replacing it

with new asphalt Tuesday. Wednesday, the striping crew will be here to repaint all the stripes on the south end and the detour on the north end. It looks like the north end should progress quicker since there are fewer intersections requiring concrete in them, barring no unforeseen underground delays."

Whitehead said he and

his crews will be working to complete the project as soon as possible, and with some help from property owners along the route, should see construction move swiftly.

"Our intent is to complete the center lane by the second week in October and move to the outer lanes," he added. "We'll work diligently to complete each phase

as quickly as possible. Once again we ask the public to bear with us during these times and please try to control irrigation systems along Gregg Street to avoid unnecessary run off of water which will only delay our efforts to move quickly."

The project, which is estimated at \$5.2 million, will resurface Gregg Street from the

FM 700 intersection to the Fourth Street intersection, according to TxDOT plans.

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**COLLEGE**

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science building addition, which is expected to be completed by next spring.

Other signs of progress are harder to see with the naked eye as they involve upgrades to HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) electrical and plumbing systems across the campus.

But progress is being made, Sparks said.

"We're about 50 percent of the way into the projects now," she said. "We're trying to go as quickly as possible, but at the same time, we want to create as little chaos as possible. With a project of this magnitude, that's a major concern."

The next few months are expected to bring

more of the same, with major work slated for the main wing of the administration building and Horace Garrett building.

Also Monday, trustees will consider the possibility of issuing revenue bonds to finance renovations to the men's and women's dormitories, Sparks said.

Revenue bonds differ from voter-approved bonds in that they are paid for through student fees and other revenue sources and not tax money, Sparks noted.

"We anticipate issuance of the bonds this fall," Sparks said. "That will enable us to move forward with planning ... as quickly as possible."

Cost estimates for the dormitory renovations have ranged from \$3 million to \$4 million, she added.

In other business

Monday, trustees will consider:

- Reports on enrollment and contact hour figures.
- Bids and personnel matters.
- Catalog and hand-

book changes.

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Wanda Jo Smith, 66, died Tuesday. Graveside Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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# How I spent my homecoming reunion

Classes of 1943, 1945 and 1946 returned to Big Spring to celebrate with the class of 1944 on its 65th anniversary at Homecoming. It was a great time as we visited with friends we had not seen for a number of years.



PAT SIMMONS

The name badges were a must, because we would not all have recognized each other otherwise. Approximately 60 exes attended. Some brought family members. It was a great time.

We had Stewart Smith, '43, coming from Reno, Nev.; Cecilia (Long) Norris, '45, from Palmdale, Calif.; D-Eon Priest, '45, came from Ashdown, Ark.; Castle-

berry Campbell, '46, from New York, N.Y.; and others came from all points north, south, east and west in Texas. Those from Big Spring turned out great this year.

We did not escape cancellations from illness. It hit us pretty hard as we had reservations from Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, San Angelo and several from Big Spring. We missed them and pray that they recover quickly and will be here for our next reunion in two years.

As they registered, they naturally received the famous name badges. We presented them with a tote bag from CVB and other gift items and the Chamber of Commerce donated more gift items. They were so appreciative of the gifts. A member from the class of 1946 was truly taken by the little lapel pin with our logo of signal peak on

it. Friday evening we enjoyed a Mexican food dinner served in the cafeteria of the Student Union Building by the Great Western Dining Service. Mexican food is one thing the exes really enjoy when they come home.

Saturday morning we met in the Cactus Room at Howard College for coffee and rolls before going on our tour of the city. Several younger class members asked if they could go on the tour with us and I said, "sure." A few from the classes of '47 to '54 joined so there were approximately 70 of us on the tour. We left Howard College at 10 a.m. headed for our old gym, which is now Life Church. I had asked the minister, Clint Collins, to address the group, telling them what they had done, and future plans for the gym and our old school building. It is going to be so great

to have that building, an "eyesore," turned into a beauty spot.

We then drove to the Settles where we were met by Kris Ryan, general manager of the Settles Hotel project. He spoke with us in the old Boy's Club building, telling of the plans for the future of the Settles and giving them a timeline of about two years before completion. As we entered the hotel it saddened us as we remember the grand beautiful Settles, where Presidential Balls were held. We, as members of Big Spring High School, were privileged to hold various activities in the lobby, such as pep rallies before football games. Then, later we would hold the junior-senior banquet in the elegant ballroom. We were in our element! We are expecting it to return to that once prestigious hotel.

We then drove to the VA hospital grounds, losing most of the other classes as they had other plans for that time frame. Our mission for going to the VA hospital grounds was to show the out-of-town exes the statue of our own George H. O'Brien, Class of 1944, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient. Since the unveiling of the statue there has been much limestone work done and lighting, which is beautiful at night.

George was a nice guy, and he loved to pick on me! Imagine that.

We returned to the Howard College Cactus Room for lunch of open face sandwiches. They heard Assistant City Manager Todd Darden speak on the work go-

ing on in Big Spring and its future. They thought he was a very personable person, and asked a few questions. I keep telling them in two years they will have a bright and shining Big Spring.

We took an afternoon break.

The banquet is always the event of the reunion. I had asked everyone to come with information to share on "How the World was Then and Now." After a delightful meal, I gave an update on other exes and why some were not present.

I then walked out among them with a cordless mike and interviewed each of them. We had a fun time of reflecting back on how it was then: kids, when they went out to play, had to be back home by the time the street lights went on. Riding in back of pickup trucks was a treat, and drinking water from the garden hose was good and refreshing. Our houses or cars were never locked. Most of us walked to school. Only one person that I can remember had a car and that was Stromie in her convertible.

How so very strained we are today in comparison with those of yester year. This is just a sampling of our time of reflection.

We had a drawing for items purchased and a couple of books donated by the Heritage Museum were those written by Joe Pickle and Shine Phillips; they were the first to go. And then as everything was coming to a close we told those sitting in the chair with a sticker on the back

they were privileged to take the centerpiece on their table.

I had some great help in taking down everything and packing up. I was told it was dark outside of the Cactus Room, so I took my keys to pull my car up to give me some light. I made the first three steps, but missed the step off the sidewalk, fell backwards and hit my head on the concrete. Ouch! Would you believe we had two EMS personnel as our guests? They took over and would not let me move until they were completely convinced I was OK. I was grateful for them, and thank the Lord.

A fun thing that I want to share is I asked my dear friend, John Norris from California and a retired jet test pilot, to take my key and bring my car up, which he did and they followed me home.

Sunday morning I met the John and Cecilia Norris and D-Eon and K-K Priest for breakfast at Herman's Restaurant and he told on himself. He said after finding the ignition, he could not figure out how to turn the lights on. "They came on for a minute and went off," he said. This was too funny not to tell on my friend, a test pilot who could not figure out to get the lights on in my little Ford Escape. How funny is that!

We said our farewells ... it was truly an enjoyable morning with these dear friends. I reassured all our exes that in two years Big Spring will be a bright and shining city and we will bloom again!

## KOUNTRY KIDS CONTEST

For Boys and Girls ages 0-5

**Saturday, October 3, 2009**

10:30 a.m. - Show Tent - Howard County Fair Barns

(sign-in at 10:00 a.m. sharp)

Age Groups

0-6 months

7-12 months

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TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED FOR EACH AGE GROUP (BOY AND GIRL WINNER)

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Please detach the form below and return it with the entry fee of \$10.00 to:

Howard County Extension Office  
P.O. Box 790, Basement County Courthouse  
Big Spring, TX 79721

Questions call:

Jeanie Coor-Kountry Kids Coordinator  
267-5201 or 935-1086

Kristen Nichols - Coordinator  
**213-1051**

Entry forms are also available at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce

### Entry Form

**Kountry Kids Contest**

**\*\*No Late Entries Accepted\*\***

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**Howard County Extension Office / Courthouse Basement**

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Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Age \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_

Describe outfit \_\_\_\_\_

Pet's names \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Toy \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Song \_\_\_\_\_

Pease list anything else that you would like to share with us about your child. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Menus

### Senior Center

Beginning Oct. 1, the Senior Center will be suggesting a donation of \$3 for over 60. Charges for under 60 will be \$5.50. The new prices reflect increases in food charges.

Monday: Beef macaroni casserole, green peas, tossed salad, dressing, carrot cake, rolls, milk.

Tuesday: Grilled chicken breast, onion roasted potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, pears, rolls, milk.

Wednesday: Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes,

green beans, orange wedges, biscuit, milk.

### Slaton ISD

Monday: Breakfast- Pancakes; Lunch- Chicken patty/bun or ham and cheese sandwich, baked chips, vegetarian beans, sandwich salad, pears, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Oatmeal; Lunch- Steak fingers or popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, peaches, roll, milk, gravy.

Wednesday: Breakfast- Biscuit, sausage, gravy; Lunch-

Baked chicken or Salisbury steak, steamed rice, green beans, fruit cup, bread sticks, milk.

### Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast- Cereal, cheese, fruit juice, milk; Lunch- Pig in a blanket, baked beans, sliced cucumbers, sliced apples, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Sausage roll, fruit cup, milk; Lunch- Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, garden salad, fruit cocktail, milk.

Wednesday: Cinn. Biscuit, cheese omelets, fruit juice, milk; Lunch- Barbecued chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, rolls, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast- French toast sticks, syrup, fruit cup, milk; Lunch- Hamburger macaroni, broccoli, cheese sauce, orange slices, milk.

Friday: Breakfast- Ham/cheese biscuits, fruit juice, milk; Lunch- Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, pineapple chunks, banana, milk.

### Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast- Pop Tarts, sausage links, juice, milk; Lunch- Frito pie, ranch beans, strawberry cups, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Pancakes, sausage on stick, syrup, apple juice, milk; Lunch- Smothered steak, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, corn dogs.

Wednesday: Breakfast- Waffles, sausage, apple juice, syrup, milk; Lunch- Spaghetti, corn, sliced bread, fruit cups, milk, barbecue beef on a bun.


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## YOUR VIEWS

### TO THE EDITOR:

I was wondering if there was anyone besides myself that has seen a problem with the construction of the traffic island in the middle of Main Street.

Sure, the artist's drawing looks nice on paper, but this is the real world we live in.

I am opposed to them strictly from a safety standpoint (to say nothing of the extra cost). When a full-sized, long bed, four-door pickup is parked in Main in front of the post office, anyone else driving down Main Street won't have much room to pass through. And when someone in a small car parked beside the four-door pickup tries to back out he has to do so "blind," not being able to see to back up. And if they do back up with someone coming down Main, and a wreck happens, not only is there going to be injuries to tax-paying people, it will also temporarily close a main street in town.

There is no safety zone to avoid accidents as there was before when you could swerve to miss someone backing or pulling out of the post office, library, bank area.

If you doubt what I'm saying, head north from 10<sup>th</sup> to Fourth on Main Street while it is still under construction. The holes cut out of the pavement area are where the island curbs will be.

Put yourself in that small car behind that big old pickup and hope you can get out without being hit from behind by a driver that has nowhere to go but straight into your trunk.

If you believe as I do, get on your computer and go to [www.mybigspring.com](http://www.mybigspring.com) and click on to comments. It is supposed to be read by someone in City Hall on a daily basis, according to Todd Darden.

