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TEA: BSISD 'unacceptable'

District, all but one campus receive lowest rankings in latest accountability report

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District was hammered in the latest round of school accountability ratings released by the Texas Education Agency Friday.

BSISD received a district-wide rating of "Academically Unacceptable," the lowest of four possible TEA ratings. In addition, all but one local campus' academic performance was rated as unacceptable by the state education agency. Moss Elementary received a "Academically Acceptable" rating from TEA.

The ratings are based on high school completion rates,

dropout rates and passing rates on the state test, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).

State-wide, the number of districts with the state's lowest rating increased from 37 last year to 88 in 2011. The number of Academically Unacceptable campuses increased from 104 to 569, TEA figures show.

Schools and districts rated as Academically Unacceptable failed to meet one of the following state requirements:

- 70 percent passing rate among all students in all demographic areas in the reading, writing and social studies sections of the TAKS.
- 65 percent passage rate

2011 T.E.A. Ratings

Big Spring ISD	Coahoma ISD	Forsan ISD
District – Academically Unacceptable	District – Academically Acceptable	District – Recognized
BSHS – Academically Unacceptable	CHS – Academically Acceptable	HS/JH – Recognized
BSJH – Academically Unacceptable	CJHS – Academically Acceptable	Elbow – Exemplary
Goliad – Academically Unacceptable	Elementary – Academically Acceptable	
Moss – Academically Acceptable		
Washington – Academically Unacceptable		
Marcy – Academically Unacceptable		
Brazier – Academically Unacceptable		
Kentwood – Academically Unacceptable		

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among all students in all demographic areas in the math and science portions of the TAKS.

- Annual dropout rate in grades 7 and 8 of 1.6 percent or lower.
- Annual completion rate of

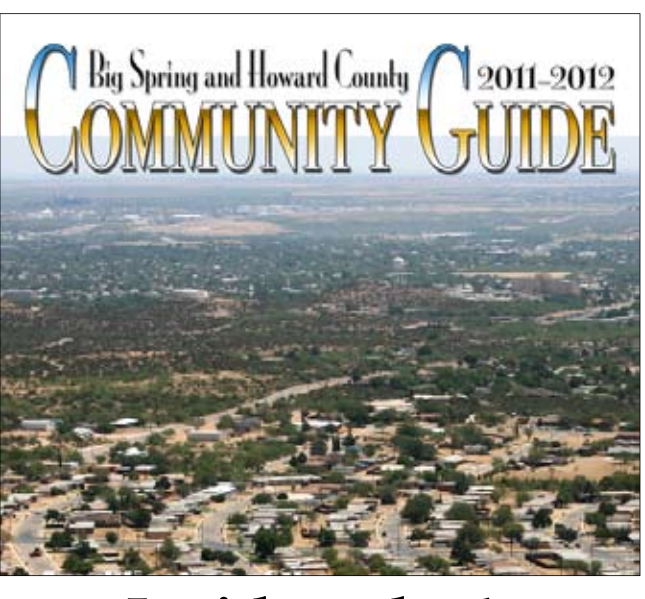
75 percent or greater.

BSISD had a district-wide rating of Academically Acceptable in 2010.

Superintendent Steven Saldivar said several factors contributed to this year's low rating.

First, Saldivar pointed to the elimination of the Texas Projected Measurement system in determining TAKS passage rates. Under TPM, if a student failed a portion of the TAKS but showed sub-

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Inside today's Herald

Coahoma, Forsan schools earn passing marks


By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Forsan Independent School District campuses received the highest academic ratings in Howard County, according to accountability figures released by the Texas Education Agency Friday.

For the third consecutive year, Elbow Elementary received TEA's highest rating of "Exemplary," while the junior high/high school campus' rating was one step down at "Recognized." District-wide, Forsan ISD was rated Recognized, as well.

Those were the same ratings

"Here's the crazy thing: When you look at the scores, we made significant improvement. It's not going to make a lot of sense to people when they see that our ratings declined, but that's what happened."



Brown

as the districts and campuses received the previous year.

FISD Superintendent Randy Johnson said the ratings, which were achieved despite increased passing standards established by TEA, were a credit to the district's teachers, students and

parents.

"Sometimes, 'staying the same' means you stayed the same, but other times, 'staying the same' means you actually moved up," Johnson said. "That was the

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Courtesy photo
Young Emma Johnson enjoys the brief rain that fell in the Big Spring area Friday afternoon. Emma is the daughter of Brandon and Courtnee Johnson of Big Spring.

Council workshop Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will begin holding its annual budget work sessions Monday evening, as the government panel looks to solidify its fiscal plans for 2011-2012.

While budget sessions have traditionally been a time for council members to pitch their pet projects for the coming year, a lack of revenue — due in large part to the ongoing drought and lack of water sales — will most likely keep

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Obituaries

Consuelo Hernandez

Consuelo Hernandez, 68, of LaMarque, Texas, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 30, 2011, at Bayou Pines Care Center.

Prayer services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Rafael C. Lopez

Rafael C. Lopez, 66, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 29, 2011, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Cindy Bingham Payne

Cindy Bingham Payne, 51, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 29, 2011, at the Hospice House in Odessa, Texas. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruth Nieman

Ruth Nieman, 65, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 28, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ruth Salazar

Ruth Salazar, 76, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 30, 2011, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Rodney Peterson

Rodney Peterson, 80, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 29, 2011, in an Odessa hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Billy Joe Kilpatrick

Billy Joe "B. J." Kilpatrick, 78, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 30, 2011, in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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such plans on the back burner going into the next fiscal year.

The scarcity of funds hasn't stopped the number of essential projects from building up, however, as the city officials continue to stare down the eventual closing of the municipal landfill, along with water line replacement efforts and a sludge removal system for the city's water treatment facility.

During a recent budget workshop, the council looked at three options: Get out of the landfill business altogether and leave sanitation up to a contractor; build a transfer station to ship garbage to a neighboring city, such as Snyder; or build a new landfill facility at a new location.

According to city officials, getting out of the landfill business and turning trash collection over to a private contractor simply isn't viable at this time.

"City sanitation rates would double," City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council. "That option simply isn't viable, which is why we concentrated our efforts on the other two options."

A new landfill would

take approximately five years to receive state permits and cost nearly \$2.4 million, with a construction time of around two years, according to Holly Holder, a firm principal with Parkhill Smith & Cooper. The annual cost to run the facility, which would include one initial cell, would be about \$1.8 million.

According to engineer estimations, the existing landfill has a little more than six years left before it is at capacity.

While the council ponders the fate of the municipal landfill, they will also have to look at proposed efforts to replace water lines on Third and Fourth streets ahead of an ongoing TxDOT program to do a full-depth reconstruction of the thoroughfares.

PS&C engineer Butch Davis said the project will cost the city approximately \$1.07 million under the best circumstances, and nearly double — \$1.87 million — in the worst case scenario.

Fuqua said the city currently has approximately \$1 million it can allocate to the project, but anything more than that is going to be a major budgetary challenge.

The council has also discussed a sludge removal system for the city's water treatment

facility. Davis said the city's existing water system removes sludge — largely dirt and other unwanted elements — through a sedimentary process utilizing large water basins.

However, the sludge that collects at the bottom of the basins over time can cause problems with the water's turbidity, causing it to rise above state standards, a problem the city was forced to deal with last year when a large influx of golden algae caused turbidity levels to rise sharply.

The council will have to decide between two different methods of sludge removal, including a belt press which basically wrings the water out of the sediment like an old wringer washing machine, or a centrifuge method that separates the water from the sediment through

centrifugal force.

Davis said a belt press would cost the city approximately \$1.35 million, while the centrifuge system would cost approximately \$1.48 million.

Assistant City Manager Todd Darden said the centrifuge method offers a wider range of variability in how and when it is used, while the belt press requires a lot more maintenance and oversight by operators.

Each night during the week has been set aside for budget work sessions beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the city council chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth St. Fuqua said he hopes to have the presentation completed Tuesday, but has set Wednesday — along with the rest of the week — aside, if needed. For more information, call 264-2401.

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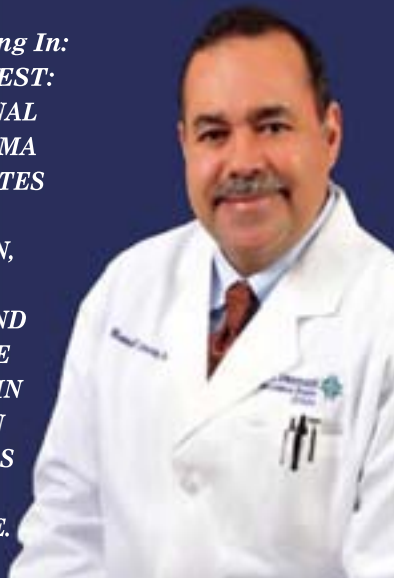
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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday:

- **CHRISTOPHER JAMES DUFORAT**, 24, of Fort Stockton, was arrested Friday on a warrant from another agency and driving while license invalid-DWI related.
- **MANUEL G. DEJESUS**, 62, 1704 S. Scurry St. (rear), was arrested Friday on a charge of assault-family/household member and intentionally/recklessly impeding normal breathing or circulation.
- **STEVEN ANTHONY ROBLES**, 37, of 600 Johnson, was arrested Friday on a charge of assault: family violence causes bodily injury.
- **SILBERIO M. GUTIERREZ**, 75, of 100 S. Sixth, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 600 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 600 block of Johnson Street.

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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First

Support groups

Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY

- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; 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.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion 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.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries.

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.

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case for us this year, because the standards went up.

"This was the result of some really hard-working teachers and students, as well as parents who are willing to be involved with their children's education," he added. "I really appreciate the involvement of the entire community in that process. We continue to look for ways to improve our curriculum and prepare for the next round of state testing."

Coahoma ISD received TEA ratings of Academically Acceptable at the district level and at all three campuses. In 2010, the district, high school and junior high were

rated as Recognized, while the elementary campus received an Exemplary rating.

CISD Superintendent Randy Brown said the district's ratings were downgraded despite improved student performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).

"Here's the crazy thing," Brown said. "When you look at the scores, we made significant improvement. It's not going to make a lot of sense to people when they see our ratings declined, but that's what happened."

One reason for the rating decline, Brown explained, was the elimination of the Texas Projection Measurement (TPM) system as a way to evaluate TEA ratings. Under TPM, if a

student failed a portion of the TAKS but showed subsequent academic improvement, the district could predict that student's future passage of the TAKS and that prediction would be reflected in the rating.

"What happened was TPM made such an impact (on past ratings) it was criticized by our legislators and the powers that be in the state education system," Brown said. "I know the commissioner of education was under great pressure to change it."

Despite that pressure, Brown said he and other educators had received assurances last year that the TPM system would continue for at least one more year. But Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott announced the abolition

of TPM in April, and Brown and other superintendents braced themselves for bad news.

"We knew at Easter ... that our ratings were going to go down," he said.

"My big problem with all this is if they were going to get rid of TPM, I wish they had never used it in the first place," Brown added.

"Here we are explaining to the public why our ratings are down, and all it looks like is we're making excuses."

Despite the lower ratings, Brown expressed pride in the district's students.

"Our students outperformed students from across the state in most categories," he said. "Now, is there room for improvement? Yes. Can we make im-

provements? Yes. Am I disappointed in the scores? No, because we improved."

Other area schools and their TEA ratings include:

- Stanton ISD — The district and all campuses were rated Academically Acceptable.
- Glasscock County ISD — The district and all campuses were rated Academically Acceptable.
- Sands CISD — The district and campus were rated Recognized.
- Grady ISD — The district and campus were rated Recognized.

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TEA

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sequent academic improvement, the district could predict that student's future passage of the TAKS and that prediction would be reflected in the rating.

"The state taking away TPM definitely affected our rating this year," Saldivar said.

Secondly, Salivar noted, TAKS scores from students with learning disabilities in special education and "life skills" classes were counted for the first time this year.

"This was the first year that every student

was counted (in the ratings calculations)," Saldivar said. "In past years, some students were exempted."

And the third factor Saldivar pointed to was TEA increasing the TAKS passing standards for the Academically Acceptable rating by five points each for mathematics and science.

BSISD will not face any punitive action from TEA unless the unacceptable ratings continue for the next few years and Saldivar promised the district would do whatever it could to elevate future ratings.

"We're going to do

whatever is required of us to improve our scores," he said. "As superintendent, I accept responsibility (for this rating) ... We're still awaiting word of what we're going to have to do, but we'll do everything we can to improve those scores."

At the same time, Saldivar said the current rating system has school districts and campuses spending too much time and energy preparing students to take the

standardized tests.

"We're focused on our students' education," Saldivar said. "We're mandated by law to prepare our students for the TAKS ... but I feel we over-test our students."

"We try to focus on the whole child, not just a test they take on a certain day," he added.

"We are not just a test-prep school district ... We're on a journey to make sure our children are learning at a high level."

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Saying goodbye

After 30 plus years "goodbyes" to those who have become your "volunteer family" aren't easy.

That time has come when it is time to throw in the towel and see what retirement is about. Wanting to take the easy way out and just quietly slip away was something that I was convinced by someone dear to me that I couldn't do.

I thought leaving would be more exciting and fun. I hate goodbye, but I have to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the many wonderful people who have supported me and the Volunteer Services Council for the past 30 years. You are absolutely the best. It is such a blessing to know I have friends who say, "We'll always be there for you, whatever you need."

I know you will because that's just what you've done for Big Spring State Hospital. Thanks so very much. Keep on volunteering and making it the best volunteer program in the State.

I tried to see as many as possible to say goodbye, but if I missed you, please know you will always be remembered fondly and appreciated for making my career the success it was.

July Volunteer of the Month was Betty Lee. This lady is tireless. For many years she has played the piano at a moment's notice for patient and volunteer activities. She is responsible for the greeting card selection for the patient library. Lee also serves on the VSC Board and hospital committees and helps with various patient activities throughout the year.

The Chalet volunteers continue to amaze me with their diligence and the dollars they generate. The summer garage sale and closet cleaning donations have been wonderful to say the least. The new air conditioning has really been a blessing and put to good use in this blistering weather. Sometimes I think they forget they are volunteering and that it's not a job. This group of volunteers is what giving is all about. These fine people have taught me a new definition of what a "volunteer" is.

The Nursing Scholarship Committee met in the spring and decided to offer a new employee incentive to reward our nurses. New LVN's who are successfully employed at Big Spring State Hospital for two years will be awarded \$500 every six months by the Volunteer Services Council. Volunteers and BSSH are excited to award Okytra Smith, LVN, the first award.

Believe it or not, volunteers are busy mailing out Christmas Appeal letters and preparing Christmas shopping lists. When you prepare Christmas for 200 people and have numerous activities in which to plan, it takes an early start. It's not too early to start thinking about helping with Christmas at BSSH. Give us a call at 268-7536 if you would like to help.

The Volunteer Services Executive Committee is busy with budget preparation and getting ready to kick off their new year Sept. 1.

Our patients love to snack on homemade cookies, read gently used magazines and reading material, and wear good used clothing and shoes. Luggage also is needed for patients upon discharge. Donations are accepted during daytime business hours at the Community Relations office.

Billie Christie is Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, give us space. May we use that space for Your good.

Amen

Caddie sacked by Tiger Woods

You gotta hand it to Tiger Woods. He's a quick study, this fallen-from-grace golfer who's following last year's divorce with another break-up. When he backed out of the caddie deal, however, he ran over no shrubbery, damaged no vehicles and required no investigation of police—at least not yet.

The 2010 litany of "he said/she said" morphs to "he said/he said." Details continue to emerge on the break-up of the one-time world golf leader and his caddie of a dozen years, Steve Williams.

Maybe this planet will remain big enough for both of them, since Woods hangs out mostly in Florida and Williams in New Zealand.

Woods is learning, however painfully, that media adoration of past years can turn ugly when off-the-course conduct becomes public. Now, negative coverage races like a runaway train, with no braking in sight for a former golfing giant who has now dropped from the world's top 20.

Headline writers are having field days with Williams' dismissal. With apologies to Chevy Chase and Bill Murray (movie Caddyshack, 1980), how do you feel about this headline possibility: "Caddie Sacked?"

Hey, it's not too late. This might be an equally clever title for a movie—or, more likely—a book.

Whichever venue, writers can go to town with some "can't miss" dialog between two guys who were once best friends—even

participants in each other's weddings.

"I've decided to go in a different direction," Woods might decree.

"That's old news," Williams could answer. "That's the direction you've been going in since your divorce."

"You are no longer helping me improve my lies," Woods might snap, mumbling about Williams' failure to help his swinging.

"Some of your prevarications simply can't be improved upon," the discharged bag carrier could counter, "And I ain't touching the mumbled stuff." To Woods' charge that golf is driving him crazy, Steve will have an easy answer: "That's no drive, that's a putt."

For comic relief, writers should keep in mind a few anecdotes, including the one about the cheating golfer who subtracted one stroke from his score on each hole. He faced a dilemma on the day he lucked out with a hole-in-one. By force of habit, he wrote down "0." And how about the lady who said she knew nothing about golf, clueless about "which end of the caddie to hold?" She also expressed surprise that the Woods' divorce wasn't finalized in Reno, NV, the "dairy capital of the world." Why? That's where the cream of the crop goes to be separated.

It'll seem strange watching some other caddie offering club selections.

If the situation were reversed, Williams would likely settle for random club choice.

Any would work well to wrap around his former boss' neck.

The caddie, of course, has many options. If he ever carries another bag, it'll be by choice, not necessity.

He could reap big bucks, of



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BILLIE
CHRISTIE

YOUR VIEWS

Space program families

TO THE EDITOR:

My heart goes out to all of the families associated with the space program since someone closed it down. I will not say his name, but you know who it is.

He wants to help families get, but in the same breath closes the space program. Now we will get further behind Russia into finding out new findings in space. Maybe the one who caused the families to lose their jobs lost his job then and only then would he understand what he has done. We need the space program, I can only wonder what will be next to cause people to lose their jobs.

MARILLYN MIEARS
BIG SPRING

No building permit

TO THE EDITOR:

Somehow — some way — the Big Spring city government needs to be reevaluated, reconstructed and compelled to meet city statutes, ordinances and codes. Too many employees have held management positions for lengthy periods and are entwined in personal relationships, internal connections with long-gone persons who capitalized on illegal and improper procedures — those with the belief "the public will never know what's going on anyway." Why do you, as a citizen of Big Spring, let these things happen? First — you don't know or you don't care what is going on; Second — you feel it is not your problem so why bother; Third — the city will not do anything about it so why should I get involved? Right?

As you know, I have been involved in many activities in our community because I have always felt, with a little more effort by each one of us, we could attain bigger recognition for West Texas — put Big Spring, Texas on the map. Forget it! With the people elected to city positions and the employees "doing what we have always done," there is no future.

Why my wrath? My husband and I have had our property at 2802 Parkway since 1957. The property had not been annexed by the city, but with growth and

development of housing and streets, it became a comfortable and beautiful neighborhood. At that time all the land fronting Parkway Road was owned by Drs. J.V. and Nell White Sanders. Aug. 13, 2007, Stan Partee, sold a 17.672 acre tract to Bob C. and Angela Parks. In late 2009, a very large home with a lengthy concrete driveway to the entry and garages was constructed. In approximately May 2011, two concrete blocks were erected right next to the curb of Parkway Road on each side of the one-car concrete driveway — the concrete block on the south side held an enclosed mailbox, the north side was another concrete block connected to a concrete fence climbing in height. Anyone exiting the driveway would have to come to a dead halt to ensure no traffic was on Parkway Road, either in the northern or southern direction. I can verify this fact because recently I was traveling north, another car was in the south lane and suddenly this pickup burst through the entryway in front of my car and in front of the car going south. I realized what a traffic hazard this was because we now have a lot of traffic on Parkway Road.

I called Big Spring's code enforcement for information on the building permit for this construction. I was informed by the employee there that there was no building permit, but the individual had asked for a variance with the zoning board of adjustments and appeals of the city of Big Spring. I was informed that letters had been sent out to all the property owners. Since I am a property owner and had not received any information or mail, I called the city manager. He stated he would look into the matter and let me know. I have heard absolutely nothing from this man. In the *Big Spring Herald*, dated Thursday, July 14, 2011, I saw in the legal section that the city of Big Spring zoning board of adjustments and appeals was holding a meeting Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2011 (Note: Wednesday is Aug. 3) and among the listings was "Bob Parks, SSC 12 BK 33, located

course, with a book. It wouldn't need to be a "tell all," just "tell some."

Big profits could be multiplied several times over if it carries the tease "as told to Elin Nordegren, the former Mrs. Woods."

H. Roe Bartle, colorful Kansas City mayor from 1956-63, was an accomplished speaker, charming audiences with his lectern repartee. He spoke of figures who'd written memoirs, including Harry Truman and Douglas MacArthur. "The books warmed the hearts of millions," he said.

He admitted that when he finished "mayoring," he might himself write memoirs.

"I don't think I'll sell many books, but I'll guarantee you there'll be several dozen people leaving Kansas City."

In these days of "cultural contention," the Woods/Williams break-up won't make the biggest splash on a planet that is drowning in discontent. Pick the continent, the conflict or the cause, and adherents will be lined up on both sides—maybe even several sides.

Shakespeare's magical writing, capturing the human condition, still applies. "Uneasy rests the head that wears the crown," he wrote in Henry IV. We might also do well to revisit a line in Hamlet, "Give every man thine ear, but few thy voice." Then, a century later, another playwright, William Congreve, penned, "Hell has no fury like a woman scorned." Today, he might equate the same rage to a caddie scorned.

Stay tuned. The plot is bound to thicken.

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at 2903 Parkway, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for an entry way into his property. #7051 July 14 and 17, 2011." I called the assistant city manager to inform him of the wrong date for the meeting and that I was a property owner right across the street from the property with no letter to inform me of the meeting date. He indicated he would look into the matter. On a conference call that afternoon he stated the legals would be corrected and I would receive a letter as a property owner. The legals have not been published and to this date I have not received a letter.

Now Big Springers what do you think? Is there collusion by the Big Spring employees? How many of you have built without a building permit? How many of you have put a fence along the curb? Maybe you don't know or deal with the right people. Drive down Parkway and observe for yourself.

JOYCE CROOKER
BIG SPRING

Aquatic center is wonderful

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you to all the officials who took the fall for our wonderful new water park. You stood up for what the majority of Big Spring wanted, even when it cost some of you your job or seat on the city council. Thank you Russ McEwen, the water park is awesome. I am addressing a particular letter in the paper who said it was just a waste of money. I challenge anyone who thinks that to go out to the water park while its open. Watch the children laughing and playing. Watch the families out there together. I have lived in Big Spring for the past 36 years and I can honestly say this was absolutely the best thing the city has ever done.

I remember Russ McEwen said, "Many of our families can go on vacations and take their children to water parks and theme parks, but there are many families in our city who can't." This park

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gives all of our children the opportunity to enjoy a water park. And guess what, money spent on our children is an investment, never a waste.

New Hope Christian school takes our older children to the water park once a week and they absolutely love it. Also, the cost is so reasonable. It is no higher than going to the movies and more reasonable than going out to eat. For \$5 you can stay for eight hours. That is less than \$1 an hour. Also, a big thank you to the staff and lifeguards at the pool. They are wonderful.

Thank you from my family and thank you for New Hope Christian School. We are very blessed to have citizens and officials who will stand up for what is right and what is needed, no matter what it costs them personally.

VICKI PARNELL
BIG SPRING

A few more views

** Editors note: The following letters were written by kids who have visited the pool and wanted to share their thoughts.*

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Pool
We like the pool because it has green slides and the yellow slide and I did the leap frog in five seconds.

CYLAN

I love the pool very much and I don't want it to be closed because it is the funnest place in Big Spring and I love everything that is there and it is awesome and amazing and I like the slides.

SINCERELY,
LEXUS

I love the pool very, very nice. It is fun, I like the green slide.

LOVE,
SAVANNAH — 11

Dear Lifeguard:
Do not shut it down. I had a lot of fun. I love the slides a lot and the green and yellow slides and the lazy river. Do not shut it down! Please, please, please!

THANK YOU,
KENZI

I like the big yellow slide. I like the kiddiepool.

JOSHUA — 6

The pool from Big Spring is fun.

KYLE

I love the pool. I like the pool and the slides. I like the green slide.

KENNEDY — 6

Dear Newspaper:
I love the pool because I love the leapfrog. I got across in like two seconds. The pool is fun and the lazy river. The kiddie pool is fun, but this is for babies. I am more interested in the lazy river and the slides. My daycare school bus goes there. I love the pool! We all love it. Plus it is a hot desert and we need the pool unless you want to be hot and just get wet in the sprinkler and most of us don't want to do that.

FROM,
JAYDAN — 9

Dear City:
You made a very nice pool. The kiddie area is fun but that slide needs to be bigger. The leap frog is nice, but needs to be longer and the lazy is all right! But the yellow and green slide needs to be bigger.

SINCERELY,
CALEB

I like the pool. It is the best pool.

NICOLE — 7

To the City Pool:
I love the pool so much. So can you keep it open? Its so hot here.

FROM,
HARMANI — 6

Dear Pool:
The city pool is fun but the green slide is funnest.

IAIN — 6

I like your slides and pool and it is the best pool.

JASON — 8

I love the pool so much. I would hate you if you shut it.

TAYLOR — 6

I like the pool. It is fun. I don't want you to shut it down.

KODI — 6

Our deficit! It can be fixed!

TO THE EDITOR:
There was once a farmer who was in financial trouble and decided the solution was for him to make across the board spending cuts. He had a cow and continued to milk it, but because of his cuts did not feed his cow. The cow died. He did not think of increasing his revenue so he could continue feeding his cow.

Some politicians are more worried about the next election than about the next generation. We need to eliminate career

politicians and limit elected officials in both the House and Senate to single terms (4-6 years) so they can spend their time working rather than campaigning. Until we address this flaw, we cannot reasonably expect progress on the tough issues of our time. They are champions of the rich, large corporations, lobbyists and enemies of nearly everyone else. We need to stop them from getting in bed with the "Fat Cats" and get them to work for the "common folks."

President Obama told reporters at a news conference tax increases would need to be part of a deficit reduction package intended to avoid a default on the nation's debt, The New York Times' caucus blog wrote. "If you are a wealthy C. E. O. or hedge fund manager in America right now, your taxes are lower than they have ever been. They are lower than they have been since the 1950s. "And they can afford it" Mr. Obama said. "You can still ride on your corporate jet. You're just going to have to pay a little more."

Many businessmen have said the Obama administration is the most hostile towards business in 50 years. Really? More than that of Richard Nixon who presided over tax rates

that reached 70%, regulations that spanned whole industries and who actually instituted price and wage controls?

Most economists and budget analysts say a comprehensive mix of spending cuts and tax increases are essential to any viable deficit-reduction plan. The top-bracket U. S. tax rate now is the lowest it's been in decades and it's

far lower than in many other industrialized countries, especially in western Europe. We need to end Bush-era tax cuts for households earning over \$250,000 a year. Taxes-federal and state combined as a percentage of GDP are at their lowest level since 1950.

While Republicans are maintaining a hard-line stance off no tax increases in the debt ceil-

ing negotiation, a new Gallop poll found that 76 percent of Republicans along with a majority of all Americans believed some tax increases may be necessary to reduce the deficit.

According to the poll while spending cuts are the preferred choice among Republicans for lowering deficit, only 26% Republicans be-

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believe that deficit reduction can be achieved with mostly spending cuts and 24 percent favor an equal mix of spending cuts and tax increases. This means many Republicans understood some increase in revenue is necessary if the deficit is going to be lowered.

