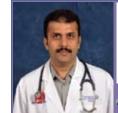


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Joan Pierce, right, campus curriculum coordinator for Washington Elementary, reads to kindergarten student Jordan Ballios at the school library Friday afternoon.

Washington officials: Literacy the main goal behind 'Olympics'

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Washington Elementary officials are hoping to add a dash of fun and competition to their efforts to improve student reading.

The Reading Olympics, which begins in early October, will be a competition between the various grade levels at Washington to see who does the most reading during the school year.

The winners will receive as-yet-

undetermined prizes, but the ultimate goal is increased literacy.

reading, not just in school, but at home, too," Washington Librarian Nikki Martinez said. "It will revolve around how many minutes they spend reading or having someone read to them. Hopefully, this will foster a healthy sense of competition between the grade levels."

Martinez said there will be See READ, Page 3A

The goal is to have students spend "It's a program I came up with a school-wide total of 50,000 minto encourage kids to do more utes reading by December and 100,000 minutes by the end of the school year. There are many root causes for

monthly and semester winners.

poor reading skills, but this contest targets a specific reason student apathy.

"I've been noticing some of the kids not being all that inter-

County to adopt tax rate

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will look to wrap up fiscal planning for 2011-2012 Monday by adopting the proposed tax rate of 43.6 cents per \$100 valuation.

The court approved the \$21 million 2011-2012 budget the proposed tax rate is based on by a unanimous vote during it's last meeting.

The proposed tax rate is considerably lower than last year's 52.2406 cents per \$100 valuation, due in part to an increase in mineral values in Howard County. The county saw

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Deaf Awareness Week activities to begin Sunday

Herald Staff Report

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will be the site for a number of activities to mark Deaf Awareness Week in the United States.

Local observances will begin Sunday with a softball game between SWCID students and staff and a team comprised of Howard County first responders.

The softball game is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Sunday at the SWCID campus, located at 3200 Ave. C.

For more information on the week's activities, contact the school at 264-3700.

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Preparations begin for 'Wild West' Christmas parade

By BILL McCLELLAN

Managing Editor

Leading the Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade this year will be an individual who lives up to the theme — "A Wild West Christmas.'

Grand marshal for the Dec. 3 event will be Howard College Rodeo Greg Kernick.

Coach "We are really happy Greg has agreed to serve as

Kernick

his students for success out-

grand marshal of this year's parade," said Herald Publisher Ron Midkiff. "As a coach, he has built a competitive Howard College program that holds its own in perhaps the toughest rodeo region in the nation, while also preparing

"It is a great honor to be asked to be the grand marshal. I feel like that is something usually reserved for folks who have been around longer than I have, but I am very pleased. It's a big deal in the Kernick household." Greg Kernick

> Howard College Rodeo Coach received his master's degree

side of the arena. As a former competitor, Greg was a excellent roper and excelled at steer wrestling — and it doesn't get any wilder than that." Kernick is a Kansas native who graduated from Pan-

degrees in agricultural edu-

cation and agribusiness and

in educational leadership at Northern Arizona University. He spent two years as an assistant coach at Panhandle State and five years with the College in 1999. handle State University with

reins at Cochise College before saddling up at Howard He continues to compete from time to time, but his coaching duties and his fam-

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ily - wife Rhonda, son Trevor and daughter Kaylee keep him very busy.

"It is a great honor to be asked to be the grand marshal," said Kernick. "I feel like that is something usually reserved for folks who have been around longer than I have, but I am very pleased. It's a big deal in the Kernick household."

Kernick will be leading the 26th edition of the lighted parade, which routinely draws 50 to 70 entries. There is no charge to participate and there are five basic categories: individual/family, civic/ school, commercial, individual and mounted. Three awards will be pre-

sented to eligible entries: Best of Show (\$100), which is best See **PARADE**, Page 3A



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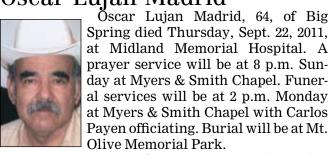




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Obituaries

Oscar Lujan Madrid



He was born June 3, 1947, in Mexico to Francisca and Juan Madrid. He married Belma Ramirez on July 27, 1975. He was a retired farmer and also worked a number of years at Texas Stone

He is survived by his wife: Belmar R. Madrid of Big Spring: two sons: Oscar Manuel Madrid Jr. and wife Sabrina Valencia Madrid, Juan Angel Madrid, both of Big Spring; one step son, Mario E. Lara Jr. and wife Jennifer of Brownsville, Texas; two step daughters, Sandra T. Montoya and Carolina R. Talamantez, both of California; 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; three brothers, Abelardo Madrid and wife Elida of Midland, Eugenio Madrid and wife Librada of Arlington and Alfonso Madrid of Kermit; one sister Armida Montova and husband Socorro of Ft. Stockton and several nieces and

and Francisca Lujan Madrid; brothers, Eleazer Madrid and Javier Madrid; and sister, Socorro M. Sala-

Arrangemetns are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.mysersandsmith.com.

Jacque Kirkendoll

Jacque Kirkendoll, 56, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 23, 2011, at her residence.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral

Clyde James 'Jimmy' Bailey,

Clyde James "Jimmy" Bailey, Jr., 65, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 23, 2011, at Hospice House in Odessa.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

- JAMEY SCOTT JOHNSON, 48, transient, was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct/
- ZACK MONROE TURMAN, 33, of 3509 E. I-20 #29, was arrested Friday on a charge of public in-
- AUDREY DALE NEWELL, 43, of 1507 Sycamore St., was arrested Friday on charges of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces and possession of arug paraphernalia.
- BRANDON LEON RAMEY, 32, of 1604 S. Benton St., was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid previous conviction.
- JACKIE LYNN STEEN, 38, of 211 Wooten Rd., was arrested Friday on warrants from other agency (three counts).
- THEFT was reported in Coachmans Circle.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1100 block of S. Scurry Street.

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Take Note

• The Class of 1957 will meet Oct. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the Wagon Wheel Drive-In, 2010 Scurry, for lunch. If you have any questions, call Troy McClendon at 267-6025 or Edward Slate at 270-1995.

- Big Spring High School Student Council would like to invite the community of Big Spring to join us to show Steer spirit during homecoming, as well as throughout the entire school year. We encourage all the businesses to decorate their business fronts/ windows for homecoming. The theme of the homecoming and the parade is "Catch The Tide...Lei Out The Ranger." If any business and/or organization would like to participate in the homecoming parade, they need to call the high school and inform us of their entry. They may contact our advisor, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Hunt, or talk to the receptionist in the office. We must know by Wednesday, Sept. 21, in order to create a lineup for parade entries.
- Texas Department of State Health Services, located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B, will no longer be giving immunizations on a walk-in basis. Call 432-263-9775 and leave a message regarding name, birthdate and call-back telephone number. A nurse will call you within 24 hours with the date and time of your appointment. It is imperative you bring your child's immunization record with you He was preceded in death by parents Juan Madrid when you come for your appointment. Immunizations will be given Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment only.
 - American Cancer Society will have their board meetings starting noon, Sept. 13 on the second Tuesday of the month through April. Lunch will be furnished. Meetings will take place at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh.
 - Are you a 1971 BSHS graduate? Come to our 40th reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact bshs71@yahoo.com or Susan Green McLellan at
 - Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Training will be provided and geared to your time frame. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
 - Every 10 years, Texas requires that marks and brands be re-registered in the county or counties in which you operate. The next re-registration period begins Aug. 31 and runs through Feb. 29, 2012. At the conclusion date, all marks and brands that have not been re-registered are automatically available for registration by another party. For additional information, contact the Howard County Clerk's Office at 264-2214 or 264-2213.
 - Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help! We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
 - Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.
 - The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclo-

sure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

- 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 \$8 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-
- 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

The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Mili-

- tary Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.
- Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.
- The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx. org.
- Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.
- Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.
- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to

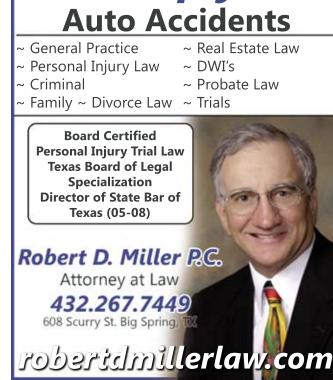
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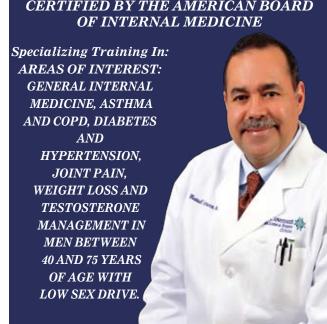








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interpretation of the theme; Publisher's Award (\$75), for best use of lighting; and the Grand Marshal's Award (\$50), for best costuming. The *Herald* will also be awarding certificates in the five categories. To be eligible, entries

must be submitted no later than Nov. 11. Others will be allowed to enter after the deadline, but will not be eligible for prizes. Entry forms appear

or they may be obtained at the *Herald* office, 710 Anyone who has ques-

regularly in the *Herald*

tions about the event is asked to contact Rick Nunez, parade coordinator, at 432-264-7331 or by email at rick@thebigspringherald.com

"We're looking forward to another great community parade and to make it happen, we need your help. Whether you are an individual, part of a church or civic group, Boy Scout Troop, club, marching band or a business, we hope you'll consider taking part in this year's parade," Nunez said. "As a group project, putting together a float and working up some costumes can be a lot of fun and foster teamwork. Use your imagination and see what you can create."

Bill McClellan can be reached at 432-264-7331, ext. 230 or by email at editor@bigspringherald.

Trustees to mull building plans

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Apparently, Howard College officials can't get enough of construction projects on campus.

Just as the major \$23 million campus-wide renovation project is winding down, college trustees will hear plans for a new agriculture building when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building's Tumbleweed Room. Groundbreaking for the new building, which will be con-

structed adjacent to the agriculture pavilion on the east end of the campus, is scheduled for 11:15 a.m. Monday. Unlike the multi-million-dol-

lar renovation, however, this new building won't cost taxpayers anything — it will be funded through a \$650,000 gift from The Broughton Foundation Trust, which also financed construction of the ag pavilion.

The new building will be used for a variety of purposes, Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "It can be used as a show barn,

for contest and for agriculture lab work," Sparks said. "We will also use it for the various agricultural-related camps the college hosts throughout the year." Once it is completed, the

building will enable the college to expand its agriculture program further, she added. "The gift ... will enable the

college to enhance it's ag program in many ways," she said. "It will be used not only for instructional purposes, but for our livestock judging program and area youth activities. The

college's long-standing association with the agriculture industry will be enhanced through this opportunity."

Sparks said no timetable has been set for the the completion of the new building.

"Monday, we will ask for permission to draw up contracts with the construction manager. After that, we will begin the planning phase for the building," she said. "We should have a better idea (on the construction timetable) by the next trustee meeting in October."

In other business Monday, trustees will consider: An online instruction agree-

ment with Lubbock Christian University and a student transfer agreement between South-West Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

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ested in reading, or they're not reading to potential," Martinez said. "A lot of the kids do want to improve on their reading and this is a way for us to help them."

Martinez broached the idea of the Reading Olympics at a Washington staff meeting earlier this school year and the response from teachers and administrators was very positive.

"Our initial reaction was we were very excit-

ed about her taking the initiative to implement a project to get our kids reading more," Washington Principal Dalia Benavides said. "She brought it up at a staff

side Howard County

commissioners to pres-

ent the proposed law

- which would be lo-

cated at the newly built

County Jail, located on

W. Highway 80 — to the

public in late February.

Parker and Big Spring

Police Chief Lonnie

Smith called the idea a

win-win situation for

both governments, help-

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enforcement

meeting ... and a lot of teachers came up with ideas to help implement

"Ms. Benavides and the teachers were awesome," Martinez said. "The came up with a lot of ideas and they were excited about it. They really helped bring everything together." Martinez added that

Washington personnel will probably ask pri-

control, and how shar-

ing additional services

— dispatching, 911 sys-

tems, record keeping —

could save taxpayers a

the school and read to the students from time to time during the event. One of the biggest keys to its success, however, will have to come from the students' homes. "If we want to have

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a literate country, we have to promote lit-

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The meeting will get

under way at 10 a.m.

in the commissioners

courtroom, located on

the third floor of the

county courthouse. For

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involvement. If parents don't push reading at home, this won't work."

eracy in all its forms,"

Benavides said. "Most

of all, we want parents'

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Oscar Lujan Madrid, 64, died Thursday. Prayer service will be held at 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Jacque Kirkendoll, 56, died Friday. Serivces are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Clyde James "Jimmy"

Bailey, 65, died Friday at Hospice House in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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in its valuations, certified at \$2,521,294,261 for 2011, compared \$2,102,914,462. Despite a positive up-

trend in values, County Judge Mark Barr said commissioners the court has made several cuts in the coming year's fiscal plan. "We've done some

cutting this year, but I think we'll be OK," Barr said. "We weren't hit as bad as the school district by state funding cuts this year. We lost about \$30,000 in state funding. so we were able to make up for that in the budget.

A what-if situation facing the court regarding tax revenues for the coming year is anything but a stranger, as Alon USA — owner of the Big Spring Refinery and one of the county's biggest taxpayers — recently filed a lawsuit in 118th District Court against the Howard County Appraisal District contesting the most recent valuation of the facility,

which was placed at ap-

proximately \$215 mil-

The oil giant filed similar petitions in 2006, 2007 and 2008, with the dispute going to trial in 2008. In 2009, Alon once again filed a petition against the appraisal district, claiming the 2009 valuation of \$169 million was inflated, as well. The oil company came back in November 2009, however, dropping the case and agreeing to pay taxes on the assessed value.

Barr said the 2011-2012 proposed budget takes the legal maneuvers into account. Commissioners were faced with budgetary shortfalls in previous years as Alon paid only a percentage of their owed taxes prior to the 2008 trial. Also during Mon-

day's meeting, commissioners are expected to meet with Jeff Heffelfinger — architect with Architects Southwest regarding updates and timelines for the construction of the joint law enforcement center located at the Howard County Jail.

