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Crossroads honors its veterans

Multiple services salute the many who have served

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Honor, remembrance and a debt of gratitude could be found throughout Big Spring on Friday, especially in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Area residents gathered in the Howard College Hawks basketball arena, not to watch a ball game or attend an arts and crafts show or health fair, but to pause for a moment, honor and give thanks to all veterans.

"There are many brave patriots who have sacrificed their youth defending our freedom, and we owe them

a tremendous debt of gratitude," said Daniel Marsh, West Texas VA Health Care System director. "It is our obligation, duty, privilege and most importantly, honor, to serve and care for these veterans."

The service, which has been held for more than 20 years, included music performed by the Big Spring Sixth Grade Honor Choir, Coahoma Choir and Howard College Hawk Jam. Ret. Air Force veteran John Fisher served as master of ceremonies, once again,

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Clockwise from above, POW William H. King, far left, Mayor Tommy Duncan, Chaplain Dean Thomas and Army veteran Mike Tarpley listen to presentations during the community-wide veterans day program at Howard College. At right, VAMC Director Daniel Marsh speaks. Below right, Hangar 25 Air Museum opens a new exhibit. Below left, Gold Star mothers present a wreath. And at left, Sandy Martinez, activity director at Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home, and Janice Boil, account executive for IntegraCare Hospice of Snyder, admire the dedication wreath after the Veterans Day service at the veterans home.

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Obituaries

Mattie Lee 'Bobbie' McDaniel



Mattie Lee "Bobbie" McDaniel, 98, of Garden City died Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, in a local nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, at the Garden City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 4, 1912, in Golf, Texas, and married Ronnell McDaniel on Feb. 20, 1932, in Garden City, Texas. He preceded her in death on Aug. 30, 1980.

Bobbie came to Garden City as a child from Wichita Falls, Texas. She taught in Garden City schools for 11 years and was a member of the Retired Teachers Association. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Garden City and traveled with the DMA (Don't Mention Age) group at First Baptist Church in Midland.

Survivors include one son, Roy McDaniel and wife Roylyn of Garden City; one daughter, Gail Snider and husband Max of Snyder; three grandchildren, Amanda Lee McDaniel of Carlsbad, N.M., Toby Cushing of Denver, Colo., and Tiffany McDaniel of Dallas; two step-grandchildren, Dale Chambers of Las Cruces, N.M., and Jennifer Chandler of Big Spring; and several great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Gary Elbert McDaniel; four brothers; and a grandson.

The family suggests memorials be made to Crossroads Hospice, 421 S. Main, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or to Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Rd., Big Spring, Texas 79720.

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

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Support Groups

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TUESDAY

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

Elidia Rubio Herrera



Elidia Rubio Herrera, 65, of Lakeway, Texas, formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2001, at The Summit in Lakeway. Vigil services will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Nov. 14, 2011, at Holy Trinity Catholic Parish (Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church). Interment will follow at

Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Elidia was born Sept. 2, 1946, in Marfa, Texas, to Magdalena and Felix Rubio Sr. She married Jesse Herrera on July 4, 1964, in Big Spring and he preceded her in death on Oct. 22, 2004.

She had been a resident of Big Spring for more than 50 years, having moved from Marfa. For many years, she was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Elidia loved to garden and travel. She cherished her family and enjoyed cooking and helping others. She had a true servant's heart. Elidia was a warm, kind and loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She is going to be greatly missed by all who loved her. She will live in our hearts forever.

She is survived by one daughter, Jo Ann O'Daniel and husband Jeff of Spicewood; one son, Joey Herrera and girlfriend Linda Roberson of San Antonio; four grandchildren, Heather Herrera, A.J. Herrera, Megan Herrera and Skyler O'Daniel; one great-granddaughter, Lexie Herrera; four brothers, Ismael Rubio and Raul Rubio and wife Sara, all of Big Spring, Domingo Rubio and wife Minnie of Midland and Felix Rubio Jr. and wife Petra of Denver, Colo.; three sisters, Esperanza Rodriguez and Viola Lopez, both of Big Spring and Connie R. Valdez of Grand Prairie.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Felix and Magdalena (Jimenez) Rubio; one sister, Elva Olague; two brothers, Benito Rubio and Francisco Rubio; and one granddaughter, Crystal Herrera.

The family suggests memorials be made to the APDA West Texas Parkinsonism Society Chapter, 3610 22nd Street, Suite 300, Lubbock, TX 79410, or www.apdaparkinson.org.

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

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Emma Lou Smith Douglass



Emma Lou Smith Douglass passed away Friday, Nov. 11, 2011. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Barbara Kirk-Norris officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Parish Hall. Interment will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Emma was a lifetime resident of Big Spring, born to James J. and Imogene Smith on Jan. 6, 1947, at the old Cowper Hospital. She attended Big Spring High School, graduating in 1965. She worked for Retail Merchants Association for many years and later worked for Cosden Federal Credit Union for 24 years as a loan officer. She would say the most rewarding part of her job was helping the members obtain their wishes. She considered her members as family and friends. Emma was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church for more than 30 years, where she served as an usher, Sunday school teacher and on the alter guild. She was a loving daughter, a dedicated mother to her daughter, Joey Lynn, faithful little sister to Gloria, and adored aunt "Wawa" to Jaime.

She is survived by Joey Lynn and husband Kevin Pinell of Flower Mound, Texas; sister Gloria Bain and husband Howard of Big Spring; niece Jaime Garcia and husband Gene of Austin; and her beloved Korby and Brewtus.

She was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents, W.A. and Orene Henderson of Big Spring. She will be missed by all who loved her.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice House of Odessa, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, TX 79761 or to St. Mary's Episcopal Church in memory of Emma Douglass, P.O. Box 2949, Big Spring, TX 79721, are greatly appreciated.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

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Blair Nichole Schuelke

Blair Nichole Schuelke, infant daughter of Clint and Brooke Schuelke, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

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Brown bag concert

The Howard College Dance Department will have a "Brown Bag" Concert, Wed. Nov. 16 from 12:20 p.m. to 12:50 p.m. in the Howard College Fireplace Room of the Student Center.

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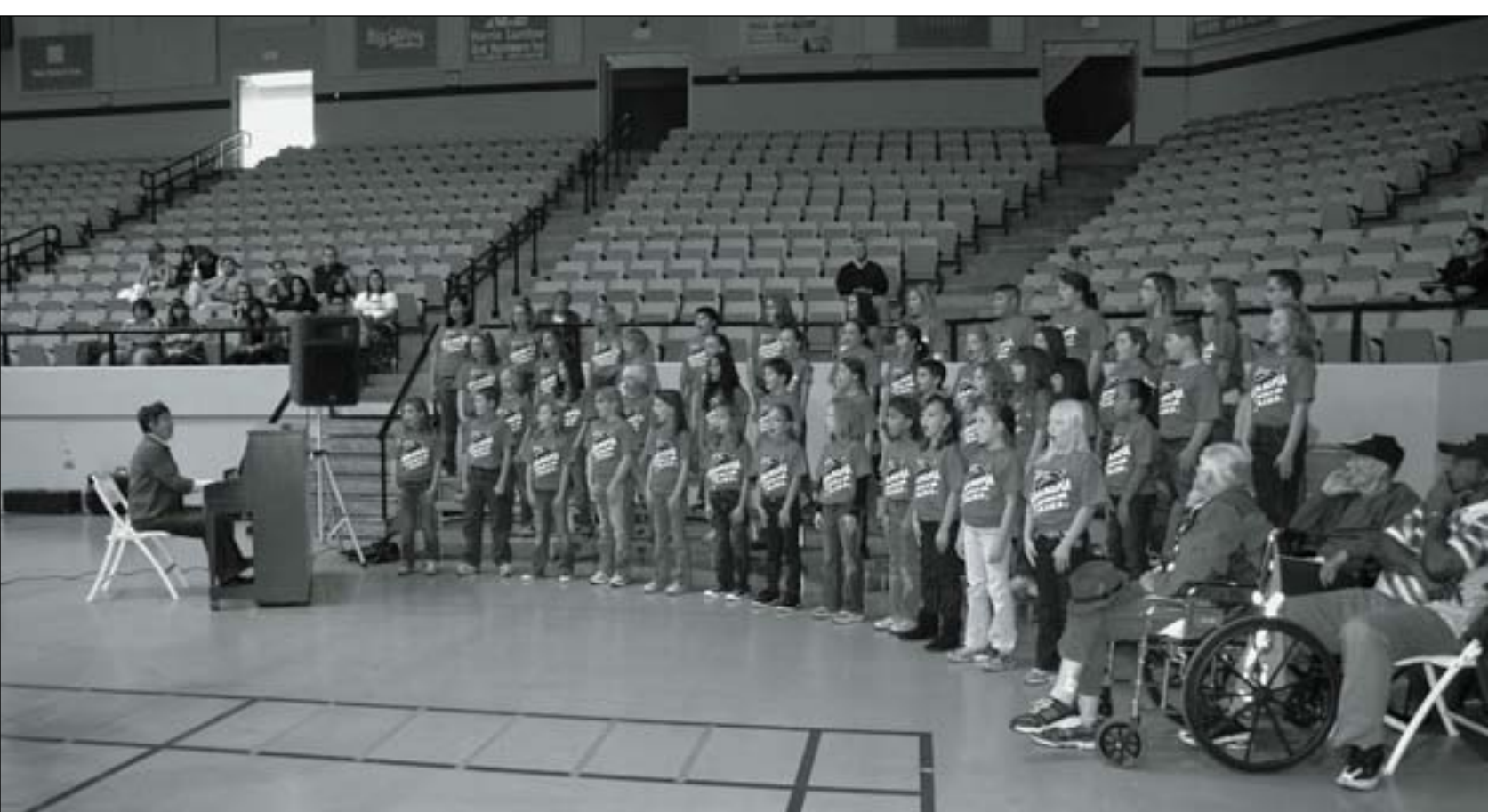
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Coahoma Choir Kids were among those performing during Veterans Day services Friday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus.