But we need to act fast before that area will be turned into either a No Parking Zone or Parallel Parking Only Zone.

Sincerely,  
**WESLEY TAYLOR**  
BIG SPRING

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by **K. Rae Anderson**

May the words we speak, Lord, be soft and tender and show Your love.

Amen

# Diversionsary tactics

Instead of a debate on the merits of President Obama's health care proposals or congressional Democrats' failure to produce a bill that has any chance of bipartisan support, we've been diverted this week by a disgraceful sideshow. Thanks to pundits and bloggers and political opportunists of all stripes, Rep. Joe Wilson's (R-S.C.) cry "You lie" became the shot heard 'round the world. Now, we have the unpleasant spectacle of the president's most fawning supporters suggesting anyone who opposes his policies must be racist, while the president's opponents defend discourtesy as a badge of honor.

Let's take a deep breath and go back to what actually happened in the House chamber when the president addressed a joint session of Congress to promote health care reform. Ironically, President Obama had just finished declaring that critics were telling lies about his health care proposals. He referred to "bogus claims spread by those whose only agenda is to kill reform at any costs," and then said that the best example was "prominent politicians" who had accused the administration of planning to "set up panels of bureaucrats with the power to kill off senior citizens." He then went on to say that the claim was "a lie, plain and simple."

I can't remember the last president who called his opponents

liars — at least to their faces. And if Joe Wilson hadn't forgotten he was on the floor of the House of Representatives, not a schoolyard or bar, we might actually have seen criticism of the president for his over-the-top rhetoric, not to mention a focus on the misstatements, exaggerations, and downright dishonesty of much of what the president said that night. Instead, we're all talking about Joe Wilson and whether he's a racist or a hero. In my book, he's neither.

Former President Jimmy Carter's assertion that "there's an inherent feeling among many in this country that an African-American should not be president," is a calumny of the first order. Americans are the least racist people in the world — that's not my judgment; it's born out by every cross-national assessment of racial attitudes taken in the last several decades. Does that mean there are no racists in America? Of course not — about one in 10 Americans holds some prejudicial views about people of other races, a figure that has remained relatively constant over the last few decades. But, bigotry comes in all colors. In a 2007 Pew Research Center poll, one of the few studies that measured interracial attitudes among minorities as well as whites, about 8 percent of whites harbored animus towards blacks, while 10 percent of blacks held similarly negative views of whites.

Calling somebody a racist has become the new McCarthyism — not much different than calling someone a communist, without any evidence, during the Cold

War. It's a dangerous game — and one that should discredit those who hurl the epithet every bit as much as it harms the one at whom it's aimed. Just as McCarthyism undermined the legitimate fight against actual communists, calling everyone who doesn't agree with an African-American president a racist will make it harder to fight real racism if it occurs.

I'm still not willing to let Rep. Wilson totally off the hook, however. He behaved badly and there is no excuse for it. He owed an apology not just to the president — to whom he did apologize almost immediately — but to his colleagues as well. I learned long ago that the best way to get beyond a mistake — and name-calling during a presidential speech certainly qualifies — is to say you're sorry, without excuses, exceptions or justifications. He should have put the matter to rest with a one-minute speech on the floor of the House the morning after the outburst. Maybe he wouldn't have become a folk hero to those on the right who favor guerilla theater, but if he had apologized to his colleagues for his discourteous behavior, maybe we could have spent the week talking President Obama's misrepresentations instead of Joe Wilson's name-calling.

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# May each day be better

Are you dreading the days ahead? Do you have days you don't look forward to? Or do you have days you dread with every fiber of your being? Today is one of those days for me. Actually, the entire week ahead consists of days I don't want to face.

My husband left for a week-long fishing trip. In fact, in our 28-year-old marriage, this was his first commercial airline flight without me. Actually, we've spent relatively few days apart since the day we met.

Although I can handle my fear of being alone and of being separated from him fairly well, I still don't like it. And I certainly don't relish time apart from him.

Recently, I heard someone quote a favorite Bible passage in a way that has me thinking about my days ahead in a fresh light. It was the way he accented the very first word, with a big lift in his voice, which grabbed my attention.

He said, "This is the day the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalms 118:24)

This is the day? Today — the day I've been dreading for weeks? How could that be? How could today — of all days — be a day to be happy about?

I concede that every day is ordered by the Lord. And if the Lord — who is good, who is Love — made each day, then every

day must surely have something good about it. I reluctantly reasoned this must also include today, even though when this morning arrived, I thought it was going to be anything but a good one.

And yet when I think of each day as a day the Lord has created for His beloved children, I realize that this day and every day must have purpose, potential and promise.

I know it's probably normal to be sad when I'm separated from the man I dearly love. But I really don't want to spend my next few days doing nothing but counting down the days until he returns.

I came across a compelling quote that was attributed to Muhammad Ali: "Don't count the days, make the days count." And that is exactly what I would like to do this week. I want to make the most of every hour of each day. So I've set a variety of goals that I hope to accomplish. In fact, I'm getting excited about reaching each goal!

I love that Paul tells us, "Now is the day..." And I love the line in The Lord's Prayer that says, "Give us this day our daily bread." This day — today — the Lord is going to give us everything we need to survive. That's comforting! And I can't help but recall a favorite quote by Mary Baker Eddy that my step-dad recited to me every morning when he drove me to school: "To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, today is big with blessings."

There seems to be great import placed upon valuing each day. When we look forward only to what some future date potential-

ly has to offer, we are probably missing all the possibilities that today is bringing to us. We may even lose or miss out on a great opportunity.

The Children of Israel learned to trust that day by day manna would be supplied to them. And they were instructed to pick up only the manna they needed for each day. They didn't need to worry about gathering and saving bread for tomorrow because tomorrow there would be new bread for them to eat.

Do you find it hard to trust that the Lord will give you whatever you need each day? Oh but you can!

No doubt every day will make its demands of us — some more than others. But we have God's promise of daily bread. I believe we can lean on our Father-Mother God when we're down and depressed, when we're struggling and worried, or when we're uncertain and anxious, and He will feed us with exactly what we need. I've experienced God's good grace in the past, and my faith assures me that I can trust and count on it to help me this week.

So I'm not going to fret about a whole week apart from my hubby. I'm going to focus on one day at a time and watch God reveal His days to me one by one.

Have a fabulous day, my friends, and may you make each and every day the best it can be. God will help you!

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ANNETTE BRIDGES

# Cowboys still looking for first sack, turnover

ARLINGTON (AP) — Zip sacks and no turnovers are a big and unprecedented concern for the Dallas Cowboys.

“We’ve got to reinvent some stuff, play a little bit better, get some pressure,” linebacker Bradie James said. “We’ve been on (quarterbacks), we just haven’t been able to sack them.”

Not even Eli Manning of the New York Giants, who was sacked 12 times in two games against Dallas last season, but last weekend escaped pretty much unscathed in a last-play victory.

The same defense that led the NFL with 59 sacks last season and still has individual leader DeMarcus Ware rushing from end is now the only team that heads into Week 3 without a sack or a forced turnover.

Maybe that finally changes when the Cowboys (1-1) play Monday night against Carolina (0-2), which has an NFL-high nine turnovers (three fumbles, six interceptions).

The Panthers have also given up six sacks, a total surpassed by only four other teams.

“It’ll be two teams who are licking their wounds trying to get a way to get a win,” Panthers quarterback Jake Delhomme said.

Never since sacks became an official NFL stat in 1982 had the Cowboys gone consecutive games without a sack or a turnover. The last time they had been blanked in both categories even in a single game was nearly five years ago, in November 2004.

Making that even more confusing is that coach Wade Phillips, whose strength is defense, added the role of coordinator this season. There were only six games in the previous 27 seasons he was head coach or coordinator that his team didn’t have a sack or a takeaway, and 1994 was the last time one of his teams went consecutive games without sacking a quarterback.

“If you’re aggressive, like we are, things will turn out fine. We’re working at it,” Phillips said. “The most important thing is winning the game, whether you get 10 turnovers or none.”

Especially for a team whose last playoff victory was in the 1996 NFC wild-card game before losing to Carolina the following week, and a coach in the final season of his three-year contract.

To be fair, the Cowboys had an interception in the season opener that was wiped out by an illegal contact

penalty against another defender away from the ball.

Mike Jenkins, who had the pick that was taken away in Tampa Bay, gets his turn as the starting cornerback Monday instead of Orlando Scandrick, who had a poor performance and was repeatedly beaten by the Giants. The Cowboys plan to keep alternating the second-year cornerbacks as starters so far opposite Terence Newman.

“I remember 32 (Scandrick) because they’ve been playing him on ESPN pretty frequently,” Panthers receiver Steve Smith said, followed by a laugh. “By the scouting report we got, he probably won’t be in because he’s been playing continually on the rotation on ESPN.”

The Giants’ Steve Smith had 10 catches for 134 yards against the Cowboys last week, while Mario Manningham also had 10 catches for 150 yards.

New York had gone 13 games with a 100-yard receiver, then had two against the Cowboys.

When Carolina’s Smith last played against the Cowboys in 2007, he had nine catches for 137 yards and a touchdown.

Most of the time, no matter which

side he lines up on, Smith will be going against Newman, who is coming off an admittedly poor performance of his own.

“He’s a competitor like the rest of our team and I think his attitude was great,” Phillips said. “He’s challenged like everybody else is.”

The 877 yards allowed by the Cowboys rank 30th in the NFL. That is also a yard more than they gave up in their first three games a year ago.

Linebacker Keith Brooking spent the last 11 seasons in Atlanta, where he was part of a Super Bowl team as a rookie in 1998, and played under Phillips in 2002 and 2003. He came to Dallas during the offseason to be with Phillips again, replacing Zach Thomas in the middle with James.

“I am very confident that this can be an elite defense,” Brooking said. “We are not very consistent right now. ... (The Giants) had a couple of explosive runs where they got on the edge of our defense. Great defenses don’t allow that to take place once in a game. Great defenses don’t allow the ball to be thrown over your head. We have to put a stop to that immediately.”

And get a sack or a turnover while they’re at it.

# Jaguars look for first win against rival Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Excuse Maurice Jones-Drew if he’s not sitting around thinking how great it will be to face Houston’s NFL-worst run defense on Sunday.

The Jacksonville running back and his teammates have many more things to occupy their minds.

“We are trying to find ways to get our offense back on track,” he said. “Before you can really start looking at another team ... we have to correct what we need to do internally.”

The Jaguars are 0-2 for the second straight season and meet a Houston team coming off a huge 34-31 win over Tennessee last week. Quarterback David Garrard said he wishes the

team’s morale were a “whole lot better,” but that a win would turn it around.

“We don’t want a losing culture to set in,” he said. “We don’t want guys to get used to losing. Losing always hurts and makes you feel sick. We need to keep that feeling in us. We need to realize how it felt the last two weeks and how it felt last year.”

The Texans know well the desperation that comes with being winless after starting 0-4 last season and losing their first three games in 2006.

“It’s always dangerous to face an 0-2 team because you know they’re going to come in here and give you absolutely everything they have,” corner-

back Dunta Robinson said. “We can’t drop our guard and we’ve got to come out here and go full speed. We’ve got to play like this team is 2-0.”