Members of the Big Spring City Council held a meeting alonging to save on design costs — one design for both, instead of both governments designing separate facilities and providing a single building that would

square feet of space. Both men also described the services both agencies are currently sharing, including crime scene techand nicians animal

provide more useable

minimum of \$150,000 a year, a number both described as conservative. The plan will also relocate the municipal judge's office to the

County Courthouse, with a full time warrant officer and Sheriffprovided district court bailiff at the facility for protection. According to officials

with both government entities, the proposed deal has the city of Big Spring chipping in \$1.7 million on the project — the bulk of its funds already designated for renovation or replacement of the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement Center — with the county picking up the balance,

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Your Views

American flag importance

TO THE EDITOR:

We moved to this beautiful town full of the kindest, most wonderful people in the world a little more than a year ago. Many who we have talked with have told us there is no place as friendly as Snyder. What a blessing.

Because of health issues, we haven't been able to participate much in community events.

World War Two stands out in my mind, the cost it took in American blood to give our nation the freedoms and benefits to celebrate around a city square. It took all kinds of people to accomplish this, every ethnicity and background working as a single patriot with one thing in mind, American Freedom.

Last Saturday we took in another celebration around the square. The little girls were precious dancing and fun to watch. Loved the music and seeing the friendly, smiling faces. We just love the people so much.

Yet, an ominous spirit floated around my patriotic soul as I saw my beloved American flag taking second place to the Mexican flag. The language spoken over the loud speaker was not in English. I grew up in New Mexico and nothing ever happened like this

I saw the celebration as a divisive factor, not one of commonality of all the races and cultures developed into one great nation and speaking in one voice. It made me feel splintered. I think the key factor permeating the event was my flag, at a lower level than a foreign country's flag and not being able to understand a foreign language around my public square around an American courthouse.

It was obvious, we didn't belong so, we left.

Then the next newspaper showed our flag in a second-status position splashed across the front page. An "e pluribus unim," I cut my teeth on was yesterday. It apparently is gone forever, I suppose. I simply do not understand what is happening in my beloved America, a diverse nation who once spoke in one voice of patriotism.

CLARENCE AND TONYA SHOOK

SNYDER

Another verse to the song

TO THE EDITOR:

Yesterday I went to Lubbock. Gasoline was \$3.31 and \$3.32 all over town. Needless to say I filled up before I left town. I paid \$3.31 for major brand name gasoline. Today, the price of gas on the market was \$2.55 per gallon. At that price it leaves 97 cents to \$1.05 for jobber and store profits. I think we are being gouged simply because we are isolated and the dealers know we have to pay their price. Sad to say

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How to contact us

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by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we trust more and fear less. Amen

The cracks in the foundation

reat baseballer Nolan Ryan is the picture of organizational efficiency. He's the captain of his ship and a bona fide American sports hero with impressive "on-the-mound and off-themound" victories for almost 50 years.

With a laid-back personality and a Texas drawl that re-defines "folksy," he projects the "one big happy family" image of OUR Texas Rangers.

Multitudes of fans likely think they're "Ranger kinfolk," fantasizing about claiming the grandest of prizes. They may dream of special seating, perhaps in an over-stuffed rocker-recliner in an area secured by velvet roping right behind home plate.



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'dub flubbed.' We've seen the TV ad with Nolan, apron-adorned and fork in hand, grilling hot dogs at full tilt in the backyard.

swung and missed at the conces-

sion stands. He may consider his

Wife Ruth asks how many hot dogs he plans to grill. He answers, "Oh, about 35 thousand." Then, fans get the "invite" to show up at the Ballpark to scarf down the game's most traditional concession staple.

Well, at the most recent promotion, an unexpectedly large crowd downed them faster than Nolan could grill them. They

plumb sold out, well before the final out. So, maybe Nolan should get a bigger grill, make another TV ad and answer Ruth's query with, "Oh, about 70 thousand."

Uncle Mort, my 99-year-old kin down in the thicket, would vote for Ryan in any political race-local, state or national. But, he hopes the Rangers' president will stay right where he is, taking care of baseball business in an A+ manner. (Except for hot dog preparation, of course.)

"I'd call it 'RyanCare,' but some folks might get it confused with 'ObamaCare,' and I sure wouldn't want that," my uncle said.

"'ObamaCare' has historical precedence," Mort contends. "The Romans weren't too wild about 'CaesarCare,' Egyptians took an even dimmer view of 'PharoahCare' and 'TutCare' never got off the ground."

"All that glitters isn't gold" department: Challenges are foreign to no generation. Seems like there may be extra portions currently, with life-binding obstacles popping up on all of life's roads.

Particularly challenged when economies falter are charitable foundations. Currently, they're dealing with funding requests in record numbers, and in most cases, are unable to make positive responses.

To their credit, though, they typically do respond, even if it is akin to a pink slip in a pay envelope, or a publishing company's response to a lackluster manuscript. My friend Tom, a foundation

executive for a decade, coined a clever sentence to "soften" letters informing applicants that their proposals were not funded.

It read: "We have given due consideration to your proposal,

and have nothing but praise for it."

One young executive opened such a letter as his board convened. He hurriedly made copies for each member, one a crusty veteran who had seen many such letters saying "no" in gentlest terms. He highlighted three words--"nothing but praise"-thus curbing the exec's excitement.

Things were tough enough for Tom and his colleagues back then. He wouldn't think of reentering the foundation arena in these days, when requests are multiplied and interest returns are low. (Further, tax law chang es under consideration could greatly crimp charitable giving.)

Tom cherishes the good memo ries. He claims three truths apply to most foundation officers. Such truths include: 1) They're never served a bad meal, 2) They never tell an unfunny joke and 3) They never again hear the "unvarnished" truth. (He claims that some of the application forms smelled like Sherwin-Williams.)

Maybe there should be a fourth truism: When playing golf with grant applicants, foundation offi cers have little chance of losing. We are in a season, really, of

helping out as often as we can for as many as we can for as long as we can. Two friends, always on the

look-out for others in need, vow also to help each other.

Each often says, "There's noth ing I wouldn't do for him, and nothing he wouldn't do for me, so consequently we do nothing for each other.'

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Take a look at Lyra the Lyre

NAKED-EYE PLANETS The Sun, Moon and planets

rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation on its axis.

Evenings: Venus (setting low in west), Jupiter (rising in the east), Mercury (west, late in month) Mornings: Mars

(east), Jupiter (east), Mercury (early in month)

- * <u>Mercury</u> emerges low in the west late in the
- month. * Venus is climbing higher daily, becoming the
- prominent "evening star" in the west.
- * <u>Mars</u> is up in the east well before sunrise.

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- * <u>Jupiter</u> rises in the early evening and is high in the west by morning. * <u>Saturn</u> is now hidden in the
- Sun's glare.

CONSTELLATION OF THE MONTH: Lyra the Lyre

Lyra the Musical Lyre is a small constellation just to the west of Cygnus the Swan and the Milky Way. Being rather northerly, it is visible in our evening skies over half the year, from June through December. While it may not look like a musical instrument, its shape is distinctive – a parallelogram hanging from an especially bright star, Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a 1St-magnitude Vega, the fifth brightest star in the night sky. It's hard to miss Vega, being

the most brilliant object nearly straight overhead in the early evenings of fall. Situated 25 light years away, Vega was made famous in the movie "Contact" based on Carl Sagan's novel. In the story a radio astronomer, played by Jodi Foster, discovered a radio message from intelligent beings seemingly coming from Vega. Vega also combines with the

brightest stars of two other constellations, Deneb (in Cygnus the Swan) and Altair (in Aquila the Eagle), to form the large Milky Way Triangle (also known as the Summer Triangle) now high overhead.

In addition to Vega, Lyra also contains other jewels, two of which are Epsilon Lyri and the Ring Nebula. Epsilon Lyri looks like a rather ordinary star a finger-width (held at arm's length) from Vega which binoculars show to be a double star. But that isn't the whole story as a telescope at high power reveals each of those stars to be a double star, hence the star's nickname, the Double-Double. These four stars, along with a couple of even fainter ones, form a multiple star system in which all the stars are gravitationally bound and orbit a common "center of

gravity.' The Ring Nebula, also known as M57, is one of the most popular and well-known planetary nebula. The term is misleading as it has nothing to do with planets; rather it is the visible remnant of dead star. Through a telescope M57 looks like a tiny, faint grayish donut-shaped cloud while astrophotography displays its rich colors. Unseen at the center is a small, Earthsized dead star called a white dwarf, the hot and still-glowing "corpse" of a giant star that died less than 2,000 years ago at a distance of 2,300 light-years. The visible cloud is the star's outer shell of gasses that were blow away during the star's last gasp of stellar life. The Ring Nebula gives a preview of what our Sun will look like when it dies in 5-6 billion years.

Lyra in Greek Mythology

Lyra is one of the 48 constellations from antiquity. In Greek mythology the harp-like stringed instrument belonged to Orpheus, the superbly gifted minstrel whose music and voice could charm people, tame wild animals and even change the flow of rivers. It was given to Orpheus by the god Apollo who taught him to play with the power of a god. Like Willie Nelson and his guitar, Orpheus and Lyra were widely traveled. They accompanied Jason and the Argonauts

on their quest for the Golden

Fleece, and saved the ship and crew from certain shipwreck by drowning out the sinister singing of the seductive Sirens with powerfully beautiful music.

But alas, his life ended prematurely. His wife, the beautiful nymph Eurydice, died when bitten by a snake. Orpheus was so grief-stricken that, with lyre in hand, he climbed down into the Underworld to retrieve Eurydice. His music had such power that even Hades (Pluto) agreed to allow her to accompany him back to Earth - on the condition that Orpheus would refrain from casting his gaze upon her until they were completely out of the Underworld. Unfortunately, just before reaching Earth's surface, he couldn't resist glancing back to make sure she was still with him, and when he did, she immediately vanished and returned once again to the Land

of the Dead. The grief of losing his lovely young wife, not once but twice, was more than he could bear. Thereafter he forsook the company of all women, causing the wild women of Thrace, out of jealousy, to kill him. They threw his lyre into the river as Orpheus himself descended into the Underworld to spend eternity with his beloved wife, Eurydice.

Zeus, the king of the Gods, had Aquila the Eagle retrieve Orpheus' lyre from the river and carry it into the sky where Lyra continues making music for the whole world to enjoy.

ASTRO MILESTONES Oct. 4, 1957, the Russian's

launched Sputnik I, the first human-made Earth-orbiting satellite, beginning of the Space Age. Oct. 29 is the birthday of Edmund Halley (1656-1742), English astronomer of Halley's Comet fame.

Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. His website (www.stargazerpaul. com) contains an archive of past Stargazer columns, a schedule of his upcoming programs, star parties and classes and other basic stargazing information.

A dying man's race to adopt and a small miracle

AP National Writer

SHARON, S.C. (AP) — With everything she had to do that morning, Marshall McClain could not believe his wife was wasting time making the bed.

"What are you doing?" he gasped from the brown recliner where he spent his nights. Tracey McClain was killing time, waiting for the

lawyer's call, waiting to hear whether the adoption was a go and 11-month-old Alyssa would finally be Alyssa's mother had long since given her consent,

but attorney Dale Dove hadn't been in a particular hurry to locate the biological father. In the case of absentee fathers, he told the McClains, the longer the child can bond with the prospective parents before an adoption notice is filed, the better.

"Time is your friend," Dove had said.

But time had suddenly become the enemy.

An infection raged through the 61-year-old Army veteran's withered, 115-pound frame, and the intravenous antibiotics couldn't keep up. Doctors said he had just a couple of days.

But the man who'd survived 60 combat missions

in Vietnam had one more task to complete. He wanted to give his name to the little girl who'd been the light of his life these past six months. More importantly, he wanted Alyssa to have the right to collect his benefits after he died.

During the past few days, Dove and others moved heaven and earth to make the adoption happen. An opening had suddenly occurred in the judge's docket, and Tracey was scrambling to get herself and Alyssa ready and over to Rock Hill, about 40 minutes away. By the time Tracey returned to the bedroom to

say goodbye, the hospice nurse had arrived.

Even with the oxygen tube at his nose, Marshall's breathing was labored. He was unable to speak, but his eyes were open, and Tracey knew he could understand her as she leaned down to kiss him. "I love you," she said. "I'll be back."

Tracey and Marshall McClain's life wasn't per-

fect — but it was pretty darned close. They'd met on the job. He was a long-haul truck

driver, and she — 17 years his junior — was his dis-Married on New Year's Day 1994, they started

their own trucking company a year later. Over the

next 16 years, they'd built their Charlotte, N.C. business from five tractor-trailers to a fleet of 32 owner-operators.

The couple constructed a spacious three-story house on 33 wooded, northwest South Carolina acres that they shared with three racking horses -Rudy, Hunter and Little Girl — and a pair of goats

Each had a grown child from a previous marriage. Marshall's daughter, Amy Lane, lived about three hours away in Summerton; Danielle, Tracey's girl, lived with them. If there was any diaper changing in their future, they figured it would be for their first grandchild, who was on the way.

But all that changed one Sunday morning last fall, when an 18-year-old stranger walked through the doors at Sanctuary Hills Church of God of Proph-

The 2-month-old girl in her arms was pale and spitting up. The young mother appeared distraught.

"I'm not sleeping," she said. "She's not sleep-

One of the women in the nursery offered to take

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LETTERS

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our "neighbors" are gouging us just because they Maybe we need another price fixing investiga-

CLEM JONES BIG SPRING

Good service

TO THE EDITOR:

As Janelle Davis put it in last week's Herald, "a jewel on our doorsteps." I second her opinion of the Scenic Mountain Hospital.

I recently spent two weeks in E.R.I.C.U. and in room. I was treated royally by Dr. Long and all of the nurses and other staff. Also, the physical therapy ladies. I had heard bad reports on the hospital over the

years and was skeptical about having to be there, but now, I feel that I couldn't have been treated any better anywhere else.

JEAN MARIE TIDWELL BIG SPRING

Book sale

TO THE EDITOR:

When I read in the Big Spring Herald our library was having a book sale I told my son I hoped I would be able to find some of the Christian based love stories I enjoy reading. When I went to the sale, Mrs. Staulcup asked what was I looking for and when I told her she said come this way and much to my surprise there were boxes of my books.