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VETERANS

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while the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department posted the colors. U.S. Ret. Army veteran Mike Tarpley played Taps and Army POW (prisoner of war) Sgt. William H. King led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

"I was the first draftee in Mitchell County in 1941 after Pearl Harbor," Sgt. King said. "I was 18 years old."

King was captured in North Africa in Casablanca. His brothers, who were also serving at the time, made it through Normandy and Beijing without being captured. For two years, King was a POW in Stuttgart, Germany. As a result of his service he carries three Purple Hearts.

In recognition of Veterans Day, Big Spring Mayor Tommy Duncan read a proclamation honoring veterans and declaring Nov. 7 through Nov. 13 as Veterans Awareness Week in Big Spring.

"I encourage everyone to give full support to all veterans each and every day, especially today," Duncan said.

Ret. Lt. Col. Robert Weinkle — who served 21 years in the Marines — served as guest speaker.

"Today we should leave all the other stuff that has been consuming the media lately — from the Occupy Wall Street crowd to the nail biting on who is going to get voted for on Dancing With the Stars — behind us and focus on Veterans Day," Weinkle said. "... because today is Veterans Day."

During his speech, Weinkle spoke about touchstones — defined as a test or criterion for developing the quality of something — and the direct relation that definition has to the nation's veterans.

"We look to them (veterans) in a time of crisis to steady our nerves and do what needs to be done to defend our nation," Weinkle said.

He made the comparison of the nation's veterans to rocks, which America builds its foundation on, and expressed how, despite their toughness and sturdiness, they have a tender side when it comes to love for their country and fellow veterans.

"Veterans are hard

as a rock and serve as the foundation of our communities. They are unbendable and have unwavering support. They can be hard as a rock, but at times can be flowery soft, kind of, in a way to express love to a fellow veteran and even to our country because there is no greater love than this of a fellow veteran who laid down his life for a friend," Weinkle said.

Veterans consider the link to the constitution one of their "touchstones," Weinkle said, which goes back to the oath that they take, to solemnly swear to support and defend the Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic and bear true

faith and allegiance to the same. They also consider their fellow veterans as their touchstone.

"If you ask a veteran why they are fighting, most of the time they won't tell you it's for country, or for the flag or their branch of service. They will tell you they are fighting for that person on the left and right of them. That particular time, that particular day, that particular month," Weinkle said. "That says a lot because those fellow veterans that have served or are serving is a major touchstone."

"I encourage everyone to take the time to stop and smell the flowers daily. Look at the paper, thank a vet

and make sure Veterans Day is our national touchstone."

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Emma Gene Chandler, 84, died Tuesday. Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church Chapel with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jean Hart, 78, died Wednesday. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 12, 2011 at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Douglas Beams, 92, died Thursday. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Emma Douglas, 64, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Parish Hall. Interment will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Your Views

Still serving

TO THE EDITOR:

It's been 57 years since I wore my National Guard or Navy uniform, but I still serve my country and my community today. I am proud to be a veteran and I am proud to be a CASA – a Court Appointed Special Advocate.

For too many children in our community, their lives feel like they are living in a warzone. They live in dangerous environments. Every eight minutes, a child in Texas is the victim of abuse and neglect; every 38 hours, a child dies from abuse or neglect in Texas.

The people who should protect them and nurture them can't or don't. Instead, these children – more than half under the young age of 5 – are subjected to unimaginable and unconscionable physical, emotional and sexual abuse. They don't know when the next assault against them will come and when it does, they are left with deep physical and emotional wounds that take a long time to heal.

Our local CASA organization is often confused with another non-profit organization, Casa de Amigos. Our program, CASA of West Texas, advocates for the best interest of abused and/or neglected children who have been removed from their home. The organization served 472 children last year. That was a 31 percent increase in the number of children advocated for in 2009.

Although CASA serves seven different West Texas counties, there are currently 144 children in Midland County alone being served by the program. Children are from birth to 18 years of age. They are of different races/ethnicities, genders, religions, sexual orientation, physical abilities and socio-economic status as child abuse knows no boundaries.

Just as I stood up for my country as a sailor and guardsman, I'm standing up and speaking up for children in my community. It is my privilege to protect and serve the most vulnerable in our society. It is my responsibility to work to break the cycle of violence so our children have a shot at living the American dream.

I encourage you to volunteer to be a CASA and speak up for abused and neglected children. Visit www.BecomeACASA.org or call 432-683-1114 to learn more.

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A response

TO THE EDITOR

Larry McLellan had a letter to the editor in the Nov. 6, 2011, issue of the *Big Spring Herald* that warrants a response.

The basic topic seems to have been the tax rate established by the current city council. His premise was that the citizens of Big Spring are not paying enough taxes to provide funding for necessary services to keep the community operating properly and the city council erred by lowering the rate. He also stated the citizens would have saved money if the council had not raised the rate for water consumption, but instead had raised property taxes to cover the additional costs imposed by CRMWD. I fail to see the logic in that. The tax paying citizens are obligated for certain debts established by city requirements and basic math would show that it makes no difference whether the money is taken from the left pocket or the right pocket, the debt is the same. Also, past history indicates that once tax rates are established, it is difficult to get them reduced because the city gets used to a certain income and budgets accordingly.

Having been a member of our local development board, whose goal is increasing the business income in our community, he surely knows the importance of having a good infrastructure to show possible business candidates. In his letter he indicated he would like to fix potholes, water leaks, make general repairs or start a "rainy day" fund. The problems facing the city today are not new. They have existed for years and were ignored by past city councils. I do not recall Larry stating how important these issues were by opposing the moneys issued to provide unnecessary items such as the sports complex, golf course "improvements," water park, downtown improvements, when the basic infrastructure was falling apart.

The community is facing a major problem with our water treatment facility. We are constantly out of compliance with state water standards. The most recent one received concerned coliform bacteria being above allowable. This is not a matter of taste or appearance. It is a matter of health. The city council is considering allowing the citizens to vote their

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And the band kept on playing

A 13-word phrase that completes ample verbiage at the end of many employment contracts sometimes leads to undoing, even causing signers to seek other professions. It seems innocuous, perhaps little more than filler, perhaps inflating fees of contract-framers if they are paid by the word.

It's intended to be "catch-all coverage" for responsibilities not otherwise mentioned: "And certain other duties that may be required by the board of trustees."

Further reading of this piece by heads of institutions—past and present—probably won't result in damaged health, unless prolonged convulsive laughter occurs, and heaven only knows what this can lead to.

At first glance, an unfortunate occurrence back in 2009 falls into the category of the unlikely. It invites the usual trite expressions about bats in belfries, or perhaps batty as bedbugs.

In this case, though, it would be unfair to be critical of one of the USA's premiere military musical organizations—The US Army Field Band. Despite distractions, the group — 65 musicians and 29 vocalists strong—completed the concert, and its tour went on as planned.

Dr. Mike Dreith, president of Western Texas College in Snyder, didn't fare so well. He expected to lean back and enjoy the concert following his introduction of the band that sunny afternoon. Dreith was "right on" for an hour, with just 30 minutes to go. That's when many hundreds of bats descended from the attic of the Scurry County Coliseum.



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The bats' surprise "attack" was later blamed for the good doctor's 48 hours in ICU.

"We didn't even know bats were there," Dr. Dreith said. "In the meantime, we've learned that their sonar systems are extremely sensitive to low sounds, and that tuba players capable of wiping out the lower end of musical scales probably disturbed the bats greatly."

The little mammals flitted around for several minutes, centering on the concert stage. The musical soldiers had their game faces on, however. They persevered, and several musicians in the crowd of some 2,000 say the band didn't miss a note.

Dreith, however, didn't feel so well. With numb lips, slurring speech and consciousness fuzziest than ever, he was driven straight to the local hospital by his wife, Carol. His blood pressure shot past the machine's measurement range, so an ambulance was summoned for a 90-mile ride to a Lubbock hospital, where his blood pressure soared above 250, well into stroke range.