Among Independents, 58 percent supported a mix of program cuts and tax increases and surprisingly 23 percent of Democrats believed that deficit reduction should be done with mostly spending cuts and another 42 percent believed it should be an equal mix of spending cuts and tax increases.

Democrats were the group most supportive of using mostly tax increases to pay off the debt (12 percent), followed by the Independents (7 percent), and Republicans (2 percent).

Democrats and Independents favored the balanced approach a. k. a. the plan that Obama is offering. Even 24% of Republicans favored a balanced approach to lowering the deficit. A majority of Americans across party lines already understand the necessity for increased revenue along with program cuts.

President Clinton had a balanced

budget (in fact a surplus) partly because taxes were higher during his tenure.

If we would increase taxes to the prior Bush era, we would generate some of the additional revenue needed to improve, fix, and implement our infrastructure. Putting Americans back to work would improve our economy which would get our economy going again.

End our deficit by burning it from both ends; decrease spending and increase revenue.

Show your children and grandchildren respect; do not leave them the mess that we created.

"Fix the Deficit? We Can Do That." Generate additional revenue through tax increases along with a responsible budget that cuts back on bloated federal spending, including less aid to foreign countries and decreasing the number of troops that we have overseas.

AURIEL LAFOND
BIG SPRING

Dire water conditions

TO THE EDITOR:

With the dire water conditions we are now experiencing, several recent news items have been cause for alarm.

Midland has for some time been a source of frequent over-usage of water. A TV news item concerning their over-usage asked a representative of their code-enforcement department how Midland government was responding to this perpetual over-usage and was the city issuing fines to attempt to control water usage. That person said they were "educating the people" and did not want to "take money out of their pockets." This should certainly indicate the attitude of Midland government: we will do what we d--- well please.

When CRMWD was formed, there were, and still, as far as I know, only three members: Big Spring, Odessa, and Snyder. Also, I have been informed the original contract stated the member communities had priority of water deliveries. Quite obviously this is not the case today. Big Spring seems to be low man on the totem pole when it comes to water supply. If member communities do indeed have priority rights then CRMWD is in flagrant violation of their contract and should be made to comply. Presently, CRMWD seems to be an organization totally intent on selling their product in order to make the most profit. This should be contrary to the reason for organizing a water district.

Another cause for alarm was a news item in the Thursday, July 28, 2011, edition of the *Big Spring Herald*. This concerned the water usage of the Howard College on their sports complexes. The statements by Terry Hansen were unbelievable. He took an approach that indicated "Without grass on those fields, we couldn't play softball or baseball on them ... We have a tremendous investment in those fields." The article also indicated these items were necessary to continue the baseball and softball teams that are "excellent recruiting tools for Howard." This should not even be a consideration.

It is hard to believe the official position of Howard College is their image

and sports position is more important than a basic need for water to the community. In the past I have been an avid supporter of Howard Col-

lege, for I believe they supply a real service in this area. But, due to this current position regarding our water crisis, I will give this further thought and hope the rest of the community will do the same.

ARDIS MCCASLAND JR.
BIG SPRING

Extend a thanks

TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Citizens

I believe we should extend our thanks to President Obama, to Speaker of the House Boehner, to Representative Neugebauer (and to all his fellow legislators) for their inertia regarding the resolution of the debt ceiling issue.

The elongated exposure to this critical arena of American governance has been such a gift. We got to go to school for free. We, as good students, have been forced out of our (generally-speaking) more preferred state of "blissful ignorance" and into educated consciousness.

Now, as an informed citizenry, armed with details of our recent economic history, our current situation and how poorly we are being served by our elected officials, we surely will not forget this debacle at the next election. Many so-called liberals, progressives and respected economists have been invited into the conversation on mainstream media outlets. Actual information and facts, not skewed opinion, have surfaced. Actual discussions have occurred, and guess what? When regular Americans like us find out we've been duped and are being treated like dummies, we get really upset.

We now all know what Robert Scheer so succinctly stated in his most recent (7/27/11) "truth" column. This phony debt crisis has now passed through the looking glass into the realm where madness reigns. What should have been an uneventful moment in which lawmakers make good on the nation's contractual obligations has instead been seized upon by Republican hypocrites as a moment to settle ideological scores that have nothing to do with the debt. Hypocrites because their radical free market ideology and the resulting total deregulation of the financial markets, is what caused the debt to spiral out of control this last decade. That and the wars George W. Bush launched, but

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Mileage standards aim for less fuel

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and automakers ushered in what could be the largest cut in fuel consumption since the 1970s on Friday with a deal that would save drivers money at the pump and dramatically cut heat-trapping gases coming from tailpipes.

The agreement pledges to double overall fuel economy to 54.5 mpg by 2025, bringing even greater under-the-hood changes to the nation's autos starting in model year 2017 and introduce more electric and hybrid technology to pickup trucks. Cars and trucks on the road today average 27 mpg.

"This agreement on fuel standards represents the single most important step we have taken as a nation to reduce our dependence on foreign oil," Obama said, sharing the stage with top executives of 11 major automakers and a top automobile

workers union official, before a backdrop of some of the most cutting-edge cars and pickup trucks on the road.

When achieved, the 54.5 mpg target would reduce U.S. oil consumption from vehicles by 40 percent and halve the amount of greenhouse gas pollution coming out of tailpipes. It builds on a 2009 deal between the Obama administration and automakers, which committed cars and trucks to averaging 35.5 mpg by model year 2016.

For American families, the president said the agreement — which will be subject to a midcourse review — means filling up the car every two weeks, instead of every week. That would save \$8,000 in fuel costs over the life of a vehicle purchased in 2025, compared with a 2010 model, a White House analysis said.

The changes also are likely to push up the cost of a new vehicle, but just how much

is unclear because the regulation still has to be written. That process will get started in September.

The mileage target announced Friday isn't exactly what consumers will see in their future cars. A formula that gives credits to manufacturers for electric cars, the use of low-emission air conditioning refrigerant and technology that shuts down engines at traffic lights means the actual fuel economy is likely to come in closer to about 40 mpg. Stickers on future cars and trucks will also display different numbers because they'll be based on real-world mileage tests.

The deal was less than what environmentalists and public health advocates wanted but more than desired by the Detroit Three — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler. In a letter to the president last week, Michigan lawmakers called the White House's initial

proposal of 56.2 mpg "overly aggressive," after automakers had said they'd work to get vehicles averaging 42.6 to 46.7 mpg. Green groups, meanwhile, had pushed for a 62 mpg target by 2025.

For Obama, who watched his campaign promise to limit global warming pollution die when Republicans retook control of the House, the compromise provides a way around political roadblocks and a down payment on climate change.

The deal also provides an answer to critics who say the president has not done enough to address high gasoline prices. It promises to reduce demand at a time when Republicans in Congress have criticized Obama for being too slow to drill and not opening up more areas to oil and gas exploration after the massive Gulf oil spill last year.

And at a time when a con-

sensus in Congress is elusive on the debt ceiling and curbing the federal deficit, the president said the fuel economy deal was a "valuable lesson to" Washington.

"You are all demonstrating what can happen when people put aside differences," Obama said. "These folks are competitors, you've got labor and business. But they said we are going to work together to achieve something important and lasting for the country."

But by Friday evening, the Republican chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Rep. Darrell Issa of California, had sent letters to the 13 automobile manufacturers that agreed to the deal saying they should preserve all records because he was launching an investigation. Issa alleges that the new mandate was decided without the input of consumers.

2011 Property Tax Rates in HOWARD COLLEGE

This notice concerns the 2011 property tax rates for HOWARD COLLEGE. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$4,362,215	
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,718,089	
Last year's total taxes	\$6,080,304	
Last year's tax base	\$2,128,823,814	
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.285618	/ \$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$6,076,586	
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$2,547,756,563	
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.238507	/ \$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal, justice mandate and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$4,360,477	
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$2,547,756,563	
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.171150	/ \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.184842	/ \$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.070187	/ \$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.255029	/ \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard College adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.238507 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$10,126

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered M&O Funds	\$0

Schedule B - 2010 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
General Obligation Bond Series 2007	\$755,000	\$875,588	\$400	\$1,630,988
Total required for 2010 debt service				\$1,630,988
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2011				\$1,630,988
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 91% of its taxes in 2011				\$161,307
= Total Debt Levy				\$1,792,295

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 S Main St (County Annex Bldg.) Big Spring, Tx.

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2011 Property Tax Rates in Howard County

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for HOWARD COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	General Fund	Special Road/Bridge Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$9,508,692	\$738,570
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 932,137	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$10,440,829	\$738,570
Last year's tax base	\$2,138,909,284	\$2,155,276,059
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.488138/\$100	\$0.034268/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$10,434,474	\$738,124
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$2,558,294,917	\$2,558,294,917
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.407868/\$100	
Total effective tax rate	\$0.436720/\$100	\$0.028852/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$9,503,443	\$738,124
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$2,558,294,917	\$2,558,294,917
= This year's effective rate	\$0.371476/\$100	\$0.028852/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.401194/\$100	\$0.031160/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.036413/\$100	0.0/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$0.437607/\$100	\$0.031160/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$0.468767/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard County adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.436720 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$18,551.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General	\$7,500,000
Road & Bridge	600,000
Tobacco	1,900,000
Equipment Operating	450,000

Schedule B - 2011 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Interest To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts To Be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligations Bonds Series 2005	\$120,000	\$16,815	\$300	\$137,115
General Obligations Bonds Series 2008	\$310,000	\$495,724	\$300	\$806,024
Total required for 2011 debt service			\$943,139	
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$93,500	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2011			\$849,639	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 91% of its taxes in 2011			\$84,030	
= Total Debt Levy			\$933,669	

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Bush to help mark 9-11 anniversary

NEW YORK (AP) — The ceremony at the World Trade Center site marking the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks will be a solemn but stately event that will include former President George W. Bush and a chance for victims' families to view the names of loved ones etched into the memorial, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

President Barack Obama and Bloomberg will be joined by the leaders in charge during the 2001 attacks, including Bush, former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and former New York Gov. George Pataki. Current New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New Jer-

sey Gov. Chris Christie will also be there, he said.

Speaking on his weekly radio show Friday on WOR-AM, Bloomberg said the lawmakers will read short poems or quotes. No speeches will be given.

"This cannot be political," he said. "So that's why there's a poem or a quote or something that each of the readers will read. No speeches whatsoever. That's not an appropriate thing."

The mayor also revealed a few more details for the ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 11. It will be held on the highway to the west of the site, and only relatives will be allowed in-

side the memorial to look for the names of their loved ones, etched into the railings at two huge waterfalls built in the footprint of the World Trade Center.

The names of the nearly 3,000 victims — including those who died at the Pentagon and aboard United Flight 93 that went down in Shanksville, Pa., — will be read aloud for the first time.

The public will be allowed into the space, still a major construction site, the day after the ceremony but only with tickets. Bloomberg said limiting the number of people is a safety precaution as the work continues on 1 World

Trade Center, the PATH station and museum.

He said there have been a couple hundred thousand reservations already, and a few days are already booked solid. He estimated that a million people annually will visit the site.

The museum is still under construction and is scheduled to open next year. Artifacts from the terrorist attacks are slowly being accumulated for the space, including a steel T-beam shaped like a cross that was discovered by a construction worker in the smoldering rubble. A national atheist group sued over the inclusion of the cross in the museum. It

says all beliefs should be included, or none.

Bloomberg said on his radio show that the group had a right to sue, but the cross had a right to be there.

"This clearly influenced people," he said. "It gave them strength. In a museum you want to show things that impacted people's behavior back then, even if you don't think it was right. It's history. Museums are for history."

Bloomberg said other religious relics would be in the museum — a star of David cut from World Trade Center steel, a Bible found during the recovery effort and a Jewish prayer shawl.

AWOL soldier evokes shooting suspect's name

WACO (AP) — Coolly defiant, Pfc. Naser Abdo shouted "Nidal Hasan Fort Hood 2009!" as he was led out of the courtroom Friday, an apparent homage to the suspect in the worst mass shooting ever on a U.S. military installation. He condemned the attack less than a year ago, but is now accused of trying to repeat it.

Investigators say Abdo, who cited his Muslim beliefs in requesting conscientious objector status last year, was found in a motel room three miles from Fort Hood's main gate with a handgun, an article titled "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your Mom" and the ingredients for an explosive device, including gunpowder, shrapnel and pressure cookers. An article with that title appears in an al-Qaida magazine.

Abdo went absent without leave from Fort Campbell, Ky., early this month after being charged with possessing child pornography.

Police and the Army say Abdo admitted plotting an attack, but in Fuhais, Jordan, his father insisted the allegations were "all lies from A to Z."

"My son loved people no matter who they are, whether Jews or Christians," Jamal Abdo said. "Naser is not the kind of a person who harbors evil for the other people, he cannot kill anyone and he could not have done any bad thing."

Jamal Abdo, 52, is a Jordanian who lived near Fort Hood in Killeen for 25 years until he was deported from the United States last year after being convicted of soliciting a minor.

His 21-year-old son was ordered held without bond Friday. He is charged with possession of an unregistered destructive device in connection with a bomb plot and has yet to enter a plea. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison.

It was not immediately known if he would

face additional charges. "Our office will pursue federal charges where the evidence takes us," said Daryl Fields, spokesman for federal prosecutors.

In court, Abdo refused to stand when the judge entered — U.S. marshals pulled him from his seat — but he answered the judge's questions politely.

On his way out, he yelled "Iraq 2006!" and the name of Abeer Qasim al-Janabi, a 14-year-old Iraqi girl who was raped that year before she and her family were killed. Five current or former U.S. soldiers went to prison, one for a life term, for their roles in that attack.

He also shouted the name of Hasan, an Army major and psychiatrist who is charged with killing 13 people at Fort Hood.

Abdo's court-appointed attorney did not comment. His next hearing was set for Aug. 4.

According to court documents, Abdo told investigators he planned to construct two bombs in his motel room using gunpowder and shrapnel packed into pressure

cookers and then detonate the explosives at a restaurant frequented by soldiers.

FBI Agent James E. Runkel said in an affidavit filed in federal court that police found Abdo carrying a backpack containing two clocks, wire, ammunition, a handgun and the "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your Mom" article. Such an article was featured in an issue of Inspire, an English-language magazine produced by al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, a Yemen-based branch of the terror group.

The allegations and Abdo's defiance in court contrast with the words he used as he was petitioning for conscientious objector status. In an essay he sent to The Associated Press last year he said acts like the Fort Hood shootings "run counter to what I believe in as a Muslim."

He was born in Texas to a non-denominational Christian mother and a Muslim father. Jamal Abdo said they divorced in 1993.

Naser Abdo said he became a Muslim when he was 17. He said he

enlisted thinking that Army service would not conflict with his religious beliefs, but reconsidered as he explored Islam further.

"I realized through further reflection that god did not give legitimacy to the war in Afghanistan, Iraq or any war the U.S. Army could conceivably participate in," he wrote in his conscientious objector application.

Abdo was approved as a conscientious objector this year, but that status was put on hold after he was charged in May with possessing child pornography. Abdo denied the charge before this week's arrest.

Abdo went AWOL during the July 4 weekend. FBI, police and military officials have said little about whether or how they were tracking Abdo since he left Fort Campbell.

Jamal Abdo disputed both the child pornography charges and the bomb plot allegations

against his son, and said Naser was discriminated against in the Army because of his religion.

"Fellow soldiers slurred him and treated him badly. They mocked him as he prayed. They cursed him and used bad language against Islam and its prophet," he said.

"He reported these incidents, but nothing was done about it," the elder Abdo said. "Therefore he wanted to leave the Army. I always told him

to be calm and to focus on his duty and he used to tell me, 'Yes, Papa.'"

He said Naser never mentioned al-Qaida and that he last spoke to his son a week ago.

Abdo was arrested after a gun-store clerk told authorities he bought six pounds of smokeless gunpowder, shotgun ammunition and a magazine for a semi-automatic pistol on Tuesday — while seeming to know little about what he was buying.

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Democrats, GOP still deadlocked with timing running out to head off market-rattling default

WASHINGTON (AP) — The GOP-controlled House and the Democratic Senate remain at loggerheads over debt legislation required to avoid a first-ever default on U.S. financial obligations as lawmakers and the White House head into a pressure-packed weekend in search of compromise.

A week of extraordinary partisanship was capped by a power play by Senate Democrats, who killed a House-passed debt limit increase and budget-cutting bill Friday night less than two hours after it squeaked through the House. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., set up a test vote for the wee hours of Sunday morning to break a GOP filibuster.

Before then, however, the House was set to even the score by voting Saturday to reject an alternative measure by Reid even before the Senate has taken it up.

Democrats, Republicans and the White House, meanwhile, are expected to be deep in conversation in hopes of a potential compromise. Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky is likely to play a pivotal role.

The outcome of the weekend endgame was anything but clear as Dem-

ocrats and Republicans remain at odds over how to force lawmakers to come up with additional budget savings later this year beyond the almost \$1 trillion in agency budget cuts over the coming decade that they basically agree on.

Relationship between President Obama, House Speaker Boehner tested in debt ceiling fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fight over the debt ceiling has turned into a dramatic leadership test for President Barack Obama and House Speaker John Boehner, opponents in a divided government who've gone from negotiating in secret to facing off in public at a watershed moment for the country and their own political careers.

As the standoff enters its uncertain endgame, it's unclear which of them will come out ahead — or if the two leaders will rise or fall together with days left to strike a deal and stave off a potentially catastrophic default on U.S. financial obligations.

After Boehner succeeded in maneuvering Obama to the sidelines and grabbing control of the debate, the speaker's standing was abruptly thrown into question late Thursday when he failed to muster the necessary votes from tea party-backed con-

servatives to pass debt-ceiling legislation opposed by Obama and Senate Democrats. Boehner revised the bill to make it more palatable to conservatives, but the delay and disarray undercut the speaker's claim to be the responsible leader, giving Obama another opening to try to secure that mantle for himself.

Obama quickly deployed his unique bully pulpit, asking the public Friday to put pressure on lawmakers. "If you want to see a bipartisan compromise — a bill that can pass both houses of Congress and that I can sign — let your members of Congress know," Obama exhorted. Congressional phone lines were flooded.

Indeed throughout the twists and turns of the debate Obama and Democrats have appeared to come out on top politically, with polls showing that the public thinks Republicans are being less reasonable and need to compromise as the 2012 presidential election approaches.

GOP presidential candidate Tim Pawlenty turns early summer lumps into renewed effort in Iowa

ANKENY, Iowa (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Tim Pawlenty has been reading his own political obituary for weeks. But he's still alive as he campaigns across Iowa.

Even though the air conditioner had died on his campaign RV somewhere between Oskaloosa and Osceola, the former Minnesota governor showed little sweat as he faced intense pressure to prove he's a viable candidate.

He was at ease in the midst of a 1,500-mile Iowa campaign tour, playing a pickup hockey game, joking with audiences and sticking to his pitch: Republicans need to nominate as the challenger to Democratic President Barack Obama a pragmatic, swing-state governor known more for getting things done than giving good speeches.

"It gives me energy," Pawlenty said of his wall-to-wall campaigning as he leaned back in a chair during an Associated Press interview as a 15-hour campaign day wound down. Still, he allowed: "I have my days where, like everybody else, I'm a little tired."

Ivory Coast leader defends officer accused of atrocities

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ivory Coast's president said he knows nothing about brutal killings committed by his forces the day after his inauguration and defended a senior officer accused of separate atrocities as one of the country's best soldiers.

President Alassane Ouattara, whose election victory in November was followed by a violent, four-month-long standoff with the country's former ruler, told The Associated Press in an interview Friday that all those found to have committed atrocities would be punished, no matter their position.

"I am against impunity," he said. But a report by Amnesty International released Wednesday accuses Ouattara's Republican Forces of continuing to carry out violence and intimidation against ethnic groups perceived as having supported his predecessor, Laurent Gbagbo.

A different report by Human Rights Watch released in June alleges that forces loyal to Ouattara killed up to 149 people believed to be Gbagbo supporters.

The rights group cited a witness who said that a commander loyal to Ouattara, Cherif Ousmane, ordered the execution of 29 detainees. Two others said they saw Ousmane in a car that "disposed of the tortured and executed body of an infamous militia leader."

U.S. review finds Iraq deadlier now than a year ago, as officials weigh extending troop presence

BAGHDAD (AP) — Frequent bombings, assassinations and a resurgence in violence by Shiite militias have made Iraq more dangerous now than it was just a year ago, a U.S. government watchdog concludes in a report released Saturday.

The findings come during what U.S. Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction Stuart W. Bowen Jr. called "a summer of uncertainty" in Baghdad over whether American forces will stay past a year-end withdrawal deadline and continue military aid for the unstable nation.

"Iraq remains an extraordinarily dangerous place to work," Bowen concluded in his 172-page quarterly report to Congress and the Obama administration on progress — and setbacks — in Iraq. "It is less safe, in my judgment, than 12 months ago."

The report cited the deaths of 15 U.S. soldiers in June, the bloodiest month for the U.S. military in Iraq in two years.

Nearly all of them were killed in attacks by Shiite militias bent on forcing out American troops on schedule, officials said.

It also noted an increase in rockets launched against the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad, where government offices and foreign embassies are located, as well as constant assassination attempts against Iraqi political leaders, security forces and judges.

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• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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• Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is

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• A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

• Big Spring High School Class of 1981 will have its 30-year reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact Mark Warren at 903-283-3326 or 903-843-5927, or e-mail mwarren@etex.net

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Rangers get two homers, but fall to Jays

TORONTO (AP) — Coming up empty on a pair of small-ball opportunities proved costly for the Texas Rangers.

J.P. Arencibia hit a three-run homer, Brett Cecil beat All-Star Alexi Ogando for the second straight start and the Toronto Blue Jays edged the Rangers 3-2 Friday

night.

"They had one good inning where they put up three, we had two good innings where we put up one," Texas manager said. "It was execution tonight."

Nelson Cruz and Mike Napoli homered for the Rangers, who lost for

the third time in four games and saw Cruz leave in the fifth inning with tightness in his left quadriceps.

Texas put runners at the corners with one out in the fourth, but Mitch Moreland fouled out and Yorvit Torrealba struck out.

The Rangers threat-

ened again in the sixth, when Josh Hamilton and Michael Young opened the inning with consecutive singles. With Andy Chavez batting in Cruz's spot, Hamilton was forced at third on a failed sacrifice bunt. The inning ended when Napoli popped up and Moreland grounded out.

"It's those little things that usually come back to haunt you and they came back and haunted us tonight," Washington said.

Young said the Rangers need to work harder at moving runners over and coming through in scoring opportunities.

Texas went 1 for 9 with

men in scoring position and stranded eight runners.

"It's tough to sit there and try and go double, double, homer, double," Young said. "Those things just happen naturally. For us, we have to bear down on the

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Steer season tickets on sale

The athletic department of the Big Spring Steers has announced the dates for season ticket sales. Those previously holding season tickets can purchase tickets for the 2011-2012 season July 18-Aug. 4 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

New purchasers of season tickets can purchase their ticket books Aug. 8-Aug. 17 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The ticket books are \$25 and include all five home games. For more information, contact Kay Cook at 432-264-3662.

Football, cheerleading signups start Saturday

Sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading signups will be held Saturdays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost of the programs are \$125 for divisions one and two, \$75 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading.

Signups will take place at Big Spring Mall every Saturday through Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Signups will also be taken Aug. 9, 11, 16 and 18 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 432-816-6871.

Climb to the top handicap bowling tournament Aug. 28

Bowl-A-Rama is hosting a bowling tournament with a \$600 guaranteed first place prize. The tournament, which will take place at 1 p.m. Aug. 28, is open to the first 24 bowlers with an average of 199 or less. Entry fee is \$60 and must be received by 6 p.m. Aug. 25.

For additional information, contact Greg Clarke at 432-264-6480 or John and Diana Dodd at 432-267-7484. Further information can be obtained on Bowl-A-Rama's website. Simply go to www.bigspringbowlarama.com.

Big Spring QB Club meeting Monday

Big Spring QB Club will hold their next meeting Monday, Aug. 1. The meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the ATC. All parents of football players (grades 7-12) are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

The QB Club is also selling ads for their annual football program. The deadline for the ads is Monday, Aug. 8.

Chicano Golf Association posts meeting date

Big Spring's Chicano Golf Association (CGA) will be having a meeting for all its members Thursday, Aug. 4. The meeting will be held at Comanche Trail Golf Course at 6 p.m.

Astros can not score despite mid-game trade

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Hunter Pence was traded midway through the game, and the Houston Astros couldn't score with him — or without him — against Milwaukee's Randy Wolf.

Pence went 0 for 1 with a walk before being removed in the fifth inning, and Wolf pitched seven scoreless innings, giving the Brewers a 4-0 victory Friday night for their fourth consecutive victory.

Pence was removed midway in the fifth inning of a scoreless game, traded to the Philadelphia Phillies for three minor-leaguers and a player to be named.

"I really thank Houston for all the support they've given me," Pence said after the game. "Ultimately, I want to give back as much as I can. When I look back on it, I know my team here, I played with everything I had. I learned a lot and I'm going to keep moving forward."

Houston starter Jordan Lyles (0-6) had breezed through the first four innings, giving up only one hit and facing the minimum 12 batters.

"That was pretty outstanding," Houston manager Brad Mills said. "He threw the ball extremely well. Wolf matched him and it was tough to scratch anything across."

Immediately after Pence was replaced by Jason Michaels in right-field, Prince Fielder led off the bottom of the fifth with a double to the wall in right-center field. The Brewers strung three more hits in the inning, scoring twice for the only runs they would need.

"In the fifth, they made me pay for not dusting some curveballs," Lyles said. "They weren't bad pitches, but they put good swings on them. It was better hitting than the pitches I made. They didn't hit me around too hard in that fifth, but didn't hit them at people. Luckily, I got out of there with just two runs and kept

our team close."

Wolf (7-8) had not won since June 24, going 0-4 with a no-decision in five starts since then. The left starter, though, had no troubles with Houston, scattering four hits and three walks while striking out five.

Takashi Saito pitched the eighth and Kameron Loe the ninth for Milwaukee, which limited Houston to four hits, all singles. The Astros have lost six of their last eight games.

Lyles, who entered the season as Houston's top pitching prospect, is winless in 11 starts. He pitched six innings, giving up two runs on six hits while striking out three.

Pence was batting .309 with 11 homers and 62 RBIs entering Friday. The Phillies gave up three prospects in first baseman Jonathan Singleton, right-hander Jarrod Cosart and right-hander Josh Zeid.

Cosart is one of Philadelphia's best pitching prospects and Singleton is considered their top hitting prospect.

Pence recorded his final putout on a routine fly from Ryan Braun to end the bottom of the fourth, tossing the ball into the stands behind the Astros dugout.

He didn't bat in the top of the fifth, and went out to right-field in the middle of the inning, but was replaced by Michaels before Lyles threw his first pitch.

Center fielder Michael Bourn, also the subject of trade rumors, has played with Pence on the Astros since 2008.

"Phillies are getting a first-class player, a great addition to their team," he said.

"You hate to see a teammate like that go because I've been playing with him since I came over here, grew up together a little bit. I wish him the best."

Mills said he was not sure who would get the bulk of playing time in right-field in Pence's absence.