When Mrs. Staulcup saw how very delighted I was to find them she said she would make me a special price for all the books I wanted and that really touched my heart because as a senior citizen, living on social security, I don't have a lot of money

I want to thank Mr. Staulcup, the other ladies and

gentlemen at the book sale because of their kind hearts I have enough books to last a good while. Lana Anguiano

BIG SPRING

Blame game TO THE EDITOR:

In last months letter, I began discussing the "blame game." In that letter I said I had not read, in print, any language from the "Obamacare" bill. After submitting the letter, I received the following The honorable Judge David Kithil of Marble

Falls, Texas, highlighted the most egregious pages of HB3200, the Health Care bill.

Page 50/section 152. The bill will provide insurance to all non-U.S. Residents, even if they are here illegally. Page 58 and 59; the government will have real-time access to an individuals bank account and will have the authority to make electronic fund transfers from those accounts. Line 14-15 page 203 states: The tax imposed under this section will not be treated as a tax. (Say what? — Oh, the President promised no new taxes.) Page 241 and 253 state that doctors shall be paid the same regardless of specialty and the government will set all fees. Cancer hospitals will ration care according to the patients age. Lines 4-12 on page 425 — those on social security will be required to attend

an "end of life" seminar (death counseling) every five years. On page 429, lines 13-15 the government will specify which doctors can write an end of life order. Now back to the "Blame Game."

Union boss, Mr. Jimmie Hoffa Jr., called people of the tea party a hunch of SOBs using the real words not initials. California Democrat Rep. Maxine Waters got in the

act by saying, "The tea party can go straight to hell!"

named Thelma and Louise.

At a job fair in detroit the 11-term Congress woman also said black members of Congress were growing "tired" of defending President Obama in the face of high unemployment Andre Carson, Democrat representative from Indiana and a member of the Black Congressional Caucus had to get into the act. He suggested certain members of the Tea Party in Congress are indistinguishable from violent racists. Of course, the Black Caucus is not racist.

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Sept. 26 – Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. **Sept. 27** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.

Supper Club "Cowboy's", 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 28 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. Movie 1:00 p.m. "Killers" **Sept. 29** – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.

Just Peachy's Cafe, 10:00 a.m.

Oct. 3 -Games, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Oct. 4 -Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m. Coffee @ PRL, 10:00 a.m.

Supper Club 5:30 p.m. "Casa Blanca" Oct. 5 -

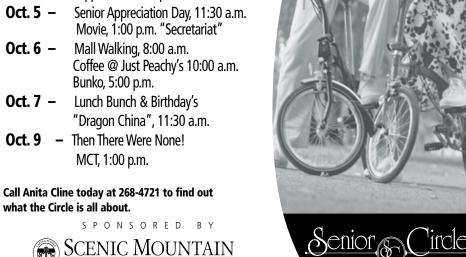
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Oct. 9 — Then There Were None! MCT, 1:00 p.m.

what the Circle is all about.

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EXPIRES 10-1-11

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the baby home for a while. The mother agreed without hesitation.

The McClains added mother and baby to their prayer list, but that was the extent of their involvement — until early January.

The church friend told Tracey that Alyssa had been hospitalized for breathing trouble and dehydration. When Alyssa was ready to be released, the friend asked if the McClains could keep her for the

After they got her home, a winter storm hit. By the time the snow had melted off, the McClains were in love.

The mother already had a 3-year-old son. She wasn't ready to be a mother of two.

"Alyssa ... has been passed around to several families that mom did not know much about," a social worker wrote. The mother "has not bonded with

On Jan. 28, social services granted the McClains temporary custody. Less than a week later, the mother signed away her parental rights.

About two years ago, during a family vacation, Marshall became violently ill. His skin turned a sickly yellow, and the already painfully lean trucker began dropping weight.

Over time, Marshall underwent numerous surgeries to clear blockages or take biopsies. He would bounce back after each operation, only to relapse

The business was doing well enough that Marshall decided to retire. When Alyssa came along, he was able to devote full time to raising her.

He was the one who, when she awoke crying. declared that she'd just have to cry herself back to sleep. Five minutes later, he was up to comfort

He would sit in his recliner and bounce Alli on his leg, singing "Ride the Horsey" or "Jesus Loves Me." He worked hard to make sure her first word was "Daddy" — and it was.

When Marshall first became ill, doctors feared it was pancreatic cancer, but tests came back negative. In late March, that initial suspicion was con-

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for an appointment.

He had just started radiation and chemotherapy when physicians discovered abscesses in his liver. They ordered intravenous antibiotics.

Danielle and her fiance, Kevin Susigan, moved their wedding up a year to May 14 so Marshall could walk her down the aisle.

The first week in July, Marshall went to Carolinas Medical Center near Charlotte for some tests to see how the abscesses were responding to the treatment. While he was there, one of them ruptured.

When doctors said there was nothing they could do to halt the spreading infection, Marshall decided to spend his last few days at home, with family. Tracey asked him if he was frightened.

"The only thing I'm scared of is leaving you here with all this responsibility," he told her. "But, other than that, I'm ready."

Dove, the lawyer, was on vacation at the beach with his wife. They weren't scheduled to come home for several days, but something told them to cut their trip short.

He was in his office Friday, July 8, when Tracey called with the news about Marshall.

"Holy cow," he said. "We need to get this thing

Dove's staff had located Alyssa's biological father just days earlier. He was at the Moss Justice Center in York, awaiting transfer to prison to begin serving a five-year sentence for drug distribution.

The lawyer had two options.

He could file a notice of adoption proceeding, which would give the father 30 days to respond days he knew Marshall McClain did not have. Or he could go to the jail and get the man's consent.

At 8 a.m. the next day, Dove was ushered into a closet-like room with a thick glass partition and a telephone receiver on the wall. On the other side sat a slight young man in an orange jumpsuit. Dove explained how the McClains had been tak-

ing care of Alyssa. He told him of adopting his own daughter 26 years earlier, and what a blessing it had been. Finally, he explained the situation with Marshall McClain, and the need for urgency. The father — a baby-faced 19-year-old with blond

hair like Alyssa's — was visibly moved. He was leaning toward signing the consent, but demurred: "I don't know these people." "Well," Dove said. "I can help with that."

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Dove stepped outside and called Tracey Mc-Clain. He told her to write a letter introducing herself and Marshall to Alyssa's father, and to get it there as quickly as possible.

By 1 p.m., Dove was slipping the hastily typed page through the slot at the bottom of the win-

Tracey told the man about Marshall's service in Vietnam, and about the successful trucking business they had built together. She wrote of their supportive church family, and of the older sisters and cousins who would love and help care for Alyssa.

Tracey promised to send him reports on his daughter's progress, and to "uphold you in a positive way" to her.

"You would be giving us the greatest gift by al-

We've

rounded up

lowing us to make Alyssa part of our family," she

Tracey had also sent several photos.

"They look like good people," the young man behind the glass said.

He told Dove he wanted the weekend to think it over. But he didn't need to wait that long.

Later that day, he sat down with a pen and a piece of yellow legal paper.

He said that he had never known his own father, and was grateful for the McClains' offer to let him be part of Alyssa's life. He wanted her — and them — to know that, "Just because I'm locked up doesn't make me a bad person." "The last thing I ever wanted to do was give my

ents now and truely have been since the beginning and I have faith in God whatever decisions you make for her will be the best ones." Dove was gassing up his truck around 9:30 a.m. Monday, July 11, when his assistant called from the jail with news that the father had signed. He

daughter away ...," he wrote. "But you are the par-

Guyton's office and explained Marshall's condition to the judge's assistant, Sandy Neely. "Is there ANY possibility for the judge to hear the

immediately called Family Court Judge David

case?" he pleaded. She put him on hold. After a short time, she came

back and asked if they could be there by 1:45.

"Sure," he replied.

He immediately called Tracey McClain. He was still on the phone with her when he got a beep. It was Guyton's office.

"We JUST had a cancellation," Neely said. "Can you be here by 11?"

Dove looked at his watch. It was nearing 10, and he was still in his jeans. He would have to get home and change into his suit while his staff drafted the paperwork. "I'll probably be a few minutes late," he warned

As Dove raced home, it dawned on him that he'd

have to make sure Alyssa's court-appointed guardian would be there. And since Marshall would be unable to attend, he wanted the woman who'd done the home study present to attest to the loving atmosphere in the McClain household.

Miraculously, both were available.

Back in Sharon, Tracey McClain hastily pulled on some slacks and a dress shirt. When Danielle came downstairs with Alli still in her pajamas, she told her to go back and change her into a dress.

Dove reached the court building at 11:09. The hearing did not get under way until 11:31.

With his close-cropped flattop haircut, chiseled features and ramrod straight posture, Guyton looks every inch the Marine captain he once was and Army National Guard lieutenant colonel he still is. But he has a special place in his heart for

Taped to the inside rim of his bench is a photo of his 7-year-old daughter, Hannah Grace. Dove represented the Guytons in the adoption.

For the record, Dove noted that Marshall McClain was not present in the courtroom.

"This adoption, though, is something that he wanted," he said. "Is that correct?"

"Yes," Tracey replied as Alyssa let out a yelp. "I believe that's what he's holding on for."

The guardian and other witnesses were quickly called, heard and dismissed. Squirming in a cousin's lap, Alyssa cooed as the small pendulum clock over the judge's left shoulder ticked away the min-

Toward the end of the hearing, Dove noticed a serious error in the adoption decree. The couple's name was misspelled "McCalin" throughout.

Breaking with protocol, Guyton allowed Dove to make the corrections by hand.

The hearing ended at 12:05 p.m. Dove wanted to snap a photo of judge and family, but Tracey said she couldn't wait, and hurried to her car.

A couple of miles out of town, she dialed home. Danielle answered. "Tell your dad we've got her," the mother said.

"I'll be there in a few minutes." Danielle repeated the news to the room. Her sis-

ter Amy leaned close to her father's ear and whispered, "She's ours." McClain's breathing eased. The muscles in his

The clerk's stamp on the final decree reads 12:09 p.m. Marshall McClain's official time of death was

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News Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amarillobased Palo Duro Meat is recalling 40,000 pounds of frozen fine ground beef products that may be contami-

Amarillo firm recalls meat

nated with E. coli.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture said the product was produced Sept. 9 and shipped to two warehouses in Georgia for distribution to institutions that include six Georgia school districts associated with the National School Lunch Program. The government said the bulk of the product has not left the warehouses, and officials were not aware of any being served as school lunches.

No illnesses have been reported. The company discovered the problem after reviewing lab results.

The products subject to recall include 40-pound boxes containing four 10-pound chubs of fine ground beef. Each case bears "Est. 7282" inside the USDA mark of inspection and a production code of 19110.

Forney ISD must pay back state

FORNEY, Texas (AP) — A North Texas school district has overestimated its student population over several years and now must pay back \$13.6 million in overfunding to the state.

The Dallas Morning News reports that Forney school officials met with officials of the Texas Education Agency on Monday (http://dallasne.ws/ p9voH5). The district said in a statement that it will work closely with the TEA "to ensure that any overpayment is adjusted in a manner that will cause as little hardship as possible."

The district will present a repayment plan to the education commissioner for money overpaid over four years, starting in 2007-08.

State funding of Texas school districts is based on average daily atten-

Forney is 25 miles east of Dallas.

Texas arson charge against homeless man dropped

DALLAS (AP) — Charges were dropped Friday against a homeless man who was accused of leaving a campfire unattended and sparking an April wildfire that destroyed 11 homes in southwest Austin.

A state district judge dismissed the arson charge against Michael Bernard Weathers after Travis County prosecutors said there wasn't enough evidence to pursue the hastily filed

case. Weathers, 60, was released from jail July 14, after prosecutors worked with local nonprofit agencies to find him housing and a job.

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"The right thing happened," Assistant District Attorney Buddy Meyer said. "The right result occurred."

Meyer said the district attorney's office consulted with arson investigators and firefighters on the scene of the April 17 blaze, and concluded that something else could have started the blaze. Austin fire officials told the Austin American-Statesman that they stood by their decision to charge Weathers within hours of the fire.

The Oak Hill fire, which also damaged 10 homes, began in an undeveloped, wooded area with walking and biking trails that also was home to several homeless encampments. Any number of people could have haphazardly tossed a discarded cigarette onto the parched land and sparked the inferno, Meyer said.

"I feel very good," Weathers told the AP on Friday. "I didn't do it. I didn't have anything to do with starting that fire ... They're all related to the same nasty drought."

Lawsuits filed by workers who floated days in Gulf

HOUSTON (AP) — Two oil workers who survived days floating on a life raft in the Gulf of Mexico after they evacuated their disabled vessel during a tropical storm have filed lawsuits claiming the workers were abandoned by another ship that could have taken them to safety.

The family of a third worker who died during the ordeal has also sued. The three men were among 10 oil workers on a liftboat in the Bay of Campeche who had to abandon the vessel on Sept. 8 after it was crippled by Tropical Storm Nate.

The workers' attorney, Francis Spagnoletti, said Friday that the men all suffered a harrowing ordeal that could have been prevented. Among other things, Spagnoletti said the workers had to float in shark-infested waters and drink their own urine.

The lawsuits were filed earlier this week in federal court in Galveston, southeast of Houston, by Ted Derise Jr. and Jeremy Parfait, two of the surviving workers, along with the family of Craig Myers.

The suits were filed against Geokinetics Inc., a Houston-based company that provides seismic data to the oil and gas industry; Trinity Liftboat Services, a Louisiana-based company that operated a liftboat, a type of

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vessel used by the workers and contracted by Geokinetics; and Mermaid Marine Australia Ltd., an Australian company that owns a standby vessel that operated near the liftboat.

69-year-old LDS missionary dies in Texas

TAYLORSVILLE, Utah (AP) — A senior LDS missionary serving in Texas has died after a trailer fire caused by an apparent gas leak in a kitchen stove.

The Deseret News reports 69-yearold Ann Baker Jones of Taylorsville died Friday after the fire Thursday night.

Officials with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said Jones and her husband Steven were living in a double-wide mobile home in a remote ranch and had been serving as part of the Texas San Antonio Mission since February.

Steven Jones was not injured in the fire.

LDS church officials said Jones is remembered as a wonderful wife and mother who was eager to serve her church.

Texas mayor facing recall over domestic benefits

EL PASO,(AP) — El Paso Mayor

John Cook and two members of the City Council are facing a recall election for their role in overturning a voter-approved measure to terminate health care benefits for gay and unmarried partners of city employees.