Poked, prodded, stuck, medicated and studied for the next two days, Dreith was pronounced "hale" again, with "heartly" expected soon. Doctors could find nothing wrong, except understandable anxiety that can accompany bizarre incidents—such as an invasion of bats.

"At least I learned a bunch of things that were NOT wrong with me," Dreith laughed, describing his experience in painful detail.

The president and his staff are learning that it is unlawful to get tough with bats, what with environmental rules and all, so they've contracted with Bat Solutions of San Antonio to control the little critters whose average adult weight equals that of two nickels. (Pups weigh one-fourth of adult weight at birth,

or maybe two cents and change).

One WTC staff member had suggestions that might be helpful when future concerts are held in the coliseum. He said they might hold such events around midnight, when the bats are out looking for bugs, or maybe ask bands to leave tuba players behind.

His "third thought" (and probably his last) was to provide rackets for all musicians. "When the bats attack, they could play 'BAT-mitton,'" he joked.

Dreith scribbled an "X" beside the joker's name. I doubt that this meant he'll be up for promotion.

I phoned band headquarters in Washington, DC, the other day. I learned that the Army Field Band maintains a rigorous concert schedule, on tour more than 100 days annually. Standing ovations—like the one offered by the appreciative audience in Snyder—are common.

My contact there examined a file about the Snyder engagement. "There's a notation about a problem with bats," he said.

Dreith minimizes horrors of the event, now that he's three years distant from it. Regaining confidence to appear before large groups, he may soon attain "glutton for punishment" status. He's invited the U. S. Navy Band to appear there in a 2012 concert. Nothing is nailed down yet, though. His blood pressure changed none at all when the Navy spokesman asked, "Aren't you at the place where bats attacked the Army band?" The prexy smiled, figuring his contract addendum now includes his responsibilities concerning bat encounters...

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Cost. Prices range from less than \$100 to thousands of dollars. The least-expensive are usually more disappointing than satisfying as they are often wobbly and finding objects can be challenging. At the other end, few can afford the big scopes, or figure out how to use them if they do. But two to four hundred dollars, spent wisely, can purchase a fun and satisfying scope.

Binoculars. If you're not ready to spend that much for a scope, \$100 or so can purchase a respectable pair of binoculars – 7x50s being a good size for stargazing as well as general viewing. Virtually all stargazers, even those with large scopes, use them. If you've never viewed the night sky with binoculars, you'll be surprised at how much more can be seen than with naked eyes.

Power. The magnifying power of a telescope is not fixed but rather depends upon the eyepiece, the part of the scope into which one actually views and which does the magnifying. Eyepieces (and thus power) can be switched out easily and quickly in the field. Most new scopes come with two or three different sizes of eyepieces producing different powers, and other sizes can be purchased later if more options (powers) are desired.

Aperture. A more relevant

consideration than power is a telescope's aperture – the diameter of the "big end" – and generally bigger is better. The larger the aperture, the more light a scope gathers, and since seeing light from faint objects is what it's all about, larger apertures make objects look brighter, and can reveal objects too faint to be seen in smaller aperture scopes. Also, larger aperture scopes can generally be "pushed" to higher powers before the image becomes too fuzzy.

Types: The three basic types of telescopes are refractors, reflectors, and Cassegrains. Refractors, the first type of telescope invented in 1608 by Hans Lipperhey, have an objective lens at the front end to gather light and focus it on the eyepiece at the back end.

Refractor Telescope

In 1668, Isaac Newton invented reflecting telescopes, now called Newtonian reflectors. The objective lens at the front is replaced by a concave mirror at the back end which gathers and focus the light to the eyepiece. (A small interior diagonal mirror re-directs the light 90 degrees to the eyepiece placed at the side rather than at the back end.) Since mirrors are less expensive to make than lens, reflectors of a given aperture cost less than refractors of the same size. For example, a 6" reflector will generally cost much less than a 6" refractor.

Reflector Telescope

The Cassegrain, designed by Laurent Cassegrain in 1672, is a variation of Newton's reflector. Both have a light-gathering concave mirror at the back, but in the Cassegrain the light is focused onto small convex mirror at the front end which re-directs the light back down the tube, through a small hole in the big mirror, and into the eyepiece at the scope's back end. Advantages of Cassegrains are their compactness and ease of portability, but with their more

complex design they cost more than reflectors.

Cassegrain Telescope

Mounts. Telescopes are attached on a mount which holds them and enables them to be pointed at objects. The three primary kinds of mounts are equatorial, fork, and altazimuth. Most, but not all, mounts are affixed atop a tripod stand. With mounts and tripods, sturdier is better.

A creative non-tripod altazimuth mount, invented in the 1960s by American amateur astronomer John Dobson, is by far the simplest and least-expensive. The rotating and pivoting base holding a Newtonian reflector scope (informally called a Dobsonian telescope, or simply a Dob) is, dollar for dollar, hard to beat.

Dobsonian Telescope

GoTo Electronics. An increasing number of scopes have electronic "GoTo" and tracking capabilities. The GoTo feature finds objects while tracking gradually moves the scope at the same rate but in the opposite direction of Earth's rotation to keep the object visible in the eyepiece. These can be marvelous aids, but they increase a scope's cost and are rarely as simple to use as the advertising claims.

Using. When you get a new scope, don't expect to set it up and immediately start using it like an expert. Telescopes have a learning curve, and some pointers from an experienced stargazer can greatly help jump-start your learning. Since amateur astronomers often hang out together and are usually eager to help "newbies" get started, search the Internet for "astronomy clubs" to find one near you. In our area, that would be the Central Texas Astronomical Society (www.centexastronomy.com).

If you have an opportunity, attend a public star party where amateur astronomers are likely

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The meaning of freedom



Courtesy photo/Rosie Lain

Jake Hull displays the Purple Heart awarded to his distinguished relative, James H. Appleton Jr., one of the first casualties from Howard County in World War II. Also pictured are his mother, Jeannie Hull, sister Karli and grandmother Linda Appleton.

By Jake Hull
Freedom essay

Freedom means to me that I know my family is safe and so am I.

All the people in the United States are also safe. I am going to be in the army when I grow up.

My papaw inspired me to be, because he received a purple heart in the services. I am very grateful for you all risking your lives for us and all the ones who died protecting us.

Jake Hull is the great-great nephew of Herman Appleton who also received the Purple Heart.

Jake is a fourth grade student at Marcy Elementary and is also in Seneca Arguello classroom.

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vote their preference to allow moneys from the development board to be used to install a new centrifugal system to best remove solids from our water, which has been a long on-going problem. This is tax money already paid by the citizens, and is in hand. The moneys given to the development board are intended to bring tax paying businesses to our area. As mentioned above, it is obviously important to have a good infrastructure in place before contacting possible investors. If putting tax dollars towards having a good infrastructure is not a good investment, I can't imagine what is.

The development board has openly opposed using any of "their" funds for such a purpose. Citizens should remember this organization is funded with

their tax moneys and is directly answerable to the taxpayer. This board has consistently left the impression they are an organization that is above reproach, and should not be questioned on decisions they make, as if they are all omniscient. They seem to always be at odds with the city council when the council requests data or questions some of their actions. They also seem to operate in a "top secret" environment, with the idea that if anyone knows what they are doing we would lose possible investors. This is ridiculous. Any organization that considers Big Spring a possible location for investment must have a good reason for doing so. If they are "playing games" by trying to "bribe" in order to receive funding, maybe we should not want them.

I am not so naïve that I do not realize this happens, but it is certainly not desirable.

Most of the citizens alive today do not re-

member when companies were formed by funding themselves without having to rely on the taxpayer. They would sink or swim based on the premise that the consumer would accept their product/service without relying on the threat that if you do not give me moneys, I will take my ball and go somewhere else.

Our present tax rate is one of the highest in our area and I would think raising that rate at this time would be counterproductive to obtaining new business. These organizations do look at tax rates as well as community services when considering location.

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United Way Dine-Out-Days wraps up with Casa Blanca

Casa Blanca will serve as the final Dine-Out-Days sponsor for the 2012 campaign year from Tuesday through Friday.

Casa Blanca will donate a portion of their earnings made during the week to the United Way campaign in order to support the 15 local agencies of the United Way.

Previous Dine-Out-Days sponsors include: Chicken Express, Herman's, Papa Chon's, Big Johns BBQ Feedlot, Dell's Cafe, Hilltop Cafe, Sonic, KC Steakhouse and Carlos Restaurant.

By being a sponsor for Dine-Out-Days the restaurant shows their support for local organization and offers the community a chance to support local business and show their support for the United Way at the same time.

Casa Blanca is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and again from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. The restaurant is located at 1005 Lamesa Highway. For call in orders, call 263-1162.

For more information on the United Way, call Sandy Stewart at 267-5201.