Jones-Drew has always had success against Houston, averaging 5.4 yards a carry against the Texans. Houston is busy trying to improve its run defense after Chris Johnson torched it for 197 yards last week.

“We’re dead last in the National Football League against the run and that’s what they do best, and they’ve got one of the best backs in the business,” coach Gary Kubiak said. “They present the biggest problems for us that we have as weaknesses as a football team, so we’ll have to play

extremely well.”

The Texans are bothered by the big plays the defense has been allowing this season, especially on third downs. All of Johnson’s three touchdowns were longer than 50 yards and two came on third downs.

Kubiak has been piping the crowd noise he usually reserves for road-game weeks into practice this week because he thinks some of his team’s problems on defense are coming from “communication issues.”

“We’ve got to get those solved and line up the play,” he said. “You don’t want to come out of games saying, we just busted. You want to say, ‘Hey, I got beat.’”

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## FCI celebrates 30 year history in Big Spring

Herald Staff Report

Thirty years. That's what FCI Big Spring celebrated Thursday during morning ceremonies at the facility.

Joining the prison staff were former wardens and community representatives.

FCI Big Spring Warden Karen Edenfield gave opening remarks, touching on historical achievements and the relationship between the federal institution and the local community. She spoke on FCI Big Spring's inception in 1979 as a federal prison camp and the change of mission in 1990, upgrading the facility from minimum to low security level.

Keynote speaker was Johnnie Lou Avery Boyd, who had advocated to have the Bureau open the facility at the former Webb Air Force Base. In appreciation of her efforts, FCI Big Spring presented Boyd with a U.S. flag.

A time capsule containing various items was buried at the facility and will be unearthed at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Executive Assistant Selma Garcia, who emceed the ceremony, concluded by reiterating the Bureau's mission and encouraging staff to continue with the mission they have been sworn to uphold.

The ceremony was followed by a reception and tours of the facility.



HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

**Johnnie Lou Avery Boyd, one of the local residents and business leaders responsible for bringing the federal prison to the Crossroads area 30 years ago, describes some of the experiences she's had at the facility since it was erected in 1979. Officials with Big Spring FCI held a anniversary celebration at the prison Thursday morning to commemorate 30 years in the city.**

## Energy Watch



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

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



In the stock market, "what you see is what you get," and what you will probably continue to get. What we have seen is a stock market that spent most of August in a pretty benign correction of the big 56 percent leap by the S&P 500 from its March 9 lows to recent highs. That was very impressive action for an extended market.

For the last three weeks, we have recommended that investors be cautiously optimistic for the short term, to buy stocks during pullbacks but not chase rallies. The good market action last week and a five day rally looked like valid signals that the correction was over. We then dropped the "cautious" from our short term advice. What we saw was positive action by the stock market, and that must be respected. The trend you usually see continues into the future until market action changes. When the message of the market changes, so will our advice.

Another example of "what you see" is that the snake you see is not the one that bites investors. Most people "see" a ton of economic, geopolitical and domestic political uncertainties and serious problems. The point is that they are seen, well-known, and therefore already discounted by the stock market. Those fears are not unique to any individual, but are concerns most folks have. That helps explain why the stock market is selling at a reasonable price/earnings multiple of 14.3 times an estimate of \$73 a share for the S&P 500 in 2010. The strong market action since March says that, despite the many problems we face, the outlook for the economy and corporate earnings is positive.

Going back to our snake analogy, it is the snake we don't see that bites investors. The problem here is that if some event is not seen, the stock market has not discounted it and therefore is vulnerable to a big decline. A year ago provides a classic example of an unseen event that hit the market in a major way — the collapse of Lehman Brothers.

Most investors knew the financial system had serious problems, but this shocking event created a freeze in the credit markets that few have "seen." Of course, the "end of the world" folks have always known that some disaster lies just ahead (by the way, history has proven them wrong much more often than right). Also, although optimism is growing, most investors are in a fairly somber mood and have forgotten that unforeseen events can also be a positive.

A good example is that the recent economic recovery and data this past week show the economy is continuing to stabilize. One important news item was that the University of Michigan preliminary September consumer sentiment index increased to 70.2 from 65.7 in August. We expect to see more good economic news that will take this market higher into year end. The snakes we see are not poisonous.

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## Fresh bailouts for smaller banks being weighed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators and lawmakers are weighing a fresh round of bailouts for banks that were deemed too small or too risky to qualify for earlier aid.

Representatives from the Treasury Department, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. and House Financial Services Committee discussed the plan by phone Thursday, said California Bankers Association Chairman Dan Doyle, who was on the call.

Small, community banks are struggling as commercial real estate and other loans go sour. Officials and industry representa-

tives are considering how to get money to those banks, Doyle said Friday.

Other banking industry leaders confirmed that the conversations are taking place. They did not know when Treasury might announce the plan. Spokesmen for Treasury and the FDIC did not respond to requests for comment Friday.

The cash could go to banks whose ratings by regulators made them too weak to qualify for earlier rounds of funding. It may be limited to banks with less than \$5 billion on their books. The banks could be required to raise match-

ing money in the private markets, he said.

"The rules were pretty restrictive," Doyle said. "They want to give another opportunity for some of the community banks."

The aid for smaller banks could come from the money that larger institutions have repaid to the Treasury's \$700 billion financial bailout fund.

The move could prevent some small bank failures, which would ease pressure on the FDIC's dwindling fund that insures bank deposits.

See **BAILOUTS**, Page 5C

## Spanky's Coffehouse

Local business moving to a new location soon

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Special to the Herald

Big Spring's gourmet coffeehouse, Spanky's, has been in business for a number of years. It is currently located on Gregg Street, but will soon be at a new location. Starting Nov. 2, Spanky's Coffeehouse will be open for business at 511 NW 11th.

Spanky's Coffehouse is owned and operated by Daniel and Yolanda Perez. Danielle Sanchez is the barista and once they move to the new location, they will be adding a cook.

Daniel and Yolanda decided to take on a business venture and bring to Big Spring a place where people could drink a gourmet cup of coffee, relax and enjoy time with friends.

The menu at Spanky's Coffehouse includes a good variety of gourmet coffees, hot teas, frozen drinks and even Italian Crème sodas.

Basically, any flavor that you would like to add to your coffee is available. Spanky's Coffehouse even offers sugar-free drinks for diabetics.

Currently, they are offering breakfast sandwiches and lunch specials on Saturdays and Mondays only from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. One of their featured lunch specials is the tomatillo chicken enchilada plate. Another addition, at the new location, will be a drive through window.

Hours of operation will stay the same; Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 2 p.m., and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.



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**From left, Spanky's Coffehouse employee Danielle Sanchez poses with owners Yolanda and Daniel Perez. The Gregg Street business will be moving to 511 NW 11th on Nov. 2.**

LETTERS

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TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to the Big Spring Herald's Wednesday edition with headlines "Pool gains outpouring of support," if I hadn't attended the meeting but instead read the paper, I would have thought the meeting must have been packed with supporters for the pool. I was there. I seem to remember five people speaking in favor, and of those five, three indicated they were not property taxpayers. Another of the five indicated he wanted the pool roped off so the elderly could swim for exercise. A quick review of the schematic revealed this water park is not designed for this purpose. You might want to check with the local YMCA. Compared to the one that spoke against, maybe the five pro-park speakers represented an outpouring, but in a community of 20,000-plus people, I don't think what we saw was an outpouring.

People will pay a fee when they use the park but this is a user charge. You don't use the park, you don't pay. (My guess is that the user fees won't even cover the operating costs.) On the other hand, people paying taxes to build this park have no choice; they pay regardless of whether they use it. Property taxpayers depend on their council to use tax money wisely, especially in tough economic times. In my opinion, the water park nonsense does not meet those criteria.

Mr. Duncan, thank you for speaking at the council meeting. I was disappointed the mayor cut your time short after allowing the first pro-park speakers to ramble. You made a first-class presentation and it would have been nice to have heard it in its entirety. My husband and I would also have liked to have spoken but after observing the treatment Mr. Duncan was given by the mayor, we knew the die had been cast and any additional facts or input by taxpayers was unnecessary and unacceptable to the mayor and council.

Mayor, I was part of the group that laughed when the comment was made that taxes would be returned to the people if they were not used on the pool project. I laughed because I took it for what it was worth — a joke. If you don't want your audience laugh-

ing, get serious. The attempting to collect into perpetuity a paid off bond and calling it "revenue neutral" indicates you're not to be taken seriously.

In closing, city of Big Spring Council, why not take the water park issue to the people? If they approve, I'll support it and encourage others to do likewise.

JACKIE OLSON,  
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I have listened to the pros and cons of the new water park. Now I would like to put in my six cents worth (the proposed increase for the water park). As far as a swimming pool, I am not against that, but I do not see the need for a 4 million dollar water park at this time. It seems to me that this is not the time since our economy is in such bad shape. Raising taxes is not the way to go. We should be looking for ways to save money for the citizens of Big Spring.

I personally know how people on a fixed income live. I have been on and am still living on a fixed income. I have a wife who works and without her I don't know how I could make it. I know of some widow ladies that are on a fixed income who live month to month.

Some months they barely have enough to get by. They do not complain but as homeowners, they don't need their taxes going up again. We should not make them have to worry whether they will have enough money each month to get by. You are asking these little widow women to pay for a water park that they will never use.

In closing, I would like the City Council to ask the average homeowner what they think about the proposed water park. The council said at the last meeting of Sept. 22nd that the majority of the people they talked to were in favor of the water park. Did the council ask the majority that they talked to if they were homeowners? Most of the people I know who rent are in favor of the park and homeowners I talked to are not. I know we want the best for our city, but sometimes we have to settle for a little less than the best. I have been a homeowner in Big Spring for 17 years.

Thanks for printing this and letting someone on a fixed income have a say.

JOE ADAMS  
BIG SPRING

PARENT'S CORNER

It's about the sacrifices when no one is around

School days are now going in full swing so I would like to share a wonderful story that I read not long ago. It is filled with admiration for the greatness that parents and teachers are creating that no one really sees and it contains a truth that can become life changing.

The story directs our attention to the great cathedrals. No one can say who built them; we have no record of their names. These builders gave their whole lives for a work they would never see finished.

They made great sacrifices and expected no credit. The passion of their building was fueled by their faith that the eyes of God saw everything.

There is a legendary story that tells of a rich man who came to visit a cathedral while it was being built and saw a workman carving a tiny bird on the inside of a beam. He was puzzled and asked the man, "Why are you spending so much time carving that bird into a beam that will be covered by the roof and no one will ever see it?"

The workman replied, "Because God sees what I do each day."

And that's as it is for parents and teachers. It's about the sacrifices that they make every day, even when there is no one around.

No act of kindness they've done is too small to be noticed. They are in the process of building a great cathedral, but at this time they can't see what it will become which is certainly a cure for self-centeredness and pride.

They must keep the right perspective and see themselves as great builders. They must see themselves as people who show up at a job that they will never see finished; to work on something on which their name will never appear.

No cathedral could ever be built in our lifetime because there are so few people willing to sacrifice to that degree.