The city clerk on Thursday certified 9,556 signatures, about 3,400 more than needed to prompt a May recall election for Cook. The mayor of the West Texas border city of more than 800,000 residents is challenging the recall in court.

The recall election signature drive was organized by evangelist Tom Brown, pastor of the Word of Life Church in El Paso. He also pushed the November 2010 vote to ask residents whether the city should limit health benefits to legal spouses and dependent children of city employees.

The mayor has challenged the petitions because he believes some of the signatures were obtained in violation of a Texas law that bans corporations, including churches, from participating in recall elections.

Cook broke a 4-4 tie in June, voting to throw out the ordinance passed last November. The two other council members, Beto O'Rourke and Rachel Quintana, who voted to eliminate it are not being recalled because their terms already ended.

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Food drive restocks Isaiah 58 shelves



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Monday morning, Isaiah 58 received the final donation from the food drive set up by Big Spring Herald and United Way of Howard County and Big Spring. Donation boxes set up at Wal-Mart, H-E-B, Big Spring Herald and United Way offices brought in a total donation of 2185.75 pounds of food. Laura Sickles, Irene Buchanan and a work program participant are shown helping unload the trailer Monday morning.

By AMANDA MORENO

Through the help of the community, a local food pantry has been able to restock its shelves.

The Big Spring Herald and United Way of Howard County and Big Spring, with the help of Wal-Mart and H-E-B, recently conducted a food drive to benefit Isaiah 58.

"We ended up gathering a larger amount of food than we expected," said Sandy Stewart, United Way executive $\bar{\text{d}}\textsc{irector}.$ "The community really stepped up and helped out."

Donation boxes were placed at both entrances of H-E-B and Wal-Mart in order to allow those wanting to donate an easier way to drop off their items. The food drive began Sept. 6 and concluded Friday with a total of 2,185.75 pounds coming in.

In addition to the donations accumulated by the food drive, Frank Sickles of Isaiah 58 reported numerous other donations coming in during that time period as well.

"We received a call from the First Baptist Church in Garden City saying they heard about the food drive and wanted to help out as well and they start-

ed their own food drive," Sickles said.

Almost 300 pounds of food came in from Garden City, as well as a \$500 monetary donation. An anonymous donation of 1,500 pounds of food was received and First United Methodist Church in Big Spring also jumped on board and set up a food

drive to benefit Isaiah 58. "There is less help in the commodity program and the food cost has tripled from one week to the next, which makes it even harder for us to offer the assistance we want to offer," Sickles said. "Our budget just isn't equipped to handle that increase. However, this has been a big help and has been a

Isaiah 58 is operating with three distributions a week, Mondays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and again from 4:30

In August alone, Sickles said Isaiah 58 helped 444 families and 1,667 individuals. The numbers show an increase of about 20 percent from last year.

"We offer assistance to those who are needing help, most of the time it's for those in between periods and they are just trying to make it to the next paycheck," Sickles said.

The donations received from the food drive will help feed an estimated 900 families and last through November, according to Sickles.

Sickles said a gift of \$1,000 was also being delivered to Isaiah 58 as well as a couple more monetary donations.

He is hopeful the money will be able to be saved and used to benefit their Thanksgiving voucher program, which will allow families to get a holiday bird from participating grocery stores.

Those wanting to donate to Isaiah 58 and help it continue offering assistance or to volunteer to unload the truck on Mondays from the food bank, should contact Sickles at 213-1342.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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Through the support of all those who placed donations in the boxes many more families will be able to receive support from Isaiah 58 food pantry.

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Late score lifts Coahoma over Stanton

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Justin Coker rushed for 95 yards and Tanner Ruiz scored with just under two minutes left in the game as Coahoma defeated Stanton 20-16 in the two teams' district opener Friday night.

After trailing the Buffaloes the entire game, Ruiz's 9-yard run with 1:57 left on the clock pushed the Bulldogs into the win column. Coahoma had received the ball for their final possession — and last chance — after a short punt and started on the 36-yard line of Stanton.

Stanton lit up the scoreboard first when Tim Anderson capped off their opening drive with a one-yard touchdown run. Andres Chavez added the extra point. After tough stand defensively, the Buffaloes went into the second quarter with a 7-0 lead.

In the second frame, Stanton drove the field again, but Coahoma got a little tougher inside the red zone and the Buffaloes settled for a 36-yard Chavez field goal.

Cage Miller put the icing on Coahoma's next drive with just over five minutes left in the first half when he pounded his way through for a nineyard touchdown run. Marco Molina's extra point sent the two teams into the locker rooms with Stanton on top

The Buffaloes added to their lead early in the fourth quarter when Taylor Spinks forced himself across the goal line on a two-yard run. Coahoma blocked the extra point attempt, but the Bulldogs were left facing a 16-7 hill to climb.

"When we went down by two scores, we were not sure if we had enough time left," Coahoma head coach Trey Gardner said. "We're not a quick-strike team and the coaches were a bit concerned at that point."

But Coahoma responded to the Stanton score by driving 67 yards Ruiz hit Aaron Acevedo on a 15-yard route, closing the Buffalo lead to just two points and swinging the momentum to their own side of the field for the first time in the ball game. It carried over to the defense and the Buffaloes were unable to gain any ground on their next

possession, leaving too much time on the clock.

"After we scored, I told the kids we



HERALD photo/Robert Griffin

Stanton's Tim Anderson (11) evades a tackle by Aaron Acevedo in Friday night's district opener in Coahoma.

absolutely had to stop them," Coach Gardner. "And they did. They did not give up a single yard on the next series. That was huge."

Pressure by the Bulldogs forced a short punt out of bounds and gave the ball back to Coahoma on Stanton's 36 yard line.

"We made some mistakes in this game," Coach Gardner added. "But every time we needed someone to step up and make a good play, someone responded. Whether it was on offense, defense or special teams, they stepped up when we needed them to."

After sprinting 17 yards for a first down on a fourth and two, keeping Coahoma's comeback hopes alive, Ruiz broke free for a 6-yard, go-ahead touchdown run with two minutes left in the game.

The Buffaloes had some time and a couple of timeouts available, but any chance of taking the lead back was lost when Coahoma's Miller stepped in front of a Chavez pass and intercepted it.

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Rushes-yards 35-141 44-160

Passing yards 61 29

Comp.-Att.-Int. 6-7-1 2-5-0

Punts-Avg. 3-(-1.3) 3-19.6

Fumbles-lost 2-0 3-1

Penalties-yards 3-25 6-48

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING — Stanton, Tim Anderson 13-81, Taylor Spinks 12-31, Andres Chavez 9-24, Oscar Reyna, 1-7.

Coahoma, Justin Coker 16-95, Tanner Ruiz 13-29, Cage Miller 7-26, Aaron Acevedo 7-27.

PASSING — Stanton, Chavez 5-6-

1 - 61.Coahoma, Ruiz 2-5-0—29.

RECEIVING - Stanton, Ethan Mauldin 1-22. Ruben Cazares 1-15. Reyna 1-14, Nathen Koonce 1-8, Conaway 1-2. Coahoma, Acevedo 2-29.

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Coahoma's Cage Miller (11) runs around the end, sealed by Aaron Acevedo's block on Stanton's Ethan Mauldin (8).

Forsan still rolling, wins district opener 47-14

BY ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

FORSAN The Forsan Buffaloes opened district play Friday night in front of a packed stadium against the Post Antelopes. Any hopes Ty Johnson might be tired

after last week's display were quickly dismissed as he scored four more times in the Buffaloes' decisive 47-14 stampeding of Post.

Foster Burchett found the end zone three times himself, as well as hitting Johnson for one of his scores in the game. Yet, Forsan's head coach said the game was not about individual accomplishment.

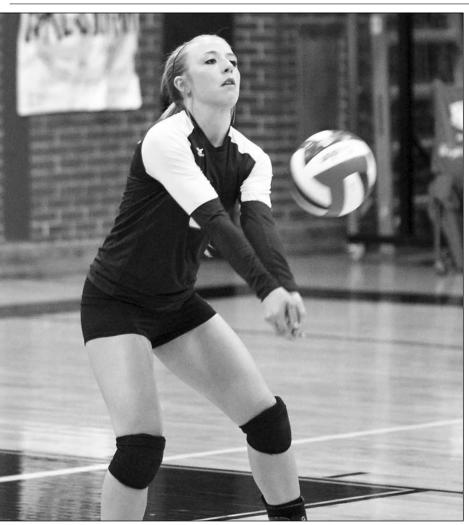
"This may be the best game we have played as a team all year," Coach Jason Phillips said. "The offensive line, the skill players and defense all played a great game. We

started out strong and finished strong. It was truly a complete game across the board for us."

Johnson scored first on a five yard run with over seven minutes left in the first quarter. Then, just three minutes later, he broke free for a 62yard scamper, giving Forsar a 13-0 lead after one quarter.

Burchett took over where Johnson left off in the second quarter, scoring on a 15-yard run around the end, before

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Lady Steers open district with a win

By ROBERT GRIFFIN

Sports Editor

The Lady Steers got their district season off to a good start Friday, defeating Sweetwater 25-20, 25-21 and 25-15.

Morgan Seaton led the team with 20 assists, along with her three kills, six digs, six blocks and three aces. In the other setter position, Cerbi Ritchey had a game-leading 18 kills. Ritchey also put up 12 assists, nine digs, four blocks and an ace.

Offensively, Taylor Seaton and Diamond Mayes combined for 14 kills, eight blocks and and five digs. On defense, Clara Benavides had 17 digs, two kills and an assist, while Logan Yarbar had 14 digs. Carson Reibe added 13 digs, a kill and an ace to the stat sheet for Big Spring.

The 25-9 (1-0 in district)Lady Steers will face their next challenge Tuesday, when they square off against Snyder at Steer

Gym. The JV Lady Steers defeated Sweetwater 25-20 and 25-16, while the freshman team fell in their district opener 15-25 and 19-25.

Briefs

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meetings to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685.

BSLL elections

Big Spring Little League will have an end of season meeting Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Life Church for the election of officers for the 2012 season.

Lady Steer Logan Yarbar passes the ball to Big Spring's setters in Friday night's district opener.

Texas high school football scores

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Texans' Tate looking at history

HOUSTON (AP) -Two games into his NFL career, Ben Tate isn't thinking much about the elite group he's already joined.

The Houston Texans' running back is the 11th player in league history to open his career with back-to-back 100-yard games, a list that includes Earl Campbell, Billy Sims, Marshall Faulk and Edgerrin James.

"Cadillac" Carnell Williams is the only running back to reach 100 yards rushing in his first three games. Tate will probably have a chance to match Williams on Sunday when Houston (2-0) plays at New Orleans (1-1), because 2010 NFL leading rusher Arian Foster is still limited by a left

"It's an awesome group to even just be mentioned with those guys, but it's just the start to my career," Tate said. "Honestly, I haven't taken time to really think about it, but I would have to say it's important. I guess

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hamstring strain.

it's a big thing that it much practice time happened."

Despite Tate's fast start, Houston coach Gary Kubiak said Foster will regain his starting role when he's fit enough to play. Foster took some snaps in Friday's practice, and will be re-evaluated Satur-

"It's tough," Foster said. "I think it's more mental than it is anything because like I said before, it's not something you can really push through. It's not something that you can play with at 100 percent, so you just got to be patient with it. It's just got to work that way.

Tate can relate to Foster's frustration. The former Auburn star was a second-round pick by the Texans in 2010, then broke his right ankle in Houston's first preseason game and was placed on injured re-

And like Foster, Tate was hampered by a hamstring injury during training camp this year. Kubiak became concerned with how

Tate was missing, but Tate has proven to be a quick learner.

"It's fun to watch," Kubiak said, "when you get a guy who's talented, just watching them try to become a pro or as they become a pro, I guess is a good way to put it. He was out last year. He did study. He stayed in his book. He comes into camp this year, he misses a little time, he just kept work-

Tate saw his first live action in more than a year in Houston's second preseason game, and a touchdown in a 27-14 win over New Or-

"He's got good balance and vision," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "Certainly, you wouldn't have guessed that he hadn't played, so he's been exciting to watch, or follow, if you will. I think he certainly carries his pads well. He's explosive. He's got good vision and I think he's someone that's very elusive."

Excellent Local Service

Foster was inactive for the Texans' seasonopening win over Indianapolis, and when backup Derrick Ward left the game with a sprained right ankle, Tate made the most of his longdelayed opportunity, rushing 24 times for 116 yards and a touchdown. He ran for 103 yards in a 23-13 win in Miami last week, helping the Texans keep the clock moving late with 13 carries in the fourth quarter.

"I think that's us telling how much confidence we have in him," Kubiak said. "The way he was carrying that rushing for 95 yards ball in the last 10 minutes of the game, there was no doubt who had control of what was going on. That player right there is telling you by how he's playing to 'Give it to me. I can get it handled,' so hopefully that continues to grow."

Tate expects to have challenging blocking assignments on Sunday against the Saints' blitz-heavy defense.

But Tate downplays the difficulty of the transition from college, and says he's confident that he can handle prolevel pass protection as well as he's handled his rushes.

"The defenses are more complex," Tate said. "They bring different blitzes, and you have to deal with more blitzes.

"Other than that, at the end of the day, it's football. I wouldn't say it's hard to figure out. Everybody knows that protecting the quarterback is important."

Eventually, Foster will get his job back, and Tate will be relegated to a reserve role once again. For now, Tate isn't fazed by that.

"I can't worry about what's going on with Arian," Tate said.

"The only thing I can focus on is me." Notes: Kubiak was optimistic that WRs Jacoby Jones and Kev-

in Walter will be ready

to play Sunday.

hitting Johnson on a 53yard pass play for another six points. Burchett scored twice

in the third, on runs of 36 and 14 yards, before Johnson capped the Forsan scoring with a 30yard dance to pay dirt. Post did manage to find the end zone twice, but were held to 264 to-

a Forsan defense which just did not want to Burchett rushed for 140 yards and three

touchdowns and went

tal yards in the game by

4-7 in the air for 77 yards and a touchdown. Johnson rushed for 108 yards and had one catch for 53 yards.

Brendan Roman added 77 rushing yards to the stat sheet and Polo Morin scrambled for 34 more, while Marcus Cervantes posted 25 yards. Trevor Burchett added a spark to the special teams, returning a kickoff for 47 yards.