Police blotter

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

- TIFFANY ANN ELDER, 29, of 2600 Langley Dr., was arrested Friday on charges of criminal trespass-habitation/shelter, possession of dangerous drug and possession of controlled substance less than 28 grams.
- RANDI JO HAIR, 39, of 511 S. Goliad, was arrested Saturday on a charge

of public intoxication. L

• SAMMY BEN JOHNSTON, 47, of 2107 Runnels, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault-aggravated causes serious bodily injury.

• KATHY ISAACKS GUERRERO, 45, of 5115 42nd St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• FORGERY was reported in the 360 block of W. Hwy 80.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 200 block of S. Goliad.

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to have a variety of types and sizes of scopes set up. They won't mind answering questions about their scope, and asking "How much did it cost?" is not considered impolite.

While there are several reputable brands of telescopes, Celestron and Meade being two of the most popular, anyone contemplating buying a scope might wish to request an Orion Telescope catalog - on-line at www.Orion-Telescopes.com or by calling 800-676-1343. While I'm not recommending Orion or any other brand of scope - mine happens to be a Celestron - Orion's catalog gives a good idea of the wide array of telescopes, binoculars, and spotting scopes available - types, sizes, prices, and accessories.

Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Stargazer appears twice monthly. Paul's 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. Contact him at paulderrickwaco@aol.com or 254-723-6346 or 918 N. 30th St., Waco, TX, 76707.

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The next meeting of the Big Spring City Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

City Council Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Big Spring City Council Chambers located at 307 East 4th Street. If you need special assistance in order to participate in a City Council meeting, please contact Lesa Gamble, at (432) 264-2401, in advance of the meeting to make arrangements.

City of Big Spring offices and the Big Spring Senior Center will be closed on November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be no trash pick up on these days. Services will resume Monday, November 28th.

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Water restrictions ahead for Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The impact of the devastating drought is still being felt in North Texas, where watering restrictions continue.

Beginning Dec. 12, Dallas Water Utilities customers in Dallas and other cities will only be able to use sprinklers two days a week. Dallas City Manager Mary Suhm said stricter conditions, including watering only once a week, could be in place by summer.

DWU serves more than 2.3 million people in nearly two dozen cities.

Suhm told The Dallas Morning News that the only way DWU could avoid use restrictions in coming months is "if it starts raining now and rains through spring."

The drought has depleted state reservoirs. The Texas summer was one of the hottest ever recorded.

Officials still trying to find source of illnesses

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston school and health officials are still trying to determine why 22 members of the Austin High drill team and band became ill during a football game last weekend.

The public school system issued a statement Friday that said city health inspectors and a private firm have given Barnett Stadium a clean bill of health.

As a precaution, games scheduled at the stadium this week had already been moved.

On Nov. 4, hazmat crews were sent to the stadium in southeast Houston after several Austin High band members became ill during a game against Yates. Symptoms included severe nausea, dizziness and vomiting.

The investigation found an elevated level of exposure to carbon monoxide outside the stadium caused by idling engines belonging to emergency responders.

Texas judge has visits with daughter limited

McALLEN (AP) — A Texas family law judge seen beating his older daughter in a video she posted on YouTube has been placed under a temporary restraining order, and his ex-wife's attorney said Friday it effectively prevents him from visiting his younger daughter.

Under the order issued Thursday by another judge, Aransas County Court-at-Law Judge William Adams is forbidden from visiting his 10-year-old daughter without getting permission from the

girl's mother, his ex-wife. The order also says Adams can't disparage the woman or drink alcohol within 24 hours of seeing his child.

Brett Pritchard, the attorney for Adams' ex-wife Hallie Adams, said in a prepared statement that the ruling "temporarily terminates the visitation between Judge Adams and his younger child."

William Adams' attorney did not respond to a request for comment Friday from The Associated Press.

State District Judge Kemper Stephen Williams scheduled a hearing for Nov. 21 to decide on Hallie Adams' request to have William Adams' visitation denied or require that it be supervised. William Adams has not held court since his 23-year-old daughter Hillary Adams released a secretly-recorded 2004 video of him beating her with a belt.

Attorney, DNA exonerees settle suits over fees

DALLAS (AP) — A Texas attorney who has helped wrongly convicted former inmates receive state compensation has reached an out-of-court settlement with three who sued over his fees.

Kevin Glasheen of Lubbock announced the settlements with Steven Phillips, Patrick Waller and James Giles Friday. The men who were exonerated by DNA evidence contended in suits filed in Dallas in 2009 that Glasheen did not merit his 25-percent contingency fee.

The confidential settlements follow a ruling by State District Judge Ken Molberg that allowed portions of the suits to go forward.

Glasheen is credited with pushing the Legislature to pass a law in 2009 that pays exonerees \$80,000 for each year they were wrongly imprisoned.

A lawsuit filed earlier this year by the State Bar of Texas accusing Glasheen of professional misconduct is pending.

Branstad: Debate gaffe hurts Perry

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad on Friday said Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry's debate gaffe this week was one of those unfortunate iconic moments, just like former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's memorable scream was in 2004.

The veteran Republican governor said Perry's inability to remember the name of the third Cabinet department he would eliminate was not a fatal blow, but that the episode served to punctuate doubts about the Texas governor.

"It's not helpful especially in light of the fact that he had had several previous debates where he had not performed well," Branstad told The Associated

Press in an interview. "It is kind of comparable to, it was the governor of Vermont, Howard Dean's scream here at caucus night in Iowa."

During a GOP presidential debate Wednesday night in Michigan, Perry couldn't name the third department.

"Commerce, Education and the — what's the third one there? Let's see," he said, before checking his notes and eventually admitting he couldn't remember.

Later in the debate, Perry said Energy was the third department.

But the minute-long video of Perry's stumble spread quickly as he made the rounds of network and cable television news programs to put a light-hearted spin on the situation and dismiss questions about his ability to play in the race.

Dean, once the poll leader in Iowa's 2004 Democratic presidential caucuses, famously rallied supporters on caucus night after finishing a disappointing third. He shouted the names of state contests ahead, capping it with a red-faced yell.

The circumstances were different but the episodes reinforced doubts about each candidate.

In Dean's case, the concerns were about his demeanor. In Perry's case, his sometimes awkward and wandering debate answers have raised questions about his ability to perform under pressure.

Notable Port Arthur hotel could meet its demise

PORT ARTHUR (AP) — For more than two decades, the Sabine Hotel in downtown Port Arthur has sat empty, decaying and, at times, attracting vagrants.

Schemes to renovate and revitalize the circa 1929 building have surfaced during that time, including a proposal to convert it into a private prison for non-violent offenders in 1985. Another plan in 1997 was for 130 apartments with an air of glamorous, vintage opulence. None of the plans have ever materialized.

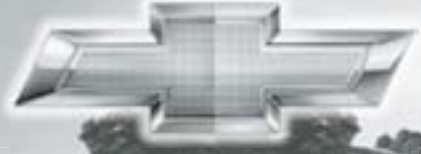
Now, it appears demolition is one of the options on the table.

Although several investors have expressed interest in renovating the Sabine Hotel more recently, so far none have put their money where their mouths are.

A recent request for proposals on options to develop the property failed to attract any bids, said Port Arthur City Manager Steve Fitzgibbons.

While the hotel has been seen as the centerpiece of a downtown Port Arthur revitalization, Fitzgibbons said it would be better to tear it down than to let it continue "to stand there as an eyesore."

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Moss Elementary shows appreciation for local veterans



Courtesy photos
 Students Kindergarten through Fourth grade were in attendance to honor local Veterans.

Veteran and teacher, Don Boling, presented the history of Veteran's Day to those in attendance and introduced students, staff, and parents to those veterans in attendance.

The veterans were treated to patriotic music provided by the kindergarten through Fourth grade students. The music and songs were under the direction of Bobby Mills, fine arts teacher at Moss Elementary. Assistants to the program were Sonceia Lowery, PE teacher and Kim Pierce.



Volunteer Opportunities

• The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

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Are dental implants better than real teeth?

Is it possible that something man-made is better than the real thing? In the case of dental implants, the answer is actually in many ways — yes.



DR. DAVID WARD

A dental implant is basically a titanium artificial tooth root. It functions as an anchor for a cap, bridge or denture. Titanium is the strong, biocompatible metal that artificial knees and hips are made from. Dental implants have been in

increasing in use for the last 20 years. They are now both very common and state of the art care around the world for replacing missing teeth.

Obviously, I am not suggesting replacing good, functional teeth with implants. But when a tooth has a poor prognosis or if it requires extensive treatment to save it, an implant needs to be considered as one (often the best) option.

So in what ways are dental implants better than real teeth? They don't decay. They are resistant to gum and bone disease (periodontitis). They help keep the surrounding bone

from resorbing. And finally, they are usually "lifetime" restorations. We'll look at each of these.