Parents and teachers don't want their children to think about their sacrifices. They realize that would mean they would be building a shrine or a monument to themselves.

They just want them to be able to enjoy their time of learning and growing. They are building great cathedrals and cannot be seen if they're doing it right.

But one day, it is very possible that the world will marvel, not only at what they have built, but at the beauty that has been added to the world by their sacrifices.

Darrell Ryan is the director of federal programs for Big Spring Independent School District.



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 Daniel Antrim, 120 N. 22<sup>nd</sup> Pl., Lamesa  
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**County Court Decisions:**  
 Judgment and Sentence: Isaac Rios, assault causing bodily injury, \$3,000 fine, \$328 court costs, 240 days in jail.  
 Probated Judgment: Felipe Saiz, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail

time suspended, 12 months on probation).  
 Probated Judgment: Marshall Louis Coker, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$443 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months on probation).  
 Judgment and Sentence: Isaac Nathan Rios, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, \$1,500 fine, \$278 court costs, 90 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Ernest William Clark, criminal trespass, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Jamey Scott Johnson, evading arrest or detention, \$750 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Daryl Ray Newbern, criminal trespass, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.  
 Judgment and Sentence: Joseph Kyle Toudouze, criminal mischief, \$500 fine, \$278 court costs, 30 days in jail.

**District Court Filings:**  
 Gary Walter Stovall vs. Tammy Mae Stovall, divorce.  
 Jonathan Glyn Jameson vs. Samantha Lynn Jameson, divorce.  
 Braden Wegner vs. Alicia Lenae Wegner, divorce.  
 Diana Iglehart vs. West Texas Energy Services, wrongful death.  
 Claudia Martinez vs. Elias Ledesma, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.  
 Kimberly Jeter vs. Tracy Jeter, divorce.  
 April Garcia vs. Jason Roberts, divorce.  
 Jose L. Briseno vs. Aleticia Briseno, divorce.  
 Alon USA vs. Howard County Appraisal District, taxes.  
 In Re Delia Rawls, family.  
 Pete Gonzales vs. Jeremy Acuff, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.  
 Kimberly Rios vs. Daniel Montez Viera, protective order.  
 In Re Lydia M. Hernandez, family.  
 In Re Santiago DeLeon, family.

CACH LLC vs. Donald Barber, accounts, notes and contracts.  
 The State of Texas vs. Esteban and Sara Martinez, seizure.  
 Vivian E. Jones vs. Jerry F. Jones, divorce.  
 The State of Texas vs. Pilar Hilario, seizure.  
 Leslie Hagins vs. Judith Hagins, divorce.  
 Yvette Castillo vs. Geraldo Delgado, protective order.  
 Renee Michelle Bureson vs. Farmers Texas County Mutual, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.  
 Denisa and Dane Powell vs. Geico Indemnity Company, deceptive trade practices.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
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raine, and Amanda M. Merket, 51, of Colorado City.  
 Manuel Rudy Hernandez, 24, and Marie Ann Diaz, 25, both of Big Spring.  
 Steven Shawn Cason, 38 and Bonnie May Coppedge, 31, of Robert Lee.  
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 Property: Lot 7, Block 4, Monticello Addition  
 Date: Sept. 21, 2009

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 Grantee: Pamela Dugan and Brad Dugan  
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 Grantee: Gerald Harris and Ramona Harris  
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**BAILOUTS**

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House Financial Services Committee Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., has been "very, very supportive" of giving money to smaller

banks, said committee spokesman Steve Adamske. Small banks currently have until Nov. 9 to apply for the money. If more banks are deemed eligible, the deadline may have to be pushed back as the application process can take months to complete. The plan could prevent of-

ficials from winding down a key financial bailout program. The \$700 billion fund is set to expire on Dec. 31. Republican lawmakers and some Democrats want Treasury to stop lending now that the financial markets have stabilized. Treasury Secretary Timo-

thy Geithner has trumpeted the end of some emergency financial programs as signs the economy is recovering. The department expects to see tens of billions of dollars in additional repayments to the fund in the coming months. But Doyle said FDIC officials still expect up to 150

bank failures this year. So far, 94 banks have been closed. That's the most since 1992, during the savings-and-loan crisis. Officials are scrambling for a way to add money to the deposit insurance fund, and may levy a second extra fee on the banking industry.

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# Parson to Person: Ahmadinejad lies

It's that time again this week in New York. Most all of the heads of state in the world converge on Manhattan to have their say.

The United States plays host to the United Nations and picks up about three quarters of the tab also. For this investment of taxpayer's money, we get to have such notables as Hugo Chavez of Venezuela, Mohammar Quadaffi of Libya and, of course, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran.

Those three in particular like to come to the United States, enjoy our hospitality and then call us everything but human beings.

The Iranian president has been especially vocal in the past few weeks on one of his favorite subjects — the Holocaust that happened before and during World War II in Europe perpetrated by Nazi Germany.

Ahmadinejad does not believe that more than 6 million Jews were systematically murdered during that time period. He delights in giving speeches where he tells people that the "story" that the Jews base their national history on is a fabrication

that was spun up in order to garner world sympathy.

This sympathy led the world powers of 1948 to partition off Palestine and give birth to the Jewish state.

This is the same man who vows to annihilate the Jewish people the moment he has the means. This is the same man who is leading his country to make a nuclear bomb just as fast as possible.

Reports in the last few weeks have told us that Iran is closer to having nuclear weapons than previously thought.

So — back to the question of whether the Holocaust was a reality or a complex hoax.

On the side of reality, we have several lines of facts that are very hard to argue with. For one, there are Jews still alive that were inside the death camps that the Nazis ran. The tattoos are still visible — the memories still haunting. Of course it is possible that those thousands of Jews that came from those "reeducation" camps could have tattooed themselves in an effort to garner sympathy — after all they wanted some land.

So were there any other witnesses to the atrocities? There are still men and woman alive today who came across the camps during the invasion

of Germany.

Not all of these people were American soldiers. The English were there, along with the Poles, French and Russians. The Russians liberated Auschwitz, where more than 1 million Jews alone were gassed with Zyklon B and then baked to ash in the ovens.

It was the Soviet Union — no friend of the United States or the new country of Israel — who made the death camp at Auschwitz a museum and left it intact so the world would not forget what had happened.

Finally, I bring to your and Mr. Ahmadinejad's attention the most conclusive evidence of all. The country of Germany admits to perpetrating the Holocaust.

They admit that they built the camps.

The minister of armaments for the Third Reich, Albert Spear, admitted not only that he worked for Hitler but was the man's friend, tells in great detail how the camps were built.

Spear spend years in prison for his part in the Holocaust and when he got out and before he died, wrote his book, "Inside the Third Reich."

While not one of the architects of the "final solution," he was the man who found the ways and means to

finance, build and staff the atrocities.

The Germans, even most of the people who have been born since 1945, have owned up to their part in the Holocaust.

There are a few who doubt and deny but they are soon silenced when they are taken to Treblinka or Bergen-Belson.

Let me make this clear. No country would own, claim and perpetuate facts and knowledge that make their ancestors look like inhuman monsters if it wasn't true.

When Ahmadinejad claims that the Holocaust is a fiction, he not only calls the Jews liars, but he also calls what for him must be the greatest hero's short of Mohamed himself a liar.

The Iranian president longs for the day that he can finish the job the Germans started while at the same time calling the Germans liars for doing the very same thing he would love to do.

It's not that the man thinks that what he is saying is true. He knows it's false. With that in mind, ask yourself a question. Why would we believe anything this man says?

*Dr. Matt Price, PhD, is a minister, author and columnist. E-mail him at [theparsonperson@yahoo.com](mailto:theparsonperson@yahoo.com)*

## World War II veteran gets final flight in vintage bomber

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — World War II pilot Bernerd Harding feels he finally has completed his mission — 65 years after his B-24 airplane was shot down over Germany.

Harding, now 90 and being treated for prostate cancer, was a passenger Friday in the Witchcraft — the last B-24 still flying. He sat in the cockpit behind

the pilots. The skies were clear during the 30-minute flight from Laconia to Manchester that ended with a safe, smooth landing.

"It was fun. It was worth it. It's history," he said after the flight.

As the four engines rumbled to life, Harding was taken back to another time — back when he was a 25-year-old first lieutenant pilot-

ing a bombing run to Bernburgh, Germany. On the way back to his base in England, fighters crippled his plane, forcing him and his crew to bail out with their parachutes.

Harding waited for the others to jump, then turned and saluted a German fighter pilot for not blowing up the plane with the men inside.

"He flew alongside

to make sure I jumped out," Harding said.

Harding said he felt that mission — his 14th — was incomplete without one more landing. Friday's was "close enough," he said.

Harding's B-24, nicknamed Georgette, was shot down a month after the D-Day invasion of Normandy, on July 7, 1944. One member of Harding's crew was killed. The others — including Harding — were taken prisoner.

Harding landed in a freshly cut wheat field, barely missing a barbed

wire fence. Three farmers, two with pitchforks and one with a gun, captured him and herded him into a cellar in Klein Quenstedt (klyn KWEN'-shted), a village southwest of Berlin. Fearing reprisals from villagers for being a bomber pilot, Harding buried his pilot's wings in the cellar floor.

Two weeks ago, Harding returned to Klein Quenstedt to search for the wings with villagers' help. He didn't find his wings but a resident gave him a silver bracelet recov-

ered from the body of a dead American airman that day. The bracelet belonged to Jack H. Glenn and is being returned to his sister in Anchorage, Alaska.

The Collings Foundation, which owns the Witchcraft, presented Harding with a new set of pilot's wings after Friday's flight.

That wasn't Harding's first time inside the Witchcraft. He toured the bomber about 10 years ago with his grandchildren but didn't fly in it, so this time it was a treat.



### TAX RATE ELECTION - The Facts

On October 10, Big Spring ISD will conduct what is commonly known as a "Rollback Election." The election is necessary due to the law governing school systems as it is related to setting tax rates. School systems have two separate tax rates. They are:

- \* Maintenance & Operation (M&O) - Known as general operating revenue
- \* Interest & Sinking (I&S) - Revenue to pay for successful bond issues

The current M&O tax rate is \$1.04, the statutory limit allowed without voter approval. With voter approval the rate may be raised to \$1.17. The I&S rate is \$.08, 42 cents below the legal limit. The total tax rate is, therefore, \$1.12.

Schools are funded from the state according to local taxable wealth. Given this fact BSISD receives one dollar from the state for every local dollar generated through the M&O tax rate. However, the district has seen no net increase in state funding for the past three years. The finance law passed in 2007 capped school district revenue at the 2006-07 level.

In order to maximize state revenue the Board has voted to authorize an election for the purpose of moving the \$.08 I&S tax to the M&O side of the total tax rate. **There would be no increase in the total tax rate.** However, a positive outcome would result in the school system generating approximately an additional \$1,750,000 from the state.

After paying the annual debt payment of \$850,000 **the district would realize a net gain in revenue of about \$900,000.** The amount represents 3% of the total budget. These funds would be available each year until the current school finance system is changed.