Defensively, Patrick Robles had an intercep-

The Buffaloes will have a bye week, as they prepare for a trip to Anson for their next game Oct. 7.

Area 6-man recap

Sands - 44

Water Valley - 58

WATER VALLEY — Though the Sands Mustangs scored first in the battle of the undefeated, they were unable to hold off Water Valley for a fifth win of the season. The Mustangs rushed for 420 yards, but the Wildcats came up on the top end of a 58-44 thriller

which lived up to its expectations. Junior Rogers scored four times for the Mustangs on runs of 65, 50, 24 and three yards. He ended the

game with 179 rushing yards. Hayden Ware rushed for 175 yards in the game and scored on runs of 24 and 56 yards. Ware also

had 35 receiving yards on three catches. After Rogers scored his first touchdown three minutes into the game, he and the rest of the Mustangs had to watch the Wildcats score twice, going into the second quarter down 14-6.

But the second frame saw the Mustangs outscore Water Valley 24-16 with scores by Rogers (2) and Ware, building the excitement and giving the Mustangs their first lead of the night. But a 65 yard run by the Wildcats tied the game with 10 seconds to play in the half, sending the teams into the locker room tied up at 30.

Ware and Rogers each scored again in the second half, but the Mustangs could not match the 28 points put up by Water Vallev.

Bert Ybarra was 6-9 passing for 70 yards in the game. Preston Zant had 23 yards on 2 rushes. Caleb Thomasson had one catch for 21 yards.

Grady - 32

Ropes – 62

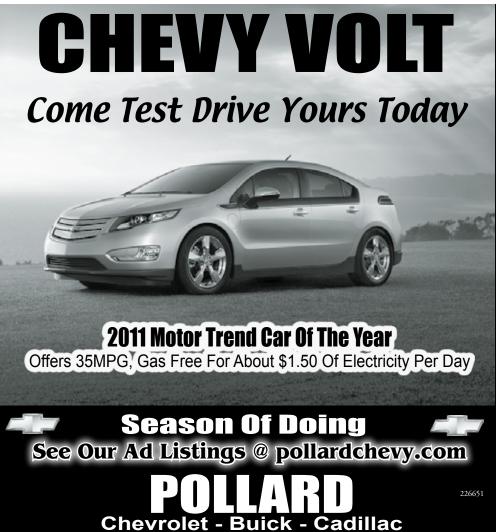
GRADY — The Ropes Eagles scored three times in the first quarter against Grady Friday night and never really gave the Wildcats a chance to catch

Trailing 40-14 at the half, the Wildcats fell in a 62-32 loss. Brett Glaze hit Michael Jimenez on a 60yard pass in the first quarter to give the Wildcats' fans their first chance to cheer. Zach Seiffert and Zeke Clay scored on short runs in the second and

third periods, but by this time, it was already 54-20. Grady outscored the Eagles in the fourth, when Uziel SanJuan scored and Glaze hit Jimenez for a second touchdown pass.

Seiffert rushed for 90 yards on 20 runs and Glaze was 8-12 for 156 yards in the air, 112 going to Jime-

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Rangers clinch AL West title

ARLINGTON (AP)
— Elvis Andrus took
off on a home run trot
and Texas Rangers fans
cheered as he mimicked
what was going on in a
game 1,400 miles away.

A few minutes later, the fireworks lit up the Texas sky as the Rangers wore fresh AL West championship T-shirts and celebrated their second consecutive division title with several thousand fans who stayed to wait and watch with them.

Texas trimmed its magic number to one with a 5-3 victory over the Seattle Mariners when Josh Hamilton and Adrian Beltre hit long home runs before Craig Gentry had an inside-the-park homer. The Rangers still needed a loss by the chasing Los Angeles Angels to clinch the division, which came about two hours later.

Los Angeles was already down 1-0 going into the fourth inning at home against Oakland when Texas (91-66) ended its game.

When David DeJesus Tampa Bay in the AL hit a solo homer for divisional series and Oakland in the top of the ninth for a 3-1 lead, what in the AL champion-

would be the final score, fans in Texas watching the huge video screen erupted. Andrus took off on his trot and then slid into home plate surrounded by his teammates.

"Elvis called it before it even happened. That was pretty funny," Michael Young said. "That's our moment. We were in our ballpark. ... Usually you kind of have a point where you can dogpile on your field, celebrate, come up here (in the clubhouse) and have a party. We weren't sure how this was going to work out, but you have 10,000 people in your home park sticking around, it made it pretty sweet. We wouldn't have written it up any other way."

It is the fifth division title for the Rangers, who last year went to their first World Series.

The Rangers were in Oakland last season when they clinched their first AL West crown since 1999. They had never won a playoff series before beating Tampa Bay in the AL divisional series and the New York Yankees

ship series last October. San Francisco won the World Series in five games.

"At the end of the World Series last year after the Giants beat us, we stood in this room and we committed ourselves to get back here and get another opportunity," manager Ron Washington said in the middle of the clubhouse celebration. "Tonight is what we did, we gave ourselves another opportunity."

Rangers fans clapped and cheered on each of the Angels' outs in the bottom of the ninth. Many of the players disappeared into the dugout when the second out was made, then came back after the final out wearing new T-shirts and sprayed ginger ale on each other and some of the fans. That was reminiscent of last year, when they did that in deference to Hamilton's well-documented substance abuse problems.

Division championship T-shirts and caps were immediately available for fans to buy, too. The team kept the doors open until 2 a.m. at three of its gift shopsat Rangers Ballpark and stores in downtown Dallas and Fort Worth.

"It's great. Now we have the opportunity to win a World Series," said Young, the team's longest-tenured player in his 11th season. "It's been incredible so far. We're looking forward to the next step."

A banner declaring their 2011 division championship was unfurled high above center field soon after the Angels lost.

Texas still has five games left in the regular season, including three next week in Los Angeles for the final series.

The playoffs are set to begin next Friday. The Rangers are tied with AL Central champ Detroit for the second-best record, but would have to finish a game ahead of the Tigers to get home-field advantage in the playoffs and avoid a likely divisional series opener at New York against the Yankees.

Matt Harrison (14-9) worked six innings for the Rangers against Seattle

Harrison retired 15 of the first 16 batters he faced until four consecutive Mariners reached to start the sixth. Ichiro Suzuki had an RBI single before Robinson walked to load the bases. Dustin Ackley and Miguel Olivo followed with consecutive sacrifice flies.

Gentry hit a liner to left-center in the fourth that rolled to the wall after splitting the gap between two outfielders. Left fielder Mike Carp and center fielder Trayvon Robinson both made diving attempts to catch the ball, Robinson a few feet behind Carp.

"We did exactly what we were supposed to do, which is attack the ball. We both felt we could get it," Robinson said. "Thank God we didn't collide with each other or we probably wouldn't be talking right now."

The speedy Gentry initially wasn't even running full speed, and made a stutter-step rounding first base before realizing the ball was rolling to the wall. He then took off and scored standing for his first career homer (in 176 at-bats over 93 games).

It was the first insidethe-park homer for the pressive."

Rangers since Nelson Cruz at Oakland on Sept. 4, 2006. Cruz was on base when Gentry got his. Washington even got the ball for Gentry to have as a keepsake.

That made it 5-0 and chased rookie left-hander Anthony Vasquez (1-5), the Texas native who gave up three homers and seven hits over 3 1-3 innings.

After Young led off the second with a single, his 206th hit of the season, Beltre followed with a towering 409-foot homer to left, his 29th. That also gave him 100 RBIs, his third career 100-RBI season, and nine homers in 12 games.

An inning later, Hamilton went deep for the sixth time in 10 games. His 25th homer was a 433-foot solo blast over the Rangers bullpen in right-center for a 3-0 lead.

"The one Beltre hit got us on the board first and Hamilton gave us some room," Washington

"Then Gentry hit one in the perfect spot, split the outfielders and did the rest with his legs. All of them were impressive."

Astros rocket over Colorado with Lee's four RBI's

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros had a quick answer for the Colorado Rockies.

Carlos Lee drove in four runs for the second straight game, Brett Myers won his fourth consecutive decision and the Houston Astros beat the Colorado Rockies 11-2 on Friday night.

The Rockies scored first and then came the Astros' 14-hit explosion.

Lee's big night started with a two-run double that was part of a franchise-record six consecutive hits to start the first inning. The Astros took a 5-1 lead off rookie Drew Pomeranz (1-1), who was making his third major league

"The biggest thing for us offensively was to be able to answer back in that first inning," Astros manager Brad Mills said. "Getting those six straight hits, it was good to see us answer back."

Lee became the first Astro to have consecutive four-RBI games since Lance Berkman on May 30-31, 2000, against Colorado.

"He's swinging the bat extremely well to be where he is," Mills said. "To be able to come back like that and do what he has this whole second half has been good."

Myers (7-13) struck out six, walked one and retired the last 11 batters he faced. Before starting his winning streak, Myers had lost seven straight decisions. He is 8-1 lifetime against Colorado.

"I wish I'd started out this way," Myers said. "It didn't work out so you go out and try to compete. I've been keeping the ball down. Early in the year the ball was elevated a lot. That's usually when I get hurt. I just try to keep it

down."

Lee had an RBI single in the fourth and an RBI groundout in the fifth.
Clint Barmes added a solo homer, his 12th, in

o civth

Pomeranz lasted two innings, allowing seven hits and six earned runs Pomeranz had allowed two earned runs in 10 2-3 innings in his first two starts.

en hits and six earned "Unfortunately to- pitches like he has seen runs. Pomeranz had al- night, for Drew, it didn't the last two starts. The

happen," Rockies manager Jim Tracy said.
"There was no life to his pitches like he has seen the last two starts. The

ball was flat, and obviously, that was evident by some of the at-bats taken in the bottom of the first inning."

J.B. Shuck led off the game for Houston with a single and scored on

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a double by Angel Sanchez to tie it 1-1. Lee's double scored both runners and a double by Matt Downs and single by Chris Johnson made

Finally, Barmes flied out and Humberto Quintero and Myers struck out the end the inning.

"Everything was up. That's prettv much all there was," Pomeranz said. "I've had stuff happen like that before but not very often. I looked back at all those balls, and they were bad pitches by me."

Eric Young singled off Myers' glove to open the game and scored on Dexter Fowler's double. Pinchhitter Tim Nelson hit a solo homer for the Rockies in the seventh off Lance Pendleton.

The Astros have had numerous games with five hits to start the first inning, most recently June 6, 2010, against the Cubs.

"We started the game sending two hitters to the plate, and we had an infield hit and an RBI double and a man on second with nobody out," Tracy said. "In order for us to play competitive baseball and win a couple games, the way it has to happen is we're going to need someone to go out there on that mound and give us a quality start."

Notes: Colorado's Matt Downs has 15 pinch-hit RBIs and needs three more to set a franchise record set in 2001 by Orlando Merced. Jordan Pacheco has nine RBIs in his first 14 major league starts for the Rockies. Carlos Gonzalez is the first player in Rockies history with consecutive seasons with at least 20 home runs and 20 stolen bases. Henry Sosa doubled for his first career hit on Thursday. He was the sixth Astro to get his first major league hit this season.

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Vampires & Werewolves THEY WON'T BITE, BUT YOU WILL

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Werewolves Are on the Prowl!

o raise a few hairs at your Halloween bash, add a collection of were-wolf treats that are sure to satisfy your hungry pack. Party guests will be digging their fangs into Wickedly Wonderful Werewolf Pops and Werewolf Furry Finger Cookies. So bring your appetite because the Wilton Test Kitchen has baked up a cauldron of confections for this spooky season ... take a bite.

Wickedly Wonderful Werewolf Pops

Makes about 8 pops

- Round Cookie Pop Pan 2 tablespoons margarine
- or butter
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 3 cups crisp chocolatecoated rice cereal
- 8 8-inch Cookie Sticks
 Dark Cocoa Candy Melts
 Yellow Candy Melts
 Brown candy-coated
 chocolates
 Candy corn

Spray Round Cookie Pop Pan and spatula or wooden spoon with vegetable pan spray.

In large microwave-safe bowl, melt margarine and marshmallows together; stir to combine. Add cereal; stir until well coated. Press into prepared pan, leaving top edge uneven. Insert Cookie Sticks. Let cool; remove from pan. Repeat with remaining cereal mixture, reheating mixture in microwave if needed to make it easier to work with. Reserve any leftover cereal.

With knife, cut dark cocoa Candy Melts into fourths; with melted candy, attach 2 to the top of each pop, pointed side up, for ears. Cut 1/4 off yellow Candy Melts; attach 2 larger pieces with melted candy for eyes. Attach candy-coated chocolate pupils and nose. Cut pointed end from candy corn; attach for teeth with melted candy. Add additional small pieces of cereal mixture for eyebrows. Arrange pops in seasonal container.

Frightfully Fun Werewolf Cake

Makes about 16 servings

Pound Cake (recipe available at www.wilton.com) 3-D Cuddly Bear Set

White Rolled Fondant

2 dowel rods
Chocolate Buttercream
Icing (recipe available at
www.wilton.com)

Rotary Cutter
2 each Bright Green and
Purple Sugar Sheets!
Edible Decorating Paper
Piping Gel (optional)

1 each Bright Yellow,
Light Pink, White
and Black Sugar Sheets!
Edible Decorating Paper
Flaked coconut
Brown and Black Icing Color

Bake and cool pound cake recipe in 3-D Cuddly Bear baking pan following pan instructions. Cool completely. Roll two 3 inch x 1-1/4-inch fondant logs; insert dowel rods, leaving 2 inches of dowel rod exposed. Insert into cake for arms.

Spatula ice cake and arms with chocolate buttercream icing, building up ears to a point at top of head. With Rotary Cutter, cut two purple shirt shapes and two green pants shapes from Sugar Sheets! Attach to front and back of bear, wrapping around to meet, using piping gel, if desired. Cut out pink triangles for ears, yellow eyes, black circle pupils and nose, black mouth and white triangle fangs; attach.

Tint coconut with brown and black icing color; press into icing for fur. Tint small amount of chocolate icing black; add tip 22 pull-out star claws on ends of arms.