Tooth decay is the most common reason for a tooth to need a major overhaul, such as needing a root canal, build-up and cap. Most teeth (80-90 percent) in this situation can be successfully treated. The only problem is the root of the tooth, underneath the gum but above the bone, is still subject to decay in future years. This is especially true in people who have decay on a lot of teeth due to poor enamel, or high sugar diet, or dry mouth, or particularly harmful

bacteria in the mouth, or any combination of these. Titanium does not decay.

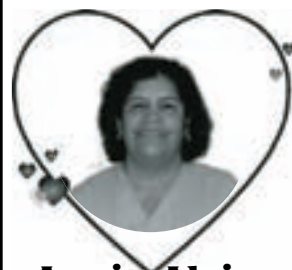
The most common cause of people losing all their teeth is actually periodontitis (gum and bone disease). There are excellent ways of controlling periodontitis, but many times it is severe before the person even knows they have a problem. Dental implants are not totally immune, but they are much more resistant to this type of infection than our natural teeth. So if a patient has lost one, or all their natural teeth to periodontitis, implants are still a great option. Dental implants

"maintain" the bone around them. When a tooth is lost, approximately 60 percent of the surrounding bone is resorbed (it just goes away) over the first two years and then it continues more slowly, forever. Bone grafting the tooth socket greatly reduces resorption, but an implant prevents it all together. Bone is "use it or lose it" and an implant, like a healthy tooth root, uses it appropriately.

Dental implants usually last a lifetime. About 90 percent of implants successfully integrate into the bone. Those that don't will be removed within the first year, usually with-

in the first few weeks. Once integrated, for the reasons mentioned above, they are usually there for life. This is especially important late in life when being able to eat well is even more critical and good hygiene at home (or in the nursing home) are often lacking.

Dr. David Ward has practiced comprehensive family dentistry in Big Spring since 1988. Many of the subjects in this article are discussed in more detail in previous Herald articles that are all available on his website at www.David-WardDDS.com.



Angie Alvizo

Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation would like to congratulate Angie Alvizo for earning Employee of the Month.

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HEALTH TALK

Q: I've heard that "hooping" is a popular exercise. Is this using the same hula hoop I used as a child, or is this something different?

A: You're right, "hooping" has become a popular form of exercise that people can do in classes at fitness centers, while watching TV at home, following instructional DVDs or freewheeling to music.

Exercise using a hula hoop is great for abdominal muscles and can be a good exercise for legs and even arms when people include moves that raise the hoops to circle up around arms overhead.

The only study I can find testing its aerobic cardio impact shows results comparable to most other aerobic exercise programs, including the popular boot camp type programs. In this study, sponsored by the American Council on Exercise, people burned about 7 calories per minute. However, this very small study involved women who were intermediate- or advanced-level "hoopers," so your results may differ.

Although you can do hooping with the same kind of hula hoop you used as a kid, you can get hoops designed to make hooping either easier or more of a workout, depending on your needs.

Today's fitness-oriented hoops come weighted, which makes them move more slowly around you so they are easier to control. They are also wrapped in grip tape, which helps you to keep them up around your body.

For beginners, a good choice is a larger (41 to 42-inch) hoop that is somewhat heavier (24-26 ounces). Slightly lighter weighted hoops (16-20 ounces) work well when you are ready to move faster or want to incorporate hooping around arms and hands. These hoops are available at many sporting good stores and online retailers.

If you have a history of back problems or other medical problems you're concerned about, check with your doctor before you start this activity.

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State veterans home honors its own

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Honoring veterans was the main focus of Friday's Veterans Day program — as it is each day — for the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

Residents, family members, staff and community members gathered to honor veterans during a wreath presentation ceremony.

"I would like to extend my personal gratitude and thank all the veterans, which is something we should all do, not only today, but every day," veterans home administrator Bob Kerr said.

The ceremony included patriotic music performances by Jonathan Smith and Bob and Marla Rainwater. Nora Hernandez recited a poem she wrote, "Hero," in honor of Veterans Day. Lamun-Lusk staff members presented the dedication wreath — provided by IntegraCare Hospice of Snyder — while members of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign War) Post 2013 presented each of the residents with flags and certificates in recognition of their service.

"I recently had the honor of touring the facility and meeting with Mr. Kerr and Sandy (Martinez), the activity director and I asked what I could do for



HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno

Chaplain Joel Miller reads a list of names during the Veterans Day service at Lamun Lusk Sanchez. During the program, a dedication wreath was also presented. Numerous patriotic songs were song and Nora Hernandez recited the poem "Hero" in honor of all veterans.

the veterans," said Janice Boil, account executive with IntegraCare Hospice.

After her meeting with Kerr and Martinez, she said she was honored with the privilege of making the dedication wreath and presenting it to the Big Spring facility.

"This is a day where we are honoring all those who have worn the uniform," Art Trevino said.

"Their quiet courage and sacrifice deserve the greatest amount of respect."

The service concluded with a balloon release in honor of those veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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County to consider state park agreement again

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County com-

missioners will once again consider an inter-local agreement with the city of Big Spring

to lend fiscal support to the local state park, opting to go from a three-year renewal schedule

to revisit the matter annually.

Both local governments have agreed to chip in \$10,000 each — to be paid to the TPWD — to help fund the continued operation of the Big Spring State Park, which was targeted for closure by the state earlier this year.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, a previous version of the agreement — which called for it to be reviewed and possibly renewed every three years — drew fire from the court.

"The commissioners weren't comfortable with that timetable," Barr said. "So we've decided to approve the same inter-local agree-

ment, only on an annual basis."

Precinct 4 Commissioner John Cline said he would like to see the contract be renewed once a year, a preference the remaining commissioners, including Precinct 3 Commissioner Jimmy Long, echoed.

"The state is going to take our money as long as we give it," Long said. "We need to have some sort of timeframe before we approve this agreement."

Officials with Howard County and the city of Big Spring stepped in shortly after the list of state parks to be placed on the fiscal cutting block was released earlier this year.

The legislature, faced

with a massive budgetary shortfall that cut into the TPWD 2012-2013 budget by more than 20 percent, handed down a whopping \$162 million cut to the department's estimated coffers.

Part of those cuts involves TPWD transferring more than a half-dozen parks out of state control, as well as the elimination of two state park regional offices.

Among the parks targeted for transfer were Big Spring State Park, Blanco State Park, Daingerfield State Park, Lockhart State Park, Lake Casa Blanca International State Park near Laredo, Sebastopol State Historic Site in Seguin and Wyler Aerial Tramway in El Paso.

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Area residents of all ages gathered at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home Friday afternoon to release balloons in memory of veterans who have passed away.
Bottom left: Mayor Tommy Duncan reads a proclamation designating Nov. 7-13 as Veterans Awareness Week in Big Spring during the community-wide Veterans Day service at Howard College.
Below: A member of VFW Post 2013 presents a resident at State Veterans Home with a flag in honor of his service.



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Lady Steers end great season Friday

Fall to Andrews in Regional Semifinals

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor
SNYDER — The Lady Steers saw their season come to an end Friday afternoon in Snyder, falling to Andrews in four games in the Regional Semifinals by scores of 11-25, 25-22, 23-25 and 23-25.

Big Spring senior Taylor Seaton was an absolute force on the net, blocking a game-high 18 shots. Seaton also recorded eight kills and six digs. But it wouldn't be enough to stop an Andrews squad bent on a shot at state.

In Game 1, Andrews seemed to be able to find

every inch of open space on the court. Their shots had eyes and bounced unforgivingly between the Lady Steers' defenders. Head coach Lynn Osborne took a timeout when the score hit 3-9, in an attempt to stop the bleeding, but Andrews was rolling downhill at a high rate of speed, refusing to stop, slow down or even consider changing course. When they scored the point which gave them the 11-25 win, it had to be a bit of a relief for Big Spring, as they were able to move on to the next game and try again.

Game 2 showed a com-

pletely different team for Big Spring as Cerbi Ritchey and Morgan Ritey fell into their normal pattern of setting each other up and sending volleyballs to the court, most post-haste. The dynamic duo accounted for 37 assists between them, 11 blocks, 37 digs (28 for Ritchey) and each recorded 11 kills.

The Lady Steers bounced back in champion fashion, taking the second game 25-22, creating a completely different scenario for Andrews and setting up an exciting and pivotal Game 3.

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As Big Spring senior Taylor Seaton serves the ball in the Regional Semifinals in Snyder, the Steer Nation shows its support.

Last second chaos ends Coahoma's season

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

PLAINVIEW — The Coahoma Bulldogs were an extra point away from tying the game with a minute left on the clock. Then, the unthinkable happened. Unable to control the snap, the Bulldogs were forced to attempt a last-second pass into the end zone. It was picked off and returned 100 yards for two-points, ending the Bulldogs' season in the most unthinkable fashion. The 23-20 bi-district loss dropped Coahoma to 6-5 on the season.