Phelps' third gold medal comes easily at Worlds

SHANGHAI (AP) — Michael Phelps registered a comfortable win in the 100-meter butterfly in the swimming world championships Saturday without Milorad Cavic or Ryan Lochte to challenge him.

Phelps used his usual strategy for his third gold of the championship: Touching third at the turn and pulling ahead in the second lap to finish in 50.71 seconds. Konrad Czerniak of Poland took the silver in 51.15 while another American, Tyler McGill, earned bronze in 51.26.

Cavic, who is still regaining his form following back surgery, didn't advance from morning heats Friday. Lochte, who edged Phelps for gold in the 200 freestyle and 200 individual medley, wasn't entered.

Meanwhile, American teenager Missy Franklin continued to impress at her breakout meet, and Rebecca Adlington won the 800 free to give Britain its first gold in the pool and a big boost going into next year's London Olympics.

The 16-year-old Franklin

won the first major individual gold of her career in the 200 backstroke, then came back an hour later and swam the anchor leg as the United States claimed gold in the 4x100 medley relay.

Franklin has three golds and five medals in all, having also set up the Americans' victory in the 4x200 free relay two days ago, when she swam faster than Federica Pellegrini did in winning the individual 200.

"I totally made sure I came

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CTLGA numbers improve

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**
Sports Editor

Monday morning, the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association held a low-ball team tournament which showed two teams ending the day in a tie for first place. Shirley Long, Jo Ann Hilger and Annie Ward comprised the first team, while the second winning team was made up of Mary Gilbreath, Ramona Weaver and Dee Jenkins. The two teams each finished the

nine-hole round with a score of 43.

A stroke behind the two leaders was the team of Betty Murphy, Trish Gabbard and Gus Leonardi with a 44-stroke round. Ward and Gabbard tied for the lowest number of putts for the day.

In Thursday morning's couples format, 22 players participated in a nine-hole scramble. With six strokes under par, first place went to Team Murphy, comprised of George and Betty Murphy,

Bob Stewart and Mary Gilbreath.

Tied at four under, two teams shared second place. Paul and Dee Jenkins teamed up with Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth to make up one of the teams, while Donny and Shirley Long were joined by John and Gus Leonardi to form the second team.

Ray Russell came the closest to the pin on number three, while Annie Ward had the tightest shot on number six.

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Cowboys stunned as Eagles snag Asomugha

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -- Nnamdi Asomugha had a tough choice: the New York Jets or the Dallas Cowboys?

Then, the Philadelphia Eagles swooped in and snagged the biggest prize in this year's free agent frenzy.

The All-Pro cornerback signed a five-year contract Friday with the Eagles, who gave the former Oakland Raiders star a deal that would pay him \$60 million over the life of it, with \$25 million guaranteed.

It was a stunning development as the Jets and Cowboys were thought to be the final teams in the sweepstakes for Asomugha's services. Rex Ryan and the Jets dreamed of a No-Fly Zone secondary with Asomugha paired with Darrelle Revis. Meanwhile, the Cowboys and defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, Rex's twin brother, imagined how improved their defense would be with one big move.

Turns out, the Eagles were the team celebrating in the end.

The signing came a day after Philadelphia acquired Pro Bowl cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie from Arizona. The Eagles also formally announced a one-year deal for quarterback Vince Young, a

2006 first-round pick of Tennessee. Young, who went 30-2 as a starter at Texas and led the Longhorns to a national championship in his final game there only to have an up-and-down tenure with the Titans, will back up starter Michael Vick.

Asomugha, considered the top free agent on the market, spent his first eight seasons with the Raiders and is regarded as one of the best players at his position. But the Eagles now have three Pro Bowl cornerbacks on their roster: Asomugha, Rodgers-Cromartie and Asante Samuel, who has 42 interceptions in eight years and has made the Pro Bowl four straight years.

The Indianapolis Colts expect to begin training camp practices Monday without Peyton Manning, who not only is coming off neck surgery, but doesn't have a contract.

Coach Jim Caldwell said the star quarterback is "not ready right now" and that the team will "turn him loose" when he is ready to play.

Manning is in the midst of negotiations on a new contract that Colts owner Jim Irsay says will make the four-time league MVP the highest-paid player in

NFL history. Manning has never missed a start — the streak is at 227, including playoffs, the longest active one in the league.

"I've told him to be as cautious as he needs to be because the last time I checked, we don't count preseason games," Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday said. "I can tell you this, there's not a player that works harder than he does."

At Patriots camp, Chad Ochocinco was wearing his usual number 85 at practice, one day after being traded by the Cincinnati Bengals.

Ochocinco, a reference to the Spanish words for the numbers 8 and 5, legally changed his name from Johnson before the 2008 season. On Friday, he had the number worn last year by rookie tight end Aaron Hernandez, who hasn't practiced following hip surgery in February. Hernandez was on the field wearing shorts with the number 81.

Fans cheered when Ochocinco took the field for the afternoon session.

"I've watched him for a long time," quarterback Tom Brady said. "He brings a lot of energy to the team."

Ochocinco did not

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in Rome was dramatic, too. Both swimmers traded trash talk beforehand. Then Phelps rallied over the last lap to break the world record set by Cavic in the semifinals, with the Serb settling for silver again, prompting an unusually large outburst of emotion from Phelps.

Phelps didn't celebrate at all this time, even though it was his third consecutive world title in this event.

"I thought I was going to be a little bit faster," Phelps said. "In all, it's been an OK week. There will be a lot of helpful things I can work on for next year."

Phelps has three golds, two silvers and a bronze with one more event to go — the 4x100 medley relay on the final night of competition Sunday.

In the 200 back, Franklin led from start to finish in 2:05.10 — the third fastest swim of all-time in this event. She finished nearly a second in front of silver medalist Belinda Hocking of Australia, while Sharon van Rouwendaal of the Netherlands took bronze, a massive 2.68 seconds behind.

Returning from a year off, Olympic and defending champion Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe failed to qualify for the final.

Adlington, the Olympic champion, traded the lead with Denmark's Lotte Friis throughout the race and posted a narrow 800 victory in 8:17.51. Defending champion Friis took the silver in 8:18.20 and Kate Ziegler of the United States took bronze.

Adlington trailed Friis at the 750-meter mark, but dug deep to pull out the win.

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fundamental parts of the game, not try and do too much. That's a common theme for us, at least it was tonight."

For Cecil, getting the out at third on Chavez's bunt was successful execution of a well-rehearsed play.

"It's a big play," Cecil said. "We practice that more than anything at spring training. So it's like second nature."

Cecil (4-4) pitched a four-hitter in Toronto's 3-0 victory at Arlington last Sunday and was sharp again in this one. The left-hander allowed one run and seven hits in seven innings to win consecutive starts for the first time this season.

"The guy has got tremendous off-speed stuff," Washington said. "We knew that and we still couldn't stay back like we should have."

Frank Francisco worked the eighth and Jon Rauch pitched around Napoli's homer to close it out for his ninth save in 13 opportunities.

Demoted to Triple-A Las Vegas in late April following a rough start to the season, Cecil is 3-2 with a 3.32 ERA in six starts since rejoining Toronto's rotation on June 30.

Edwin Encarnacion went 2 for 2 with two walks for the Blue Jays, who have won three straight and seven of 10 overall.

The AL West-leading Rangers had won 11 straight series openers, but failed to extend that streak in their first visit to Toronto this season.

Cruz got Texas on the board with a leadoff drive to left in the second for his team-leading 23rd homer, snapping Cecil's stretch of 15 consecutive scoreless innings. Cruz has three homers and 12 RBIs in eight games against the Blue Jays this season.

Cruz went 1 for 2 before being replaced by Chavez in the fifth. Cruz is day-to-day, but Washington said he might give him the rest of the weekend off to avoid aggravating the injury on Toronto's artificial surface.

"I wasn't taking any chances, especially on this turf," Washington said.

"He passed all the tests, his strength is good, just not going to take any chances on this turf. The shocks stay inside your body."

David Murphy moved from left to right, Hamilton went from center

to left and Chavez took over in center after Cruz left.

Ogando set down nine of his first 10 batters, but the Blue Jays grabbed control in the fifth.

Aaron Hill reached on an infield single and Travis Snider singled to left before Arencibia mashed a slider into the left field bullpen for his 17th homer.

"It kind of fooled me a little bit because he throws hard and you've really got to sit on the fastball," Arencibia said.

"I was able to still get my hands extended and drive it out of the park."

Napoli's leadoff drive in the ninth was his 14th.

Ogando (10-5) allowed three runs and four hits in 5 2-3 innings. He walked a season-high four and struck out four.

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in here and left everything in the pool, and I did," Franklin said, flashing a wide smile that revealed a set of braces. "I'm thrilled."

Rebecca Soni set up the relay win with a solid breaststroke leg, and she also has three golds. It was the first time the Americans won this relay at worlds since 1998 in Perth, Australia.

Also, Cesar Cielo retained his title in the 50 free, adding to his gold in the 50 fly. Having been cleared of doping by the Court of Arbitration for Sport last week and allowed to compete in worlds, Cielo broke down into tears after his fly win Monday. This time he remained composed and waved his arms in celebration.

Dutch speedster Inge Dekker won the women's 50 butterfly, a non-Olympic event, in 25.71.

Cavic posed the most serious threat to Phelps' record eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, losing the 100 fly by a hundredth of a second in a finish so close that the video had to be reviewed down to the 10-thousandth of a second.

Their rematch at worlds two years ago

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speak with reporters, although the Patriots officially announced the trade for undisclosed draft considerations on Friday. They still hadn't announced the trade for Washington Redskins defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth.

New England did release seven players, including defensive end Ty Warren, tight end Alge Crumpler and offensive tackle Nick Kazur. All carried salary cap numbers of at least \$3 million. Also released were linebacker Tully Banta-Cain, defensive lineman Marcus Stroud, cornerback Tony Carter and linebacker Ryan Coulson.

The Super Bowl champion Green Bay Packers released Mark Tauscher, a fixture at right tackle for the better part of a decade, along with linebackers Nick Barnett, Brandon Chillar and Brady Poppinga and defensive lineman Justin

Harrell.

At Spartanburg, S.C., No. 1 draft pick Cam Newton signed a deal with the Carolina Panthers and was attending team meetings. The Panthers said on Twitter that the quarterback "had officially signed on the dotted line."

Bus Cook, Newton's agent, told The Associated Press via a text message Friday night that the deal was for four years and "\$22 million-plus."

Panthers coach Ron Rivera had said earlier Friday that he expected the former Auburn quarterback to be at Wofford College when Carolina held its first practice session Saturday.

San Francisco has its new quarterback, too, and it's a familiar face: Alex Smith.

He signed his one-year free agent contract, as expected, giving new coach and former NFL quarterback Jim Harbaugh an experienced starter for this season. Within minutes of completing his deal, Smith was on the sidelines for the team's first training

camp practice — even though he can't formally take part in physical activity until Aug. 4 under the new labor requirements.

Meanwhile, running back Frank Gore was a no-show for the first day of camp, apparently fulfilling his plan to hold out for a new contract. The two-time Pro Bowl selection, in the final year of his current deal, has been deemed healthy by his agent, Drew Rosenhaus, who didn't respond to phone messages or email inquiries Friday.

Gore went down with a season-ending fractured hip in a Monday night game at Arizona last Nov. 29, but has recovered.

San Francisco released veteran kicker Joe Nedney and center Eric Heitmann after they failed physicals. Nedney will be replaced by five-time Pro Bowl kicker David Akers, late of the Eagles, who agreed to a deal Thursday.

Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler has a new target and Roy Williams has a chance to re-

deem himself.

The former Pro Bowl receiver will try to reenergize his career in a system he knows well after signing a one-year deal with Chicago, one of several big moves by the Bears. They also resigned defensive tackle Anthony Adams and linebacker Nick Roach to two-year contracts, and agreed to a one-year deal with former New York Jets defensive lineman Vernon Gholston.

Two-time Pro Bowl defensive end Osi Umenyiora failed to report for the opening day of the New York Giants training camp and was placed on the reserve-did not report list.

Umenyiora, who said during the recent lockout that general manager Jerry Reese failed to live up to a promise to renegotiate his contract, can be fined \$30,000 a day. Umenyiora missed his physical, a team meeting and a conditioning session.

At Vikings camp, the team formally announced the trade with Washington that brings quarterback Donovan McNabb to Minnesota.

The Vikings sent a 2012 sixth-round draft choice and a conditional 2013 sixth-rounder. McNabb had to agree to a restructuring of the five-year, \$78 million deal he signed with the Redskins for the trade to work.

Miami completed its trade for Reggie Bush by sending safety Jonathan Amaya and an undisclosed draft pick to New Orleans.

Bush was acquired Thursday, when he agreed to a two-year contract for nearly \$10 million with the Dolphins.

"It's still pretty surreal for me," said Bush, who can't practice with Miami until Aug. 4 because of post-lockout league rules. "This whole experience is great. I'm looking forward to this opportunity."

Miami also cut outspoken linebacker Channing Crowder, who had been a starter since his rookie season in 2005, but was criticized for not making more big plays.

Dolphins quarterback Chad Henne said Friday the team had reached

a contract agreement with quarterback Matt Moore, who was not re-signed by Carolina, but Miami had not confirmed the deal.

Pittsburgh cut veteran tackle Flozell Adams, while Atlanta is bringing back a rising star at the position, Tyson Clabo.

After the Steelers agreed to terms with free agents Willie Colon and Jonathan Scott, they released the 36-year-old Adams, who was in the second year of a two-year deal and was scheduled to make \$5 million this season.

The Falcons agreed to terms with Pro Bowl tackle Clabo on a five-year deal worth \$25 million, with about \$11.5 million in guaranteed money.

Atlanta opened cap room by releasing defensive end Jamaal Anderson and receiver Michael Jenkins, two former first-round picks.

The team cleared \$7.8 million under the salary cap with those moves, then agreed to terms with DE Ray Edwards on a five-year contract.

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1934 — The St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Cincinnati Reds 8-6 in 18 innings as Cincinnati as Dizzy Dean and Tony Freitas both went the distance.

1954 — Joe Adcock hit four home runs and a double to lead the Milwaukee Braves to a 15-7

victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers. Adcock's 18 total bases set a major league record.

1961 — The All-Star game ended in a 1-1 tie at Fenway Park as heavy rain halted play.

1981 — The second baseball strike ended after 42 days.

1990 — Nolan Ryan, 43, won his 300th game, reaching the milestone in his second try, as the Texas Rangers beat the Milwaukee Brewers 11-3.

2002 — Mike Mussina became the second pitcher in major league history to give up six doubles in one inning,

during the New York Yankees' 17-6 loss to Texas. Hall of Famer Lefty Grove allowed that many with Boston against Washington in 1934.

2003 — John Smoltz broke his own record as the fastest pitcher to record 40 saves by pitching a scoreless ninth in Atlanta's 7-4 win over Houston. Last year, he got his 40th save on Aug. 8, en route to breaking the NL record with 55.

2006 — Orlando Hudson hit home runs from both sides of the plate, including his first career grand slam, as Arizona beat the Chicago

Cubs 15-4.

2007 — The New York Yankees tied a franchise record by hitting eight home runs, including a pair by Hideki Matsui, in a 16-3 rout of the Chicago White Sox. New York last hit eight homers in a game in a doubleheader opener at the Philadelphia Athletics on June 28, 1939.

2010 — Carlos Gonzalez hit a game-ending home run to complete the cycle, and Colorado rallied to a 6-5 win after blowing a three-run lead in the eighth inning to the Chicago Cubs.

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SUMMERTIME LESSONS AT THE HERITAGE MUSEUM

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Heritage Museum, located at 510 Scurry, had their first run at a summer class program for Crossroads children age 7 to 15 years of age.

Twelve kids enrolled for the first go round of the program and met from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

During the program, kids learned how to sew, cook, crochet, embroider, cake decorating and how to make an apron.

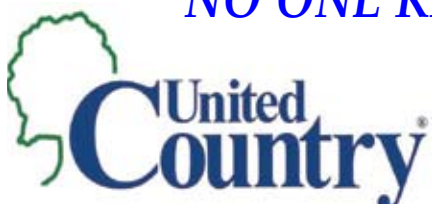
Each day consisted of different events with different instructors. The program was the idea of Janet Abner, educational projects summer coordinator for the museum.

"We received a tremendous response and we might even consider expanding the program in some way next year," Abner said.



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Templin and Keesee

Heather Justice Templin of Big Spring and Jason Wayne Keesee of Ballinger announce their engagement.

She is the daughter of Cheryl Justice and the late Ernie Justice of Big Spring. She is employed at the VA Medical Center.

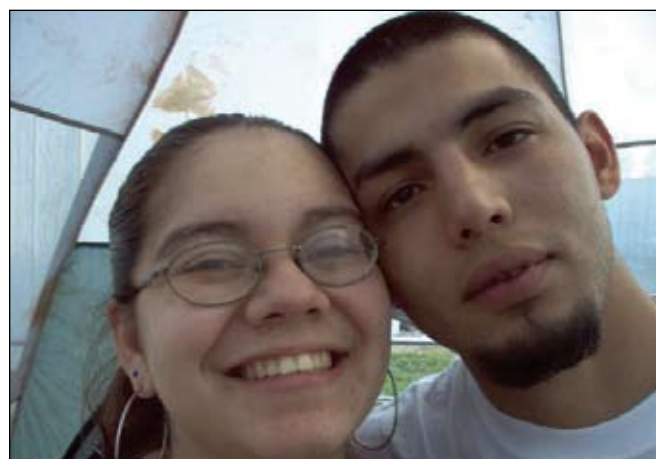
He is the son of Marty and Sam Keesee. He is employed by S&S Construction.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows Sept. 24, 2011 at The Courtyard in downtown Big Spring.



Jason Wayne Keesee and Heather Justice Templin

Rowland and Hernandez



Amber Rowland and Israel Hernandez

Amber Rowland of Fort Collins, Colo. and Israel Hernandez of Big Spring, announce their engagement.

She is the daughter of A.J. and Linda Rowland of Fort Collins, Colo..

He is the son of Eriberto and Sylvia Hernandez of Big Spring.

The couple will exchange vows Nov. 11, 2011 at Club Tico in Fort Collins, Colo.

Parker and Bibb



Terrell Shay Bibb and Suzan Evelyn Parker

Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Parker of Lake Victor announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzan Evelyn Parker to Terrell Shay Bibb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bibb of Big Spring.

The bride-to-be is a 2009 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in human development and family studies. She is wseeking a second degree in nursing.

The groom-to-be is a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in animal science. He is enrolled in a masters' degree program in anatomy and physiology. Both are at Texas Tech University Health Science Center.

The couples' wedding will be Oct. 22, 2011, at the Lake Victor Church of Christ, with a reception and dinner to follow at the Hostess House in Lampasas.

The couple will reside in Lubbock.

Birth

Karlie Lyn Hernandez, daughter of Alfredo and Yuly Hernandez of Big Spring, was born July 13, 2011, at 4:44 p.m.

She weighed 7 pounds and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Guadalupe and Julian Burciaga of Big Spring.

Her paternal grandparent is Lupe Rivas of Big Spring.



Karlie Lyn Hernandez



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Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Hedges



Brady and Jennifer Hedges

Jennifer Ann Hedges of Big Spring and Brady Alexander Hedges of Wills Point exchanged wedding vows June 4, 2011, at 6 p.m. at Cacharel Grand Ballroom in Arlington. A reception followed.

She is the daughter of Scott and Kathy Davidson of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Patricia Tate of Big Spring.

He is the son of Jim and Sasha Hedges of Edgewood. He is the grandson of Tom and Jean Hedges of Terrell and Viera Woolverton.

Melissa Kreher, sister of the bride, of Big Spring, served as maid of honor. The bridal party included Nicole Harris of Big Spring, sister of the bride, Rachel Denton of Big Spring, best friend of the bride, Teri Ortega of Denver City, best friend of the bride.

Jessica Chancey of Odessa, cousin of the bride, served as flower girl and ring bearer attendant.

Jim Hedges of Edgewood, father of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen included Lowell Duke of Canton, Andrew Martin of Waco and Chris Stanford of Austin.

The couple will take a honeymoon at a later date.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris



Nicole and Trey Harris

Nicole Davidson and Trey Harris, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows June 13, 2011 at 10 a.m. in the Howard County Courthouse.

She is the daughter of Scott and Kathy Davidson of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Patricia Tate of Big Spring and Kaye Davidson of Austin.

She is a 2011 Big Spring High School graduate. She will attend college in Hawaii.

He is the son of Stacy Harris of Big Spring and the grandson of Gary and Bethany Sleight of Big Spring. He is a 2010 Big Spring High School graduate and a member of the United States Navy.

The couple will spend three years in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennon



Christina and Jonathon Lennon

Christina Leann Helsley of Big Spring and Jonathon Kurtis Lennon of Muleshoe exchanged wedding vows June 11, 2011, at a 2 p.m. ceremony at Spring Creek Fellowship in Big Spring.

Tina is the daughter of Bruce and Beccie Helsley of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of the late Gene and Anne Helms of Big Spring and the late George and Leona Helsley of Inwood, W.Va.

Jon is the son of Jack and Jayna Lennon of Muleshoe. He is the grandson of John and Carolyn Harris of Muleshoe.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Dennis Teeters.

The bride was given away by her

father, Bruce Helsley. She wore an ivory strapless, floor-length brushed satin gown with pearl and silver beading on the bodice and down the chapel-length train. The two-layer, elbow length veil was adorned with pearl and silver beading around the edges. Her bouquet was made of large pink lilies mingled with babies breath.

Rachel Rima of Perryton served as the maid of honor. The bridal party, which wore peacock blue floor-length dresses, included Morgan Metcalf of Big Spring, Chelsea Reddin of Boston, Mass., Brooke Lennon of Muleshoe and Courtney Hickman of Spearman. The flower girl was Ryleigh Teeters of Andrews.

Bradley Lennon of Muleshoe served as bestman. Groomsmen, dressed in black tuxedos, consisted of Dustin Lennon of Muleshoe, Justin Johnson of Lubbock, Paul Shirley of Plainview and Daniel Ballinger of Muleshoe. Ringbearer was Carson Tucker of Quitaque.

The bride is a 2007 Big Spring High School graduate. She received a bachelor of science degree in education at Wayland Baptist University in May 2011.

The groom is a 2008 graduate of Sudan High School. He will graduate from Wayland Baptist University in December 2012 with a bachelor of arts in theatre and music. After graduation he will begin working on his masters degree in theatre.

A reception followed the ceremony in the Garden Room of Spring Creek Fellowship.

After honeymooning in Nassau, Bahamas, the couple resides in Plainview while Jon finishes his degree.

Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions. All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition.

Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

The Herald attempts to publish articles in a timely manner but because of space limitations submissions may held until the following week.

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Births



Eli Maddex Ponce De Leon

Stefanie and Ivan Ponce de Leon of Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico, announce the birth of their son, Eli Maddex.

Eli was born June 24, 2011, at 11:25 a.m. in

Lubbock. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 1/4 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Tammy and Malcolm Poinot of Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico, formerly of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Jaime and Guadalupe Ponce de Leon.

He was welcomed home by Ethan, age 2 1/2.



Kinley Grace Gaskins

Dustin and Somer Gaskins of Big Spring, announce the birth of their daughter, Kinley Grace Gaskins.

Kinley was born June 18, 2011, at 11:57 p.m. She weighed six pounds, 10 ounces

and measured 19 inches.

Her maternal grandparents are John and Ruth Leubner of Big Spring and her paternal grandparents are Kelly and Teresa Gaskins of Knott.

Kinley was welcomed home by her siblings, Wiley and Tye.

Displaying our character?

Character, the topic of many conversations and the subject of much literature, has been defined by Webster as one of the attributes or features that make up the individual. However, others have captured the essence of character with more colorful, penetrating words.

H. Jackson Brown Jr., author of several little instruction books about life, declares that "character is what we do when we think no one is looking," and the great evangelist Dwight L. Moody defined character as "what a man is in the dark."

While many have attempted to define character, others have focused on how it is detected. Mark Twain, one of America's wittiest journalists, observed that "a man's character can be learned from the adjectives he habitually uses in conversation."

Many years ago, a distinguished German writer named Johann Wolfgang von Goethe said of character: "Nothing shows a man's character more than what he laughs at."

Sometime later, Sir Author Conan Doyle, the British writer most noted for his mysteries about detective Sherlock Holmes made this uncanny observation: "I have frequently gained my first real insight into the character of parents by studying their children."

However we describe or observe that intangible, yet highly visible, quality called character, we cannot deny its importance. Evangelist Billy Graham, who has become an icon for Christianity in America, said, "When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost, when character is lost, all is lost."

Perhaps no one is more qualified to write about

building character than Helen Keller who because of illness became both deaf and blind as an infant. In spite of her adversity, she was the first both deaf and blind person to ever earn a Bachelor of Arts degree. She wrote, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved."

The Bible also speaks of character. The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, "...we also exalt in

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Military News



Major Hammonds

Major Darryl G. Hammonds, son of Frank and Joann Brooks of Big Spring, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in February and received the award in April.

Hammonds has been a Big Spring resident since the age of 9 and has been stationed at Quantico, Va. for the past year and a half. He entered into the United States Marine Corp Feb. 13, 1990, and has served

four combat tours in Kuwait, Iraq, Somalia and Afghanistan, which earned him the Bronze Star.

Major Hammonds was recognized with the Bronze Star for his sustained superior performance

in connection with combat operations involving conflict with an opposing force while serving as Assistant Fire Support Coordinator, Special Purpose Marine Air Ground Task Force, Afghanistan and Regimental Combat Team-3, Marine Expeditionary Brigade-Afghanistan, Marine Corps Forces, Central Command, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from April 22, 2009 to Oct. 15, 2009.

While working in tandem with the Fire Support Coordinators of the RCT's maneuver battalions, he developed a lethal, focused and integrated fire plan. Major Hammonds' plan facilitated the RCT's

ability to conduct the largest helicopter born insertion since the Vietnam War. Through his tremendous efforts, he successfully ensured the RCT's ability to fully conduct combined-arms operations and create the effects required to resoundingly and rapidly destroy the determined enemy forces defending the Helmand River Valley.

Major Hammonds was described as consistently demonstrating superior leadership and tactical expertise. He developed 14 separate targeting packages, executed seven artillery rocket missions destroying a total of 12 targets and fired 47 cannon artillery missions destroying numerous enemy forces in accordance with theater rules of engagement and appropriate directives. His total effectiveness, forceful leadership and loyal devotion to duty reflected great credit upon him and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and the United States Naval Service.

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Or Is it that we just don't understand what sexual assault of a child really is.

What is child sexual abuse exactly?

If you are not exactly sure what sexual abuse is, you're not alone. All sexual touching between an adult and a child is sexual abuse. Sexual touching between children can also be sexual abuse when there is a significant age difference (often defined as 3 or more years) between the children or if the children are very different developmentally or size-wise. Sexual abuse does not have to involve penetration, force, pain, or even touching. If an adult engages in any sexual behavior (looking, showing, or touching) with a child to meet the adult's sexual needs or interest, it is sexual abuse.