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Vampires Invade!

t's fright night! Vampire-themed goodies cast a spooky spell on ghoulish guests this Halloween. To charm your gathering long past dawn, entertaining experts from Wilton recommend serving an array of lip-smacking snacks and a sip of "blood red" Strawberry Cooler. These supernatural recipe sensations are sure to summon vampires of all ages to

enjoy your devilishly delicious treats ... and maybe a few tricks.

Vicious-Delicious Vampire Cake

Makes about 16 servings

Pound Cake (recipe available at www.wilton.com) Dimensions 3-D Skull Pan Buttercream icing Black Icing Color Red Sparkle Gel Black string licorice

Prepare pound cake in Skull Pan following recipe instructions. Cool completely. Assemble skull halves, attaching with icing, on cake board or serving plate.

Tint small amount of icing black with icing color. Tint remainder of icing gray with small amount of black icing color.

Fill in indented mouth and eye area with black icing; smooth with finger dipped in cornstarch. Build up cheeks and nose with gray tinted icing. Cover skull with tip 18 gray stars. Add tip 8 black outline eyebrows. Pipe tip 5 white teeth, fangs and eye highlights. Add red Sparkle Gel lips. Insert licorice for hair.

Vampire Fang Cookies

Makes about 2 dozen cookies

Roll-Out Cookie Dough

(recipe available at www. wilton.com)
Lips Comfort-Grip Cutter
Royal icing
Black Icing Color
Red Icing Color
White spice drops
Granulated sugar
White candy-coated gum
pieces

Red Sparkle Gel
Prepare and roll out cookie dough.
Cut cookies using Lips Comfort-

Grip Cutter. Bake and cool.
Tint royal icing black and red.
Use tip 8 and outline lips with
red royal icing; fill in with tip
3 black icing; pat smooth with
finger dipped in cornstarch.
Roll out spice drops on surface
sprinkled with granulated sugar;
cut into triangles for fangs.

Arrange gum "teeth" and spice

drop fangs. Overpipe red lips

with red Sparkle Gel.

Fright Nite Cupcakes

Each serves 1

Favorite cupcake recipe or mix Buttercream icing Knife Royal Icing Decorations Red Decorating Gel

Bake favorite cupcakes in Halloween baking cups. Cool completely. Spatula ice cupcake top. Insert knife icing decoration; add red decorating gel.

Vampire's Bite Cupcakes

Each serves 1

Favorite cupcake recipe or mix Take A Bite Mark baking cups Buttercream icing Red Decorating Gel Red Colored Sugar

Bake favorite cupcakes in Take A Bite Mark baking cups. Cool completely. Pipe tip 22 white buttercream swirl on cupcake top. Add red decorating gel to cut area on baking cup. Sprinkle with red colored sugar.

Freaky Fingers Strawberry Cooler

Make about 6-1/2 cups

- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen strawberries with no sugar added, thawed but still cool
- 1 package (.14 ounce) unsweetened strawberry soft drink mix
- 4 cups water
- 1-1/2 cups lemon-lime soda 1/3 cup granulated sugar Freaky Fingers Candy Straws (see below)

In the bowl of food processor, pulse frozen strawberries until completely pureed. Strain strawberries to remove seeds.

In large pitcher, combine strawberry puree, soft drink mix, water, lemon-lime soda and sugar; stir until sugar dissolves. Pour into glasses; add ice, if desired, and Freaky Fingers Candy Straws. To drink, bite end from finger candy and sip.

Freaky Fingers Candy Straws

Makes 6 fingers per mold

White Candy Melts Skeleton Fingers Pretzel Mold Drinking straws

Melt Candy Melts following package instructions; pour into Skeleton Fingers Mold. Insert drinking straw where pretzel fits in mold; rotate straw to cover with melted candy. Refrigerate until set, about 15 minutes. Remove from mold.

For additional Halloween ideas and directions for making all your vampire and werewolf goodies, go to www.wilton.com.



Clockwise from upper left: Wickedly Wonderful Werewolf Pops, Frightfully Fun Werewolf Cake and Werewolf Furry Finger Cookies

Werewolf Furry Finger Cookies

Makes about 3 dozen cookies

- Finger Cookie Pan
 1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened
- 1-1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1 egg 1-1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
- 2-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt3 tablespoons cocoa powder

Flaked coconut Brown Icing Color Black spice drops

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray Finger Cookie Pan cavities with vegetable pan spray.

In large bowl, beat butter and sugar with electric mixer at medium speed until well blended. Beat in egg and extracts; mix well. Combine flour, salt and cocoa powder; add to butter mixture. Beat until well blended. Press dough into prepared pan cavities, filling 2/3 full.

Bake 9 to 10 minutes or until light brown around edges. Cool in pan 10 minutes. Turn pan over; lightly tap pan to remove cookies. Cool completely on cooling grid.

In resealable plastic bag, place coconut with icing color; knead until color is evenly blended. Dry on parchment or waxed paper. Attach in small clumps on cooled cookies with melted candy. Roll out spice drops on surface sprinkled with granulated sugar; cut into fingernail shapes. Attach to cookies with melted candy.

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Zachary is the son of Beverly and Lucky James. He was born in Odessa in 1985. Zachary graduated from Andrews High School and earned an associate's of science in audio engineering from South Plains College. He is employed as an audio engineer and is pursuing a bachelor's of science in the recording industry concentrating in production and technology at Middle Tennessee State University.



Zachary James and Jennifer Alvarez

Jennifer and Zachary currently reside in Nashville, Tenn., and have planned their wedding for 5 p.m. Oct. 8, 2011, at The Courtyard in Big Spring.

Wedding

Melton and Tinkler



Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Tinkler

Kristina Melton, daughter of Tommy and Laurie Melton, of Odessa, exchanged vows with W. E. Tinkler of Midland, son of Walter Tinkler and Mike and Anna McBride on July 23, 2011, at 7 p.m. at the Odessa Country Club. A reception followed the ceremony at the country club.

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Marcie Crossland of Midland was the matron of honor. Other bridal party members included Ashlee Stevens of Indianapolis, Ind., Robin Hirt of San Angelo, Leslie Price of Grandbury, Chloe Snell of Greenwood, Jennifer Tinkler of Austin and Kassadie Barela of Midland.

Byron Hayes of Midland served as best man. Groomsmen included Jason Little of Greenwood, Mike Jarldane of Midland, Sean Holcomb of Midland, Ryan Melton of Princeton, Ind., Randy Lewis of Midland and Derek Erskine of Midland.

Ushers included Colt Snell of Greenwood, Allen Gray of Midland. Kymbree Hirt of San Angelo and Addison Grisham of Odessa served as flower girls and ring bearer was Bryson Hirt of San Angelo.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Playa Mujeres, Mexico.

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Wednesday: Breakfast: baked cheese sticks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: spaghetti, pears, tossed salad, ranch dressing, green peas, roll, milk. Thursday: Breakfast: maple mini pancakes, as-

sorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken patty, french fries, baby carrots, ranch dressing, sliced apples, roll, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: pancake on a stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: corndog, sweet potato fries, sliced cucumbers, ranch dressing, pineapple chunks, animal crackers, milk.

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Tuesday: Breakfast: biscuit and sausage, juice, milk. Lunch: beef fajitas, refried beans, tossed salad, rosie applesauce, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: donuts, juice, milk. Lunch: teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, English peas, pineapple tidbits, hot roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast on a stick, juice, milk. Lunch: taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, cake, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, juice, milk. Lunch: hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes and pickles, baked chips, baby carrots with ranch, cookie, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: cinnamon roll, juice, milk. Alternative: cereal. Lunch: chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, sherbet cup,

Tuesday: Breakfast: scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk. Alternative: cereal. Lunch: pizza burger, lettuce, tomato, pickle, tater tots, mixed fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: biscuit, sausage, juice milk. Alternative: cereal. Lunch: chicken spaghetti, savory green beans, fresh apple, Texas toast, brownie, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: sausage on a stick, juice, milk. Alternative: cereal. Lunch: beef and bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, cinnamon applesauce, peanut butter bar, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: country style steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, savory green beans, hot roll, strawberry shortcake, milk.

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Tuesday: beef and bean burrito, tortilla chips/ salsa, tossed salad, orange sections, milk.

Wednesday: pot roast, potatoes, carrots, rolls, chocolate pudding, milk.

Thursday: spaghetti and meatballs, Italian vegetables, tossed salad, garlic bread, mixed berries,

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Community relations office has some changes

Valerie Avery takes over for Billie Christie in community relations position

'hen Billie Christie retired last month from a long and successful career at Big Spring State Hospital she not only said good-bye to many co-workers and longtime volunteers, but she also bid farewell to her long-running monthly column detailing the goings-on at the community relations office.

The community relations office is the hub of volunteer activities on the Big Spring State Hospital campus. Volunteers stop to work a few hours on a special project or sort through donated items for resale at The Chalet. The money they generate goes directly toward our patients. They are a dedicated group, and we want to continue highlighting their many accomplishments and needs.

My name is Valerie Avery and I have been tapped by Superintendent Ed Moughon to continue writing this column. Many of you know me as the Public Information Coordinator at Big Spring State Hospital. I look forward to your comments and suggestions as I highlight volunteer and hospital activities.

The Volunteer Services Council Ex-

ecutive Committee has prepared the budget for the new fiscal year, which started Sept. 1. New officers will lead the Volunteer Services Council this year: Stacy Barr will serve as vicechairman; Suzanne Markwell as treasurer; and Jobeth Corwin as secretary. New board members are Steve Smith, Ann Duncan and Noel Hoff. These volunteers were appointed during the board's Aug. 24 meeting.

Even though we aren't even close to celebrating Halloween, our next big push in the community relations office is organizing Christmas for our patients. Volunteers are preparing the Christmas appeal letters and Christmas shopping lists for our 200 patients. We are excited Shelley Parker will serve as our Christmas chair. She is lining up Santa's helpers and preparing shopping lists. Alon USA volunteers are penciled in for Operation Santa in December.

homemade cookies, read gently used magazines and reading material, and wear donated clothing and shoes. Clothing should be clean and in good condition. All donations can be taken to the community relations office,

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located south of the hospital's southern entrance.

Clubs or church organizations looking for service projects can sponsor monthly birthday parties on patient units. Homemade cakes and cupcakes provided once a month or several times a year are a huge help and a great pick-me-up for patients celebrating their special day.

Dorothy Jones is Big Spring State Hospital's September Volunteer of the Month. Jones is a relative newcomer to Big Spring State Hospital she started volunteering in January 2009, but she has made a huge impact in a short period of time. She spends most of her time at The Chalet Resale Shoppe, where she primarily works as a cashier. She also makes craft items from glassware for the Chalet and has recently started sorting and pricing the extensive jewelry section at the resale shop, 115 E. Second St. Big Spring State Hospital's Community Relations Office chooses a vol-

unteer each month who goes above and beyond what is expected for the recognition.

Service Awards for Big

28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Allred Building Auditorium. A blood drive was held for hospital employees Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Spring State Hospital

employees will be Sept.

Hospital employees kicked off the State **Employee Charitable** Campaign — the state's annual fund-raiser for worthy charities. Departments within the hospital host fund-raisers, including

bake and brisket burrito sales with money raised going to the charity of that department's choice.

The campaign runs through Oct. 31

Valerie Avery is Public Information Coordinator for Big Spring State

Club News

Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter, represented at the 120th NSDAR Continental Congress Chapter Regent Anne Witherspoon attended the

120th National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Continental Congress June 29 to July 3. With the opening night ceremony, the NSDAR began its year-long commemoration of the $10^{
m th}$ anniversary of the 9/11 attack. The speaker was Rear Admiral (Ret.) Deborah A.

Loewer, former director of the White House Situation Room. She told a hushed audience of the stepby-step unfolding of information coming to the President on the morning of 9/11. Witherspoon won the award for best State Junior

Membership Report as well as an Outstanding Service Award by the Women's Issues Committee of which she is a National Vice Chairman.

Mary Schuelke and Sue Ann Damron received Outstanding Service Awards from the DAR Genealogy Preservation Committee.

Chapter Registrar Sue Ann Damron was certified as a Volunteer Field Genealogist at a training course offered by the NSDAR in Austin the first week of September. Brenda Newell and Tom Ragusin with the Registrar General's office in DC were the instructors for the 10 sessions, which covered proving correct lineage and ancestor service and completing applications and supplements according to DAR standards.

September 7 and 8, Witherspoon and Damron attended the Texas Society DAR Fall Forum in Aus-

Fall Forum provides chapters with instructors and information enabling them to plan their upcoming year's activities.

To celebrate Constitution Week, Vice Regent Hollis McCright has set up a display in the Howard County Library showcasing the constitution and books about it.

Members June Reid, Carole Lawson, Carol Scott, Sara Tipton, Jessica Williams and Sue Ann Damron attended the Constitution Week luncheon held at the Petroleum Club in Midland on Sept. 19.

The speaker was Walter B. Huffman, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law at Texas Tech University. Judge Advocate General of the Army for 27 years, Huffman summed up his humor-laced presentation by stating that as long as we remain true to our Constitution we will remain free.

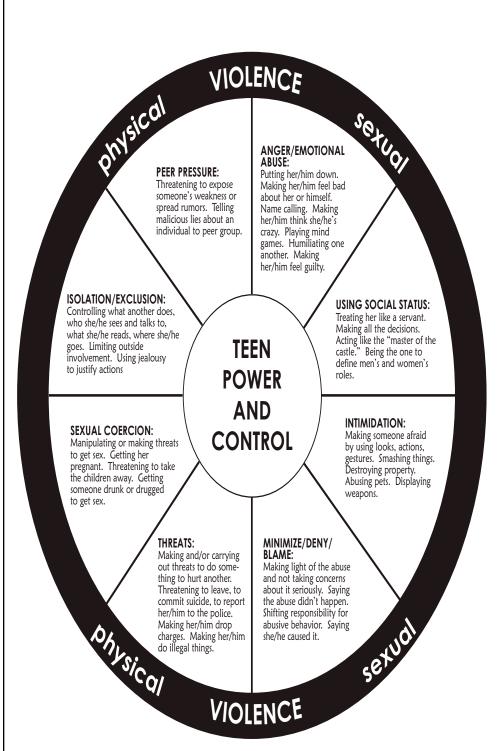
He emphasized the fact the USA is unique in that our armed forces swear allegiance to the Constitution and not to the president or the country.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 8 at the Big Spring Country Club.