Why does the school system need the additional income? Just as the case with any large business (\$30 million budget and 625 employees) the cost of business goes up each year. Over 75% percent of the budget is designated for personnel costs. The bulk of the additional funds generated would be utilized for enhancing teaching and learning effectiveness.

Will tax increase if the election passes? No, the overall rate will stay the same.

Will taxes decrease if the election fails? No, the rate will be the same at 2008-09.

Is this legal? Yes, at this time there is no law or ruling to preclude the board from changing the rate on I&S taxes.

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# Obituaries

## Milton William Talbot Jr.



Milton William Talbot Jr. died Sept. 24, 2009, in Austin. He was born Feb. 1, 1922, in Evangeline Parish, La., the only child of Milton William Talbot, MD, and Willie Alice SoRelle. He grew up and attended

public schools in Leesville, La., where he became drum major of the high school band, participated enthusiastically in the Boy Scouts and earned Eagle Scout rank. He graduated from Leesville High School in 1939 as valedictorian, and graduated cum laude from Harvard College in 1943.

He entered Tulane University School of Medicine in New Orleans following his Harvard graduation. While at Tulane he was a member of the Phi Chi medical fraternity and served as president of his class and the medical student body. Along with his medical school classmates, he completed the four-year medical school curriculum without breaks between class years on a three-year wartime schedule, was inducted into military service and was a member of the Army Specialized Training Program. During his senior year he was commandant of the Tulane detachment. He graduated in 1946 second in his class and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha national honor society.

Following a year of internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, he attended the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph Field, graduating with the designation of flight surgeon. He was subsequently assigned to the 38th Light Bombardment Wing at Itami AFB, Japan, where he served as the wing flight surgeon and base hospital commander with the rank of captain. He counted his two years in Japan as among his best, where he had time after years of study to enjoy the country and where he met and fell in love with Judy Conley, who he married in 1950.

After his return to civilian life in 1949, Dr. Talbot served his pediatrics residency at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, became certified as a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and was made a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics. At the completion of his residency he accepted a position as a pediatrician with the Malone and Hogan Clinic, a large multi-specialty group in Big Spring. He remained in Big Spring with Malone and Hogan, raised his family, made many close, lifelong friends, and was an active member of the community and his church. He and his family moved to Austin in 1971, where he entered practice with Dr. Maurice Cohn. He and Dr. Cohn founded the Capital Pediatric Group with which he practiced general pediatrics until his retirement in 1998.

Dr. Talbot had many avocations and interests. He was an enthusiastic instrument-rated private pilot with over 1,500 hours in high performance single engine aircraft; a highly ranked shotgun marksman who competed nationally in skeet competition; and an avid and skillful hunter of dove and quail who cherished time spent with his daughter hunting elk in Colorado's high country. But his major activities and contributions were related to his profession and his

church.

He was a member of the Howard County and the Travis Country Medical Societies. He served both as chairman of their governing boards and as president and as a delegate to the Texas Medical Association House of Delegates. As a member of the Texas Medical Association, he chaired numerous committees and for nine years chaired its Council on Constitution and Bylaws, where his interest and skill in organizational structure facilitated the design and implementation of a major reorganization of the Association. He served 12 years as a delegate from the TMA to the American Medical Association House of Delegates.

With privileges in most of the local hospitals, his major affiliation was with Brackenridge, which provided the principal facilities for the hospitalization of sick children. He served as chief of the pediatric service, chairman of the medical executive committee and as president of the medical staff, and for many years as chair of its committee on constitution and bylaws. His involvement with the care of children at Brackenridge led to his constant attempt to improve their care and culminated in his leadership of the effort to establish a hospital on the Brackenridge campus specifically for children. This effort culminated with the creation of Children's Hospital of Austin in 1984. He designed the staff structure for Children's and was its first chief of staff.

Through his participation and leadership of the Texas Pediatric Society and the Texas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, his organizational involvement with the medical care of children extended beyond Austin. He served as president of the Texas Pediatric Society, chair of its executive board and chair of its Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, in which capacity he organized the restructuring and ultimate unification of the two, established a single entity that could more successfully influence issues of children and their health throughout the state.

He held the position of clinical professor of pediatrics from the University of Texas Medical Branch and received the Sidney Kaliski Award for meritorious service to the children of Texas and the Charles Daeschner Award for lifetime achievement, both awarded by the Texas Pediatric Society, and was named Brackenridge Hospital "Physician of the Year" in 1983.

Dr. Talbot was a member of the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in which he served on its vestry, as senior warden and in numerous capacities as a lay minister and verger. He had similarly served at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring, where he was also instrumental in the design of the church as the chair of its building committee.

Throughout his distinguished professional career, he most of all adored his family, all of whom adored him in return. He was a loving and compassionate husband and father, and took great pride in his children and grandchildren. He and Judy have a host of wonderful friends, whose company has been a source of enormous pleasure.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judy Conley Talbot, four children, Anne Talbot Draper and her husband John, of Steamboat Springs,

Colo., Martha Talbot Wyckoff and her husband Michael of Austin, Paul William Talbot and his wife Laura of Dallas and Emilie Talbot Brooks and her husband Gordon of Burlingame, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Dow Draper of Kirkland, Wash.; Brad Draper of St. Paul, Minn.; SoRelle Wyckoff, Talbot Wyckoff, Catherine Talbot, Anne Talbot, Christopher Talbot, Miles Brooks and Hugh Brooks; and one great-grandchild, Sydney Draper.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3201 Windsor Rd.

For those wishing to make memorial contributions the family suggests the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 3201 Windsor Rd., Austin; St. Mary's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 2949, Big Spring; and the Texas Pediatric Society Foundation, 401 West 15th St., Ste 682, Austin.

Arrangements are by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin 78705 (512) 452-8811. Obituary and guestbook online at wcfish.com

*Paid obituary*

## Merlin Purser

Merlin Purser, 82, of Wichita, Kan., formerly of Colorado City, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, at Sand Piper Bay Nursing Home in Wichita, Kan. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Colorado City Cemetery with the Rev. Jerry Shields officiating.

He was born July 17, 1927, in Rigby, Idaho, to Martha and LeRoy Purser. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He had worked most of his life as a machinist and retired from Boeing Aircraft. He had also been a foreman on farms. He had been a resident of Colorado City since 1982.

He is survived by one step-daughter, Joyce Welker of West Covina, Calif.; and one nephew, Allen Heck and his wife Teresa of Chaney, Kan.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby, Aug. 10, 2006.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

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## MONDAY

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

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

## TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St.  
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

## THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

## COUNTY

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\$185 million for 2007 and \$175 million for 2008. The property was appraised by the district at \$320 million in 2007 and \$275 million in 2008.

Having gone through some rather dire straits thanks to having taxes tied up in red tape in the past, County Judge Mark Barr said the commissioners court is approaching this lawsuit with a very wary eye.

"At this point, there's really no way to know what to expect," said Barr. "I don't see this

lawsuit having a tremendous impact on this year's budget. We have enough money in reserves to cover ourselves this year. However, it could be absolutely detrimental to next year's budget, and as a result, the tax rate."

Commissioners went above the rollback rate by nearly 5 cents in 2008 to cover shortfalls created by the previous lawsuits. And while the court is currently working with a proposed tax rate of 55.8656 cents per \$100 valuation, up slightly from last year's 53.62 cents and well below this year's effective tax rate, Barr said he's unsure if the rate will

change during Monday's meeting.

"We've talked about it some, but there's really no consensus among the commissioners on the subject at this time," said Barr. "There's been some talk about going up on the tax rate a few cents, and there's been talk of leaving it where it is. Whatever is decided, we could be looking at some pretty rough times in the coming year if this drags out like it did last time."

The 2009-2010 budget, which totals \$14.45 million and includes a \$1 million increase over last year's fiscal plan, is based on a tax rate of 55.8656 cents. The com-

missioners approved the budget two weeks ago on a unanimous vote, but changes could be necessary depending on what happens with the tax rate Monday.

"It's certainly going to have an impact," said Barr. "But I really don't have a good feel for where there is going, so it's going to be up in the air until Monday."

Last year's litigation ended in October, following several months of legal proceedings and more than a week of testimony before 118<sup>th</sup> District Judge Robert H. Moore III. Alon ended up with tax bills of \$1.869 million for 2006, \$2.569 million for 2007 and slightly more than \$3 million for 2008.

According to HCAD Chief Appraiser Bret McKibben, Alon USA indicated in previous meetings they feel their appraised value should be closer to \$80 million. That makes little sense, said McKibben, considering how much the company spent on repairs after an explosion ripped through the facility in 2008.

"They spent more than \$300 million just in repairs," said McKibben. "That's more than three times what they are claiming the facility should be appraised at, so it doesn't necessarily make sense. According to their representation at the ARB, they say they are aware of the huge deficit and are simply hoping to make their money back. I'm really not sure what they are thinking at this point."

Monday's meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse. For more information, contact the county judge's office at 264-2202.

## Obituaries

## Lorraine Shirley



Lorraine Shirley, 79, died in Austin Sept. 25, 2009. The daughter of Joseph and Trudy Velchek Ludwig was born April 15, 1930, in Rudyard, Mont. She married Tom Shirley in Hingham, Mont., and moved to Big Spring in 1952. She worked as an RN for Malone-Hogan Hospital from 1953 to 1983.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Junior, Lee and Roger Ludwig; and sisters Evelyn Little and Ethel Carr.

Survivors include her husband, Thomas R. Shirley of Kingsland; children, Mary Anne and Randy Law of Agency, Mo., Karen and Steve Fraser of Kingsland and Tom and Lori Shirley of Sugarland; 11 grandchildren; brothers, Tom and Pat Ludwig of Chester, Mont., Ted and Esther Ludwig, ElCajon, Calif.; sisters, Virgie Toner of Gilford, Mont., Ruthie Simon of Seattle, Wash., and Irene and Wally McMaster of Spokane, Wash.; and 71 nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held at Putnam Funeral Home in Kingsland Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at 11 a.m. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle-Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Her body will lie in state at Nalley-Pickle-Welch Funeral Home Tuesday and Wednesday until service time.

Leave condolences at [putnamfunerals.com](http://putnamfunerals.com)

## Norvin Hamlin

Norvin Hamlin, 65, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Sept. 24, 2009, in a Midland hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Ken McIntosh, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating.

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

He was born Aug. 27, 1944, in Big Spring.

He was a life long resident of Big Spring and had served in the United States Army. He worked as a shift foreman for Cabot Corporation and Rexene Corporation, retiring in 1989. He was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Stephen and Michelle Hamlin of Bentonville, Ark., and Gregory and Randi Hamlin of Fayetteville, Ark.; one brother, Esco Hamlin of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the Hospice of Midland Inpatient Unit, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702-2621.

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

## Wanda Jo Smith

Wanda Jo Smith, 66, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009, at her residence. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Jan. 19, 1943, in Lubbock to Sadie and Orville Perser. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1996, coming from Lubbock and had been an employee of MHMR.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

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## Folks knew Texas bomb plot suspect as 'good guy'

ITALY (AP) — To his friends in this small Texas town, 19-year-old Hosam Maher Husein Smadi was known as "Sam" — a kind, fun-loving guy who enjoyed dancing to techno music.