Most often child sexual abuse is a gradual process and not a single event. By learning the early warning signs and how to effectively step in and speak up, sexual abuse can be stopped before a child is harmed. **Adults must take the primary responsibility for preventing child sexual abuse by addressing any concerning or questionable behavior which may pose a risk to a child's safety.**

WARNING SIGNS:

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- Has nightmares or other sleep problems without an explanation
- Seems distracted or distant at odd times
- Has a sudden change in eating habits
- Refuses to eat
- Loses or drastically increases appetite
- Has trouble swallowing.
- Sudden mood swings: rage, fear, insecurity or withdrawal
- Leaves "clues" that seem likely to provoke a discussion about sexual issues
- Writes, draws, plays or dreams of sexual or frightening images
- Develops new or unusual fear of certain people or places
- Refuses to talk about a secret shared with an adult or older child
- Talks about a new older friend
- Suddenly has money, toys or other gifts without reason
- Thinks of self or body as repulsive, dirty or bad
- Exhibits adult-like sexual behaviors, language and knowledge

Signs more typical of younger children

- An older child behaving like a younger child (such as bed-wetting or thumb sucking)
- Has new words for private body parts
- Resists removing clothes when appropriate times (bath, bed, toileting, diapering)
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Practice with Cactus encourages conservation

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

First, there were smart houses. Now it's time to bring out the smart yards.

During these extreme drought conditions, it is easy to see yards around town are dying. The green is fading away from the trees, grass and plants, but that doesn't mean a little bit of change can't make a yard beautiful again.

"We are running out

of water and the question is, do we want to have a green lawn or be able to take a shower?" said Malinda Flenniken, KBST general manager.

Several businesses around town have teamed up to bring Practice with Cactus to residents of Big Spring. KBST, Sonic, the city of Big Spring, Top Notch Landscaping and Choate Well Service are encouraging the community to revamp its yards

and find ways to have an attractive yard without using water.

"It's at a point where it's politically correct to have a dead yard. I'm very proud of my dead petunias," Flenniken said. "Through this contest, though, we want to try and bring a positive spin on the situation we are in."

Mike Abusaab, owner of the two Big Spring Sonic locations, mentioned the idea of using



Flenniken



Abusaab

gravel and rocks to create a beautiful yard after Flenniken presented him with the idea of holding a contest for the driest yard in town. After a little bit of brainstorming and a positive

twist, Practice with Cactus was born.

"This is a community effort and something we could continue even after we get rain," Abusaab said. "In this part of the country this is a good idea. You never know when there will be a drought."

Yards can be created by using cactus or other drought-resistant plants, rocks, gravel and any other landscaping or decorating idea

which doesn't require water. Participants are asked to submit a photo of their yard by email, mail or drop it off at the KBST office, located at 608 Johnson.

When submitting photo, make sure to include name, address of the yard and a phone number. The top five finalists will be selected. J judges will take a tour of the yards Aug. 18 and

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Maybe you're CHICKEN?

By **ROBERT BURNS**

Special to the Herald

BRYAN — Want a few fresh-from-the-chicken eggs for your daily breakfast? Or maybe you like the idea of raising a couple of thousand chickens as a profitable business for local niche markets?

For those interested in these scenarios and anything in between, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service will be holding a small-scale poultry production workshop from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Aug. 13 at the Brazos Center, 3232 Briarcrest Drive in Bryan.

In most cases, backyard or small-scale operators cannot raise chickens and produce meat and eggs as cheaply as big operations, said Dr. Craig Coufal, AgriLife Extension poultry specialist in College Station.

"But it's not about economics; it's about choice," Coufal said. "The last few years, there's been a real change in some people's feelings toward the production of food and food quality. There are a lot of people who are interested in producing their own food, or buying locally grown, free-range and organically produced food."

This is good news for those wanting to start a small or moderately sized agricultural business, he said.

"There are small niche markets out there, particularly in urban areas," Coufal said. "They don't want to buy chicken from the grocery store. They want to buy chicken from a small farmer who's growing them on his own land. They want to know the person whom they're buying from. That's the market these small producers are targeting, and it's a growing market. It's growing all the time."

For those raising chickens for their own food, many do it because they like to control how the chicken is raised and what it eats, he said.

"What the chicken eats will affect the taste, appearance and functionality of the meat and eggs," Coufal said.



Texas AgriLife Extension Service photo by Dr. Craig Coufal

There are many chicken breeds suitable for small-scale poultry operations, such as these Barred Plymouth Rocks.

The workshop will provide small-scale poultry producers and enthusiasts with the latest information on the production of poultry for meat and eggs, he said.

It's also possible, and in most cases legal, to raise a few chickens in a backyard urban setting, he noted.

Workshop topics will include basic husbandry and management, production systems, nutrition, disease prevention and treatment, biosecurity and marketing rules and regulations.

Topic presenters will include AgriLife Extension specialists and experts from the Texas A&M

University departments of poultry science and entomology, and the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory.

Registration for the workshop is \$75 before Aug. 5 and \$100 thereafter. The fee covers educational materials, break refreshments and a catered lunch. Registration will be limited to 100 people.

To register online, visit AgriLife Extension Conference Services at <https://agriliferegister.tamu.edu> and enter "poultry" in the keyword search field. Participants may also register by calling 979-845-2604.

For more information on the workshop, call 979-845-4319.

Energy Watch



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Last week, it was hot, and there was a full moon. Either one of those is rumored to cause bizarre behavior, which may account for the behavior of both politicians and the market.

U.S. politicians continue their posturing on the federal budget and deficit. As the debt ceiling negotiations reach the boiling point, it remains to be seen if U.S. leaders will "kick the can" down the road and opt for a short-term solution or grow up and address the long term structural issues facing the federal budget. In our view, playing games with the U.S. credit rating and kicking the can down the road could have a serious long term consequences.

In recent accounts, it appears that both sides are taking small steps toward reaching some kind of deal, and both have indicated that a default is off the table. We view any movement as positive, but considering the hard nosed approach that both sides have taken, we expect negotiations to go down to the wire.

Similarly, European officials seem content to kick the Greece problem down the road in an attempt to give continental banks a little more time to insulate their balance sheets from an eventual default. The European bank stress-test results were viewed as a relief but with a high degree of skepticism. Analysts seemed most interested not in the result but in the volumes of data that the regulators released. The data will let analysts perform their own stress tests and may provide a level of comfort (or discomfort) with the bank's exposure to risky sovereign debt.

The new flow this week will be hot with the market watching several big stories, including the U.S. debt ceiling negotiations, European bank stress tests, the potential for a Greek debt default and earning from almost a quarter of the S&P 500 companies. Last week's market action was anything but hot with every sector except energy trading lower. Year to date, the best performing sectors have been health care and energy while the worst performing were financial and telecom.

We expect the market to be volatile as it attempts to discount the news of the day. Short term traders should stay on the sidelines until the market shows some direction conviction. Long term investors should stick with our neutral equity strategy guidance.

Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Portions of this article were produced July 19, 2011, by Scott Marcouiller, Wells Fargo Advisors chief market strategist. Wells Fargo Advisors did not assist in the preparation of this article, and its accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed.

New mileage standards aim for less fuel, pollution

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama and automakers ushered in the largest cut in fuel consumption since the 1970s on Friday with a deal that will save drivers money at the pump and dramatically cut heat-trapping gases coming from tailpipes.

The agreement pledges to double overall fuel economy to 54.5 mpg by 2025, bringing even greater under-the-hood changes to the nation's

autos starting in model year 2017 and introduce more electric and hybrid technology to pickup trucks. Cars and trucks on the road today average 27 mpg.

"This agreement on fuel standards represents the single most important step we have taken as a nation to reduce our dependence on foreign oil," Obama said, sharing the stage with top executives of 11 major automakers and a top automobile

workers union official, before a backdrop of some of the most cutting-edge cars and pickup trucks on the road.

"Just as cars will go further on a gallon of gas, our economy will go further on a barrel of oil," Obama said.

When achieved, the 54.5 mpg target will reduce U.S. oil consumption from vehicles by 40 percent and halve the amount of greenhouse gas pollution coming out of tailpipes. It builds on a 2009

deal between the Obama administration and automakers, which committed cars and trucks to averaging 35.5 mpg by model year 2016.

For American families, the President said the agreement — which will be subject to a midcourse review — means filling up the car every two weeks, instead of every week. That would save \$8,000 in fuel costs over the life of a vehicle purchased in 2025, compared to a 2010 model, a White

House analysis said.

The changes also are likely to push up the cost of a new vehicle, but just how much is unclear because the regulation still has to be written. That process will get started in September.

The mileage target announced Friday isn't exactly what consumers will see in their future cars. A formula that gives credits to

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Public Records

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Outstanding IBC Warrants:
Gregory Aguilar Jr., 1508 Sunset Ave., Big Spring
Amy Rebecca Aguilar, 1736 Chestnut, Colorado City
Irene Lopez Alaniz, 774 E. Highway 80, Abilene
Javier N. Alcantar, 1513 Scurry, Big Spring
Lisa Beth Aleman, 201 N. Beaugard, Stanton
Bryan Layton Allison, 1100 College Circle, Ranger
Demetrio Alva, 11520 Arrow Rock, El Paso
Terica Alvarado, 1100 E. 61st St., Odessa
Anthony G. Anderson, 3401 Cammellia Dr., Temple
Daniel Antrim, 120 N. 1405 Pl., Lamesa
Christine Avalos Bara, 2 of 2nd N. Sixth, Lamesa
Amy Barber, 2602 Ent, Big Spring
Toby Barnett, 1713 Dwayne Barnett, Lubbock
Christopher Martin Barrera, 1704 Goliad, Big Spring
Samantha Ann Barrera, 606 Lamar, Sweetwater
Daniel B. Barron, 507 N. Ave. F, Lamesa
Tim Beck, 709 W. Seventh St., Big Spring
Amy Benavides, 3001 N. Midland Dr., Big Spring
Kerrie Lea Bhuiyan, 538 Westover No. 257, Big Spring
Crystal Biles, 15885 S. Quartz, Odessa
Vern Black, 329 W. Tennessee, Floydada
Jeremy Bolton, 506 N. Ave. L, Lamesa
Edward Bourland, 229 Edgewood Dr., San Angelo
Alexis A. Bowie, 2811 Lawton, Amarillo
Dave Bracken, 2720 42nd St., Lubbock
Johnny William Brown, 507 E. Sixth, Big Spring
Wanda Heron Brown, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 113, Big Spring
Chad Wayne Brown, 2901 Ave. Q, Snyder
Douglas Brown, 205 W. 14th, Monahans
Melinda Burns, 2218 Carlton Way, San Angelo
Michelle Ann Bustamante, 1744 Purdue, Big Spring
Cristal Cabello, 1314 65th Drive Apt. C, Lubbock
Melissa Camargo, 2100 Ave. N. Tahoka
Latonya Campbell, 7549 Ashcroft Circle, Fort Worth
Maria Campos, 751 Agua Pesada, El Paso
Donna J. Abbott Cantwell, 538 Westover Rd. Apt. 101, Big Spring
Wayne V. Carpenter, 3766 Patriot Dr. No. 10, Abilene
Lenard Carlson Jr., 102 S. Peach, Pecos
Antonia Castillo, 206 Fuller St., Hereford
Donald Cervantes, 1211 Lloyd, Big Spring
Weldon Montague Cheatham, 4502 Denison, Snyder
Jared Kendero Coby, 901 S. High Street # 802, Longview
Vanessa Conatser, 3218 Fordham, Big Spring
Wesley Wayne Crow, 2400 Robb Lane, Big Spring
Ramona Davila, 2143 Texas Ave, San Antonio
Julie E. Davis, 5202 Bangor Ave. Apt. K301, Lubbock
Clarissa Renteria Dean, 2711 Rebecca, Big Spring
James V. Ditto, 501 W. 17th, Big Spring
Johnnie Lou Dry, RR 11 Box 156, Longview
Kathi Duke, 337 Greeson, Summerville, Ga.
Brandee A. Eberhardt, 197 Briarwood Lane, Big Spring
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Kristi L. Elliot, 603 E. 12th St., Big Spring
Alfredo Flores Jr., PO Box 272, Laredo
Irene Paredes Flores, 1000 E. 20th St., Big Spring
Shannon Marie Fonda, 10321 E. Llano Dr.
Kenneth L. Freeman, 1401 San Andres, Odessa

Danny Frias, 207 W. 17th St., Georgetown
Hilda Fuentes, 502 S. Seventh, Lamesa
Ruby Gaitan, P.O. Box 783, Lamesa
Aldo Galindo, 922 Jeter, Odessa
Carlos Garcia, 1211 S. Third St., Brownfield
James Randal Gardner, P.O. Box 1490, Lyons, Colo.
Claudet Garza, 3106 E. Elm No. 10, Laredo
Joseph Garza Jr., 17811 Vail No. 18, Dallas
Joe E. George Jr., 6356 FM 585 N., Bangs
Christopher George, 215 S. Third No. 30, Laramie, Wyo.
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Misty Goldston, 2429 20th St., Lubbock
Raul Gonzales, 2106 Johnson, Big Spring
Fernando Gonzales, 3000 Schadt No. 8, Fort Worth
James E. Gonzalez, 604 Neff St., Sweetwater
Martha R. Graham, 2135 Mossy Creek Dr., San Antonio
Jeffrey Grams, 224 LeLon Lane, Springtown
Gabriel Guerrero, 411 NE 10th Street, Big Spring
Nora Gutierrez, 606 N. Eighth Street, Lamesa
Edna J. Hale, 510 Milton Ave., Brownwood
Timothy Hansen, 1310 Park, Big Spring
Sharon Marquis Hanson, 1201 E. Co. Rd. 34, Big Spring
Clifford Arvin Hart Jr., 3234 Drexel, Big Spring
Nicholas Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams, Breckenridge
Dana Havink, 600 Star Linda Ct., Arlington
Chris Henry, 3520 28th St., Lubbock
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Isaul Hernandez, 523 W. Noble, Fairfuries
John Hernandez, 4405 N. Garfield No. 1002, Midland
Veronica Cervantes Hernandez, 1005 N. 17th St., Lamesa
Robert Stephen Hoback, 1516 Cumberland, Odessa
Gerald Hodges, 4312 Crane, Houston
Allen Hoyer, 1401 N. Highway 87 No. 1502, Big Spring
Herman Hokes, 1303 Sycamore, Big Spring
Vanessa Dawn Hollis, 800 E. 13th St., Big Spring
Danny Holt, 606 Caylor, Big Spring
Shameka Houston, 1905 Wasson No. 49, Big Spring
Joann Baldwin Hubbard, 4000 W. Illinois, Midland
Jeanie Renee Ivey, 5326 Old Highway 71, LaGrange
Jonathan Jarrell, 2804 Williams, Big Spring
Shauna Danielle Jenkins, 3301 40th Place, Snyder
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Steven Daniel Johnson, 1509 142nd St., Lubbock
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Katie Lynn Junkin, 1410 Lancaster, Big Spring
Paige Morgan Kenas, 1003-2 Lake County Rd. 175, Colorado City
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Robert Landrum, 310 Palace, Hobbs, N.M.
Johnathan Lee Lanham, 3708 28th, Lubbock
Eloy Escobar Leal, 1806 E. 11th, Big Spring
Alana Lee, 2711 66th, Lubbock
Lindsey Kay Lee, 1405 S. Benton, Big Spring
Laura Lea Leon, 319 Rocky Lane Dr., Midland

Christopher Luellen, 599 Truehart, Pain Rock
Diana Marie Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane, Brownfield
Patricia Luttrell, 2726 Redwood, Odessa
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Christopher Max Martinez, 2870 S. Highway, Snyder
Jarrod Martinez, 61 E. Eighth St., San Angelo
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Brian Lee Mendez, 503 56th, Lubbock
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Daniel Mercado Jr., 5611 Lancaster, Houston
Chad K. Merrill, 3300 Manor Rd. Apt. 174, Austin
Valeria Mata Montemayor, 317 W. San Carlos Apt. B, Laredo
Anna Marie Moreno, 4656 St. Frances Ave., Dallas
Esiquieo Moreno, 709 Parker, Andrews
Jose Munozi III, 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 7, Big Spring
Michael Todd McClinton, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland
Ricky L. Nava, 707 Willa, Big Spring
William Leslie Neal, 2100 Alabama, Big Spring
Pernell Earl Parker, 400 N.E. 12th St., Big Spring
Benson Nelson Payne, 1117 Toby Lane, San Angelo
Katherine Hardin Perez, 4908 Parkway, Big Spring
Rene Perez, 2133 Glenwood, Abilene
Elva Perkins, 2414 N. Anderson, Big Spring
Lori Ann Pichon, 62159 Sylve St., Lacombe, La.
Joshua Plaia, 1401 E. 18th, Big Spring
Lisa M. Portillo, 1200 Stanford Ave, Big Spring
David Lee Powell Jr., 2511 Broadway, Big Spring
Nina Powell, Highway 103 East, Lufkin
Karla Quimby, 1005 W. Debaca, Hobbs, N.M.
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Alfredo Riojas Jr., 255. S. 11th St., Lubbock
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Mercie Robles, 1404 N. First, Lamesa
Robert Rosamond, 801 Lancaster, Big Spring
Jennifer Ann Rositas, 1429 E. Sixth, No. 10, Big Spring
Thomas Ross, 1206 Lela St., Jasper
Jennifer Roth, 2630 Dow, Big Spring
Thomas Castillo Ruiz, 1306 W. Tennessee, Midland
Rudy Andrew Salazar, PO Box 1275, Stanton
Mona Alicia Saldana, 1400 Virginia, Big Spring
Nancy Carolina Sauseda, 1707 N. 11th St., Lamesa
Monica Serbine, 304 E. 20th, Big Spring
Stephanie Serrato, 1306 Wright, Big Spring
Hari Bradford Shaffer, 5603 Gail Hwy., Big Spring
Curtis W. Shelton, 3714 Millbrook Road, Big Spring
Wally Shifflett, 6901 Tumbleweed No. 5, Odessa
Korina Sirmon, 608 W. 15th St., Big Spring
Brian Paul Siverson, 589c Stoddard, Odessa
Cory Smith, 2101 E. Ninth St. Apt. 8, Odessa
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Anthony Solis, 1303 Elm St., Big Spring
Andrew Sommers, 3110 W. Kansas Ave., Midland
Janie Spurgeon, 1212 Wadley, Midland

Shawn Spurgeon, 106 N. Adams, Denver City
Allen Stanford, 774 E. Eighth, Colorado City
Mickey Jermain Starnes, 402 Holly Oak Dr., Tyler
Karen Stearns, 613 Glen No. 133, San Angelo
Misty D. Sternadel, 457 Seventh St., Scotland TX
Andrew Bernard Taylor, 5651 Flamingo, Houston
Tonya D. Conner Taylor, 1111 Moseley Circle, Hobb, N.M.
Ashley Lauren Teagarden, 6002 103rd St., Big Spring
Abelina Tercero, 127 Arthur, Longview
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Rene O. Villa, 106 Circle Dr., Big Spring
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James M. Ward, PO Box 279, Colorado City
Marie Wells, 2507 Rebecca, Big Spring
Candida Lynn Whitehead, 1405 Runnels, Big Spring
Tina Diane Whitlow, 1407.5 Settles, Big Spring
Denise L. Williams, 1715 Hwy. 350, Big Spring
Georgianna Williams, 907 E. Interstate 20 No. 24, Big Spring
Mandy Shae Wilson, 210 10th St., Sterling City
Brandi Woodard, 642 Westview Dr., Abilene
Richard Wren, 3303 91st, Lubbock
Jerry Lee Wrightsil, 2816 Ridge Rd., Fort Worth
Lorenzo Ferrera Yanez, 211 Channing St., Big Spring
Dennis Anthony Zaragoza, 4534 Sinclair, Big Spring
Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg, Big Spring

District Court Filings:
In Re Francisco Arteaga Yanez, family.
In Re Max Levi Rodriguez-Granado, family.
In Re Cullen Lain Thompson, family.
Ocwen Loan Servicing LLC vs. Wesley J. Shoup and Lillie Shoup, accounts, notes and contracts.
Citibank NA vs. Marri Franco, accounts, notes and contracts.
Erika Hilario vs. Cody Wingo, protective order.
In Re Jacobe Strain and Mackenzie Strain, family.
Eusebio Raymundo Gonzalez vs. Samantha Gonzalez, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:
Louis Garcia Mancha III, 29, and Erica Elaine Ortega (age not provided), both of Big Spring.
Michael Alexander Yanez, 26, and Cynthia Marie Pena, 26, both of Big Spring.
Gabriel Ybarra Salazar, 46, and Ferañie Bautista Conley, 40, both of Lamesa.
Johnny C. Williams Jr., 23, and Carilita L. Green, 20, both of Big Spring.
Matthew Charles Horton, 26, and Magan Bindy McKinney, 22, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: James Phillip Reid and Shyrlee Reid
Grantee: Curtis W. White
Property: Lots 16-17, Block 12, Original Town of Coahoma
Date: June 16, 2011

Grantor: Sandra J. Heffington and David Johnson
Grantee: Darla Heffington
Property: Lot 15, Block 2, W.J. Gordon Addition
Date: June 14, 2011

Grantor: Linda Duchene
Grantee: Prudential Relocation Inc.
Property: Lot 10, Block 11, Monticello Addition
Date: June 14, 2011

Grantor: Vera R. Treadway
Grantee: Frank Garza
Property: The N/2 of Lot 6 and all of Lot 7, Block 8, Tennyson Addition
Date: July 27, 2011

Grantor: First RDW LTD
Grantee: RBC Transport Inc.
Property: A 5.8-acre tract out of Section 33, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 27, 2011

Grantor: James Fox and Elaine Fox
Grantee: Kerr Management Inc.
Property: Lots 19A-19-B, Block 8, Capehart Addition
Date: July 26, 2011

Grantor: Jack Pallick and Tillman Tipton, DBA Macho Enterprises
Grantee: T.D. Tipton
Property: Lots 1-3, Block 14, Earles Addition
Date: July 26, 2011

Grantor: Tee Pee Enterprises
Grantee: T.D. Tipton
Property: The W/80 feet of Lots 7-8, Block 2, Boydston Addition
Date: July 26, 2011

Grantor: Nadine L. Hodnett
Grantee: Haley Lynn Hodnett, Thomas Fredrick Hodnett and Helen Karen Madry
Property: The SE/4 Section 23, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 25, 2011

Grantor: Nadine L. Hodnett
Grantee: Haley Lynn Hodnett, Thomas Fredrick Hodnett and Helen Karen Madry
Property: The N/2 of the SW/4 of Section 23, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 25, 2011

Grantor: Janice L. Davis
Grantee: Shane Mayhall
Property: Lot 13, Block 2, Muir Heights Addition
Date: July 21, 2011

Grantor: Trade Media Corp.
Grantee: Duane Bommersbach
Property: All of Tract 6, Kennebec Heights
Date: July 20, 2011

Grantor: Troy Koenig
Grantee: Albert Eugene Kelley
Property: The N/2 of Lots 1-3, Block 46, Government Heights of Bauer Addition
Date: July 20, 2011

Grantor: Troy Koenig
Grantee: Albert Eugene Kelley
Property: Lots 9-11, Block 5, College Heights
Date: July 20, 2011

Grantor: Mary Alice Cone
Grantee: Kathy D. Kennedy
Property: Lot 13, block 5, Kentwood Unit No. 1
Date: July 20, 2011

Grantor: Christine Barrera
Grantee: Misty Delagarza
Property: Lot 12, Block 4, Government Heights of Bauer Addition
Date: July 20, 2011

Grantor: Midfirst Bank
Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
Property: Lot 17, Block 4, Wasson Place
Date: July 19, 2011

Grantor: Crossroads Baptist Association
Grantee: John Staulcup
Property: Lots 20-21, Block 3, Wrights First Addition
Date: July 18, 2011

Grantor: John Rangel Rivera and Allison Cannon
Grantee: Cynthia Paige Alvarado
Property: Lots 4-6, Block 28, Amended Fairview Heights
Date: July 15, 2011

Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
Grantee: Michael Nairn

Property: Lot 15, Block 2, W.J. Gordon Addition
Date: July 15, 2011

Grantor: Willis Gillette Jr.
Grantee: John L. Newman
Property: A strip of land out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 12, 2011

Grantor: Rex Rainey and Aneica Rainey, Restoration Ranch Ministries
Grantee: Wilson C. Edwards Sr. and Brenda Edwards
Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 9, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 13, 2011

Grantor: Rex Rainey and Aneica Rainey, Restoration Ranch Ministries
Grantee: Wilson C. Edwards Sr. and Brenda Edwards
Property: A 19-acre tract out of Section 9, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 13, 2011

Grantor: Rex Rainey and Aneica Rainey, Restoration Ranch Ministries
Grantee: Wilson C. Edwards Sr. and Brenda Edwards
Property: A tract out of Section 16, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 13, 2011

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Brandon Baker and Kasey Baker
Grantee: Eric Tuttle
Property: Lot 20, Block 4, Douglass Addition
Date: June 14, 2011

Grantor: Brant M. Nichols
Grantee: Bradley Garrison and Tammy Garrison
Property: A tract out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 27, 2011

Grantor: Chris Wingert and Karen Wingert
Grantee: Psyche P. Mancha and Orlando Yabes
Property: Lot 17 and part of Lot 18, Block 5, Coronado Hills Addition
Date: July 27, 2011

Grantor: Doug Smith and Rhoda Smith
Grantee: Dana Lynn Sheppard
Property: A 171.4-acre tract out of Section 25, Block 34, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 21, 2011

Grantor: Albert Eugene Kelley
Grantee: Brenda Luna
Property: Lot 23, Block 2A, Belvue Addition
Date: July 20, 2011

Grantor: Leslie K. Trevino
Grantee: Lance Gross
Property: The W/20 feet of Lot 13, all of Lot 14 and The E/10 feet of Lot 15, Block 10, Edwards Heights
Date: July 19, 2011

Grantor: Michelle Fierro
Grantee: Rosario Chavera
Property: Lot 1, block 3, Anderson Addition
Date: July 18, 2011

Grantor: George C. Franklin and Bonnie Franklin
Grantee: Music-N-More (Roger Winters)
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 18, 2011

Grantor: Rita M. Brown
Grantee: Codee Barraza
Property: Lot 9, Block 5, Amended Plat of Muir Heights
Date: July 15, 2011

Grantor: Sandy Sharp
Grantee: Gustavo Jurado and Veronica Jurado
Property: A part of Lot 14, Block 2, Wrights Second Addition
Date: July 13, 2011

WATER

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pick the winners.

According to Flenniken, Pat Simmons with Keep Big Spring Beautiful will be judging yards on attractiveness and Debbie Wegman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau will be judging on cre-

ativity. Brad Tatum of Top Notch Landscaping will also be part of the judging team.

The winners will be announced on KBST Aug. 19. All entries must be located within the boundaries of the city of Big Spring.

First place will receive \$500, second place \$300 and third place \$200. All winners will receive the cash prize plus other prizes. Other prizes will

come from area businesses, including Johansen's Nursery, Dr. Amy Reese DDS, Top Notch Landscaping and Insta Green Lawn Painting Service.

"The response has taken off faster than a West Texas wildfire," Flenniken said. "In a nutshell, this is about saving water in a fun way and being able to find a positive thing in this drought. It's about saving

water and keeping Big Spring beautiful."

Through this contest, Abusaab said the effort is to find some creative ideas to save money and water in the future.

All residents within city boundaries are encouraged to submit their photos, whether they are barely transforming their yards or if they have already been practicing water-

saving techniques.

"There are so many ways to make a yard attractive that don't require water. People can use sculptures, xeriscaping or numerous other forms. It's all about being creative," Flenniken said.

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manufacturers for electric cars, the use of low-emission air conditioning refrigerant and technology that shuts down engines at traffic lights means the actual fuel economy is likely to come in closer to about 40 mpg. Stickers on future cars and trucks will also display different numbers because they'll be based on real-world mileage tests.