Coahoma seemed to have Spearman's number early, running freely around the ends. At the same time, they were able to hold the Lynx to less than 10 yards of offense in the first quarter.

The Bulldogs grabbed the lead midway through the second quarter on a nine-yard run by Justin Coker. It was the crowning moment of a drive kept alive by an absolutely amazing, juggling catch by junior Ryan Reid two plays earlier.

However, Spearman would answer with a score of their own after they decided the only way to drive on Coahoma was to run straight up the middle.

Attempts at beating the speedy Bulldog defense to the corners were quickly abandoned. Lesson learned, they drove the field and scored with less than a minute left in the half.

Coker would provide the only scoring in the third quarter, putting Coahoma back on top 14-7, on a second nine-yard run.

Spearman would score twice in the game's final frame, grabbing a 21-14 lead at the 3:51 mark.

This was when Coahoma marched the field and with 1:02 left in the game, Tanner Ruiz hit Marco Molina on a 26-yard pass to set up the possible tie.

The two-point return by Spearman to end the game made the second year in a row they have defeated Coahoma in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Spearman 0 7 0 16 —23

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Spearman Coahoma

First Downs 19 17

Rushes-Yds. 52-161 41-259

Passing Yds. 49 37

Comp.-Att.-Int. 4-7-0 2-3-0

Punts-Avg. 3-29.3 1-55

Fumbles-lost 3-0 2-1

Penalties-Yds. 2-10 3-35



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WHEN DOGS FLY — Coahoma senior Marco Molina catches Spearman's quarterback from behind for a crucial third-down sack in Friday night's bi-district match in Plainview.

Mustangs fall short against Ira Friday

By **ROBERT GRIFFIN**

Sports Editor

In playoff action in Big Spring Friday night, the Sands Mustangs fell to Ira 56-40, ending their impressive season a win or two shy of what was hoped.

It wasn't until the 5:33 mark of the second quarter before anyone found the end zone and when they did, it was Ira.

Lance Morris broke free on a 70 yard scamper to put the Bulldogs up 8-0. But Sands' Hayden Ware scored two touchdowns, less than a minute apart, to push the Mustangs ahead 16-8.

However, it was going to be Morris's night, as the young back broke free again, this time for 61 yards, sending the two teams into the locker rooms tied 16-16.

Morris started the third quarter just as he ended the second, a quick move and he was gone for a 60-yard touchdown. However, Ira left a window of opportunity open when they failed to convert the point after attempt. Three minutes later, Albert Ybarra made them pay. He hit Michael Gomez on an 18-yard crossing route and when

Hernandez converted the extra point, the Mustangs were up again, this time 24-22.

Unfortunately for fans of the Mustangs, this would be the last time they would lead in the game.

Morris struck again and again and then two more times, on his way to a six-touchdown night. In addition, he also threw a touchdown.

Ware and Ybarra would each find the end zone one more time in the game for Sands, but it would not be enough, as the Mustangs eventually fell 56-40.

The Mustangs rushed for 175 yards — 159 belonging to Ware on 30 carries — and passed for 185 yards.

Ybarra was seven out of nine for 88 yards, while Ware threw 10 completions on 18 attempts for 97 yards.

The receiving yards were spread around to six different receivers, as Gomez led the herd with 67 yards on five catches. Hernandez caught four passes for 43 yards and Blagrove caught two balls for 24 yards.



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MUSTANGS RUNNING FREE — Sands running back Hayden Ware scores one of his three rushing touchdowns in Friday night's bi-district match with top-ranked Ira.



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Quanah 32, Stinnett West Texas 26	CLASS 2A Division II Region I Bi-District Hamilton 10, Henrietta 0	Gilmer 48, Atlanta 14	Smithson Valley 48, SA Mc- Collum 17	Klein Oak 48, Humble King- wood 29	Laredo Alexander 41, McAl- len 18
Seymour 20, New Deal 6	Nocona 21, Crawford 9	Princeton 31, Dallas Roosevelt 20	Victoria East 35, SA Jeffer- son 10	Mesquite 35, Belton 23	McAllen Memorial 35, Eagle Pass 13
Stamford 35, Olton 32	Spearman 23, Coahoma 20	Prosper 28, Wilmer- Hutchins 7	Weslaco East 21, Alice 14	The Woodlands 42, Klein Collins 31	Northside Brandeis 34, CC King 7
Region II Bi-District Honey Grove 34, Lindsay 28, OT	Region II Bi-District Cooper 34, Elysian Fields 20	Van Alstyne 40, Whitesboro 14	CLASS 4A Division II Region I Bi-District Canyon Randall 35, Little Elm 21	Region III Bi-District Deer Park 31, Beaumont West Brook 30	Weslaco 55, PSJA Memorial 0
Riesel 58, Santo 44	Lone Oak 63, Whitewright 7	Columbus 21, Smithville 14	EP Burges 34, Clint Horizon 31, 4OT	Houston Lamar 35, Katy Morton Ranch 21	SIX-MAN Division I Region I Bi-District Crowell 67, Follett 53
Region III Bi-District Alto 34, Simms Bowie 14	Omaha Pewitt 61, Ore City 2	Lorena 28, Fairfield 14	Mansfield Summit 46, Waco 31	Pasadena Dobie 34, Galena Park North Shore 14	Meadow 79, Spur 38
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Region IV Bi-District Goldthwaite 41, La Pryor 0	Region IV Bi-District San Saba 27, Stockdale 7	Region IV Bi-District Devine 27, SA Houston 19	Region II Bi-District Corsicana 53, Manor 36	Region IV Bi-District Laredo United 60, Mission Sharyland 42	Turkey Valley JV 56, Pad- ucah 6
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Farwell 21, Smyer 15	Alvarado 69, Mineral Wells 6	Rio Hondo 27, Lyford 14	Region III Bi-District Beaumont Ozen 40, Barbers Hill 36	Warren 54, SA Southwest 14	Water Valley 54, Fort Davis 8
Region II Van Horn 41, Menard 6	Lubbock Cooper 34, Borger 9	Wharton 36, Ingleside 35	Brenham 35, Humble King- wood Park 3	CLASS 5A Division II Region I Bi-District Abilene 35, Arlington 30	Region III Walnut Springs 50, Bowie Gold-Burg 0
Bi-District Electra 61, Hamlin 35	Seminole 42, Fabens 0	Wimberley 38, Taylor 31, 2OT	Manvel 29, El Campo 21	Abilene Cooper 27, Arling- ton Lamar 24	Bi-District Knox City 65, Zephyr 46
Munday 61, Ralls 13	Region II Bi-District Celina 42, Sanger 21	CLASS 4A Division I Region I Bi-District Denton Ryan 43, Amarillo Caprock 21	Region IV Bi-District Beeville Jones 43, SA South- side 7	Amarillo 35, EP Americas 21	Throckmorton 66, May 36
Region III Bi-District Beckville 39, Cumby 31	Henderson 55, Paris 17	EP Andress 28, EP Del Valle 0	CC Calallen 46, Mercedes 10	EP Montwood 33, Amarillo Tascosa 28	Region IV Bi-District Abbott 78, Laird Hill Lever- ett's Chapel 30
Bremond 34, Meridian 14	Lucas Lovejoy 24, Dallas Madison 7	FW Boswell 41, FW South- west 38	Edcouch-Elsa 24, Kingsville King 7	Mansfield 55, Grapevine 27	SIX-MAN Division II Region I Bi-District Amherst 60, Guthrie 22
Chilton 29, Cross Plains 7	Region III Bi-District Navasota 40, Sealy 13	WF Rider 42, Wolforth Frenship 14	Kerrville Tivy 41, New Braunfels Canyon 22	Mansfield Timberview 44, Colleyville Heritage 19	Groom 76, Lefors 59
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Milano 55, Burkeville 0	Lampasas 35, Boerne 21	Rockwall-Heath 22, Frisco Wakeland 21	Arlington Martin 37, Mid- land 7	Pflugerville 28, Del Valle 7	Welch Dawson 51, Balmor- hea 36
Sabinal 34, Pettus 6	Raymondville 29, Rio Grande City Grulla 9	Sherman 45, Whitehouse 24	Eules Trinity 55, Duncan- ville 36	Spring Westfield 30, Lufkin 27	Region III Bi-District Cypress Woods 42, Aldine Eisenhower 7
CLASS 2A Division I Region I Bi-District Breckenridge 32, Clyde 19	CLAS 3A Division II Region I Bi-District Glen Rose 57, Bridgeport 56	Tyler 46, Texarkana Texas 14	Region II Bi-District Austin Westlake 42, Round Rock 6	Region III Bi-District Houston Memorial 33, Hous- ton Westside 13	Houston Memorial 33, Hous- ton Westside 13
Godley 56, Bangs 7	Kennedale 24, Decatur 14	Region III Bi-District Angleton 48, Friendswood 21	Dallas Skyline 31, McKin- ney Boyd 8	Katy 63, Houston Madison 7	Katy 63, Houston Madison 7
Region II Bi-District Boyd 40, Dallas Life Oak Cliff 26	Midland Greenwood 42, Pe- cos 14	Montgomery 28, Huntsville 3	DeSoto 54, A&M Consoli- dated 10	La Porte 35, Pasadena Me- morial 7	La Porte 35, Pasadena Me- morial 7
Eustace 28, Callisburg 0	Monahans 43, Clint 6	Nederland 24, Baytown Goose Creek 6	Region IV Bi-District Austin Westlake 42, Round Rock 6	Region IV Northside O'Connor 56, CC Carroll 14	Region IV Bi-District Calvert 77, Cherokee 32
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Newton 41, Jefferson 20	Region II Bi-District				Richland Springs 48, Buck- holts 0
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Haley Dimidjian and Diamond Mayes had their best game of the series, combining for nine kills, 15 blocks and nine digs.