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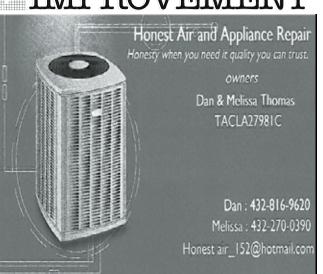


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Business and Agriculture

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State Rep. Drew Darby spoke with Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce members during their monthly meeting Wednesday. With redistricting lines being renewed, it is possible Darby will be representing Howard County.

Chamber board hears from Rep. Drew Darby

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Representation is everything, especially when it's a positive representation.

State Rep. Drew Darby addressed Big Spring Area of Commerce members during their monthly meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Darby is part of the Texas House of Representatives for House District 72 and is serving his third term on the House Committee on Appropriations, chairing the subcommittee on Natural Resources, Business and Economic Development and Regulatory agencies. He is a representative of Coke, Mitchell, Scurry and Tom Green counties.

"My footing and my grounding is here in West Texas. Regardless of what happens I will be representing the people of West Texas and Howard County in Austin."

-Rep. Drew Darby

Darby spoke on redistricting and the Ports-To-Plains Project, which would help solve the bottleneck problem that occurs in Big Spring when traveling the highways of Texas.

"My footing and my grounding See CHAMBER, Page 6C

is here in West Texas. Regardless of what happens I will be representing the people of West Texas and Howard County in Austin," Darby said. "I will fight to keep Howard County in my district."

Other items discussed in Wednesday's meeting developments in membership reported by Sherri Key, board member. Chamber members total 346 and three new additions were made, including Goodwill, Howard County 4H Adult Leadership and The Nutritional Weigh.

Terri Blackshear, chamber vice president, expanded on

Job expansion, other projects discussed by local EDC board

By AMANDA MORENO

Staff Writer

Job expansion was a major topic for discussion this week among members of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

Executive Director Terry Wegman gave a brief overview of the projects that have taken place over the past year, including the rehabilitation of the Settles Hotel which is expected

to open in the spring of 2012. Desert Tanks is one of the more prominent projects, according to Wegman, and out of the 26 projected added jobs, 12 have already been filled. John Crane expansion has led to 24 more jobs being created and the new Health Center is employing eight people with talks of expanding that number in the future, he said.

"Of course, another en-

deavor that has proven to be very valuable is the Entrepreneur Alli-

ance," Wegman said. The division of the BSEDC began in February and has provided assistance to a steady flow of local residents wanting to open a business, as well as owners of existing businesses in the Howard County area. Wegman reported there will be some upcoming changes, though.

"We will still have access to the same resources, but after being approached by several communities in this area who have witnessed the success they are having, Entrepreneur Alliance is going to expand on their own," Wegman said.

A new contract will be provided in October for the board's consid-

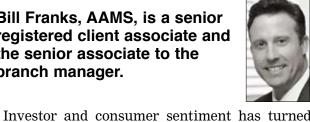
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Energy Watch



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

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



cially after Standard & Poor's downgraded the long-term rating of U.S. government debt. This shock to confidence is a threat to economic growth if it persists. The risk of recession has certainly increased since earlier this year, but a recession may not in fact occur. The odds of another recession occurring in the near future are currently about 25 percent. That

very negative during the past two months, espe-

number could change if confidence does not improve and economic conditions deteriorate. At this point, however, the factual data point toward signs of growth rather than contraction. The latest survey of purchasing managers in the

service sector was better than analysts expected. Specifically, the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) non-manufacturing index increased to 53.3 in August from 52.7 in July. Given the sharp drop in confidence in August, analysts were looking for this index to actually decrease. Thus, the small upturn in service sector activity was a pleasant surprise. This piece of good news shows that the service sector, which accounts for about 90 percent of economic activity, seemed to be better in August despite the shock to confidence we endured last month.

A reading above 50 on the ISM index means that more purchasing managers believe business activity is expanding that those who believe activity is contracting. History shows that a reading of around 53 is consistent with slow economic growth rather than robust expansion. Thus, the upturn in the non-manufacturing index is encouraging, given the drop in confidence — but it does not mean the economy is doing well. Business conditions in the service sector are still soft, but they are not as weak as usual during a recession.

If the non-manufacturing index were below 50. as it was back in 2001 and 2008, the economy would probably be heading into another recession right now. Luckily, that has not happened so far. Look ing back for additional examples, the ISM nonmanufacturing index dropped to its current level in 1998 but the economy did not slip into recession. The index declined to a lower level than present back in 2002 and 2003, but again the economy did not falter. And the fear of a double-dip recession was very high in both 2002 and 2003, just as it is now. Finally, the index was at a similar level in early 2007, and the economy continued to expand for nearly a year before it did enter recession.

In summary, the upturn in this service sector index during a month when sentiment was plummeting is an encouraging sign that the economy may not be as bad as many people think it is. If the drop in sentiment is not hurting the service sector, the economy may avoid a recession after all. Investors will be watching this measure in the months ahead — as well as other measures of consumer spending and productivity — to see if the economy is more resilient than sentiment has been in the recent past.

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California governor signs compromise on Internet taxes

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A political fight over whether Internet retailers should collect sales tax will move from statehouses to Congress after California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill Friday that represents a compromise among Amazon.com, traditional retailers and lawmakers searching for ways to raise revenue.

By signing AB155, Brown delayed tax rules implemented earlier this summer as part of the state budget package until at least September 2012. The reprieve will give online and traditional retailers time to lobby Congress for a national standard on collecting sales tax for online pur-

"It's time for Washington to follow our lead and forge a bipartisan national solution," Brown said Friday.

If that effort fails, Amazon has agreed to start collecting sales tax from California customers. The budget bill signed previously by Brown forced more online retailers to collect the state sales tax effective July 1. The move prompted Amazon to cut ties with some 25,000 affiliate businesses in California and spend more than \$5 million to collect signatures for a 2012 referendum drive to repeal the law.

The compromise bill will cost California an estimated \$200 million in tax revenue during the current fiscal year but helps both sides avoid a costly election contest next year and the possibility of legal challenges.

Under the deal, the retailing giant will rekindle its relationship with its California affiliates and end its refer-

"We were able to avert what I think would have been a real negative for California, and that would have been a referendum on the November ballot pitting Amazon against the retailers

and leading to, undoubtedly, an un-

productive result," said state Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, a Sacramento Democrat. California was among a growing number of states that saw taxes on Internet sales as a way to help close budget deficits.

Consumers are required under state law to pay sales tax when they order online from companies out of state, but the tax is virtually impossible to enforce without the cooperation of the retailers. Customers rarely pay.

Traditional retailers, from Wal-Mart to local business owners, say the inability to police taxation on the unfair advantage.

Internet creates an uneven playing field, with online retailers gaining an A 1992 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in a case involving a mail-order retailer says a business must only

collect state tax from customers if it

has a physical presence in the state

where they live, such as a retail store.

to broaden the definition of physical presence. At least six states had done so by 2010 while nine more, including California, launched similar legislative attempts this year.

Several states responded by trying

Amazon holding press event in NY on Wednesday

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Amazon. com Inc. sent out invitations Friday to a press conference it will hold Wednesday in New York. The online retailer didn't divulge details, but it is expected to be an announcement for a long-rumored tablet device.

Speculation has swirled that Amazon, which has sold its Kindle e-reader for several years, is working on a tablet device to rival Apple Inc.'s pop-

The Seattle-based company has been tight-lipped, though.

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By Steve Becker Comedy of Errors

East dealer. East-West vulnerable NORTH **♦** K Q 7 6 3 WEST **EAST** ♣A 10 7 3 2 The bidding: West North Pass Pass Pass

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Opening lead — five of spades. All sorts of weird goings-on occur in world championship events. Play-

ers are seized by wild flights of fancy in the bidding or the play, or make errors that even a beginner wouldn't make, and these aberrations often lead to unusual results that become

led the five of spades Declarer won with the ace and,

the basis for amusing — and sometimes hair-raising — stories.

Consider today's deal from a match between Peru and Switzerland. The Peruvian South got to three notrump, and Swiss star Jean Besse

realizing that the contract could not be stopped if the diamonds were divided 3-2, led a low club to dummy's queen. East won with the ace and shifted to the jack of hearts. Declarer ducked the jack and also the king, Besse signaling encouragement with the four followed by the deuce. South then took the next heart lead

Aware that West had the missing queen of hearts, South decided to play a low diamond and duck it into East's hand in order to guard against a possible 4-1 diamond division. Accordingly, South led the deuce

of diamonds toward dummy. When Besse played the four, declarer played dummy's three in order to force East to win the trick. But East couldn't oblige, and Besse's four unexpectedly won the trick! He then cashed the queen of hearts to put the contract down one. Of course, Besse should have

played the nine of diamonds which would have assured defeat of the contract — instead of the four. and declarer should have played which would have given him his ninth trick instead of the three, but the fact is that neither of them did what he should have done.

However, par — down one at three was achieved, though in a most peculiar manner. Homer nodded not once but twice, and the nods canceled each other out.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand

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County Court Decisions:

Judgment and Sentence: Calvin Jacob Lawson, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 45 Judgment and Sentence:

Michael Lee Lopez, evading arrest or detention, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs. 60 days in iail. Judgment and Sentence:

Michael Lee Lopez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 60 Judgment and Sentence: Gary Leon Jetton, possession of a con-

trolled substance, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 20 days in jail. Probated Judgment: Denny Leon Roberts, terroristic threat,

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\$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Probated Judgment: Paul

Moreno, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Judgment and Sentence: Carlos

Burrolas Marquez, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 10 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Aaron

Scott Langford, prohibited weapon - switchblade/knuckles, \$166 fine. \$232 court costs. Probated Judgment: Michael Shae Jackman, driving while in-

toxicated - second offense, \$4,000

fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days

in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation). Judgment and Sentence: Monica Rose Cervantes, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$767

court costs, \$232 court costs. Probated Judgment: Albert Trevino Carillo, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Richard Flores, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 20 days in jail.

Judgment and Sentence: Juan Manuel Talamantez, resisting arrest, search or transportation. \$1,266 fine, \$232 court costs. Probated Judgment: Andrea

Danelle Croft, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Probated Judgment: Denise

Shade, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Judgment and Sentence: Lapaul

Eric Scaggs, criminal mischief -

more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$500 fine, \$332 court costs, 28 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Salena Marie Taylor, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice -

\$282 court costs, 5 days in jail. Probated Judgment: Susan Etta Overton, driving while intoxicated (open container) - second offense \$1,500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended,

giving false information, \$100 fine.

24 months probation). Probated Judgment: Natividad Zamora Ceballos, driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension, \$500 fine, \$282 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Jacob Jay Aguirre, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$392 court costs, 75 in jail.

Probated Judgment: David Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$457 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 18 months probation).

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Judgment and Sentence: Athea

Ryanne Darrow Nall, assault caus-

Probated Judgment: Korina Sir-

ing bodily injury, \$500 fine, \$332

mon, theft - more than \$500 less

costs, 180 days in jail (jail time

than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$282 court

suspended, 24 months probation).

Alan Knowlton, assault causing

bodily injury - family violence,

\$750 fine, \$282 court costs, 30

Judgment and Sentence:

Mauricio Torres, possession of

marijuana - two ounces or less

\$500 fine, \$342 court costs, 30

Judgment and Sentence: Myrell

Simpson Jr., failure to identify as a

fugitive from justice - giving false

costs. 45 days in jail.

information, \$500 fine, \$282 court

Judgment and Sentence: Wil-

liam Cole Lafon, criminal trespass,

\$100 fine, \$282 court costs, 45

Judgment and Sentence:

Barney Kip Edens, assault caus-

ing bodily injury - family violence,

\$750 fine, \$332 court costs, 180

In Re Jonathan Ray Moore,

Judgment and Sentence: Shane

court costs, 120 days in jail.

family In Re Marcos Cristoval Sorola,

District Court Filings:

family In Re Alliana Maria Chavarria,

family. Antonio A. Rodriquez Jr. vs. Jessica Cobos Rodriquez, divorce.

Plantation Resources Partners LTD vs. Fred Vollbeer, civil. Cynthia Diane Wrye vs. Joseph Byrd Wrye, divorce.

Joe N. Torres vs. Aubrey Richardson, civil.

Edward Roach vs. Yvette Roach, divorce. Kristy Turnbo vs. James Dwayne Turnbo, divorce.

Marriage Licenses: Christopher Obell Vanover, 33,

and Michelle Marie Mikels, 30, both of Big Spring. Jacob Bryant Nixson, 20, and Christian Lee Price, 20, both of Big Spring. Carlos Rodriguez, 58, and Veronica Espinoza Solis, 46, both

Property: The E/25 feet and W/75 feet of Lots 5-6, Block 16, Original Town of Big Spring

Date: Sept. 7, 2011

wood Unit No. 1

Grantor: D and S Properties

Grantee: James Stephen Cole-

Warranty Deeds:

of Big Spring.

Grantor: Randy Vaughn and Margie Strickland Grantee: Colby Nix Property: Lot 13, Block 9, Kent-

Date: Sept. 7, 2011 Grantor: Sonny Glen Kinard Grantee: Grella Oil & Gas Property: A 7.5-acre tract out of Section 27, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey

Grantor: Midfirst Bank Grantee: The Secretary of

executive session. Infor-

mation is still being

are being negotiated.

Date: Aug. 31, 2011

Housing and Urban Development Property: Lot 22, Block 4, Wasson Place Addition Date: Aug. 31, 2011

Grantor: Midfirst Bank Grantee: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Property: Lot 27, Block 3, Bellvue Addition Date: Aug. 31, 2011

Sherry Chancy Property: A 1-acre tract out of Section 4, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P Rr Co. Survey Date: Sept. 9, 2011

Grantee: Jerry Chancy and

Grantor: Leo H. Engele

Grantor: Merritt H. Barnes Jr. Grantee: Jimmy Miller Property: Lot 33, Block 5, College Park Estates Date: Sept. 12, 2011

Grantor: Anthony Aguilar and Laurie Aquilar Grantee: Kodi Aguilar Property: Lot 37-A, Block 5, Capehart Addition Date: Aug. 24, 2011

Grantor: Anthony Aguilar and Laurie Aguilar Grantee: Kodi Aquilar Property: A tract out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date: Aug. 24, 2011

Grantor: Mendi Strickland Grantee: Vital Enterprises Inc. Property: Lots 22-24, Block 7, South Haven Date: Aug. 24, 2011

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Grantor: C. Richard Warren and Wanda Warren

Property: Lots 19-20, Block 16, Washington Place Addition Date: Sept. 2, 2011 Grantor: Ruel Metcalf Grantee: Heath Webb and

Property: Lot 21, Block 6, Kent-

Grantee: William Childers

wood Unit No. 2 Date: Aug. 31, 2011 Grantor: Dennis Alan Bristow and Reba Karen Bristow

Brandi Webb

Grantee: Jordan Partee and Kristen Partee Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co.