The deal was less than what environmentalists and public health advocates wanted but more than desired by the Detroit Three — General Motors, Ford and Chrysler. In a letter to the president last week, Michigan lawmakers called the White House's initial proposal of 56.2 mpg "overly aggressive," after automakers had said they'd work to get vehicles averaging 42.6 to 46.7 mpg. Green groups, meanwhile, had pushed for a 62 mpg target by 2025.

For Obama, who watched his campaign promise to limit global warming pollution

die when Republicans retook control of the House, the compromise provides a way around political roadblocks and a down payment on climate change.

The deal also provides an answer to critics who say the president has not done enough to address high gasoline prices. It promises to reduce demand at a time when Republicans in Congress have criticized Obama for being too slow to drill and not opening up more areas to oil and gas exploration after the massive Gulf oil spill last year.

And at a time when a consensus in Congress is elusive on the debt ceiling and curbing the federal deficit, the president said the fuel economy deal was a "valuable lesson to" Washington.

"You are all demonstrating what can happen when people put aside differences," Obama said. "These folks are competitors, you've got labor and business. But they said we are going to work together to achieve something important and lasting for the country."

For automakers, par-

ticularly the Detroit Three, the deal signaled a turnaround from the days when they resisted boosting fuel economy targets, arguing that consumers would not buy smaller and more efficient cars, and that the technology to reduce fuel consumption was too expensive.

That stance has been challenged in recent years by a 2007 energy law that mandated the government evaluate and set new fuel economy targets, by a Supreme Court decision that said the Environmental Protection Agency had the authority to control global warming pollution from vehicles, and by a state — California — that has set stricter emissions standards than the rest of the country.

Mary Nichols, chairman of the California Air Resources Board, said auto companies wanted "one set of cars they could sell anywhere in the U.S." and the changes the deal would bring would meet state targets. "We will accept standards that were announced today as being compliant with

California standards through 2025 unless and until there is a change," she said.

A \$62 billion taxpayer-funded bailout for GM and Chrysler added to the White House's leverage.

Some environmentalists lauded the agreement Friday, but said that manufacturers owed taxpayers a bigger deal after bailing them out.

"An auto industry that owes its survival to taxpayer bailouts ungratefully flouted the public's demand for fuel efficiency and less pollution, fighting for loopholes until the bitter end," said Dan Becker, director of the Safe Climate Campaign.

For consumers, the new requirements are well beyond the gas mileage of all but the most efficient cars on the road today.

By the time the new standards take effect, the government expects gas-electric hybrids to make up about half the lineup of new vehicles, with electric vehicles making up about 10 percent of the fleet.

Currently hybrid and

electric vehicles combined amount to less than 3 percent of U.S. vehicle sales, according to J.D. Power and Associates.

They'd also force auto companies to get rid of some less-efficient models as they try to boost gas mileage of their lineups. But that depends on how quickly new technology can be developed. Pickup trucks, which rank as some of the biggest sellers for American automobile companies, get a slight reprieve under the agreement. They will only have to increase fuel economy in the first five years by 3.5 percent. After that time, they will have to match the 5 percent annual increase for cars.

Automakers are far better prepared with a much stronger line up of small cars, as well as hybrid and electric vehicles. General Motors and Nissan are selling mass-market electric vehicles, while Mitsubishi, Ford, Toyota and others are about to enter the market.

Nissan's vice president Scott Becker in a statement said the Obama

administration has issued some extremely challenging greenhouse gas reduction and fuel economy improvement targets, but Nissan was "up to the task."

Nissan introduced the LEAF - the world's first and only 100-percent electric car for the mass market - in December 2010. More than 4,000 of the 99 miles-per-gallon vehicles are already on the road.

GM and Ford already have small gasoline-fueled cars that get 40 mpg or better on the highway, and Chrysler will have one next year. Small car sales are up 21 percent so far this year, showing consumer interest is up.

That is perhaps the deal's best selling point. "It is hard to call higher fuel economy standards job killing when all of the automotive companies support it, and the United Auto Workers support it," said Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass.

Ron Bloom, the White House's chief negotiator on the deal, said Friday it was "an example of industry starting to lead the parade."

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Something is always kept when you give, and in today's case, it's big. Perhaps it's only a feeling, but it has weight and impact.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Creativity isn't something you acquire; it's something you've had all along. Like Dorothy's ruby slippers, you only need to know how to access the magic in order to be transported.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You reduce your expectations and resign yourself to accept what comes. It's not because you're pessimistic. It's because you love the feeling of being pleasantly surprised by life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are likely to misjudge your own capabilities, underestimating your strength and stamina. When you feel depleted, push through. You'll get a second wind and accomplish something remarkable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Loved ones have a way of getting under your skin. Only those who know you best can say the things that bother you most. Luckily for them, you will be in a merciful

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Instead of dismissing a new process as "not for you," think of it as an exercise and dive right in. The only way to make sure you're not submitting to complacency is to learn something new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll take a chance and be very proud of yourself at the end of it, whether or not it turns out the way you hoped it would. Your ability to be in the moment is impressive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The one you love may grapple with people you don't admire. However, you'll adhere to excellent boundaries. You'll live and let live. This policy will prove to be truly brilliant.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your ability to pace yourself will prove most useful. You'll be a rock for someone you love. You can't tell now how far this gesture will reach. This is one for the decades.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The look you give people matters. It may be a tiny micro-expression, but it reads loud and clear. You make your innermost feelings known, especially to those who have been, up until now, quite unobservant.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be around those who have little self-control, and you'll realize just how important it is to maintain a certain amount of structure around your daily activities.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 31). You are warm and inviting. You can be this way because you don't have a fear of getting close to people. August sees you in the mood to learn and love. September and December are high points for your personal and professional development.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Do you get the funny sensation that the world is putting on a show for you? With the sun, the moon and Venus all in playful Leo at the top of the week, it may feel as though Ryan Seacrest is sitting on your shoulder, guiding your attention, punctuating

moments with humor and building the suspense to last through the commercial break. As the sign of entertainment, Leo makes sure there is never a dull moment. Even the parts of life that were lacking color will get a shot of excitement and glamour. The new picture will come at you in colorful, high-def 3-D with digital surround-sound to maximum effect.

may seem to slow the pace a bit, but this will turn out to be all for the best.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: "Harry Potter" creator J.K. Rowling has held for years that the seventh "Harry Potter" book would be the last, though she recently made the provocative statement, "Never say never." Rowling was born under an entertaining Leo sun, though the predominant energy in her natal chart is of hardworking and often reserved Virgo.

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MARGO HOWARD

Dear Margo: I think my college-age son is addicted to video games. It is possible he is just depressed, but in any case, something is wrong.

He's home for the summer, but he refuses to look for a job or consider summer school. He does nothing, and the family can't handle it anymore.

We find it a bad example for the younger siblings and just plain bad energy. It was because of this that I told him he couldn't stay here anymore.

I kicked him out yesterday because I think it's time for tough love. On the other hand, I'm worried. — Sick at Heart

Dear Sick: Well, if the kid is old enough to go to college, he is old enough to fend for himself — given the fact that he was welcome to live at home if he showed some sign of life, i.e., having a productive summer where he was doing something.

Video games can be an addiction, so perhaps steer him toward a counselor or a support group that deals with this.

Tell the young man that your door is open to him should he decide to be useful.

And do remind him that playing any kind of game for hours at a time is not an occupation. And who knows? Maybe your

determined action will do him some good. Here's hoping. — Margo, hopefully

A History of Flying Off the Handle

Dear Margo: I need advice about how to cope with my older sister, who flies off the handle, often for no reason at all.

We are both in our 60s. The pattern of our adult lives has been to get along fairly well for a while, until she blows up at me for a real or imagined reason.

Most of the time, her anger is completely out of proportion to the offense. She says things that are so hurtful that my reaction is to retreat.

There have been times when we have not spoken to each other for years, followed by one of us (usually me) trying to patch things up.

This happens over and over. Only once, in an argument, did I scream back at her and say the worst things that came to mind.

I had always wondered what would happen if she got as good as she gave.

It didn't make any difference ... except I felt even worse afterward. And it precipitated a four-year "separation."

We recently got back together, but it has already started all over again. This last time, I refused to retreat and told her we had to learn how to communicate better with each other; that her blowing up and my retreating are both unhealthy.

What makes people have such different styles of communication?

As much as I try, I have a hard time forgetting some of the terrible things she has said. This has kept us from being as close as sisters should be. What can I do? — Gun Shy

Dear Gun: It sounds as though your sister not only has a temper and impulse-control issues, but I'd bet you anything there is something seriously bothering her about her life, and you've become the target. (Proving, yet again, that siblings from the same home can be entirely different in temperament and the ability to manage.)

It's possible there's some carried-over resentment from the younger years. Maybe you were the favored child or prettier or something that made you a frenemy in her eyes. (And I know what you mean about feeling wounded by things she has said.)

Her pattern has become clear (and repeated), so you need to accept that this is who she is.

She will not change. As for what to do, you can lie low and let things drift ... perhaps into no relationship at all. Not everyone gets a great sister. — Margo, genealogically

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A modern wedding?

HOUSTON (AP) — You could call it “My Big Fat Computer Geek Wedding.”

When Miguel Hanson and Diana Wesley get married Saturday, they won't stand before a gray haired minister holding a Bible. Instead, they'll be looking at a 30-inch monitor. On one half of the screen, they'll see a virtual minister with an animated, square face with blue eyes and thin, oval glasses. His voice will be heard over a sound system while the text of what he's saying will show up on the other half of the screen.

Hanson, a Houston web developer and IT consultant, created the minister software program when the couple couldn't get a friend to serve as the minister at their wedding.

“I was like, you know I'm going to write my own minister,” Hanson said.

Wesley, a high school sign language teacher, said she's aware of the nerd jokes that might come the couple's way once more people hear about the wedding. But the couple says being married by a computer fits who they are. They met through a website called “Sweet on Geeks” and love science fiction and fantasy.

“That's kind of our thing,” Wesley said. “In fact, my maid of honor, she's making my cake and she's making it with Nerds (candy) as the topping.”

▶ Menus

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Thursday: taco salad, fiesta corn, guacamole/salsa, tortilla chips/peaches, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Friday: chicken strips with gravy, french fries, tossed salad, berry crisp, rolls, milk.

Bonnie

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tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope” (Romans 5:3-4).

By the time we become adults, most of

us have had ample opportunity to develop character, but perhaps we should be more concerned about the kind of character we display to those around us.

Bonnie Wheat is an author and a minister's wife. She can be contacted a brwheat@suddenlink.net.

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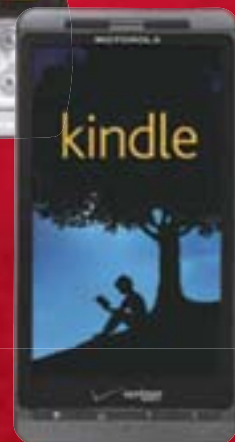


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From the decorating and lighting contests to church pageantry, the *Big Spring Herald* Christmas Parade and the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park, signs of the season are everywhere.

Typically, several dozen homes and businesses are entered in a lighting contest, which is sponsored by



the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. A map guiding visitors to lighted homes is also produced each year for those who want to take a tour.

The parade, which features many lighted entries and often extends for two dozen or more blocks, lasts more than an hour and a half and is viewed by thou-

sands lining the streets. Marching bands, antique vehicles and intricately constructed floats join promenading horses, kids on roller skates and bikers on Harley-Davidsons. Floats often bear written messages such as "Peace on Earth" and celebrate causes, advertise businesses, clubs and churches.

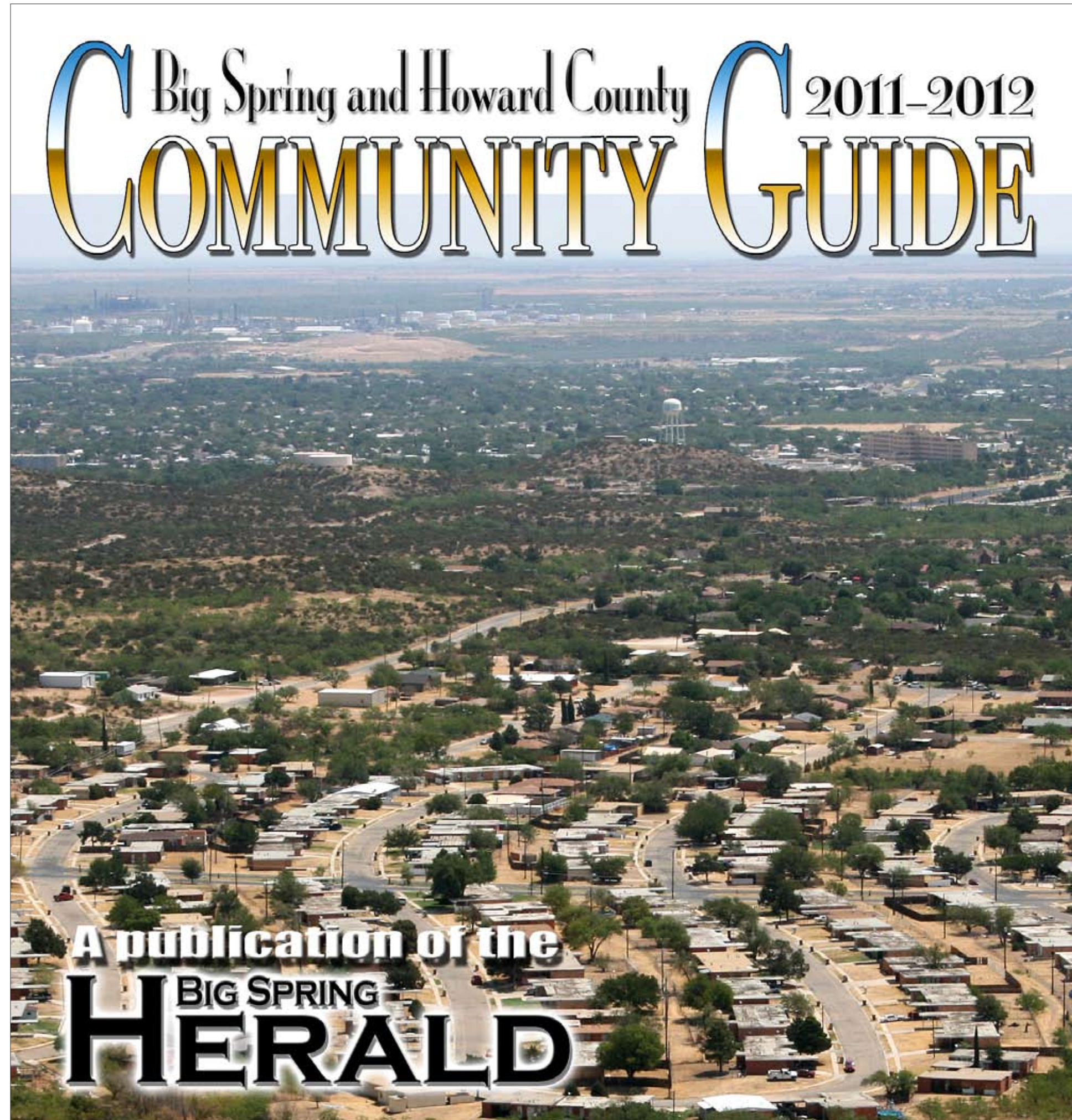
The Festival of Lights is a huge lighted display in Comanche Trail Park that can be viewed via a driving or walking tour. Built by volunteers, the display features more than a million lights hung on trees and over holiday-themed frames. There is no charge to see the lights, which are turned on for several weeks during December, but donations are accepted to help defray the cost of electrical power and supplies.

Other highlights stress the true reason for the season, such as the Living Christmas Tree, put on by the First

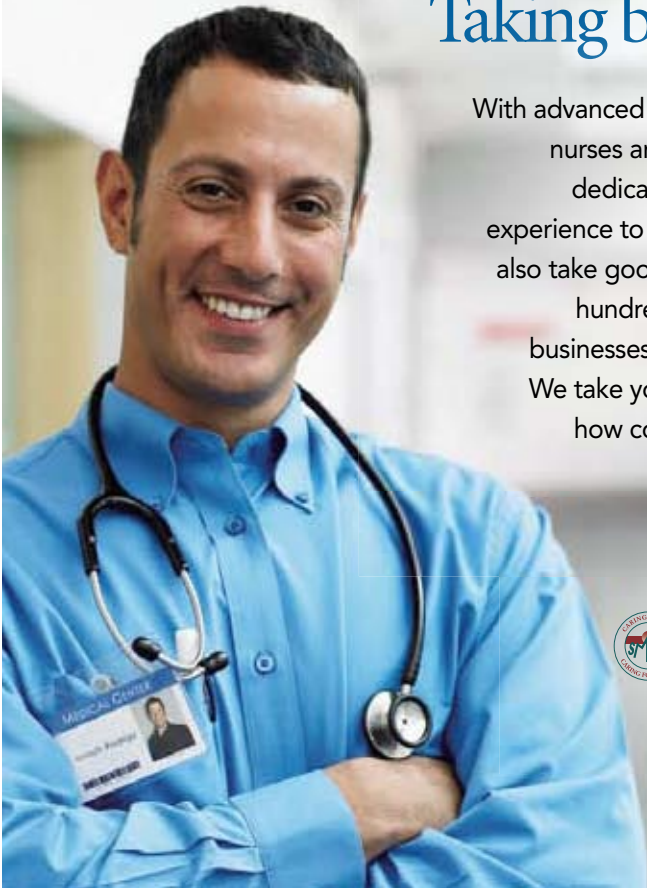
United Methodist Church and a live, drive-through nativity, held by the Church of the Nazarene. Of course, churches throughout the county observe this season with special services that often include candlelight and special music.

And we cannot forget the community caroling, special events at the Heritage Museum and frequent musical performances put on by a variety of sponsors, including the Downtown Revitalization Association and the Big Spring Symphony. All events are free to the public, though donations are accepted to help with expenses.

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267-8239

The commander of the Big Spring division is Major Orville Chambless and his wife, Debra. The Chambless' recently became the new commanders this past June.

The Salvation Army is one of Big Spring's largest and longest-operating community and social service organizations. The agency has provided help to the area needy in many forms, including spiritual, emotional and physical — for more than 70 years.

Most people think of the Salvation Army as the transient lodge, which offers overnight stays and meals to the homeless. Or they associate the agency only with the truck that picks up donated clothing and other items for the thrift store.

Those are some of the most well-known programs in the community, but they are far from all that is offered.

The Salvation Army operates the local Boys and Girls Clubs of America program, which is currently in the process of receiving a new facility. Construction is expected to be completed by October.

Rent and utility assistance are available for those in need, a service that sees peak usage in the hottest and coldest times of the year. To aid families and the elderly, the group also collects fans during the first part of the summer.

Fire victims are offered various forms of assistance, including clothing, meals and temporary shelter. A crisis center for families is operated

at an undisclosed location.

One of the Army's most visible times of the year is the Christmas holiday season, when bell ringers collect donations at the group's kettles. Thanksgiving meals are cooked, served or delivered to thousands each year. Christmas gifts are provided for needy children through the Angel Tree program.

Every year the Salvation Army has a Back to School program that helps the families of school children, grades K-8.

Worship is available at several services each week. The majors hold worship service for the youth at 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and a men's and women's ministry at 6 p.m. Wednesdays. Sunday services are slated for 11 a.m., with Sunday School classes beginning at 10 a.m. at 811 W. Fifth Street.

During times of disaster, the group sets up a traveling cart that offers a hot drink or a sack lunch to those



copied with the aftermath. And help never depends on race, creed or color; it depends on need. For more information, call 267-8239.

Welcome to Big Spring!

Welcome to the 2011-2012 Big Spring Herald Community Guide.

Compiled by the Herald staff, this guide is a handbook, of sorts, on getting to know Big Spring. Here, you can find information on city and county government, schools, medical facilities, parks and recreation, museums, libraries and much.



We hope you find it useful and beneficial as you live, work, play and shop in Big Spring, whether you're a new to Howard County or a long-time resident.

BILL MCCLELLAN
MANAGING EDITOR

Here's what you have to do: First, you must have your vehicle inspected.

Second, take that inspection receipt, your current registration papers and proof of automobile liability insurance to the County Tax Assessor's Office. There you will get your vehicle properly registered in Texas.

If you are moving here from elsewhere in Texas, simply take your valid driver's license to the Texas Department of Public Safety office, located at 5725 W. Interstate 20, on the south service road just west of Big Spring, to update your license.

You'll need your proof of insurance and your vehicle registration.

If you're from outside Texas and hold a valid operator's license, you won't have to take a written test, but your vision will be checked and they'll take one of those driver's license photos that none of us like.

You also must register your vehicle in Howard County, if you're new to our state. You can do that by going to the County Tax Assessor's Office in the Courthouse

Annex, located on the east side of the downtown square. While you are there, take the time to register to vote.

If you have school age children, you'll want to go by the Big Spring Independent School District's administration building at 708 E. 11th Place to get them registered.

Before you go home, bring your registration papers that show you are a new Howard County resident



by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry St. As a way of saying "welcome," we'll give you the first two weeks free on a three-month subscription to the newspaper.

From that point, you'll know all you need to know about Big Spring, Howard

County and the Crossroads area ... just by reading your Herald, particularly when you keep this community guide handy.

Again, welcome to Big Spring and Howard County. We're glad you're here.

Local attractions

ACTIVITIES:

- Big Spring Country Club
- Various Parks
- Family Aquatic Center
- 18-Hole Municipal Golf Course
- Shopping Mall
- Movie Theatre
- Department Stores
- Antiques
- YMCA
- Boys & Girls Club
- Symphony
- Disc Golf Courses
- Bowling
- Putt-putt Golf

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Big Spring State Park

- Comanche Trail Park and Amphitheater
- Heritage Museum
- Hangar 25 Air Museum
- Howard County Library
- Pottton House
- McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark
- Big Spring Memorial Auditorium

EDUCATION

- Big Spring Independent School District
- Maranatha Baptist Academy (private)
- New Hope Christian School (private)
- Howard College

- SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf

HEALTHCARE

- Scenic Mountain Medical Center
- Family Medical Center
- Big Spring Veterans Administration Hospital
- Big Spring State Hospital
- Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center
- Numerous privates offices and centers for dental care, eye care, chiropractic health, physical therapy and the like.

AREA ATTRACTIONS

- Camping, boating, fishing, hiking
- Hunting
- Off-roading

So you're new here?

Welcome to Big Spring! If you're new to West Texas, let us be the first to say, "Howdy!"

Get used to our friendliness, it's something West Texans are known for and proud of. That's especially true of Big Spring where our community's motto is "Big Heart, Big Sky, Big Spring!"

Well, now, the question is, are you new to Texas?

If so, there are a few rules and regulations you must follow, so here are some guidelines to help you along.

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Incorporated in 1907, the city of Big Spring encompasses 18.89 square miles.

The 2000 census placed the population of Big Spring at 25,233, an increase of 2,140 since the 1990 tally. Results from the 2010 census were not yet available at the time this guide was published.

Big Spring has a 2 percent sales tax along with 6.25 percent levied by the state for a total of 8.25 percent.

The city sports a 2010-2011 tax rate of 99.95 cents per \$100 valuation — down 1.34743 cents from the 2009-2010 tax rate of \$1.01

The city council is made up of Mayor Tommy Duncan, Councilman Marcus Fernandez, District 1; Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., District 2; Councilman Glenn Car-

rigan, District 3; Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, District 4; Councilman Craig Olson, District 5; and Councilman Terry Hansen, District 6.

Regular meetings of the city council are held each second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

Gary Fuqua is the city manager and supervises all municipal employees, either directly or through department heads. The city manager's office can be reached at 432-264-2401. Todd Darden serves as the assistant city manager and director of public works, and can be reached at 432-264-2501.

Other city department heads and contacts include:

City Attorney Linda Sjogren, 432-264-2404

Airport Director Col. Jim Little, 432-264-2361

City Finance Director and Secretary Peggy Walker, 432-264-2514

Conventions and Visitors Bureau

Director Debbie Wegman, 432-264-2516

Water Office Supervisor Clarence Ross, 432-264-2540

Senior Center Interim Director Michael Mahaney, 432-264-1220

Retired Senior Volunteer Program Interim Director Becky Lentz, 432-264-1220

Human Resources Director John Medina, 432-264-2345

Fire Chief and EMS Director Brian Jensen, 432-264-2304

Fire Marshal Carl Condray, 432-264-2305

Municipal Court Judge Tim Green, 432-264-2533

Police Chief Lonnie Smith, 432-264-2561

Landfill Manager and building Official Kenny Davis, 432-264-2503

Parks and Streets Manager Jesse Baker, 432-264-2376 (parks) and 432-264-2377 (streets)

Golf Course Supervisor Jack Birdwell, 432-264-2366

Moss Lake Caretaker Rick Boiles, 432-393-5246

Code Enforcement Director Chad Averette, 432-264-2505

Big Spring has five fire stations which employ more than 60 people, including firefighters, emergency medical service staff and administrative staff. The police station also employs more than 60 people, including many civilians.

In all, the city employs 289 people — 282 full-time and seven part-time employees — including 15 who have acquired bachelor degrees and 23 associates degrees. Four have post graduate degrees. The city also employs six seasonal employees.

In addition to providing citizens with necessary services such as water and wastewater treatment, street upkeep and a landfill, the city also maintains a number of recreational facilities.