Game 3 proved to be the most important game of the day as both teams knew it would be going into it. Both squads fought for every point and refused to yield in a game which was tied 11 different times. When Andrews grabbed the game 23-25, it gave Big Spring every chance it could possibly want to give up, surrender. After all, both teams were playing the game like the winner of Game 3 would advance automatically. Going into Game 4, it should have already been decided. But then the Lady Steers did what they have done all season, they kept fighting. No one told them the game was over just because they were down 2-1. Game 4 proved to be just as hard a battle as Game 3, as Big Spring did everything they could to get back into the contest. Of course, the beginning of the game seemed to catch Big Spring unprepared, as they slipped behind a 2-7 deficit. Again they clawed their way back into it, giving themselves a chance to win. Before Andrews knew it, the Lady Steers were biting at their heels again. From a 6-14 hole, they fought back to within two points at 13-15. Down 14-19, they fought back again, making it a 17-20 game. When Andrews stretched out again for

a 18-23 lead, back they fought one more time, forcing Andrews to become concerned and call a timeout with the score 22-24. The Lady Steers would eventually fall in Game 4 by a score of 23-25. Clara Benavides led the Lady Steers with 22 digs, while Carson Reibe put up 19 of her own and Logan Yarbar added nine. Benavides also had seven blocks and three kills.

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Big Spring State Hospital making its mark in the community

By Valerie Avery

BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL FAMILY VISITATION CENTER CONSTRUCTION KICK-OFF

BIG SPRING – For nearly 10 years, Big Spring State Hospital’s volunteers have worked toward one of the most ambitious construction projects on the Big Spring State Hospital campus – a Family Visitation Center.

And on Friday, Nov. 18, they can bury their collective shovels into the soil marking the construction kick-off of the much-needed space for families and their loved ones.

Construction costs for the Family Visitation Center exceed \$300,000 and have been financed by numerous volunteer fundraisers and ongoing operations, such as The Chalet Resale Shop and Cars, Stars and Handlebars.

“This is an exciting time for Big Spring State Hospital,” Superintendent Ed Moughon said. “We have talked about building this since 2002. So many people have put in a tremendous number of hours to raise the funds to help the patients of this hospital. Everyone supporting the Chalet and Cars, Stars, and Handlebars has a direct hand in making this happen.”

Volunteers, along with Big Spring State Hospital employees and patients will kick off construction Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the construction site. Refreshments will follow the short ceremony.

“We are thrilled that this project we have worked on for so long is here,” Volunteer Services Council Chair Stacy Barr said. “All our volunteers enjoy what they do and know that whatever they contribute will help our patients. We are helping them, but in reality the patients help us when we see how we improve their lives. It keeps us going and makes us work harder.”

“Our volunteers add so much to the daily lives of our customers” Assistant Superintendent Lorie Couch said. “It’s no mistake we have one of the best volunteer organizations in the state of Texas. We are complimented time and time again from our sister facilities wanting to know the secret to our success here. We just have a great group of volunteers and a great community with big West Texas hearts.”

During the past fiscal year, nearly 60 volunteers contributed more than 13,000



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Big Spring State Hospital Assistant Superintendent Lorie Couch looks over excavation plans with Price Construction Superintendent Tim McKenzie for the planned Family Visitation Center. The Family Visitation Center will allow patients to visit with family members in a comfortable area away from the patient units. The Big Spring State Hospital volunteers funded the project.

hours working at The Chalet Resale Shop, organizing the highly successful Cars, Stars and Handlebars fund-raiser, working on Christmas parties, Patient Summer Fun Day and the Mother’s Day Tea, among other activities.

“Our volunteers just don’t raise money,” Moughon said. “They get in there and work with our patients which helps each patient remember how important they are to others. You can’t turn your head on the BSSH campus without seeing some contribution to patient care provided by our volunteers.”

The wheels were set in motion for the Family Visitation Center in 2002 when it became increasingly difficult to accommodate the growing number of families visiting the hospital.

“The Don and Marilyn Newsom Family Lodge provides a place for out-of-town families to stay when they visit, but the hospital had only one small office room on each dorm for them to visit with their loved one,” Couch said. “It was pretty clear we had to have a place for many families to visit at one time if we were to meet the needs of our patients.”

Big Spring State Hospital continues to attract a large number of visitors, said Linda Phillips, Communications Supervisor. During the last fiscal year, there were 4,036 visits to Big Spring State Hospital patients.

“Because so many patients are from other towns, many times three or four family members make the trip to visit and we needed a place to allow all of them to visit at the same time,” Couch said.

“One of the first questions we receive from family members after a loved one is admitted to the hospital is ‘Can we visit?’, Director of Social Work Services Robin Riha said.

Big Spring State Hospital has long believed that family support and involvement assists a patient’s recovery, Riha said.

“We all need support from our family and friends and our customers are no different,” Riha said. “Visits from family and friends shows continued support even when we are down, and that is a big part of what helps us ‘get well.’”

On the flip side, it’s helpful for family members to see where their loved ones are in the treatment process, Riha said.

The Family Visitation Center will provide an environment where patients and their family can sit and talk in a more private, comfortable environment, play games, share a meal and just spend time together.

“We believe that having a space that is conducive to visitation will encourage family members to visit more frequently,” Riha said. “It will be more inviting and such a better setting for everyone involved.”

Big Spring State Hospital has always prided itself on opening its doors and making visitors feel welcome.

“We receive a great number of compliments from our visitors,” Phillips said. “One woman told us that she didn’t know what to expect when they got there and that she was very surprised and pleased at how well her entire family was treated.”

“She told us that ‘Everyone went out of their way to help us feel comfortable,’ and that we were very respectful and friendly. She wrote us that ‘We left feeling our son would have the best care possible.’”

See page 3C and 15C for more on the Big Spring State Hospital



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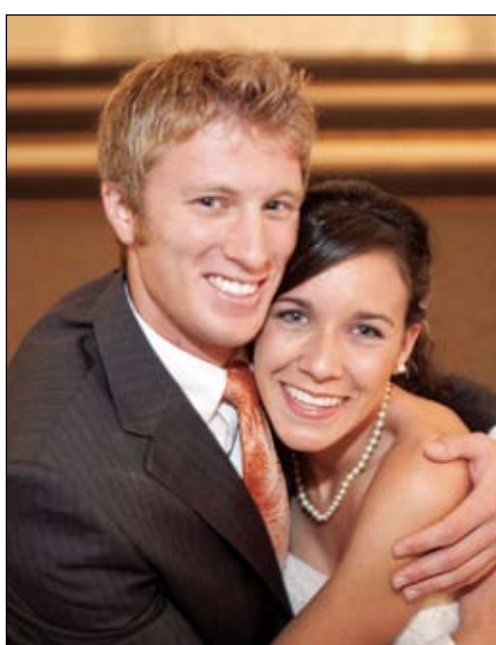


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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Andrew Dunn

Catherine Ann Leubner and Kirby Andrew Dunn were united in marriage July 9, 2011, at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring. Brad Snellgrove, pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Plainview officiated the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of John and Ruth Leubner of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of O'Neal Philley and the late W.H. Philley of Big Spring, and Gerhard and Rita Leubner of Rochester, NY.

The groom is the son of Chris and Karla Dunn of Bowie, Texas. He is the grandson of Mary McCanlies and the late Ed McCanlies of Littlefield, and Junell Dunn and the late Charles Dunn of Levelland.

Music was provided by Jennifer Harris. Jason Huckabee, along with Jennifer Harris, sang "Answered Prayer," a song written by the groom for the bride.

The bride, given away by her father, wore a strapless gown with a beaded organza overlay. She carried a bouquet of orange day lilies, roses, hyacinths and spring green spider mums. In keeping with tradition, the bride carried her great-grandmother's handkerchief for something old, her dress was something new. She wore her grandmother's pearl necklace and earrings for something borrowed, and her shoes completed the "something blue." Chris Dunn, father of the groom, welcomed Catherine into the Dunn Family.

The groom was attired in a charcoal tuxedo and wore a boutonniere of cushion mums and roses on his lapel.