Survey Date: Sept. 12, 2011 Grantor: Dennis Alan Bristow and Reba Karen Bristow

Grantee: Jordan Partee and Kristen Partee Property: A tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey

Date: Sept. 12, 2011

Grantor: Dwyre Kennedy Grantee: Jaroe Parnell and Megan Graves Property: Lot 29, Block 6, Kentwood Unit No. 2 Date: Aug. 23, 2011

Oct. 18 at 5:15 p.m. in the

chamber board room.

taken in regards to the said. After delivering the projects discussed in

eration, and it will include the same hours

fee structure, Wegman

CHAMBER

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annual report and the directors report, board went into executive session in regards to two projects. provided to the community as well as the same

Wegman said at this point no action has been

Blackshear said. "After we receive all the lists, we are going to distribute a list of positives throughout the community, but we are still deciding just how to do that."

For those wanting to take part in the program, forms can be picked up at the chamber office or lists can be turned in on a regular sheet of paper. Deadline

The next meeting, which is open to the public, is scheduled for for the contest is Oct.

17 and a drawing for 10 different prizes will be conducted Oct. 19. "We have so much

positive in this town and it can be just as contagious, if not more so, than the negative," Chamber President Terri Johansen said. Other upcoming

events include Howard College's rededication Sept. 30 at 1 p.m.

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> in front of Old Main (administration building.) The rededication marks the completion of the \$21.6 million bond which was passed six years ago and the 65th anniversary of the first class day.

> Ag Appreciation is scheduled for Oct. 13 at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Tickets for non-ag producers are \$15 and can be purchased at the chamber offices. All area farmers and ranchers will receive lunch free.

The Chamber's annual banquet has been set for Jan. 31 with more details to follow. The meetings to plan for the upcoming health fair will begin next week. The 2012 theme will be Pearls of Wisdom of Good Health. For more information

regarding any of the upcoming events, contact the chamber at 263-7641 or stop by the office at 215 W. Third.

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the Chamber's Focus on the Positive campaign. Residents are encouraged to create a top 10 list of positive things in Big Spring, Howard County, Coahoma and Forsan and submit them to the chamber. "We want to get the community involved,"

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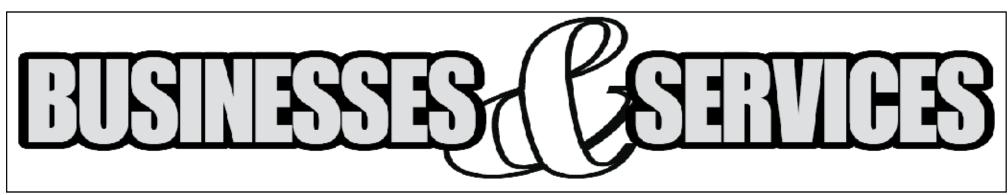
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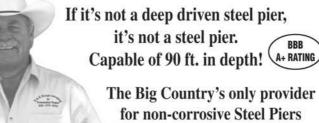




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Tomorrow's Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your frankness will be a timesaving tool. And your scrupulous honesty will win someone's trust. However, do be careful not to offer opinions unless your opinion is requested. Wisdom is often silent.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone likes to have fun, though everyone really knows how. You find this difficult to believe, since laughter, joy and playfulness come easily to you. You'll teach someone how to let go and live a little.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It all goes so well until some weird bit of news throws a wrench in the works. This obstacle sounds more daunting than it really is. Assume this is all going to work out easily, and it will.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll flirt publicly with someone, you probably wouldn't do the same in private. You want to make a person feel good, though you don't necessarily want your relationship with the person to be any more intimate than it is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

something and realize it's not at all what you set out to do. This kind of false start is a natural part of your process, so be patient with yourself. If you have to go "back to the drawing board," happily.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 25). Competitive events are featured. Over the next six weeks, you'll really put yourself out there to make something happen, and the results will be terrific. Then you'll need to rest and replenish your energy. Loving exchanges lead to favorable domestic changes. Social fun in December and January opens new interests. Leo and Aries people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 33, 20 and 28.

FORECAST FOR THE **WEEK AHEAD:** The constellation Libra is the only inanimate object of the zodiac, and yet this realm is full personality movement. It deals in the most intricate areas of the human psyche. It delves into the most complicated questions questions like "Why do we love whom we love?" and "What should the rules be and who should make them up?" These types of questions can never fully be answered, but that doesn't stop us from trying during this the first full week of the 2011 solar passage through Libra. Libra's endless questioning will be aimed at personal relationships and societal trends alike. Progress in many areas will be slow,

but that can bring about a favorable outcome. We are more concerned with the feelings involved in our interactions. Getting the cooperation of loved ones and peers is crucial to our success. If we cross the finish line but no one is there to cheer, it will feel like a hollow victory, if it counts as a victory at all. So this work — the work of team building — is vitally important. Mercury joins the sun in Libra, adding two cents' worth of charm and diplomacy to our communication.

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Catherine Zeta-Jones shares birthday with her husband, Michael Douglas. Though there are more than decades between their dates of birth, the similarities in their birth charts are enough to close the generation gap between them, and often they might even call it a non-issue. Zeta-Jones was born when the sun, Mercury, Jupiter and Uranus were all in the sign of beauty and partnership.

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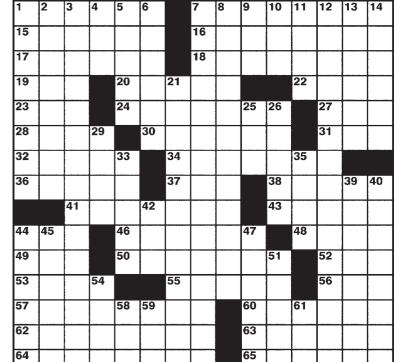
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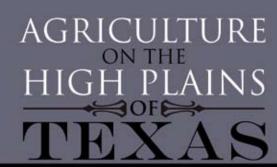


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Book signging held at Heritage Museum

Borgstedt focuses on telling the stories of agriculture and the families behind it

HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno Cathy Lester, local rancher, stopped by the Heritage Museum to visit with Samantha Yates Borgstedt during the book signing for Agriculture on the High Plains of Texas, Thursday afternoon.





► Who's Who

Big Spring resident participates in 2011 LSAMP

The University of Texas at Tyler computer science major Michael Clarke of Big Spring recently participated in the 2011 University of Texas System Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Undergraduate Research Conference held at UT Arlington.

Students presented posters of their undergraduate research projects that were conducted under the supervision of faculty mentors during the LSAMP Summer Research Academy.

Clarke's research discussed "Evaluation of Comparative Performance of Smartphone Platforms." Dr. Nary Subramanian, assistant professor of computer science, served as his faculty mentor.

Dr. Neil Gray, professor and chair of chemistry, attended the presentations in his role as faculty mentor and UT Tyler LSAMP advisory committee member. Dr. Stephen Rainwater, Chandler professor of computer science, also participated as UT Tyler LSAMP program cam-

Tyler representative on the UT System LSAMP Academic Leadership Council.

The UT-LSAMP program is supported by the National Science Foundation and provides undergraduate research experiences in an effort to increase the number of underrepresented students pursuing graduate level studies in science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs.

More than 80 undergraduate and graduate degree programs are available at UT Tyler, which has an enrollment of almost 7,000 high-ability students at its campuses in Tyler, Longview and Palestine.

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Mayor opens DAW @ 1:00 pm followed by softball games with the Big Spring Police and Fire Depts. held at the SWCID campus

Monday - 26th: Popular Comedian Levi Anderson 8pm Maddux Student Center - SWCID Campus

Tuesday - 27th: Deaf Culture Jeopardy 8pm Maddux Student Center SWCID Campus

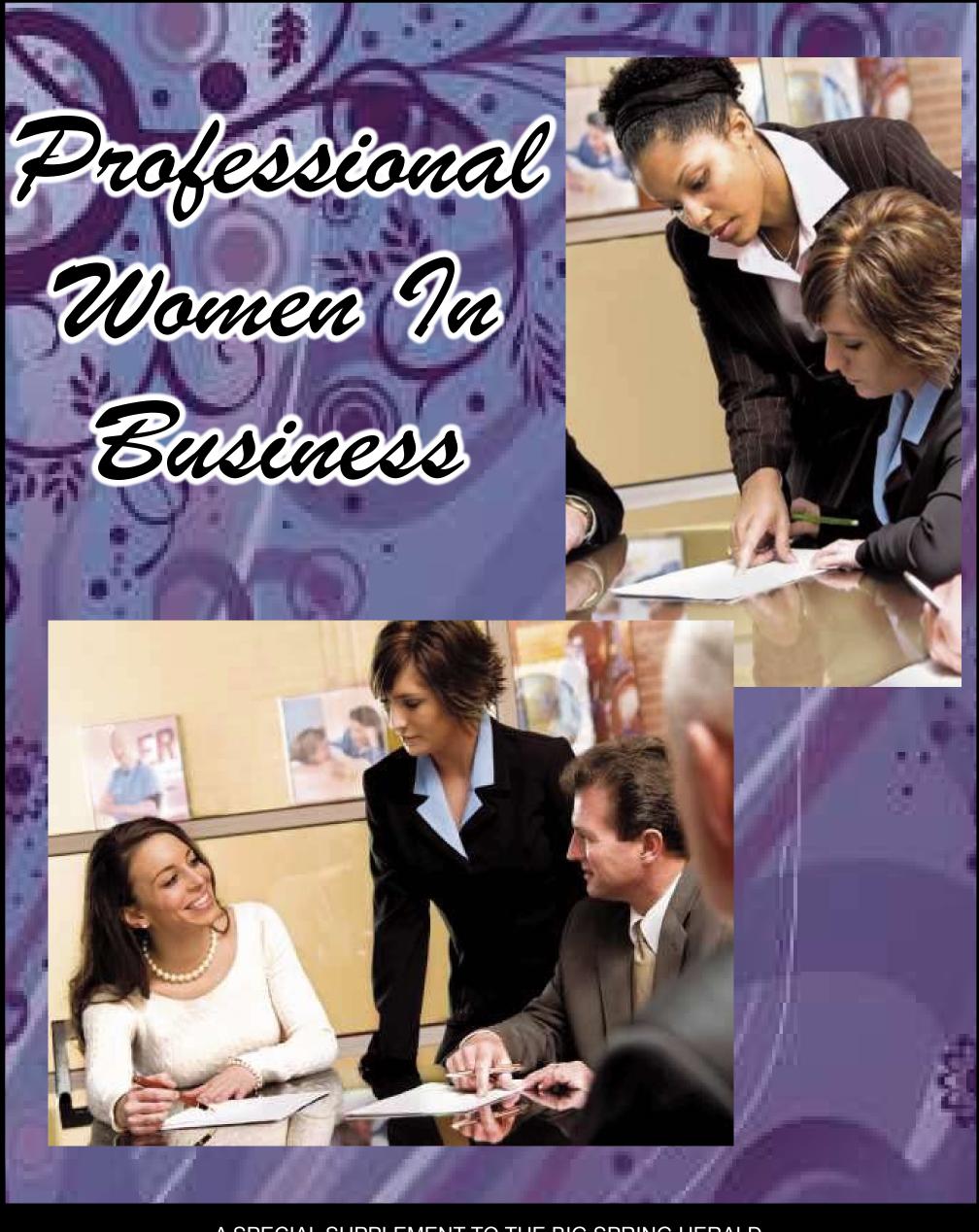
Wednesday - 28th: ASL Story Telling at the Howard County Library 10:15 am - 11:00 am

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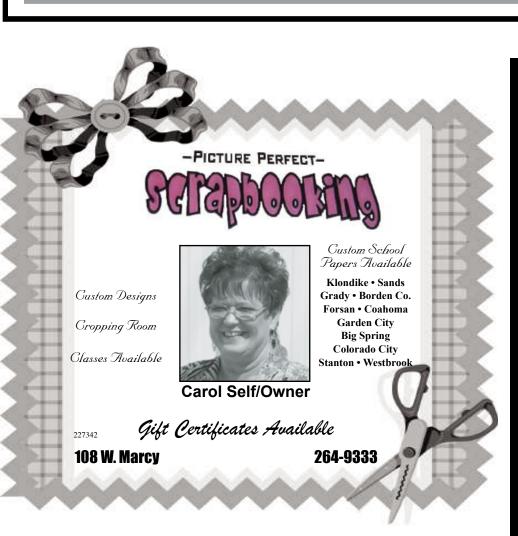
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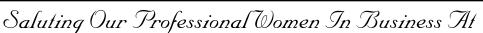
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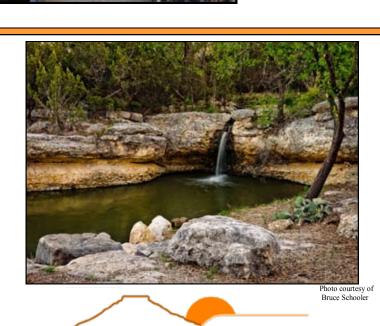
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Anna Schwartz - Environmental Engineering Advisor - I year

Jenelle Lewis - Laboratory Supervisor - 3 years

Genneth Wells - Laboratory Technician I - I year

Peggy McAdams - Safety and Training Staff Assistant - 36 years

Shelley Parker - Accounting Supervisor - 10 years

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Jessica Rivera - Executive Administrative Assistant to VP-Refining-I Year

Pat Paredez - Accounts Payable Staff Assistant - 34 years

DeAnn Cannon - Logistics Staff Assistant - 3 years

Not available for the photograph are:

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