These include Moss Creek Lake east of the city, Comanche Trail Park — which includes Dora Roberts Community Center, a small

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Houses of worship

Adventist
Seventh Day Adventist, 4319 Parkway, 267-5381

Assembly of God
First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, 267-7971
Templo Belen Assembly of God, 2205 Goliad, 267-2111

Baptist
Airport Baptist, 1208 Frazier, 263-7451
Baptist Temple, 400 11th Place, 267-8287
Berea Baptist, 4204 Wasson, 267-8438
Birdwell Lane Baptist, 1512 Birdwell Lane, 267-7157
Calvary Baptist, 1200 W. Fourth, 263-4242
Central Baptist, 5108 Nichols Road, 398-5469
College Baptist, 1105 Birdwell Lane, 267-7429
Gateway Baptist, Gatesville Street, 263-4883
East Fourth Baptist, 401 E. Fourth, 267-2291
East Side Baptist, 1108 E. Sixth, 267-1915
First Baptist, 705 W. FM 700, 267-8223
First Baptist, Knott
First Baptist, 201 South Ave.,

Coahoma
First Baptist, Sand Springs, 393-5565
First Mexican, 701 NW Fifth Forsan Baptist Church, 201 W. Main, 457-2342
Hillcrest Baptist, 2000 W. FM 700, 267-1639
Iglesia Bautista Central, 2105 Lancaster, 267-3396
Iglesia Bautista La Fe, 408 State, 267-7512
Luthen Bethel Baptist, Gail Rt. Midway Baptist, E. I-20, 263-6274
Morning Star Baptist, 403 Trades Mt. Bethel Baptist, 630 Sgt. Paredez, 263-4069
Prairie View Baptist, FM 2230, 399-4310
Primera Bautista Mission, 701 NW Fifth, 263-1139
Primitive Baptist, 201 E. 24th Salem Baptist, Old Colo. City Hwy.-Salem Rd.
Spring Creek Fellowship, 714-4584
Trinity Baptist, 1701 E. FM 700, 267-6344

Catholic
St. Thomas Catholic, 605 N. Main, 263-4337
Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 610 S. Main, 714-4930

Christian

First Christian, 911 Goliad, 517-4821
Anderson Street Church of Christ, Green and Anderson, 263-2075
Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th Place, 267-2132
Church of Christ, 14th and Main, 263-1303
Coahoma Church of Christ, 311 N. Second
Church of Christ Cedar Ridge, 2110 Birdwell Lane, 263-7200
Sand Springs Church of Christ, Thomas Road
West Highway 80 Church of Christ, 3900 W. Hwy. 80, 267-6483
Church of God of Prophecy, 15th and Dixie
First Church of God, 2009 Main, 267-6607

Church of God in Christ
Shiloh House of Hope, 301 E. Second, 264-7959
Holy Mission, 302 E. 11 Place, 270-1566
McGee Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1000 NW Third, 267-6605
New Life, 204 NW 10th, 264-0771
Powerhouse of God in Christ, 1311 Goliad

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1803 Wasson, 263-4411

Episcopal
St. Mary's Episcopal, 1001 Goliad, 267-8201

Gospel
Spring Tabernacle, 1209 Wright St., 267-5321

Jehovah Witness
Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness, 1500 Wasson Rd., 264-0616

Lutheran
Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS, 2805 Lynn, 267-2594
St. Paul Lutheran, 810 Scurry, 267-7163

Messianic Congregation
Beit Mid Rash Torah God's Church 1905 Scurry, 935-0341

Methodist
Baker's Chapel AME Methodist 911 N. Lancaster, 267-7158
Coahoma United Methodist, Main and Central
First United Methodist, 400 Scurry, 267-6394
North Birdwell Lane United Methodist, 2702 N. Birdwell, 263-2536
Big Spring Methodist, 407 S. Gregg, 263-1259

Nazarene
First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster, 267-7015

Non-Denominational
Christ Community Fellowship, 1008 Birdwell Lane, 263-5683
Circuit Rider Cowboy Church, 500 N. Birdwell

Cornerstone/Covenant, 706 E. 12th, 264-0015
Family Faith Victory Center Int., 800 E. 11th Place, 267-6001
Lighthouse Restoration Center, 604 E. 13th, 264-0043
Life Church, 102 E. 10th, 263-7714
Spring of Life Church, 400 E. 21st, 267-8658
Iglesia de Cristo, Anderson and Green
Chapel of Faith, 401, E. 14th
Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell

Pentecostal
The Pentecostals of Big Spring Jesus Name UPC, 1004 Locust, 263-0050

Presbyterian
First Presbyterian, 701 Runnels, 263-4211
First Presbyterian, 205 N. First, Coahoma

Other
The Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth, 267-8239
Tollett All Faith Chapel, Big Spring State Hospital
Friends of Unity, 303 E. Fifth
Templo Centro De Alabanza, 900 Magnolia
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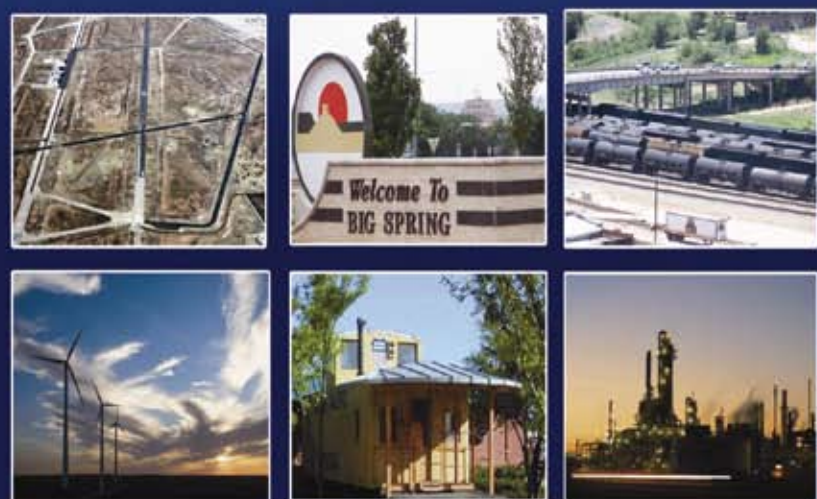
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Very much a work in progress, the memorial's grounds have changed a great deal since members of the community decided to permanently commemorate the site of a 1987 visit to Big Spring by the Moving Wall — a replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The most recent additions to the memorial site — a six-sided granite "All Services and All Veterans" Monument and a multi-generational "Fallen Soldier" Monument — were unveiled during 2008 Memorial Day ceremonies May 26.

Indeed, from fairly humble plans at the outset, the memorial is now an absolute "must see" attraction for visitors to Big Spring.

The current Vietnam Memorial Committee traces its beginnings back to 1987 when the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce formed a committee of local residents to plan and organize for the arrival of the Moving Wall.

The Moving Wall's appearance

in Big Spring impacted the lives of many of the thousands of people who visited it during its brief stay.

A group formed and decided the land on which the Moving Wall had stood during its visit to Big Spring should be turned into a local memorial.

In 1996, a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter was acquired from the Army and committee members and volunteers spent hundreds of hours cosmetically restoring the chopper and painting it like Vietnam era medevac helicopters. The Huey was dedicated on Memorial Day 1997.

An F-4 Phantom II jet was acquired from the U.S. Air Force in December 1997 and transported from Wichita Falls to Big Spring. Five months later, it was completely restored and mounted next to the Huey, its dedication ceremonies held on Memorial Day 1998. Later, an M-60 tank would be added to the military hardware permanently displayed on the memorial grounds and the final addition came a few years later when an AH-1 "Cobra" helicopter was acquired, refurbished and mounted.

The memorial also continued to expand with addition of the Gold Star Mothers Chapel, honoring fallen soldiers from all wars.

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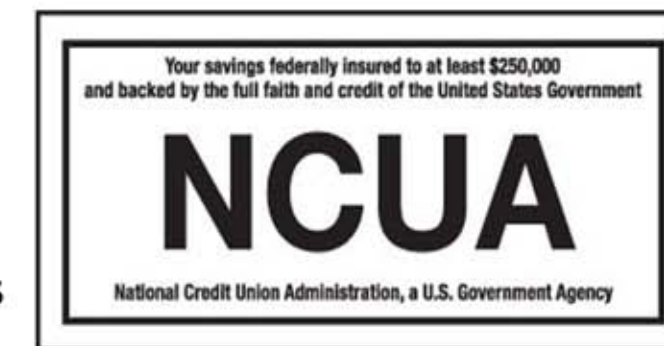
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Police

The Big Spring Police Department, located in the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement Center in the downtown area, employs 66 individuals, including many civilians and support staff.

The administrative section of the police department is comprised of Chief Lonnie Smith, who has been employed with the police department since 1977, and administrative secretary Ann Reid, employed with the department since 1995.

Directly under the chief are four section lieutenants: Lt. Drew Bavin, employed with the department since 1983; Lt. Terry Chamness, employed with the department since 1986; Lt. Robert Fitzgibbons, employed with the department since 1984; and Lt. Lance Telchik, employed with the department since 1993. These lieutenants oversee the major components of the local police department, including administration, support services, training and patrol.

Approximately four years ago the Big Spring City Council agreed to fund a five-officer narcotics task force, paid for with an increase in the city's tax rate. The task force has logged hundreds of arrests since its inception and had what local law enforcement officials describe as a pronounced effect on local drug activity.

An inter-local agreement between the BSPD and the Howard County Sheriff's Office in 2009 expanded the scope of the task force's inves-

tigations beyond the city limits, to include the outlying areas of the county under the supervision of the HCSO.

The Big Spring Police Department also has two detectives assigned to its Youth Street Crimes Division. According to police department officials, these detectives concentrate on gang and juvenile crimes and are associated with the Texas Gang Investigators Association.

The BSPD oversees the local Animal Control Division, which consists of four animal control wardens and one kennel worker and one supervisor. The animal control officers handle more than 100 animals monthly, with an officer on duty seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. During those hours, the officers maintain the Animal Control Facility, located at 3506 E. 11th Place, in addition to handling complaints from the general public and issuing citations for ordinance violations.

Visit the BSPD online at www.big-springpd.net



Fire-EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department was first a volunteer department in the early 1900s. Big Spring was the first city in Texas to receive a motorized fire truck in 1909. In the early 1930s, when Big Spring constructed its city hall, it established a part paid, part volunteer fire department.

A few years later, it was a fully paid, professional fire department.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services maintains five stations throughout the community, including:

- Station No. 1 — 1401 Apron Dr.
- Station No. 2 — 18th Street and Main Street
- Station No. 3 — 11th Place and Birdwell Lane
- Station No. 4 — N.E. Eighth Street and N. Main Street
- Station No. 5 — 1701 Wasson Dr.

The Big Spring Fire Department is a dedicated team of professionals who provide a response to any situ-

ation that involves life safety and preservation of property, in a safe and timely manner. The department also provides effective educational programs and inspection services.

The Fire Department provides fire prevention and suppression services necessary for the protection of lives and property within the city.

Brian Jensen serves as the BSFD chief with several deputy chiefs under his command. The city is also served by Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray, who maintains an office at Fire Station No. 1.

In all, the fire department employs 46 people and responds to an average of 439 calls within the city limits each year. The fire department also responds to non-city emergency an average of 66 times each year.

Emergency Medical Services currently employs 18 people, including clerks, making an average of 2,908 in-city runs each year and 313 non-city responses annually. EMS also makes an average of 597 long-distance transfers each year.

For more information, call 432-263-2303.

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one day a week, implementing a schedule of Saturdays from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. for residential customers and Tuesdays from 6 a.m. until 10 a.m. for businesses.

Other restrictions aimed include:

- Vehicles can only be washed at commercial (including mobile) car wash establishments.
- No outside watering is allowed except on the designated date and time. However, according to the memo issued Friday, "Potted plants and flower beds can be watered on any day between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. using a watering can (no water hoses)."
- Washing of "houses, decks, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc ... is strictly prohibited."

And while the current mandatory restrictions may seem rather stiff, city officials warn there could be more on the way if the municipality is unable to curb its water consumption to meet the 20 percent decrease in deliveries. A hotline has been established at 432-264-2548 for Big Spring residents to report water conservation violations.

Efforts to increase the amount of groundwater — specifically from wells located in Ward County — being delivered into the CRMWD

system are under way, with completion of a second pipeline is expected to be completed in January 2013.

Unfortunately, that completion date may do little to help the water district with its other, more pressing deadline: Without a considerable influx of rainwater to area reservoirs, the water sources could be completely depleted by December 2012, according to CRMWD calculations.

In addition, CRMWD controls the water level at Moss Creek Lake, though the park is owned and operated by the city of Big Spring. Moss Creek Lake is located east of Big Spring and can be accessed on Moss Creek Lake Road off Interstate 20.

Camping, fishing, swimming and boating are available at CRMWD lakes. A daily vehicle pass is \$5. Annual passes are \$60. An annual senior citizen pass is \$10. Individual and boat permits are not required. Passes are available at drop boxes, marinas and concession facilities.

Public pavilions are also available at various locations around the lakes, and can be reserved for fees ranging from \$25 to \$35.

CRMWD offices are located at 400 E. 24th St. in Big Spring. The office phone number is 267-6341. CRMWD has a website at www.crmwd.org

A-Scouting we will go

The Boys Scouts are looking forward to their second 100 years.

A year after celebrating its centennial, the organization is still going strong across the country, and the Crossroads area branch of Scouting is no exception.

The BSA teaches millions of youth — and not just boys, either — valuable life lessons in an educational and fun way.

This area is home to the oldest Boy Scout Troop west of the Mississippi River — Troop 1 — which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

The local troop is part of the Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council, which serves more than 5,000 youth in 18 West Texas counties.

The Girl Scouts' self-proclaimed mission is to "build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place." The organization was created for girls ages 5 to 17, or kindergarten all the way through high school. On a local level, there are several troops available to girls in Howard County interested in developing lifelong qualities they will carry through their life — "like strong values, social conscience and conviction about their own potential and self-worth."

All of the troops in Big Spring are part of the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest which covers the area from Deming, N.M. all the way to Ozona. Membership fees for the entire year are only \$12.

There are six different levels in Girl Scouts which are based off of grade levels.



Currently, there are more than 150 Howard County youth active in Scouting.

There are several scout troops which meet weekly (with certain exceptions) in Howard County.

District chair is Marcus Fernandez. He can be reached at 816-3923. District executive is Brian Sweeney. He can be reached at (432) 212-3577.



Kindergarten and first graders are Girl Scout Daisies; grades 2-3 are Girl Scout Brownies; Girl Scout Juniors are fourth and fifth graders; grades 6-8 are Girl Scout Cadettes; Girl Scout Seniors are ninth and tenth graders; and juniors and seniors are Girl Scout Ambassadors.

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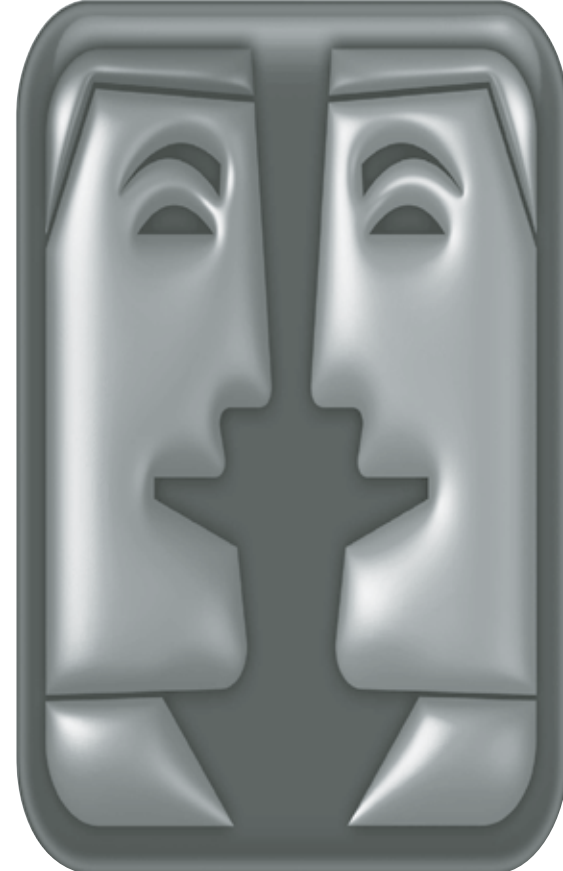
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Coahoma

The City of Coahoma's population is approximately 1,000 (approximately 440 families). The city council is made up of Mayor Warren Wallace and five council members elected to at-large seats — Jay Holt, Zachary Johnson, Linda Luce, Ronnie Dodson and Paulette Lindsey. The city's ad valorem tax rate is 45.1 cents per \$100 valuation. For more information about the City of Coahoma and the services it provides, call Coahoma City Hall at 432-394-4287.

Forsan

The City of Forsan's population is approximately 220 — more than 100 families call it home. The city council is made up of Mayor Roger Hudgins and five council members elected to at-large seats — Ramon Holguin, Dianna Walker, Todd Schaffer, Mary Gressett and Fred Holguin. The city's ad valorem tax rate is 19.1 cents per \$100 valuation. To call Forsan City Hall, call 432-457-2355.

Utility Hookups

As with most Texas cities, residents of Big Spring and the surrounding area have a number of providers to choose from when it comes to cell phone service, Internet access, satellite television and electrical companies. These local companies — and their contact information — should help residents looking to relocate to the Crossroads area.

Visit Suddenlink online at www.suddenlink.com

NATURAL GAS
 Atmos Energy continues to be the sole provider of natural gas service in Big Spring.
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WATER SERVICES
 The city of Big Spring provides water service for much of the Crossroads area. To set up new service contact the city's water billing office — located at 309 Johnson St. — at 432-264-2542.
 To report a problem with your water service, call 432-264-2392.

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lake, amphitheater and golf course — as well as other smaller parks in the community and softball and baseball fields.
 The city recently added a sports facility, converting the Roy An-

derson Softball Fields to the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, which provides fields and services for a number of different sports.
 For additional information about services provided by the city of Big Spring, call 432-264-2401.

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County is home to 35,000 residents

Named for Volney E. Howard, a U.S. Congressman from Texas, Howard County is made up of 904 square miles. As of the 2010 Census, there were 35,012 people, 11,500 households, providing a population density of 38.8 people per square mile.

The census also reported 13,862 housing units. The racial makeup of the county at that time was 74.1 percent White — which includes 37.9 percent Hispanic or Latino — 6.2 percent Black or African American, 0.9 percent Native American, 0.8 percent Asian, 0.01 percent Pacific Islander and 2.10 percent from two or more races.

According to the most recent reports published by the Census Bureau, the median income for a household in the county was \$36,929. The per capita income for the county was \$18,083. About 18.7 percent of the population were below the poverty line.

Big Spring is the county seat. The cities of Forsan and Coahoma are also located within Howard County's borders. Other communities located within the county include Elbow, Knott, Lomax, Luther, Sand Springs, Vealmoor and Vincent.

Howard County is bordered on the north by Borden County, the northwest by Dawson County, on the west by Martin County, to the south by Glasscock County, on the southeast by Sterling County and to the east by Mitchell County. It lies at the eastern tip of the Permian Basin and at the foot of the escarpment marking the beginning of the Edwards Plateau, which extends 200 miles to the south.

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District Clerk, Colleen Barton — 432-264-2223
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CRMWD supplies area's precious water

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has faced unprecedented challenges during the past year, as critically low water reservoirs and an absence of rainfall have forced the agency to begin rationing water to area cities.

Colorado River Municipal Water District
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Led by General Manager John Grant, CRMWD provides water to its member cities, which are Big Spring, Odessa and Snyder, as well as its customer cities, including Abilene, Grandfalls, Midland, Pyote, Robert Lee, San Angelo and Stanton.

Big Spring currently seats four members of the water district's board of directors, including Board President Jim Purcell, who has served on the governing body since 2002; Secretary/Treasurer James Weaver, who has been part of the board since 1995; board member Ray Kennedy, who was appointed to the position in 2004; and Dr. John Myers, D.D.S., who was appointed to the board in January.

Since its creation in 1949, CRMWD has relied on three man-made reservoirs for its surface water:

- Lake J.B. Thomas, located 35 miles north of Big Spring and 20 miles southwest of Snyder. Facilities include rest rooms, picnic tables, camping areas and boat ramps.
- E.V. Spence Reservoir,



located at Robert Lee on U.S. Highway 158. Facilities include boat ramps, picnic tables, rest rooms and campsites. Concession locations include Wildcat Creek Marina, 325-453-2801.

- O.H. Ivie Reservoir is located on FM 1929 and FM

503. Facilities include boat ramps, picnic tables, rest rooms and campsites. Concession locations include Concho Park and Marina (southwest side), 325-357-4466, Kennedy Park (southeast side), 325-357-4776, and Padgett Park (north side, no

phone available). According to CRMWD reports, Lake Thomas is approximately 2.9 percent full — with an estimated 5,800 acre-feet of water left in the lake — while Lake Spence is currently less than 1 percent full. Lake Ivie is listed as approximately 25 percent full and is currently the main source of water for the city of Big Spring.

Due to drought conditions, CRMWD recently announced it was decreasing water deliveries to cities by 20 percent, spurring Big Spring and many other cities to implement mandatory restrictions on water use.

Big Spring officials agreed to restrict the outdoor use of water — aimed largely at the watering of lawns — to just

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Big Spring designated retirement community

Big Spring has been named as a retirement community and has a variety of retirement facilities and nursing homes located throughout the city.

• Marcy House, located at 2301 Wasson, is a 44-bed assisted living facility. For more information, call 268-9041.

• Parkplace Retirement Living, 501 W. 17th, classifies itself as an independent living community for active senior adults. Residents enjoy the comfort of their own apartment with no worry of utilities. For more information, visit parkplaceretirementliving.com or call 267-1353.

• St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes Inc. owns Canterbury North and South, which are two apartment-type complexes, providing independent living for senior citizens. Canterbury South is located at 1700 Lancaster and can be reached by calling 263-1265. Canterbury North is located at 401 W. 17th St. and can be reached by calling 263-1238. Both provide a walking track, an on-site convenience store and numerous social activities.

• Parkview Nursing, located at 3200 Parkway, is licensed for 109 beds. To find out more information, call 263-4041.

• Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home is geared toward providing a safe and secure environment for veterans and their dependents. There are numerous activities planned each month, including the annual community Easter Egg Hunt.

It is licensed for 160 beds and is located at 1809 N. Hwy 87. Veterans and their spouses are able to take advantage of the facility and the skilled nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapy. To find out more information about this facility, call 268-8387.

Northside CC meets needs of citizens on low income

Northside Community Center is committed to meeting the needs of Big Spring and Howard County's low income citizens.

For the past 27 years, the center has been assisting Howard County with financial assistance in numerous areas and educational opportunities. It has helped residents establish career goals, provided individual, family and educational counseling, assistance in time management and preparation of financial budgets.

It provides a summer and after-school program, English as a Second Language, Spanish as a Second Language and computer classes. A Parents Empowering Parents support group has also been formed and meets the first and third Monday of the month for an hour.

Assistance is also provided for rent, utilities, medicine, gasoline to get to job interviews or doctors appointments, food, educational advancement and other miscellaneous needs.

The three-person staff, comprised of Associate Director Bobby Armstrong, Program Coordinator Linda Sepulveda and Receptionist Virginia Natividad are focused on a common goal — providing assistance to those focusing on education and employment.

Northside Community Center is located at 110 N.E. Eighth St. To find out more information or for assistance call the office between 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at 263-2673.

Volunteers vital to keeping county safe

The Howard County Volunteer Fire Department consists of 52 firefighters, including Chief Tommy Sullivan.

And while the VFD has been around for many, many years, the need for the department has never been more pronounced in West Texas than right now, as the region struggles to make it through one of the driest periods in history.

The VFD, which maintains several stations throughout the community, is funded by Howard County and donations alone, according to Sullivan.

And, as the department continues to respond to

upward of three calls each day during this summer season, Sullivan said the VFD's budget continues to take major blows.

"We've received a tremendous amount of support from the Howard County Commissioners Court, who have signed several budget amendments for us already," he said. "We've also seen a lot of support from the Dora Roberts Foundation, the cities of Forsan and Coahoma and the communities we serve."

To reach Sullivan, who also serves as the director of the Howard County 911 District, call 432-267-1900.

Spirit of Big Spring unequivocal through the Economic Development Corporation

The Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, formed in 1990, was originally named after the late Wayne Moore, chief executive officer for economic and community development for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Big Spring EDC
215 W. Third
264-6032
www.bigspringtx.com

Currently, BSEDC has two employees, Executive Director Terry Wegman and Executive Assistant Teresa Darden. The BSEDC office is located at 215 W. Third St.

Big Spring is proud of its industrial community. Many factors contribute to the continued success of industrial activity in Big Spring. First is the entrepreneurial spirit found in the city. To help further develop that spirit, the board of directors added a pro-

gram to assist local entrepreneurs — Entrepreneur Alliance. The program started at the beginning of 2011, directed by Matty McLain, business development facilitator from Amarillo. McLain is in the Big Spring office four times a month to offer assistance to those wanting to start a business or who are looking for ideas to improve their family-owned business.

For organizations to compete effectively in their sectors on a global scale, the community must provide the highest quality workforce attainable in the area. To this end, local government units such as Howard College and the Big Spring Independent School District work closely together in implementing a spirit of continuous quality improvement among the existing and future civilian labor force. Anticipating tomorrow's industrial needs today, that is the prevailing sentiment in Big Spring and of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

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Cotton is king



When they say cotton is king, they are speaking of Howard County, Texas.

Of the approximate 576,000 acres in Howard County, about 122,000 are normally utilized for growing cotton, according to the Farm Service Agency.

However, in West Texas' dry climate, cotton is a hit-or-miss proposition and 2011 has been largely a "miss." A severe lack of rainfall has dryland cotton farmers resting their equipment.

Several years ago, the county experienced it's best year for cotton ever. And good cotton crops mean good things for the rest of Howard County, because those farmers spend their money at home for the most part.

It shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that Crossroads area residents, regardless of their business, are always praying for timely rains and good growing weather.

Cotton is not the only crop grown in Howard County, of course.

A breakdown of land use, primarily as it relates to farming, follows:

- Non-irrigated Cotton - 118,860
- Irrigated Cotton - 2,790
- Skip/Idle Rows - 26,160
- Conservation Reserve Program - 54,415

- Alfalfa - 80
- Wheat - 14,000
- Sorghum Forage - 3,225
- Fallow - 6,580
- Turn Roads - 1,100
- Rangeland (Grass) - 209,480
- Other - 180

Total acres reported to Howard County FSA - 436,900 Based on the assumption there are 576,000 total acres in the county, this would leave a balance of more than 139,000 acres unreported. Those acres consist primarily of rangeland, highways, oil well locations, bodies of water and townships.

—Source: FSA

Howard County also has several ranches that raise cattle and horses, and smaller goat operations as well. It's estimated there are 6,500 cattle in the county.

While cotton dominates the agriculture scene here, there is some limited truck farming of fruits and vegetables in the area and several pecan orchards. Some of that produce finds its way to the Big Spring Farmers Market from its opening in early July through its close at the end of October each year. Because of drought, however, the market did not open in 2011.

Weather

Located at the edge of the southern plains where the high plains stops and the Edwards Plateau begins, arid days are usual in the West Texas area of the Crossroads.

The average annual temperature is 77 degrees with an average annual relative humidity close to 47 percent.

Summer months are normally warm and dry while the winter months are typically mild and fairly dry.

The Big Spring area receives an annual rain fall 18.5 inches, mostly receiving the precipitation in the spring and autumn.

Needing a companion? Try the Humane Society

Howard County Humane Society
5710 IH-20 West
267-7832
hchstx.org

The Howard County Humane Society is looking for good homes for the numerous cats and dogs it has taken in.

The humane society houses 150 dogs and about 63 cats on any given day. The non-profit organization serves as a no-kill shelter, which means any animal that arrives at the humane society will stay there until a home is found.

Funding for daily operations is received through the United Way of Big Spring, private donations, memori-

als and many people with love and compassion for animals.

Those wanting to adopt a pet may visit the humane society, located at 5710 IH-20 West of Big Spring. Adoptions can be made Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All animals are spayed/neutered before adoption and receive shots and rabies tag. Dog adoptions are \$65 and cat adoptions are \$40.

Jo Stone is the coordinator of the Humane Society and is in charge of a five person full-time staff.

To adopt a pet or find out more information, contact the Humane Society at 432-267-7832. Also find more information on their website at hchstx.org.

The library: Sources and resources

Howard County Library
500 S. Main
264-2260
www.howard-county.lib.tx.us

The Howard County Library aims to provide a source of knowledge, information and small getaways through the world of imagination. It doesn't matter if you are looking for an educational journey or simply one to entice the mind, the library has the path for you to follow.

The library provides a plethora of books, movies (VHS and DVD), access to Wi-fi and a computer area for internet access. Once a library card has been obtained books can be checked out for three weeks; books on tape or compact disc for two weeks; inter-library loan items according to the lending institution, DVDs for one week. Checkout for DVDs are limited to one. A 15-item checkout limit applies to all resources in the library.

If you happen to find a book or other reference materials that strike your interest and you find yourself needing more time, the items can be checked out for an extended period of time over the phone or by stopping in at the library. However, if the item is on a waiting list or a DVD, it must be returned in order to allow everyone to take advantage of the resources.

The library also offers a summer reading program, conducted by Donna Downing. The program includes magic acts, visits from

Native Dancers and other interesting aspects of the community and history.