So his neighbors in Italy (IHT-lee), a town of about 2,000 about 45 miles south of Dallas, said they were stunned Friday after learning he'd been charged with plotting to blow up a Dallas skyscraper.

"It's crazy because I still can't believe the Sam that I know doing anything like that," said Tabatha Rogers, 19, who lives in the same complex of dome-shaped economy homes near Interstate 35. "He was just a real good guy."

Smadi, a Jordanian national, was arrested Thursday after federal officials said he placed what he believed to be an explosives-laden truck in a parking garage beneath the 60-story Fountain Place tower in Dallas. He was charged with trying to detonate a weapon of mass destruction and faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Smadi made his first court appearance Friday in Dallas, where he was appointed a public defender and Arabic translator. He remained in jail on Friday and will next appear in court on Oct. 5. Defense attorney Richard Anderson said he has "little to say" on the case, other than his client was scared, far from family and dealing with a language barrier.

Rogers said Smadi had a thick accent but spoke English well. He worked as a cashier at a large gas station that also houses a barbecue joint, a fast-food restaurant and a convenience store not far from the home he rented for about \$100 a week.

Neighbors said Smadi, who is Muslim, often let them know he was fasting but also would occasionally drink alcohol and smoke. He didn't talk about political or religious issues, they said.

## U.S. lawmakers told FEMA an 'army of bureaucrats'

GALVESTON (AP) — The mayor of a Texas town slammed by Hurricane Ike told federal lawmakers Friday that although residents were grateful for the government's help to rebuild

homes and businesses, it was at times like working with an "army of bureaucrats."

Federal lawmakers heard testimony from residents and officials during a meeting in Galveston about long delays in getting help from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other government groups or seeing their claims rejected. A local FEMA official said he also was sometimes frustrated by the process.

Galveston Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas said the agency was friendly and helpful but also described it as "the nay-saying, penny pinching FEMA that stands in the way of all the help FEMA is supposedly there to provide." Thomas said it was similar to an "army of bureaucrats."

State Rep. Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, had similar sentiments: "It's always important for FEMA to remember that the 'E' in their name stands for emergency and not eventually."

Brad Harris, FEMA's Texas federal coordinating officer for Hurricane Ike, said he also was frustrated at times. He said some regulations prevented him from giving affected communities all the different types of help they requested.

But he said the agency has done much good, including disbursing \$1.4 billion in aid and providing housing assistance to 31,000 people.

"I think we've done a hell of a job. I really do," Harris said.

Ike made landfall just outside Galveston on Sept. 13, 2008 and caused billions of dollars in damage along the southeast Texas coast. It damaged 75 percent of the island city's homes and washed away about 3,600 structures on neighboring Bolivar Peninsula, and became the costliest natural disaster in Texas history.

## Mother of Texas inmate exonerated by DNA sues

DALLAS (AP) — The mother of a Texas man who died in prison nearly 10 years before DNA evidence cleared him of a rape conviction filed a lawsuit Friday seeking answers from the officials who imprisoned him.

The lawsuit filed in state district court in Lubbock by Tim Cole's elderly mother does not seek damages, but instead calls for depositions

from Lubbock and Texas Tech police officers who investigated the sexual assault that placed her son behind bars.

Cole, an Army veteran, died in prison in 1999 at age 38 of complications from asthma after being convicted of the 1985 rape of a Texas Tech University student in Lubbock. He maintained his innocence until he died.

A 2008 DNA test proved him right, 13 years after another man began confessing to the crime in a series of letters to Lubbock County prosecutors and judges. Jerry Wayne Johnson's letters had been ignored.

"Tim will never know the answers," Cole's mother, Ruby Session, said. "I want to know all the things he wanted to know."

Cole was formally cleared this year by state district Judge Charles Baird in Austin after a Lubbock County judge denied the Innocence Project of Texas' request for an exoneration hearing. Baird said mistaken eyewitness identification, questionable suspect lineups and a faulty investigation by Lubbock police led to Cole's

wrongful conviction. He specifically criticized the officers' "tunnel vision" in focusing on Cole.

## Possible WWII-era sunken ship found off Texas

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — Crews on Friday stopped a slow fuel-oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico that had led them to a sunken ship, possibly a World War II-era cargo vessel, the Coast Guard said.

Crews were working to siphon off an estimated 16,000 gallons of recoverable fuel oil believed to be on board and clean up the spill, which Coast Guard Lt. j.g. Kimberly Kaiser described as nothing more than a sheen on the surface of the Gulf.

The shipwreck was found about 6 miles off Texas Point, near Sabine Pass, as the Coast Guard and other members of the response team traced the source of the leak over the past couple of weeks.

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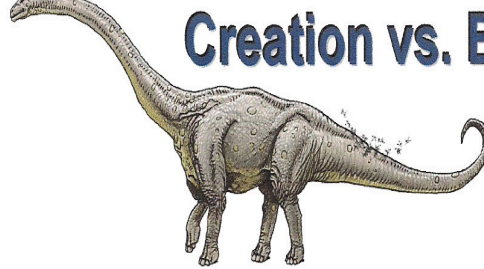

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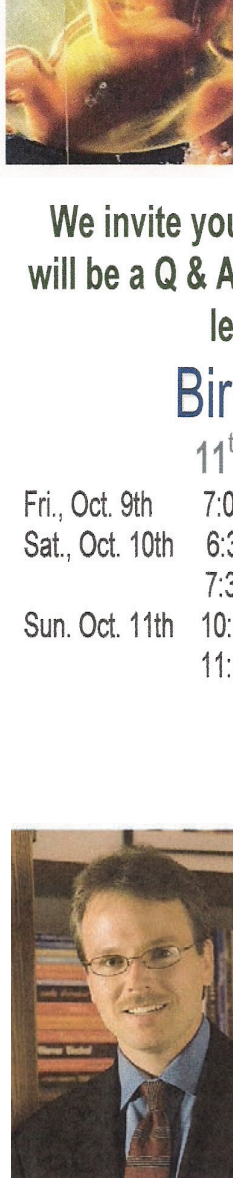
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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

The day is without exact astrological aspects. The Capricorn moon is void of course. The world is your blank page. The only thing you'll see is what you project onto the space. Some will get frustrated with the endless possibilities. Others will tingle with excitement, ready to fill the emptiness with a fantastic piece of work.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). There's a big requirement to fulfill. You don't have to do it alone. Ask around for what you need. Most people won't be able to help, but more than a few will. With a handful of supporters, you'll meet the challenge.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). Clear up any relationship issues, return calls and generally get right with your "people." When you feel good about your social standing, you'll be comfortable in your own skin once again.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You've been turning in stellar work. Maybe you still don't have the money to prove it, but that can be negotiated. For now, decide to keep improving the quality and value of your contribution. You'll cash in soon enough.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). It feels like you're repeating yourself, and maybe you are. You have something important to say, and the others don't seem to be listening. Time to change your tune and keep changing it until you get their attention.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll have some financial luck. This comes in the nick of time — you can now afford to get some help with a project and greatly reduce your stress. The assistance you pay for will be well worth the cost.

**VRIGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's a ticker tape of useless information that's rattling away in your brain. Turn it off, perhaps through meditation or exercise. When you don't think too much, you wind up accomplishing amazing feats.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not too early to assess whether you've been naughty or nice this year. In fact, this is the perfect time to clear up any bad marks on your "record" and commit to doing some philanthropy.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may not consider yourself to be a big networker; however, you do know quite a few people. You'll enjoy sharing information and learn from your group, too. A new endeavor emerges from the social contacts you make now.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can be mighty innovative when it comes to stretching a dollar. Make sure you're penny pinching in an area where it won't make a big difference, though. Some things really are worth paying for.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to work very hard to inspire trust in others. However, keeping that

trust is more of an effort. To do so, you'll have to make good on all that you promise. It's better to promise very little and then over-deliver.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have beginner's luck now. Don't wait for others to approach you. Be the initiator of conversation, business and especially love. He (or she) who has the first word will make the biggest impression.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Clean up and get organized. Those projects that you think you don't have time for are actually exactly what is holding you back from accomplishing something important to you. So get down to work and be done with them!

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 27). You're excited and optimistic about this next phase of your life, and you should be. Healthy choices give you the energy and stamina to complete a mammoth assignment by the year's end. January brings peace and harmony to your home. The start of the year is extraordinarily romantic and involves a foreign land. Pisces and Leo people adore you. Lucky numbers are: 15, 43, 25, 8 and 20.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** The Libran solar journey is like a personal stylist who starts straight away digging into her client's closet to determine the state of things. She piles pieces into categories: These need fixing, these are to give away, these stay. But what's getting updated this week is not really our clothes. Although that may be a part of it, it's much bigger than that. It's how we move in the world. It's how we relate to others, take care of ourselves and generally show up. The week starts out with some open-ended questions posed by the void-of-course Capricorn moon. With no exact aspects going on,

it's a great opportunity to look in the mirror and see yourself with true objectivity. When you can gaze into your reflection without the usual mental interference and criticism, you just might find a few things to fall in love with. On Tuesday, Mercury stations to resume a direct journey. The end of the Mercury retrograde will come as a relief to some, though others might miss the wonky rhythm that this transit can inspire. The last few weeks have been an invitation to communicate more

clearly, and though the pressure is off, it is most fortuitous to stay in good form.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Academy Award-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow is a lovely Venus-ruled Libra with her moon in intellectual Gemini. Paltrow's natal Mercury is also in Libra, indicating that taste and culture are values she deems important, though Venus in Leo shows that her first loves are family, children and creativity. Paltrow takes breaks from acting, but Venus in Leo promises they'll

never be for too long.

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  - 17 Blue Velvet, for one
  - 18 Big name in books
  - 19 O or Z
  - 20 Principal Skinner of *The Simpsons*
  - 22 Letters on Bush 41's resumé
  - 23 Yet
  - 25 Rustler's sound
  - 26 Run in
  - 27 Maritime hazard
  - 29 Initials, perhaps
  - 30 Silver Bow County seat
  - 31 First-year Kennedy Center honoree
  - 33 Packaging weights
  - 34 One who works with pans
  - 36 Rap
  - 38 Element used in CRTs and LEDs
  - 41 Seventh-century pope
  - 42 He directed Neve in *Scream*
  - 43 Bag support
  - 45 Center (Anchorage convention venue)
  - 46 Turkish bread
  - 48 Numerical prefix
  - 49 Get into
  - 50 Health-food phrase

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- 12 Be a smart aleck
- 13 The "Me" generation?
- 14 Present
- 21 Wayne Campbell portrayer
- 24 Figure in black
- 26 Fast-food fare
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- 30 Boxing family
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- 35 "Strange, but true!"
- 36 Ornamental flower
- 37 Dealership conveniences
- 39 Bratty kids
- 40 Sort of show
- 41 Opened
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Customers line up for drinks during the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club's Fajita Tailgate Party prior to the Big Spring High School homecoming game last week.

# Prosecutor: Terror plot focus 9/11 anniversary

DENVER (AP) — Claims that an Afghan immigrant was on the verge of unleashing a terrorist attack on New York City on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 are missing a key element: explosives or the chemicals allegedly used to make them, the man's attorney said.

FBI agents have yet to find those elements and connect them to Najibullah Zazi, charged with conspiring to use weapons of mass destruction in a plot authorities say was aimed at commuter trains, attorney Arthur Folsom told a federal judge in Denver Friday.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Craig Shaffer ultimately ordered Zazi's transfer to New York, and Zazi was taken there by federal marshals.

"No traces of any kind of chemical was found in his vehicle," Folsom said of an FBI search.

A federal prosecutor argued that Zazi was planning an attack to coincide with the 9/11 anniversary.

"The evidence suggests a chilling, disturbing sequence of events showing the defendant was intent on making a bomb and being in New

York on 9/11, for purposes of perhaps using such items," prosecutor Tim Neff told Shaffer.

Zazi was stopped by police on Sept. 10 as he entered New York, and he dropped his plans for an attack once he realized that law enforcement was on to him, prosecutors allege.

Prosecutors said Zazi received explosives training from al-Qaida in Pakistan and returned to the U.S. bent on building a bomb.

Over the summer, he and three associates went from one beauty-supply store to another in a Denver suburb buying chemicals to make explosives like those that killed dozens of people in transit bombings in London and Madrid, investigators said.

At least three and possibly more of his accomplices remain at large, and investigators have fanned out across New York in pursuit of suspects. Authorities also issued a flurry of terrorism warnings for sports complexes, hotels and transit systems.

associates of Zazi visited Colorado to help him buy the chemicals using stolen credit cards before returning to New York.

Another law enforcement official said that authorities had been especially worried about Zazi's Sept. 10 visit to the city because it coincided with a visit by President Barack Obama. Police considered arresting him right away. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation continues.

Police have been especially active in the neighborhood in Queens where Zazi visited during his New York trip, staying at an apartment with a group of cab drivers and food cart operators he knows.

Folsom said prosecutors lack direct evidence that Zazi was involved in bomb-making, finding none of those materials in Zazi's car, his Aurora, Colo., apartment or apartments Zazi visited in New York. FBI agents said they found Zazi's fingerprints on a scale and batteries during a search in Queens, but Folsom said those items have no connection to the alleged plot.

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Home furnishing experts say that it's important to recognize that it's the littlest things that matter when you're making enhancements to your home. Simple touches of a new sofa or end table, rug or even a decorative lamp shade will create a different look and feel to a room or space. This is a small lifestyle change, and not an unobtainable luxury.

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Living with a neutral interior palette is like being enveloped by a cloud. Get the look by blanketing rooms in the softest neutral shades: cream, mocha and, most especially (and perhaps surprisingly), gray. "A dash of a neutral metallic accent, such as silver, adds a welcome sparkle," said Robinson. "It's like sunlight peeking through the clouds."

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Modern Country is ageless and exudes a comforting charm that takes imperfection to new heights. Natural finishes, heavily distressed surfaces, reclaimed woods, rattan, wicker and other natural textures are livable finishes for busy families. And the look fits farmhouse style or urban loft with equal ease.

Ethnic Inspiration

Far-reaching global influences are no longer far flung. Ethnic-inspired fabrics are turning up all over in American homes. "The organic patterns, vibrant color palettes and handcrafted looks create an aura of sophisticated warmth," said Smith. What to look for: motifs inspired by traditional African design; susani patterns from Central Asia; ikats and batiks from Indonesia; and handblocked woodprints from India.

Power Play

A smaller footprint, lighter weight and better performance are important purchase considerations when buying a new laptop. The same things matter when buying home office furniture. In fact, Robinson and Smith note that as laptops have become the most popular home computing choice among consumers, so, too, have writing tables and petite desks moved to the fore. Unlike their executive suite predecessors, these modestly scaled workstations don't take up an entire room. Instead, they slip easily into most interiors, providing needed workspace without taking up too much space — or too much money.

Seeing Black and White

The go-to item in your closet may be the little black (or white, depending on season) dress. In home furnishings, it's the combination of the two that offers the most impact. It's twice the look in one great product, and it never goes out of style. Smith and Robinson say to consider making a statement with a black and white combo in bedding ensembles, window treatments, wallpaper or upholstery fabric.

Refreshing your nest doesn't have to be out of reach. With a few simple changes it's possible to fall in love with your home all over again.

For more inspiration and tips, visit HomeYet.com.

Tips for Choosing Furniture

**Measure, measure, measure!** Too many people don't measure their rooms, doorways and stairways before buying a furniture piece. Make sure it will not only fit in the room, but will fit through all the doorways it takes to get into the room.

**Color Trial:** Just because you like the color in the showroom doesn't mean you'll like it in your house. Lighting and surrounding elements can change a color drastically. Get color swatches and live with them for a few days before making a final decision.

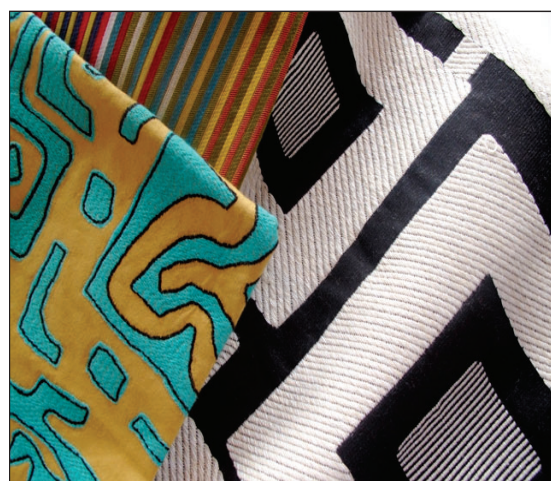
**Reality Check:** Think through how this piece of furniture will be used and who will be using it. Small children, pets, shoes on the ottoman, snacking in front of the TV — they all can cause wear and tear on furniture. Light colored fabrics, delicate construction and fine finishes might just have to give way to more practical concerns.



Black and white never goes out of style. Côte de Rhône bedding ensemble by Amity Home.



Smaller desks pack big benefits. Origins laptop desk by aspenhome.



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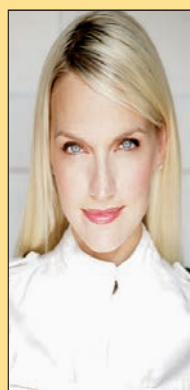
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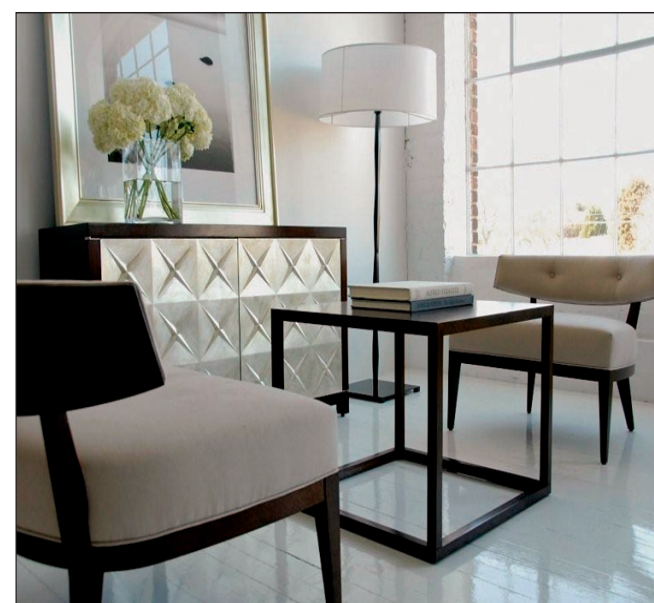
HomeYet.com features new ideas for home trends and a chance to win a room makeover. Throughout the month of September, five lucky winners will be awarded weekly with a \$5,000 cash prize. There will also be a 10-day industry-wide event, September 19 through 27, with in-store promotions and sales events offered at retailers throughout the country. Find participating stores near you with the on-line Store Locator tool.

To kick off National Home Furnishings Month, interior designer and lifestyle expert Monica Pedersen will be offering her personal design tips to help consumers recreate and redecorate their homes in a whole new way. Whether big or small improvements, Monica will share her ideas at HomeYet.com on how to update your home furnishings and make it a bigger part of your everyday lifestyle.

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A dash of silver adds sparkle. Star chest, table and chairs by Bolier & Co.





**GAY HILL**

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what the people wanted, but I'm not happy about the way that they did it. They had promised the people one thing, and didn't follow through," Fenn said.

According to Fenn, the people had stated that they wanted to stay where they were and if they had to be consolidated, they wanted to be in the Borden

County district.

"Being here really gives me mixed feelings. I hate to see this school being destroyed. It really should just be torn down instead of being destroyed the way it is," Fenn said.

All the students at the reunion gathered together and talked about the memories that the school building held.

They shared their stories over good food and then proceeded to bury a new time capsule.

"It's really a shame that this school has gone down. There are so many good memories here," Guevara said.

What is left of the Gay Hill school building is still standing a short distance outside of town.

No matter the outcome for the building, the students who passed through the halls will always have their memories — and those can't be destroyed.

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sure he wonders about his father and would like to hear from him.

Just recently, my wife and I found out his dad is alive and well. At our age, if we do not get them together, our grandson may lose the chance forever. I'd like to help them connect, but my wife says to leave it alone. Please let me know what you would do. Your opinion means a lot to us. — Needs To See Daddy or Not

**Dear Needs:** We appreciate the vote of confidence. Your grandson is 24, and we think he should be allowed to make this decision himself. Tell him you've recently discovered his father's whereabouts. Discuss the pros and cons, and ask whether he'd like to try to establish contact. If he

says "yes," give him the information and let him know you are available if he wants your help. If he says "no," put the information in a sealed envelope and let your grandson know where it is in case he changes his mind. Whichever choice he makes, please be a source of support. He will need you.

**Dear Annie:** When did all of this hugging start? I was taught that public displays of affection were not socially acceptable, and that you don't shake hands with a lady unless she offers her hand first.

I am really uncomfortable when someone wants to greet me with a hug. I recently had my bladder removed because of cancer and now wear a pouch. Hugging is embarrassing. How can I just shake

hands without offending anyone? — Find a Tree Instead

**Dear Find:** Greeting someone with a hug has been around for a few decades, but not everyone enjoys it, and for some it can be too intimate. When approached by a hugger, simply grasp his shoulder with your left hand while reaching with your right to shake his hand. Your left arm will keep him from getting any closer, but you will still appear friendly. If a hugger becomes insistent, it is perfectly OK to say, "Sorry, but I am uncomfortable hugging."

**Dear Annie:** I was concerned with what you didn't say to "Worried Mom," whose 14-year-old is involved with a potentially

abusive boyfriend. This girl should not be allowed to spend time alone with this manipulator. She's still a child. Who is the parent here? Where are the boy's parents?

Both parents should arrange a meeting without the teenagers to discuss their concerns and lay down specific ground rules for these young people. I'm glad the girl is in counseling, but it sounds as if it's a necessity for the young man, as well.