There are also two meeting rooms available for non-profit organizations, as long as there are no items or services being sold. There can be no religious gatherings or social gatherings. Any event, besides training sessions, must be accessible by the public.

Hollis McCright is the library director. The library is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the school year. During summer months, June, July and August, the library is closed on Saturdays. Stop by and jump into your own adventure at 500 S. Main or call for more information 432-264-2260.

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Airpark has ideal location

Big Spring's airport is steeped in aviation history — 81 years of it, in fact.

After World War II began in 1942, the airport was turned over to the War Department and became Big Spring Bombardier School. It was deactivated after the war until 1952, when the Department of Defense constructed Webb Air Force Base at the site. Webb closed in 1977 and the facilities were turned over to the city.



Today, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark serves both aviation and industry.

The airport has two runways — 17/35 which is 100

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feet wide and 8,802 feet in length and 6/24 which is 75 feet wide and 4,601 feet in length.

Air Evac Lifeteam maintains a base adjacent to the airport, providing emergency air evacuation services throughout the Crossroads area.

A spur of Union Pacific Railroad provides rail access to the east side of the airpark. Funds are set aside each year for the maintenance of the spur. There are numerous sites available along the spur and elsewhere throughout the airpark for future development. The airpark is located in the southwest portion of the city and just south of Interstate 20.

The airport terminal, more than 4,000 square feet in size, includes a confer-

ence room, pilots' lounge, passenger waiting area and office.

New runway lighting has been installed and other improvements made. In 2009 a multi-million-dollar project to upgrade the airport's major runway to an 11-inch thickness was completed, allowing larger planes to land.

The airport is an ideal location for hang gliding and paragliding and has hosted several major competitions, including the 2007 World Hang Gliding Championships. The sport continues this year with the Big Spring U.S. Nationals Aug. 14-20.

Director of the airport and airpark is Col. Jim Little, U.S. Air Force retired.

He can be reached at 264-2362.

News sources

Various media sources are located in Big Spring, including a newspaper, several radio stations and a television translator station.

Published in the afternoon Monday through Friday and the morning on Sunday, the *Herald* is owned by Horizon Publications headquartered in Marion, Ill.

The on-line edition can be found at www.bigspringherald.com. There, readers can find a free condensed version of the print version, or access the full newspaper in PDF format through an e-subscription.

The *Herald* is a member of the Associated Press, Texas Press Association, West Texas Press Association and Texas Daily Newspaper Association.

Ron Midkiff serves as the *Herald's* publisher, Rick Nunez is advertising manager, Bill McClellan is managing editor, Rachel Martinez is the business office manager, Robert Smith is

circulation manager and Tony Hernandez is production manager.

The *Herald's* offices are located at 710 Scurry St. and are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The paper's mailing address is P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1431. The main switchboard telephone number is 263-7331. Circulation calls may be made to 263-7335. The fax number is 264-7205.

E-mails can be sent to Midkiff at publisher@bigspringherald.com.

The editorial department's main e-mail address is editor@bigspringherald.com. In addition, sports information can be e-mailed to sports@bigspringherald.com.

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Big Spring's radio stations include:

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KXCS-FM 105.5, 2801 Wasson Dr., 263-6351.

The television translator is KWAB-TV, channel 4, located at 2500 Kentucky on the Howard College campus.

Pop bottles to jet fuel: Made in Big Spring

Location, a reasonable cost of living, a skilled employee base and reasonable costs of operation are key reasons a number of industries have made their home in Big Spring.

Chief among the area's manufacturers and solid corporate citizens are Alon USA, Weatherford — A&M Composites, American Limestone, Delta Lightning Arrestors, Fibercom, Freecom, Sid Richardson Carbon & Energy Co., Western Container Corp., Blue Bell Creameries, Robinson Drilling, Co-Ex Pipe Co., Phillips Fabrication, PCCA and Amerimex.

Those industries produce everything from fuels and carbon black, to limestone for construction projects, paints and pipe coatings, lightning arrestors, sucker rods for the oil industry and even soft drink bottles. Not surprisingly, most of them have to do with petrochemicals in some form or another.

Probably the best known of the community's industries is the Big Spring Refinery.

Originally constructed in 1928 by owner Joshua Cosden, the Big Spring Refinery expanded significantly during World War II. The chemicals complex was constructed in the '50s and '60s and was purchased by Fina in 1963. It was then restructured in the '80s and '90s to become an efficient, stable refinery. Fina sold the Big Spring Refinery to Alon USA in 2000.

Alon USA primarily produces regular mid and premium grades of gasoline, and low sulfur diesel fuel. In addition, jet fuel, kerosene, benzene, propane, propylene and aromatic sol-

vents are produced. Various grades of asphalt are produced. Sulfur is a by-product.

The Big Spring Refinery employs 180-plus company workers and 10 to 300 contract personnel depending on construction and maintenance requirements.

Western Container Corp. was established in 1979 by a group of Coca-Cola bottlers who saw a long-term need for a central distribution point and a reliable source of high quality, low-cost plastic bottles.

The company established

its initial site in Big Spring in July of 1980 and the plant continues to be Western Container's central distribution point. The facility is located in an enterprise zone at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Making up a major part of Big Spring's employee base are schools and the medical community. Leading the way is Big Spring Independent School District with slightly more than 600 employees. Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf employ slightly more than 200

individuals.

Other top employers (numbers rounded) include Big Spring State Hospital, 580; West Texas VA Health Care System, 540; GEO Group, 485; Robinson Drilling, 350; Wal-Mart, 335; Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 325; city of Big Spring, 285; Federal Bureau of Prisons, 240; and Price Construction, 230.



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Chamber works for area businesses

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has been focused on building the Big Spring community since it was established in 1919.

Through the years, things have changed, as has the economy, but the main goal is still the same — promoting Big Spring and Howard County.

The three-member staff, comprised of Debbye ValVerde, Nancy Davenport and Vickie Stewart, has a total of 30 years experience.

Between monthly board meetings, business promotions, free inclusion on the chamber website and quarterly mailers chamber

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce
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members are thrown into the community eye. But the advantages don't stop there.

There are Business Before and After Hours and the possibility of a new Ambassador program. And don't forget about Leadership Big Spring, ribbon cuttings, an annual banquet recognizing Man and Woman of the Year and other social activities.

The organization's mission states: "The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's

mission is to advance the civic, economic, cultural and social betterment and interests of its members and the people of Howard County."

To find out more information, call 263-7641 or stop by the office at 215 W. Third St.

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CVB brings visitors to Crossroads area

The Convention and Visitors Bureau purpose is bringing visitors to Big Spring and making sure they see all there is to see.

The CVB has always been a part of the community, but became a self-managed organization in 2003. It is

still classified as a division of the city and is completely funded by the Hotel/Motel Tax.

The funds received are designated to promoting the Big Spring community. The convention encourages different groups throughout the community to set up events and serves as a start up support for those events.

Each month, the seven-member board meets to determine how funds will be distributed. The CVB is a

sponsor of the Big Spring triathlon, supporter of the Big Spring Symphony, Powwow, dog show, Fourth of July events and sporting events — any activity that will encourage people to come and spend the night in one of Big Spring's hotels or motels.

A two-person staff — made up of Debbie Wegman and her assistant, Devoun Blount — manages all the CVB efforts and information.

They provide visitors information through brochures and its website at visitbigspring.com

CVB is located in the Chamber of Commerce building at 215 W. Third St.

The phone number is 263-8235.

Big Spring enjoys a proud aviation history

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Air power. It's a large part of Big Spring's history.

Located in a fully restored World War II era hangar, the stated mission of Hangar 25 Air Museum is to "promote education through collection, preservation and exhibition of the history of the Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base, while honoring all veterans, past and present."

After the closure of Webb Air Force Base in 1977, Hangar 25 lay vacant and in an increasingly dilapidated state until the mid 1990s, when a group of area citizens took action to restore and preserve the facility.

Primary movers behind the development of the museum in its formative stages were former assistant city manager Tom Decell, Nelda Reagan, secretary of the airport and industrial park, and air park board member Bobby McDonald.

A \$453,000 grant to help fund the refurbishment of the hangar was obtained by Reagan in 1996 and the museum opened three years later.

Displays include a once top secret Norden Bomb Sight and an array of planes, including a Northrop T-38A "Talon," a Lockheed T-33A "Shooting Star," a Beech AT-11 "Kansan," a North America T-28 "Trojan," a Cessna T-37B "Tweet" and a McDonnell Douglass AV-8 "Harrier."

Other attractions include a stained glass window from the air base's former church, a pilot "briefing



room," used for programs, coffees and the like, and a well-stocked gift shop.

Joe Hays is the seventh administrator of the museum since its inception. Current board members include President Sherry Hodnett, Vice President Gloria McDonald, Secretary Lora Wofford, Treasurer Deanna Burnett, Shirley Col. Vaughn Martin, Bob Miller, Jerry Worthy, Jan Foresyth, Clarence Hartfield Jr., Myron Gwin. and Col. Jerry Grimes. Col. Jim Little, Skip Burcham and Emma Bogard are ex-officio board members.

This year, Oct. 7-9, the museum will host a Webb AFB reunion.

The museum hosts several special events through the year, including

the Silver Wings Ball, the museum's annual fund-raiser in November, Young Eagles airplane rides for youth in May and the Kid's Club workshop in August.

In addition, the museum recognizes a Veteran of the Month and holds a reception in that individual's honor.

And, of course, there are numerous group and individual tours. More than 35,000 people from 50 states and 31 foreign countries have visited the museum.

Annual membership fees range from \$30 to \$1,000 and entitle persons to a 10 percent discount in the museum gift shop, a subscription to the museum's newsletter and an invitation to the annual members' dinner.

Admission for visitors is free, although donations are gladly accepted. Museum hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The museum is located at 1911 Apron Dr.

For more information, call 432-264-1999 or go online to www.hangar25airmuseum.com

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Senior Center offers varied activities

The Big Spring Senior Center, which was overseen for many years by Howard County and was turned over to the city of Big Spring three years ago, is located at 1901 Simler Dr. on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Senior Center coordinator Michael Mahaney currently serves as the facility's interim director, taking over in July after the sudden passing of former director Nancy Jones.

After the city took over operations in June 2008, the center got new stoves, a freezer and an ice maker.

Meals are served Monday through Friday at noon. There is no charge for the meal to seniors over the age of 60, although a \$3.50 donation is suggested. There is a \$6 charge to those under age 60.

The center is open from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We provide many daily and weekly recreational, educational and wellness opportunities for our seniors. We have dances every Friday night and host monthly birthday parties and holiday celebrations," Mahaney said. "Our center is a place where seniors can meet friends for coffee, attend educational lectures or participate in classes and games such as Bible study, bingo and checkers. Also, AARP provides the '55 Alive' driving course on a regular basis and we have the AARP Tax Aides during tax season."

The Senior Center offers darts, dominoes and board games — ranging from chess and checkers to back-

gammon — as well as jigsaw puzzles. Regulation-size pool tables are also available, and all the necessities, such as cues and balls, are provided.

first Tuesday of each month from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

For area seniors who like a little nightlife in their weekly plans, the center hosts a country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. each Friday for a \$6 fee per person.

The facility also houses RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), coordinated by Becky Letz.

"Big Spring RSVP is a volunteer organization sponsored by the City of Big Spring. We recruit volunteers over the age of 55 and place them with organizations that use volunteers to meet the ever increasing needs of our community," Letz said.

"We currently work with more than 300 senior volunteers in 40 organizations

throughout Big Spring and Howard County."

Letz said volunteers are placed and trained in specific jobs that meet the interests of each individual senior volunteer. Supplemental insurance is provided for the volunteer as well as an annual banquet, ice cream socials and newsletters.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Reading to children at the Howard County Library
- Assisting the Police and Sheriff's Departments
- Delivering meals to homebound elderly
- Volunteering at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the Big Spring State Hospital and the Veteran's Hospital

For more information, call 267-1628.

Senior Center
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Bingo is held every Tuesday and Thursday and has been enhanced after a complete bingo system was donated to the Center.

There is a Bible study each Wednesday from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. and a caregiver support group meets the

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Centered around the historic Comanche Trail Lake, the city of Big Spring's Comanche Trail Park is the municipality's largest and most-used recreational facility.

Located near U.S. Highway 87 in the southern part of the city, the 136-acre facility provides family-oriented recreation and plays home to numerous annual events, including the Pops in the Park Fourth of July celebration and the Festival of Lights Christmas display.

The Kid's Zone playground — which was first erected in 1996 with the help of about 200 volunteers — was renovated and repaired in May 2009 after the original site was destroyed in an arson attack in late December 2008. Much of rebuilding project was made possible through donations and fund-raising efforts in and around the city. Funds were also allocated to install surveillance cameras in and around the Kid's Zone area to discourage future attacks on the fa-



cility.

The park also boasts a state-of-the-art aquatic center, constructed in 2010 and 2011, featuring wading pools, a lazy river, water slides and a number of attractions sure to please both young and old visitors. The aquatic center has become a refuge for Crossroads residents looking to beat the severe summer heat. The center is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon until 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sun-

day from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. Admission is \$5 for ages 3 years and up. For more information, call 432-264-2484. Also situated within Comanche Trail Park are the historic spring which the city derives its name from and the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. Part of the sprawling park grounds includes the Municipal Golf Course, an 18-hole course that has undergone a \$2 million renovation in recent years, including the

construction of a new clubhouse for the facility. Comanche Trail Park is also where the Figure 7 Tennis Center is located. Golf and tennis aren't the only sports the city of Big Spring has helped along over the years, as the municipality recently put the finishing touches on a new, multi-million dollar sports complex. The Roy Anderson Sports Complex, located in west Big Spring near Interstate Highway 20, provides

playing surfaces for baseball, softball, soccer and youth football.

For more on city parks and recreation, contact Jesse Baker 432-264-2376.

Big Spring State Park
263-4931
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/spdest/findadest/parks/big_spring/

Big Spring also boasts a 382-acre state park facility, located around and atop Scenic Mountain. Dramatic views off the 200-foot bluff and from the loop road is one of the featured attractions of the park. Early in the morning or at sunset, joggers, walkers, and cyclists circle the loop, enjoying these views as they exercise.

Facilities include restrooms with no showers; a lighted, open, group picnic pavilion which can accommodate up to 50 persons for group outings and may be reserved; and playground facilities. The combined scenic drive and walking route — paved road surface —

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SWCID plays an important role in education

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, located at 3200 Ave. C in Big Spring, is the largest self-contained community college dedicated to deaf and hard of hearing students in the world.

Funded almost entirely through state appropriations, SWCID was created as part of the Howard County Junior College District in 1980. The first classes at SWCID were offered in 1980; and on May 14, 1981, the Governor of Texas signed into law the bill which established SWCID as a state-supported institution within the Howard County Junior College District.

SWCID provides educational programs that serve the deaf and hard of hearing as well as providing education for paraprofessionals for the deaf and hearing impaired.

SWCID offers a variety of academic and workforce-training courses.

New England native Mark Myers is in his fourth year as provost of the institution. Can-

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dace Anderson is director of admission and educational support services.

Among the programs having seen the most growth are graphic arts technology, dental laboratory technology and construction and building technology.

The interpreter training program and paraprofessional for the deaf and hard of hearing programs remain popular with those individuals who choose to work within the deaf community.

SWCID has been established on approximately 57 acres at the site of the former Webb Air Force

Base. This property contains buildings and improvements including the 66,000-square-foot administration/classroom complex, dormitories for men and women, a student union building, an activity center with gymnasium, racquetball court and weight room and a residential maintenance building.

The Burke-Mehan Residence complex can house 92 students in a dormitory setting and 18 students in apartments.

At the Diagnostic Center, a full-time audiologist as well as rehabilitation counselors for deaf and hard of hearing students will pave the way for securing diagnostic services and educational assistance.

The Maddux Student Center has a cafeteria, game room, auditorium, student mail boxes and meeting rooms for student events and activities.

For registration information, call 264-3700.

Heritage Museum showcases the area's history

Heritage Museum
510 Scurry St.
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The Big Spring Heritage Museum serves as a portal to a world full of history.

Since the doors opened to this non-profit organization in 1971, it has been providing different opportunities for the community to explore and delve into its past.

The building that houses the community's history also has a place in history itself. The museum was originally Dora Roberts' townhouse and was expanded in 1991. The museum uses its 13,000 square feet of space to display exhibits and store and research artifacts. The museum also has the Gerald-Marie Wallace Pavilion and an outdoor patio for different events it hosts during the year.

Also under the direction of the Heritage Museum since the early 1980s is the historical Potton House,

which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and located five blocks to the north of the museum at 200 Gregg St.

The Heritage Museum is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children and seniors. The museum is located at 510 Scurry. The admission fee also admits visitors into the Potton House.

Of course, all the history couldn't be maintained and displayed for the public if it wasn't for the museum director Nancy Raney and curator Tammy Schreengost.

The team has been working together for almost 15 years, with Raney being at the museum for 17 years.

Those interested in taking a tour of the museum are sure to find a wide array of history including Texas Longhorn exhibit, the Texas and Pacific Railway Company exhibit, an exhibit on the history of the Big Spring Refinery, a doll exhibit (originally part of the Doll Museum formerly located on the corner of

Gregg and Third Street), an exhibit featuring lady bullfighter Patricia McCormick, a phonograph exhibit, and Native American artifacts from the area.

The entrance to the museum serves as an ever changing display of history.

Different exhibits have made their way through the lobby, including the First Ladies of Big Spring and Then and Now, a pictorial look at Big Spring.

The museum has a gift shop that features local artists and authors

as well as regional books and cookbooks. It also boasts a children's section with hard-to-find items. In the past, the gift shop hosted book signings for Tumbleweed Smith and Marj Carpenter.

The gift shop can be accessed online along with the museum's calendar of events and quarterly newspaper.

For more information, the museum can be reached at 267-8255 or by e-mail at heritagemus@gmail.com. The Heritage Museum website is at www.bigspringmuseum.com.

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The college, located on Birdwell Lane, offers a variety of associate degree plans and certified programs, from accounting to child development to nursing and theater.

Thanks to a \$21 million bond approved by voters in 2007, much of the college's infrastructure — some of which dates back to the early 1950s — has been renovated to help the college better serve the more than 2,000 students currently enrolled at the Big Spring campus, officials said.

That work, which is in its final stages, should be complete in time for the college's 65th anniversary celebration in September.

Once that work is completed, officials can return to their main job — instructing students in a wide

range of academic and vocational courses.

Among the specialty courses offered by the college include the dental hygiene clinic, ADN nursing program, LVN nursing program, cosmetology, criminal justice and agriculture.

Degreed programs include biology, business, chemistry, communications, drama/theater, education,



intergenerational studies, economics, English, foreign language, general business, government, art, history, mathematics, music, office administration, psychology, sociology and speech.

Technological fields include kinesiology, computer information, emergency medical, data entry and more.

Student organizations are important at Howard College. They include the Mexican-American Student Organization, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Howard College Diplomats and Baptist Student Ministries.

Howard College also has campuses in San Angelo and Lamesa. The San Angelo campus, along with Angelo State University and San Angelo Independent School District, have come together in the West Texas Training Center.

President of Howard College is Dr. Cheryl Sparks. Other senior officials include Executive Vice President Terry Hansen; Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president for academic and student affairs; Dr. Javier Flores, provost of the Big Spring campus; LeAnne Byrd, provost of the San Angelo campus; and Dr. Mark Myers, provost of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

The board of trustees is chaired by Dr. John Freeman. Other members are Murray Murphy, vice chairman; Marie Ethridge, secretary; Michael Flores, Dr. Charles Warren, Larry McLellan and Maxwell Barr.

Howard College Fine Arts Calendar

Oct. 31 8 p.m. (Black Box Theater, Hall Center) "Old Radio Show" - Drama and Music Departments

Nov. 16 12 noon (Fireplace Rm. Student Center) "Brown Bag Dance Concert" - Student choreography

Dec. 5 6 p.m. (Hall Center Amphitheatre "Luminaria" - Music Department Christmas performance during visits to Santa

Dec. 6 TBA time (Auditorium of Hall Center) - Fall Music Concert

Feb. 14 Valentines Day Show 8 p.m. (Black Box Theatre, Hall Center) - Dance, Drama, & Music Depts.

March 30, 31 TBA time (Black Box Theater, Hall Center) - Spring Drama Production

April 26-28 7:30 p.m. (Black Box Theatre, Hall Center) Spring Dance Dept. Concert

April 29 TBA time (Auditorium, Hall Center) Spring Music Dept. Private lesson recital

May 1 TBA time & location (Hall Center) Spring Music Dept. Concert (vocal & instrumental)

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measures 2.4 miles. There is also a 2/3-mile nature trail and a .65-mile round-trip hike. A seasonal interpretive center displays area Indian artifacts and fossils. The rustic pavilion is ideal for weddings or church, company or graduation picnics.

The park has recently fallen onto the state legislature's cutting block, however, having been named one of several state parks expected to be closed. However, both city and county officials have come together, all vowing to provide necessary funding and services to not only keep the park open, but to keep its designation as a state park facility.

Howard County and Big Spring State Park are located in an area where three ecological regions merge. To the north and east are

the western Rolling Plains; to the south is the Edwards Plateau; and to the west are the southern High Plains (also known as the Llano Estacado or the Staked Plains). The mixing of ecological regions results in a variety of plant and animal life since representatives from each region are often found overlapping in a relatively small area.

Domestic livestock have not grazed the park land since the 1920s, and, as a consequence, vegetation typical for the semiarid region blankets the park. Large woody plant species include mesquite, shin oak, skunkbush sumac and red-berry juniper. Prickly pear and other cacti are common on the rocky slopes of the park.

Common wildlife such as cottontails, jackrabbits, ground squirrels, foxes and roadrunners can often be

seen, particularly early or late in the day. Many of the area's numerous and varied bird species can also be observed.

For more information on the state park, call 263-4931.

Moss Creek Lake
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393-5346
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Boiles at (432) 393-5246.

Entry to Moss Creek is \$3 per vehicle plus 50 cents per person, not to exceed \$5.

Children 12 and younger and adults 65 and older are exempt from the 50-cent fee. There are additional fees for camping, RV hookups and boating permits.

An annual permit for immediate family is available for \$100 and includes entry,

camping and boat permits.

Moss Creek is also home to an ATV course. Permits are \$5 per motorcycle, in addition to entry permits for riders and non-riders. The course is open from 7 a.m. until dusk, Monday through Sunday.

No riding of ATV, motorcross or Enduro style vehicles is allowed outside of the designated course at

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Coahoma ISD
394-4290
www.coahomaisd.com

intendent Randy Brown.

Serving on the school board are President Brian Moore, Vice President Lori Martinez, Secretary Michael Brooks and board members Patric Robinson, Jody Reid, Alan Wright and Craig Ferguson.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

- Administrative office, 600 North Main, 394-4290.
- Coahoma High School,

700 North Main, 394-4535. Secondary principal is Carrie Conley.

- Robert Ethridge Junior High, 411 High School Drive, 394-4615. The principal is Ted Hallford.
- Coahoma Elementary School, 400 Ramsey Avenue, 394-4323. The principal is Patricia Bennett.

School resumes Aug. 22. The Internet address for Coahoma ISD is www.coahomaisd.com.

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Forsan Independent School District is composed of a Class 2A high school/junior high and an elementary school and serves more than 650 students.

The district administra-

tion officers includes Superintendent Randy Johnson and Business Manager Dianna Walker.

Forsan ISD
263-6571
<http://forsan.esc18.net>

School board trustees are Board President Tom Kuykendall, Vice President Lewis Boeker, Secretary/Treasurer Tim Ballard and members Chris Evans, Misty Rhoten, Derrick Loooney and Glenn Graves

School addresses and phone numbers are:

- Administrative office can

be reached by dialing 457-2223, ext. 222.

- Forsan High School-Junior High, 411 W. Sixth, 457-2223, ext. 321. The principal is Keith Stone and assistant principal is Terry McDonald.

- Elbow Elementary, Nichols Road, 398-5444. The principal is Madge Patterson. Assistant principal is Angela Woolley.

School begins Aug. 22.

The Internet address for Forsan ISD is www.forsan.esc18.net.

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Big Spring is also home to two private Christian schools — Maranatha Baptist Academy and New Hope Christian School.

• Maranatha, at 903 Johnson, 263-7696. The school is headed by Dr. Lillian Bohannon, serving students kindergarten through 12th grade since 1980. The school provides tutoring services through college and assists with home school programs. Maranatha is an Accelerated Christian Education accredited school.

Parents wishing to register their child need to bring copies of the student's transcripts, attendance records and immunization records.

• New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar, 263-0203, serving children ages newborn through 12. Vicki Parnell is director of the school.

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A special symphony season

An anniversary and a return "home" make for an eventful year for the Big Spring Symphony.

Yes, we said Big Spring Symphony. Though the orchestra is well known in this part of West Texas, people who visit our small community are sometimes surprised to find, well, a bit of culture in our midst.

But Big Spring indeed has a symphony orchestra which will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this year.

The symphony, which varies between 50 and 60 players and includes a chorus depending on the program, offers four subscription concerts each year, as well as performing during the Pops in the Park patriotic music and fireworks extravaganza July 3 at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

Quite often, the subscriptions concerts feature guest artists and conductors from around the nation.

Dr. Keith Graumann is artistic director and conductor for the symphony.

The last two seasons have been disruptive for the symphony, which for years and years made its home in the historic Big Spring

Municipal Auditorium. The auditorium was shut down in February 2009 after an ADA lawsuit and the symphony as bounced from venue to venue — Big Spring High School Auditorium, Trinity Baptist Church sanctuary and Dorothy Garrett Coliseum among them. However, after an opening performance "on the road" this season, the symphony should return to its remodeled home.



Here's the lineup for 2011-2012:

• September 17, First Baptist Church. "Latin Celebration," featuring guest conductor John Giordano and violinist Curt Thompson.

• December 17, Municipal Auditorium, "Nutcracker Ballet."

• February 4, Municipal Auditorium, "Piano Celebration," featuring pianist Haochen Zhang, gold medalist, 2009 Van Cliburn Competition.

• March 31, Municipal Auditorium, "Pops Celebration," with Paul Williams, an Academy Award winning composer, musician, songwriter and actor.

All performances begin at 8 p.m. Season tickets booklets are \$50 for adults, \$30 for senior citizens and \$15 for students. Each booklet contains four tickets that may be used for any concert.

Two local groups oversee and support the symphony: The Symphony Board and the Symphony Guild.

The Symphony Board oversees contracting with musicians and conductors, obtaining guest musicians and conductors and setting the seasonal programs.

Board members are Joan Beil, president; Jim Sinclair, vice president; Joseph Dawes, secretary; Scott Mackenzie, treasurer; Joyce Bradley; Jobeth Corwin; Delores Currie; Lee Emerson; John Ferguson; Malinda Flenniken; Rocky Harris; Doris Huibregtse; Dathan Jones; Suzanne Markwell; Carol Scott; and Dr. Jim Shelton.

The Symphony Guild is a fundraising organization which supports the symphony. The group also participates in activities such as decorating for symphony concerts.

Guild members are Suzanne Markwell, Jan Rouille, Dafna Meyer, Fran Emerson, Jobeth Corwin, Pauline Nelson, Ellen Austin, Ruth Nanny, Annette Couch and Eulane McIntosh, president. Patron members are Doris Huibregtse and Joan Beil.

Season and individual performance tickets can be purchased through a number of community businesses. For more information, call 264-7223 or visit www.bigspringsymphony.com

Financial institutions

Sound financial advice is available through numerous banks and credit unions in Howard County.