Parenting is the most difficult job there is, but someone needs to develop a spine and take control of this situation before that is no longer an option. Yes, "Worried" should reinforce her feelings for her daughter, but at this age, what the boyfriend says is far more influential. Teenagers need just as much guidance as toddlers. — Concerned Reader

**Dear Reader:** We wish it were that simple. Telling a 14-year-old who is "in love" that she is forbidden to see the boyfriend will

not make the problem disappear. It will make it go underground. The boy's parents are encouraging the relationship and are not likely to help, although it's possible that speaking to them could be useful. We hope the boy will get counseling, but more importantly, the girl needs to understand that this is a poisonous relationship and she deserves better. Otherwise, the parents are only postponing the inevitable.

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**Dear Margo:** My father was unwilling to support and nurture his family and never gave my mother the love and care she deserved. When I was 13, she finally kicked him out. He moved across the country, and I haven't seen him since. I wasn't really upset, but rather relieved; we are so much better off without him.

I'm now 23 and recently married. I knew my father wouldn't come to the wedding. He's much too irresponsible and selfish to save up money for a flight and hotel ... even with 20 months' notice. In fact, he couldn't even be troubled to send a card.

After the wedding, I decided that I had started a new chapter in my life and didn't want him involved.

(His idea of "involved" is calling every couple of months to discuss the weather.) I haven't answered any of his calls, but I'm starting to feel guilty, although I have no use for a father who can't be bothered to attend his only daughter's wedding (or high-school graduation or college graduation). What should I do: Suck

it up, or be the bigger person, answer his calls and make small talk? Or stick to my guns and move on with my life? — Feeling Fatherless in Pennsylvania



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**Dear Feel:** Let's see, 23 minus 13 is 10. It sounds as though you have been comfortable for a decade with the reality that yours is no kind of father at all. I am probably alone in the advice world in being in favor of estrangements, but you need to do what feels the best for you. I have a hunch it is not making small talk with a man you have no respect for. As I've said over and over, being a blood relative is an accident of DNA, and people should have a choice about whom they include in their lives. He has made his, so you needn't be on a guilt trip. "Sticking to your guns" was an interesting choice of words — and that is what I would recommend. — Margo, preferably

*Dear Margo is written by Margo Howard, Ann Landers' daughter. All letters must be sent via e-mail to dearmargo@creators.com. Due to a high volume of e-mail, not all letters will be answered.*

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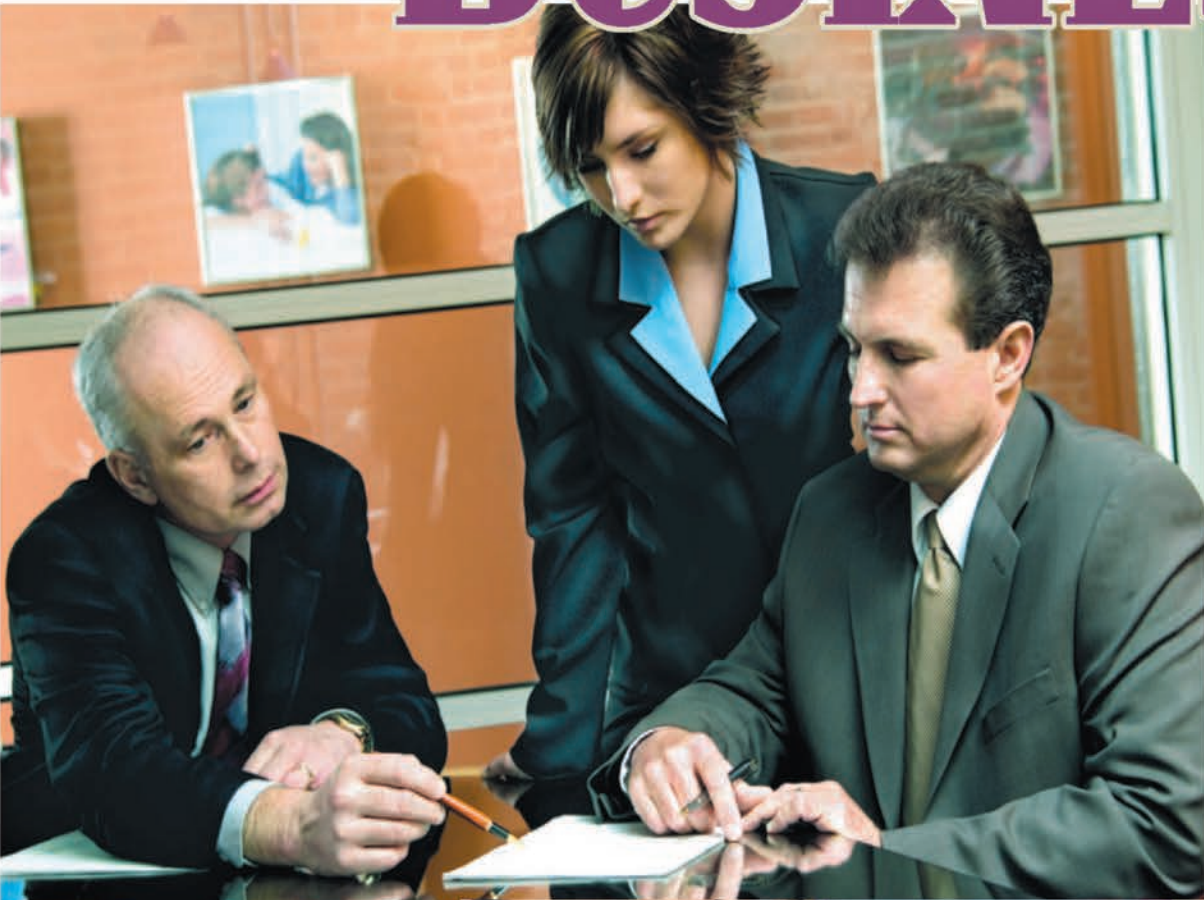
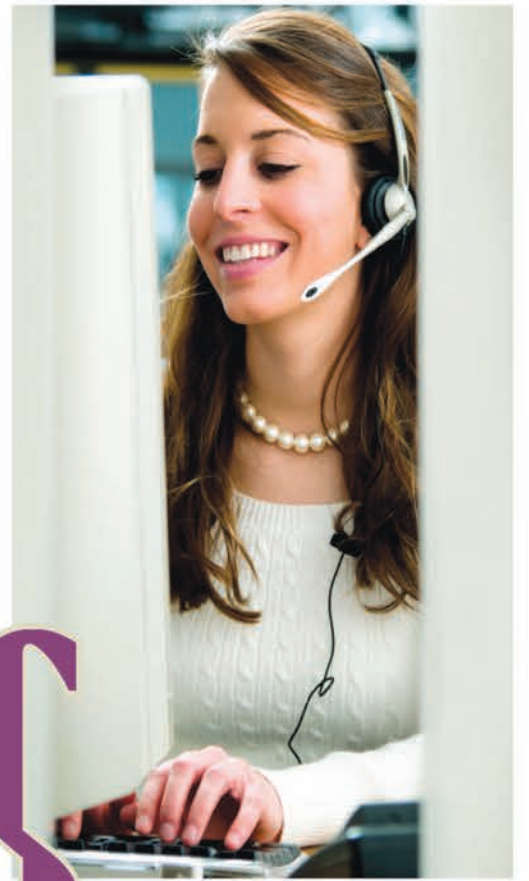
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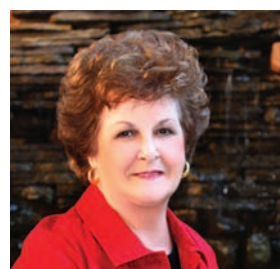
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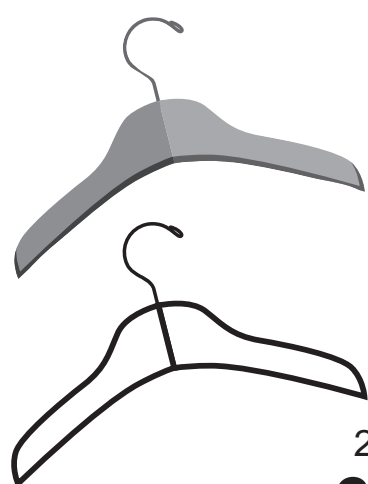
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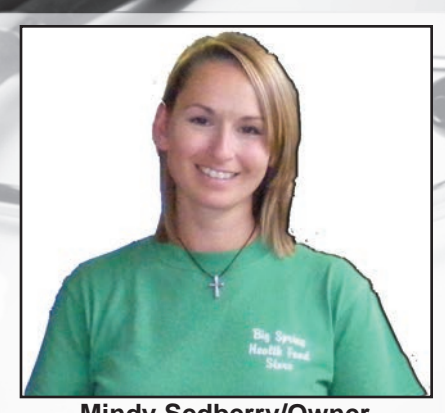
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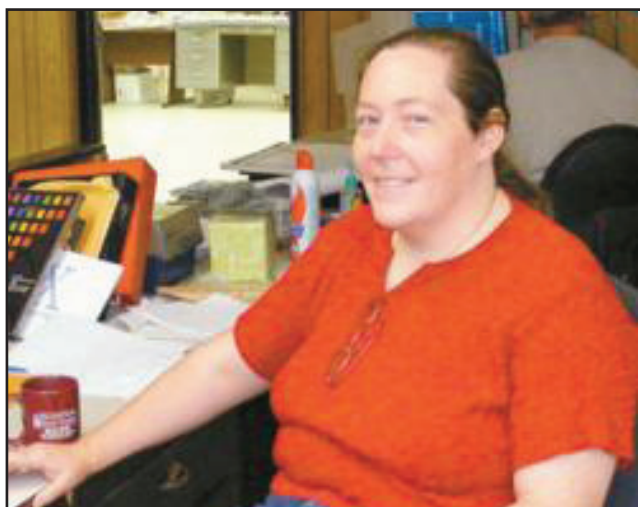
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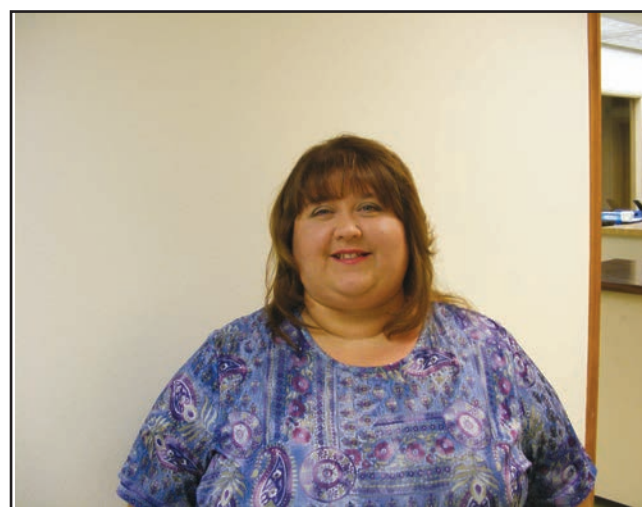
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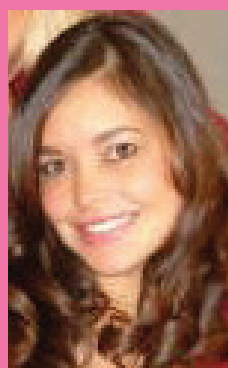
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