American State Bank
1411 Gregg St. - 267-5555

Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union
503 E. FM 700 - 263-1361

Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union
1110 Benton - 263-8393

Citizens Federal Credit Union
701 E. FM 700 - 267-6373

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County's schools offer plenty of opportunity

Three school districts responsible for more than 5,000 students comprise the public education system in Howard County.

Big Spring Independent School District is composed of five elementaries, one fifth-grade intermediate school, one junior high, and one Class 3A high school.

Big Spring Independent School District
264-3600
<http://bsisd.esc18.net>

Big changes are under way throughout the district, thanks to a \$60 million construction bond approved by local voters in May. Four new elementary campuses will be constructed and significant renovation will occur at both the high school and junior high.

Serving more than 3,800 students, BSISD is the largest school district in Howard County and is under the direction of Superintendent Steven Saldivar, in his third year at the helm of the district.

Saldivar's administrative staff includes Assistant Superintendent of Operations Danny Ferrell, Executive Director for Personnel and Instruction Ann McClarty, Business Manager Debra Green, Assistant Business manager Susan Bryan, Director of Federal and Special Programs Darrell Ryan, Director of Technology Corey Wood, Director of Transportation and Maintenance and District Construction Manager Wayland Pierce, Special Education Director Kim Parker, Director

of Elementary Curriculum Donna Ammonett, Director of Secondary Curriculum Chris Wigington, Director of Assessment and Accountability Becky Saldivar, PEIMS Coordinator Vickie Cheyne, Director of Auxiliary Services Dennis Witt and Director of Food Service Judi Rodriguez.

Serving on the board of trustees are President Jeff Brorman, Vice President Tony Kennedy, Secretary Maria Padilla and board members Phil Furqueron, Irene Galan and Chad Wash.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

• Administrative office, 708 11th Place, 264-3600.

• Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place, 264-3641. Principal is Mike Ritchey and the associate principal is Jay Kennedy. Assistant principal is Michelle Schreiner, Career and Techonoly Coordinator is



Tanya Cartwright, while Charles Thomas is principal of the Career Academy. Athletic Director is Phillip Ritchey.

• Big Spring Junior High School, 624 E. Sixth, 264-4135. Principal is George Bancroft and assistant principal is Jim Wommack. Student Support Specialist is Ed Wilson.

• Goliad Intermediate, 2000 S. Goliad, 264-4111. Principal is Tim Tannehill.

• Bauer Elementary, 108

NW Ninth, 264-4121. Principal is Fabian Gomez.

• Kentwood Elementary, 2500 Merrily, 264-4130. Principal Kelli Wigington.

• Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson, 264-4144. Principal is Rita Faulkner. Assistant principal is Rosie Lain.

• Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham, 264-4148. Principal is George Martin.

• Washington Elementary, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane, 264-4126. Principal is Dalia Beniveidez. Student support spe-

cialist is Yolanda Rollins. Schools begin Aug. 22.

The Internet address for Big Spring ISD is www.bsisd.esc18.net.

••• Coahoma Independent School District consists of a Class 2A high school, a junior high and an elementary school and serves approximately 780 students.

The school district is under the leadership of Superintendent

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Pro, collegiate rodeo spoken here

It's one of this community's longest-standing traditions and one thousands flock to each and every year.

Like death and taxes, the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is a sure bet to take place every June. That's how it's been for 78 years now.

The first rodeo was held in the Cold Strayhorn Addition, southeast of Big Spring, in 1934. It was moved to 11th Place, west of where the Howard College campus is located today, for a few years.

In 1950, the association purchased land and constructed what was at the time, and still is today, one of the most interesting rodeo complexes anywhere. Taking advantage of a natu-

ral canyon, the association

In the past several years, more than 253 cowboys and cowgirls made up the field in various events such as bull riding, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, tie-down roping, team roping and steer wrestling.

Since 2005, the rodeo's stock has been provided by Carr Pro Rodeo, which was established by Pete Carr of Dallas and Malakoff. Each year, several animals from Carr's stock are slated to attend the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

Rodeo is as deeply rooted in Big Spring as much as anything. Proof of this can be found year round in the Crossroads area, but it's most prevalent in April and June.



Howard College rodeo coach Greg Kernick said it's events such as the Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo that help Big Spring stand out as a solid rodeo city.

"The places I've been, it would definitely be a top-end community," he said. "The businesses know that the rodeo takes money and it does bring people to town

and they're willing to sponsor that. That's what continues to allow the events to happen."

Kernick said Big Spring residents understand the sport and have grown up with it, considering how long the pro rodeo has been in a fixture in the

community.

But it's more than just the annual pro rodeo in Big Spring.

Kernick pointed out the Howard College Rodeo every April. In addition to top-notch baseball, softball and basketball talent, Howard College also has earned a reputation when it comes to

rodeo.

It just etched a new chapter in its history with Jason Schaffer winning a national championship in the men's all-around category at the College National Finals Rodeo in 2010 in Wyoming.

"Our college rodeo has been the Rodeo of the Year three times in the last five," Kernick said. "The pro rodeo is a really, really good rodeo for its size. If you want to come see a good quality event, you've got two good opportunities, one in April and one in June."

This year, Howard college announced that rodeo would be a district event in college sports, allowing colleges to earn district championships and MVP awards to be handed out to the athletes.



Taking patient care personally

Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC), located on Martin Luther King Boulevard, admits more than 3,000 patients to the 150-bed hospital each year, while the emergency department serves more than 15,000 people annually. The hospital hosts a staff of 350 employees, delivers an annual payroll of almost \$17 million and is involved in several community non-profit efforts. In 2010, the facility provided more than \$17 million in care to patients unable to pay their hospital bills.

SMMC is continually investing in updated equipment and improved facilities to better meet the healthcare needs of Big Spring and the surrounding communities. In 2010, the hospital completely renovated the Medical/Surgical Patient Services floor, updated patient rooms in

the Women's Services area, purchased new sleep chairs for patient's room and resurfaced the north and south parking lots of the facility. In late October, general surgeon Ladd Hoffman, MD began offering a new incisionless heartburn surgery that has already improved the quality of life for nearly a dozen local people.

In March 2011, SMMC completed the installation of new digital mammography equipment. Now the women of Howard County have all of the advantages of this technology without leaving town. Later this year, the hospital will begin offering noninvasive arterial testing that may provide early detection of peripheral artery disease (PAD).

All elevators are currently receiving a much-needed update, and by year-end, visitors, patients and staff will enjoy Wi-Fi connectiv-

Scenic Mountain
Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
263-1211
www.smmccares.com

ity throughout the facility.

The emphasis isn't exclusively on equipment, however. The staff strives to ensure each patient is satisfied with the service and care received during a visit at SMMC. One way this is done is by making hourly visits to each room. By anticipating your needs and meeting them in a timely manner, the caring SMMC staff hopes to enhance your well-being so you can focus on your recovery. Chief Nursing Officer, Judy Roever expands on that idea, "We are creating a great place for people to work, physicians to practice medi-

cine and, most importantly, for patients to receive great care."

A Level IV Trauma Center designation certifies that the Emergency Department at Scenic Mountain provides the equipment and resources to care for patients with traumatic injuries and illness. To this end, in October 2011, SMMC will implement a 30-Minutes-or Less Emergency Room Service Pledge. This means when patients enter the ED, the time of their arrival will be noted, and a clinical professional will work diligently to initially see them within 30 minutes of their arrival.

SMMC's Chief Quality Officer, Amy Miramontes, reports the American Heart Association (AHA) has recognized SMMC with a Bronze Performance Achievement Award in its Get With The Guidelines quality program for heart

failure.

Scenic Mountain's continued efforts to attract and retain experienced, talented medical staff members result in new physicians joining the team of professionals serving this community. In June, Dr. Manmeet Mangat, an oncologist with the Allison Cancer Center in Midland, began regularly seeing patients here in Big Spring at the Specialty Clinic. And in August, SMMC will welcome home twin brothers and interventional cardiologists Christopher Haddad, MD and Rudy Haddad, MD. These physicians, while based in San Angelo, will care for patients here one day a week.

In addition to the facility's role as a provider of health care, SMMC serves the community with a wealth of health education resources and free childbirth education classes. The Senior Circle chapter and Healthy Woman Program support healthy and active life styles and good health care decision-making. You can learn more about education seminars, health fairs and free clinics provided – as well as research hundreds of health topics – by visit the Health Resources link on the hospital website: www.SMMC-Cares.com

According to Larry Rodgers, Chief Executive Officer for SMMC, "If you have ever been to our hospital, you know we take patient care personally. Rest assured, SMMC will continue to enhance its services to meet the needs of our thriving community. We appreciate your support and thank you for trusting us with the health care needs of you and your family."

To learn more about Scenic Mountain Medical Center, visit www.SMMCCares.com or call (432) 263-1211 to schedule a tour.

Needing some help with child care?

Big Spring offers a wide array of choices for children 12 and under. There are private, homebased daycares and daycare centers throughout town.

The Big Spring Family YMCA, located at 801 Owens, offers a summer program for ages 3 to 12 years old, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and an after school program for ages 2 to 12 years old, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. For those attending the after school program, a pick up service from area schools is available. For more information, call 267-8234.

Hillcrest Child Development, 2000 W. FM 700, offers child care for children 18 months to 12 years old, from

7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 267-8449, to find out more information.

Jack and Jill School and CCC, 1708 Nolan, provides care from 5 a.m. to 12 a.m. seven days a week for ages 0 to 12 years old. For more information, call 267-8411.

West Side Community Day Care, 2300 Simler Ave, provides care for newborns to 12 years old Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Contact them at 263-7841.

Learning Tree Academy provides child care from birth through 12 years old, 7 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 268-8762.

Howard Cottage (Howard

College Child Development), 1001 Birdwell, is part of the Howard College campus and school system. They provide care following the college calendar from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and in the summer from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. To find out more about their services, call 264-5185.

Little Learners Christian Daycare, 105 Spring Creek Drive, provides care for children s18 months through school age. They are open 7 a.m. through 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. To find out more, call 432-393-5214.

Tot Stop Learning Center, 2009 S. Main, is a local child care provider facility. For

information, call 517-4315.

There are also daycares providing a preschool based environment, such as Rainbow Christian Preschool, at 409 Goliad. Child care is provided Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. for ages 2 years old and up. For more information, call 267-4515.

New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar, offers care for newborns through 12 years old, Monday through Friday from 7:15 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 263-0203.

Lakeview Headstart Child Development, N.W. Seventh, has a capacity of 238 children. Care is provided for children pre-school through school age. For more infor-

mation, call 267-7452.

Private daycare is also available, which Sandra Williams provides at 423 Dallas. She is registered and licensed through the state and accepts newborns through 12 years old, Monday through Saturday. Contact her at 267-4634.

Cynthia Louise Salan also provides private daycare for up to 12 children, up to kindergarten age. She is located at 5701 N. Service Road and can be contacted at 626-373-5752. She is a licensed child care provider.

Irene's Little Angels, 1200 Runnels, has a capacity of 30 children, infants and older. It is a licensed child care provider and can be contacted by calling 714-4618.

Psychiatric hospital proud of high-quality care

Big Spring State Hospital
1901 N. Highway 87
267-8216

Big Spring State Hospital — a state-owned and managed psychiatric hospital operating since 1939 in Big Spring — provides compassionate, high-quality care to individuals diagnosed with mental illness.

The hospital is one of 11 state hospitals in Texas operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services and is responsible for treating individuals in a 58-county geographic region. The hospital's 600-plus workforce provides care to people in a geographic region spanning from the Texas Panhandle south to San Angelo, west to El Paso and east to Abilene.

The hospital is run by a professional staff with immeasurable experience treating patients in a psychiatric setting and who possess a longstanding commitment to the region's patients and their care.

Many of the members of the staff are long-time employees — finding psychiatric care at an early age and staying with it, nurturing their knowledge and education, often attending conferences and training sessions emphasizing cutting-edge ideas to keep up with the best and latest in psychiatric care.

Many employees have applied and received stipends, grants, and incentives to continue their education and return to the hospital to share their knowledge with patients who benefit from their expanded base of understanding of the disease.

The professional team of physicians, nurses, social workers, dietitians and physical and occupational therapists are complemented by an administrative team well-versed in the financial operations of running a hospital and a support staff committed to working in a hospital setting.

Big Spring State Hospital has been cited as one of the leaders in mental health care in the state of Texas



and has received many best practice awards from the Department of State Health Services for innovative care. This past year, Big Spring State Hospital received the Second Annual David Pharis award for Excellence in Hospital Quality Improvement for improving the quality of care for the hospital's patients.

Presently the emphasis is placed on quality treatment to shorten the period of illness, to rehabilitate and

to return the patient to the community as quickly as possible. In order to do this, treatment modalities have expanded to include a full range of rehabilitation therapies, education, individual and group psychotherapy, and family intervention as an adjunct to medication. Patients who come to the hospital are treated not only for their psychiatric problems, but also for any problem needing medical attention.

Big Spring State Hospital is Medicare-certified, Medicaid-approved and is accredited by the Joint Commission. The hospital also has been certified as a Mother-Friendly Worksite and boasts an active workforce who immerses themselves in charitable organizations, such as the highly popular American Cancer Society's Relay For Life fund-raiser. The Big Spring State Hospital group recently was recognized for 15 years of service to the American Cancer Society.

The 100-member strong Volunteer Services Council provides tens of thousands of dollars to the patients in volunteer-generated income from sources ranging from sales through the highly successful Chalet Resale Shop, 115 E. Second St., which collects, sorts and sells used clothing and gently used household items to the social event of the spring season — the Cars, Stars and Handlebars fund-raiser at the Big Spring Country Club.

Howard County takes Independence Day seriously

Big Spring loves to celebrate, and with the exception of Christmas, no celebration is bigger, brighter and more colorful than the one — or ones, actually — honoring our nation's independence.

From parades to downtown bazaars, music and fireworks, Howard County folks love to show their patriotism.

2011's several-day celebration began with a revamped and refocused Funtastic Fourth Festival in downtown Big Spring, sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Association and Alon USA. More than 100 vendors booths lined the streets July 2 for the all-day event, which featured an assortment of musical groups, headlined by fast-rising country star Mark McKinney.

Pops in the Park, the annual concert of patri-

otic music by the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, as well as the accompanying fireworks show, went off as planned July 3.

Always staged on July 3, Pops in the Park features the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus and a fireworks show at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater.

The celebration is the hard work and planning of a many local residents who form the Fourth of July Foundation Committee.

Members of the committee begin their work in earnest on each year's show in January. One of the committee's main focuses is raising the \$50,000 needed to stage the event. Thus far, corporate sponsors and individuals have donated generously, allowing the celebration



to remain free to the public.

Each year, Pops not only includes the symphony and chorus' performance, but an opening act that has varied from local artists to

touring military bands to country music stars. In 2011, a popular Beatles cover group, the Fab-4, entertained the crowd.

As the evening progresses every year, the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, under director Dr. Keith Graumann, begins a stirring concert of patriotic music.

By 10 p.m., thousands of people enjoy the Pops fireworks display that seems to get bigger and better with each successive year. People also line up along

both sides of U.S. Highway 87 to watch the night sky light up in a dazzling array of colors that enchants both newcomers and old residents alike.

While Independence Day celebrations are held all over the country, spectacles like parades and fireworks displays awaken feelings of pride and patriotism all over Howard County. That's evident each year when Coahoma stages its Freedom Parade, dedicated to veterans, and residents of the Highland South neighborhood in Big Spring show their Independence Day spirit when they hold a parade for their youngsters and others in the community.

The celebration at Coahoma has grown to include tractor and power tool races, barbecue and good times in a community wide event held at the city park.

Sports leagues offer opportunities for youth

High school sports may very well be at the top of the list for locals in the Crossroads area, but there is an array of activities for youth to get involved in year round.

There is football and soccer in August and even Little League baseball later on in the year. Cheerleading is also available. There are a handful of options for boys and girls in the Crossroads area. All of the information below is the most up-to-date, but could vary this season.

YMCA

The YMCA also offers a wide variety of sports and activities including girls and boys basketball, volleyball, swimming and gym-

nastics. For information on any of those leagues, call the YMCA 267-8234.

Crossroads Youth Football Association

Sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading signups begin July 16. The cost of the programs are \$125 for divisions one and two, \$75 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading.

Signups take place at Big Spring Mall every Saturday from July 16 through Aug. 13, from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Signups will also be taken Aug. 9, 11, 16 and 18 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

For more information,

contact Jeff Vidal at 432-816-6871 or go to www.freewebs.com/cyfa for more information and contact information.

Big Spring Little League Baseball

There are five leagues for player to take part in — Majors, Minors, Pee Wee, Junior and Tee Ball. These leagues are available for different age groups. The Majors are mainly for 11- and 12-year-olds with a few 10-year-olds included. The Minors have 9- and 10-year-olds with some 8- and 11-year-olds involved.

The 7- and 8-year olds play in the Pee Wee league and 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds usually

play Tee Ball. The Junior league is left for players in middle school and it includes some 13, 14- and 15-year-olds.

About 520 players registered last year. Registration usually begins in March and the cost is \$80. The season ends with the City Tournament in June and the All-Star tourney takes place late that month continuing into early July.

For more information, visit www.bsllbaseball.com.

Big Spring Girls Softball Association

Sign-ups are slated to begin in late February or early March. There are five leagues with girls from

4-years-old to 14-years-old. The leagues are 6 and Under, 8 and Under, 10 and Under, 12 and Under and 14 and Under. For more information and contact information, visit www.bsbsga.webs.com

Youth Soccer

Sign-ups are slated for the first part of August. This league is for boys and girls ranging from 3-years-old to 14-years-old. There are five co-ed leagues split according to age. The league had approximately 400 participants sign up to play last year. For more information and contact information, visit www.bigspringsoccer.org.

West Texas Centers serves 23 counties

West Texas Centers provides care for people with mental retardation and mental illness and their families in 23 counties in West Texas.

Counties served by West Texas Centers are Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels,

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The Center began operations on March 1, 1997 and continues to serve as the designated local authority for mental health and mental retardation through a contractual relationship with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

West Texas Centers
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www.wtcmhmr.org

Care is provided at approx-

imately 35 sites across the service area and employs approximately 350 staff. Although administrative offices are located at 319 Runnels in Big Spring, local offices are established throughout most of the catchment area.

West Texas Centers also operates a 24-hour Mental Health Crisis line for mental health emergencies. The number is 800-375-4357

In addition to services for people with mental illness and mental retardation, the Center hosts an Early Childhood Intervention program that is known as Little Lives ECI Program. This program, which is based in Sweetwater, serves children ages 0-3 years of age living in a 23-county area.

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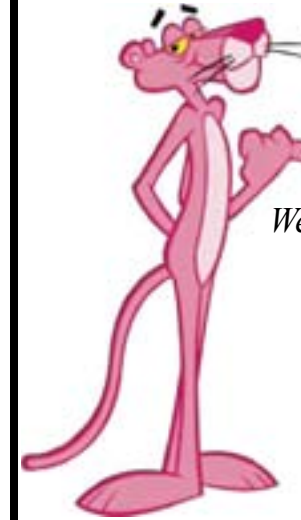
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any further vascular assessment the surgeon requests such as pedal pulses and abdominal palpation.

Necessary and appropriate radiology studies are performed at West Texas VA Health Care System prior to the specialty appointment. With this technology, most often the pre-op and post-op appointments are conducted in Big Spring and surgical patients are only required to make a single trip to Albuquerque.

In addition to vascular telehealth services, another beneficial program is available to our veterans. Many veterans with some types of blood clotting conditions are required to take blood thinners or anticoagulants. In an effort to improve health care to veterans currently taking warfarin, the

West Texas VA Health Care System
300 Veterans Blvd
263-7361
<http://www.bigspring.va.gov/>

West Texas VA Health Care System has created an Anticoagulation Telehealth Clinic.

Approximately 600 veterans within the 55,000 square mile primary service area of West Texas VA Health Care System are enrolled in the Anticoagulation Telehealth Clinic.

The goal is to improve the clinical care received by our veterans in the rural and highly rural areas while developing a program flexible enough to handle the popu-

lation shifts at multiple locations.

With the implementation of the Anticoagulation Telehealth Clinic, staff utilizes equipment that will record the veteran's INR (International Normalized Ratio) level with just a finger stick.

The results are then made available to the clinical pharmacist in Big Spring within four to five minutes. The veteran and the clinical pharmacist are then allowed to discuss the results via a "Tele-Health" unit.

The two can see each other on computer screens during this communication session and make adjustments to their medication immediately.

Dr. Jason Cornish is the clinical pharmacist responsible for the Anticoagula-

tion Telehealth Clinic and he is currently scheduling patients every 15 minutes.

Patients with critical values are identified and appropriate care is provided immediately. This prevents a delay in care or the possibility of not being able to reach the veteran by phone.

Significant improvements in INR control have been demonstrated at all the clinics. In addition, significant improvements have been demonstrated by decreasing the number of critical INR values.

West Texas VA Health Care System continues to review opportunities to serve our veterans nearer their homes. Other telehealth programs are being developed in an effort to better serve veterans.



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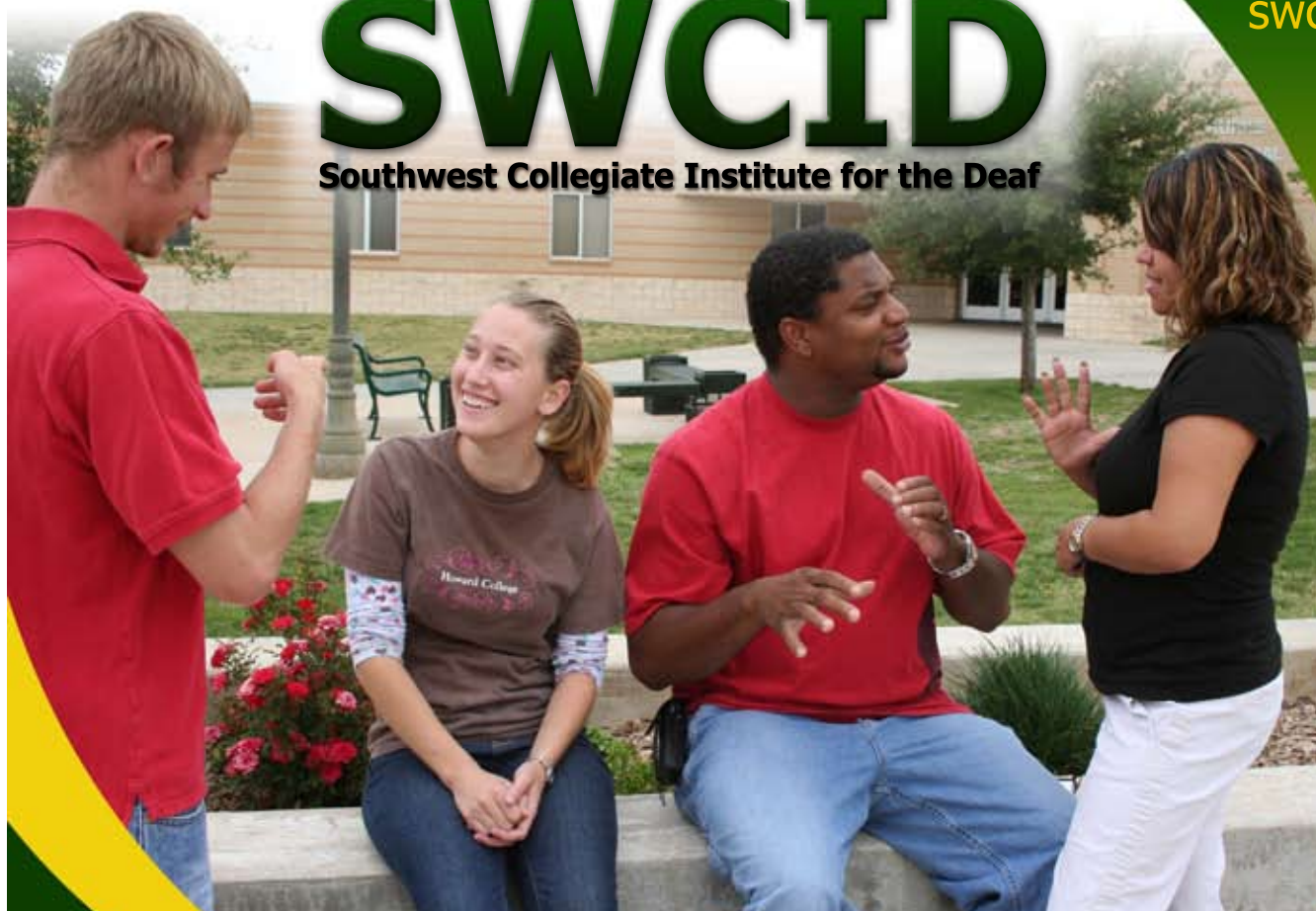
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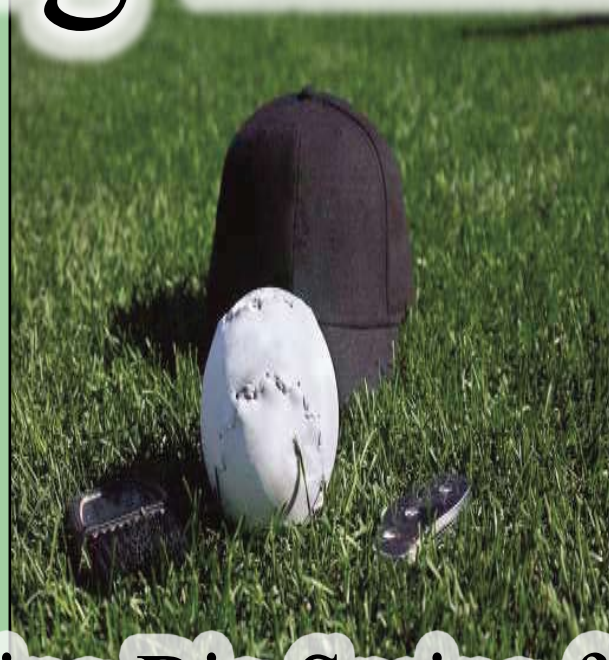
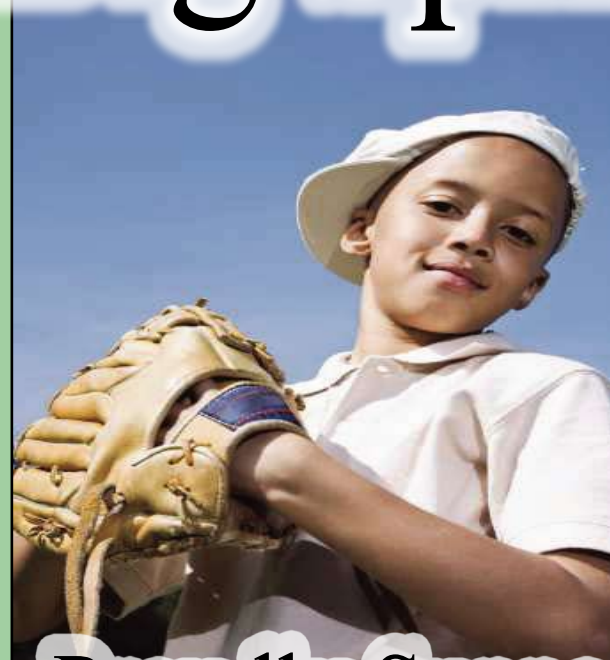
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