Somer Gaskins, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Kendra Dunn, sister of the groom, and Katie Tompkins.

Kevin Dunn, brother of the groom, served as best man. Jason Huckabee and Jordan Logan were groomsmen.

Lizzy Harris of Bowie served as flower girl, while Wiley Gaskins, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer. Ushers were Dustin Gaskins, brother-in-law of the bride, and David Clower.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Big Spring Country Club.

The bride graduated from Big Spring High School in 2009, and is attending Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

She will graduate in December 2012 with her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

The groom is a 2006 graduate of Bowie High School and attended Wayland Baptist University where he received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2010.

He is employed at Harvest Christian Fellowship in Plainview.

Following a honeymoon to Playa del Carmen, the couple made their home in Plainview.

Menus

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast: waffles. Lunch: corn dog, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, pears, milk, mustard or catsup.

Tuesday: Breakfast: oatmeal. Lunch: hot dog/chili, corn, vegetable sticks, peaches, milk, ranch dressing, cheese.

Wednesday: Breakfast: cheese omelet/toast. Lunch: pizza, carrot coins, garden salad, apple, milk, ranch dressing.

Thursday: Breakfast: cinnamon roll. Lunch: turkey/dressing, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit salad, hot rolls, milk, oatmeal cookie, cranberry sauce.

Friday: Breakfast: pizza. Lunch: peanut butter/jelly sandwich, steamed vegetables, vegetable cup, fruit cup, milk, dessert surprise.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast: pop tarts, sausage, apple juice, milk. Lunch: pizza, corn, tossed salad, chocolate chip cookies, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: oatmeal, sausage, applesauce cups, syrup, milk. Lunch: grilled cheese, tater tots, pickle spears, milk. Burritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast: pancake sausage on a stick, apple juice, milk. Lunch: turkey/dressing, gravy, potatoes, green beans, roll, peach cups, milk. Corn dogs.

Thursday: Breakfast: biscuits, gravy, jelly, sausage, grape juice, milk. Lunch: chicken spaghetti, sweet peas, pears, bread, milk. McRib/bread.

Friday: Breakfast: pancakes, syrup, sausage, orange juice, milk. Lunch: hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, apples, milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, juice and milk. Lunch: Philly steak sandwich, baked beans, pickle spears, baked chips, apple and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: bacon toast and egg, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot roll, grapes and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: donut, juice

and milk. Lunch: chicken fajitas, refried beans, corn, orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: hot pocket, juice and milk. Lunch: barbecue on a bun, baked chips, pickle spears, corn cobbette, pineapple tidbits and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: muffin, juice and milk. Lunch: taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, cake and milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast: frosted flakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: ground beef nachos, border beans, lettuce/tomato, fruit cocktail, celery and peanut butter, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: taco roll, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, mixed vegetables, apricots, orange smiles, wheat roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, carrots, pears, wheat roll, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: peanut butter and jelly uncrustable, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: southwest chicken flatbread, tossed salad, ranch dressing, corn, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cinnamon french toast, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: turkey/cheese sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickles, broccoli, ranch dressing, strawberries and bananas, baked cheetos, milk.

Senior Center

Monday: hamburger on a wheat bun, baked beans, fries, peaches with whip topping, milk.

Tuesday: steak with peppers and onions, mushroom gravy, baked potatoes, corn and limas with red peppers, rolls, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday: green chili stew, Spanish rice, cornbread, salad, fruit with citrus, milk.

Thursday: baked chicken breast, buttered red potatoes, caribbean vegetables, rolls, fruited gelatin, milk.

Friday: turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, green beans, sweet potatoes, rolls, pumpkin pie, milk.

Food drive wrapping up Nov. 19

Boy Scouts of America in Big Spring and Coahoma are getting ready to wrap up their food drive.

The last day for drop offs at area locations is Nov. 18. After the food drive ends, donations can be dropped off at the local food pantries.

Drop off locations around town include: Walmart, HEB and the *Big Spring Herald*. Donations can be placed in a box, bag or container that will hold the donations.

Food collected in Big Spring and Coahoma will be divided between the Iglesia Bautista Mission and Isaiah 58, especially for holiday aid programs. All Howard County residents are eligible for aid through these local agencies.

"There's more of a need than we realize. You go to any of the (relief agencies) and you will realize just how much of a need there is," Boy Scouts of America District Executive Brian Sweeney said.

Donations will be picked up for the final time Nov. 19 from all three drop off locations and delivered to the agencies.

The project is aimed at helping the scouts realize there are people less fortunate than they are out as well as participating in a variety of social service throughout the year.

For more information contact Sweeney at 432-212-3577.

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A family member's perspective

By **VALERIE AVERY**

Nearly every other weekend, Larry Carlisle shelves his construction business for the day, and travels the 60-plus miles from Odessa to Big Spring State Hospital to visit his younger brother.

The two share sandwiches or burritos or whatever Carlisle has picked up on the courtyard tables when the weather allows.

When the weather works against them, they are forced inside to a small 400-square-foot area along with any other families visiting loved ones on that particular day.

While Carlisle is grateful for any time and space available to visit his brother, he said there are several problems with the current visitation system.

"Number one when you are on the unit, you basically have to go through all the other patients to get there," Carlisle said.

The only place available to visit patients is on the unit and that can violate patient confidentiality, Assistant Superintendent Lorie Couch said.

Patients are always present, either outside the door going about their business or stopping by to see who may be visiting that day,



CBS7 Co-Anchor Jay Hendricks and Cars, Stars and Handlebars Co-Chair Stacy Barr are shown emceeding the 2008 fund-raiser. Cars, Stars and Handlebars is one of the most successful fund-raisers conducted by the Volunteer Services Council.

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Carlisle said.

Another problem with visiting on the unit is that it's difficult to have a meaningful conversation when several families are present.

Family members and patients visit in a small room with several rows of narrow tables, Carlisle said.

"When you have several families, and you have three or four people carrying on several conversations it's difficult to hear," Carlisle said. "I can't hear real well when there are other people talking around me."

The two find that they have more to talk about now that they are older, Carlisle said.

They were raised primarily by their mother — a longtime school-teacher — after Carlisle's father passed away when he was 14 years old.

The two brothers — five years apart — were far apart enough in age, to pursue different in-

terests:

Carlisle swam competitively, while his brother participated in scouts and became proficient in karate and self-defense.

Much of their bonding occurred while working in the four duplexes they inherited after their father passed away.

"We learned how to paint, carpentry work," Carlisle said. "You had to learn on the job. That's what we had to do, so we had to figure it out pretty quickly," he said laughingly.

Like most families, they grew closer as they aged, and he said they are closer today than they've ever been, due to their frequent visits.

"What it does is it's given us a chance to visit, and he and I have become closer and I enjoy the visits. It's not like it's a duty," Carlisle said. "When you go over, you talk and catch up on what he's been thinking about. I think we are closer now than

we've ever been."

But any meaningful conversations they attempt can become difficult with the present set-up. He has long looked forward to the construction of the Family Visitation Center.

"They need this center so they can keep the family members separate from the other families and also to make the patients more comfortable when family members visit. Right now they just don't have a facility where they can put you."

Carlisle and his brother plan on attending Friday's Construction Kick-Off and look forward to the day when it's complete.

"I plan on being there and turning the ground over. I am really looking forward to the building and getting to spend more time with my brother."

"The time we have spent together has brought us together."

Club News

Keep Big Spring Beautiful met Monday, Nov. 7 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. President Janice Bishop welcomed two guests from the GEO Corporation.

Teresa Darden gave a report on the number of hours and volunteers who have worked on the Conley Grant project.

The sign, donated by Texas Stone Quarry, welcoming people to Big Spring, is now in place. Remaining work will be

completed soon.

Janice Bishop noted the October FM 700 cleanup had to be cancelled due to cold weather. This month's clean-up effort was Saturday.

A nominating committee is to present new officers candidates at

the December meeting.

KTB Regional meetings were announced as well as KAB National Conference. Big Spring Mayor

Tommy Duncan agreed to check on the Abilene for profit recycling program.

The next meeting will be Dec. 5 in the Howard

College Cactus Room.

The annual installation banquet will be January 2012.



Reader's Corner

He knows you

I'm thinking how our emotions get in the way of what God is wanting to do in our lives. When people say things about us, to us, that have an affect on our mind, our emotions, even our actions. As it is written for in our mouth we hold the power of life and death and as it is also written, the tongue can no man tame. I can't help but recall God's word on how the way a man thinks so he is. And then I question, I ponder and think

how can I can I control my emotions, my thoughts, my actions.
So the word of the Lord comes to me again Isaiah 26:3 "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee". And Nahum 1:7 "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him."
I say all this to say this keep your mind on God, put your trust in him and again he knoweth them that trust him. Perhaps today your wondering how do I come to that place of trust. My answer is "Accept him as your saviour and Lord." and love Him with all your mind strength, heart and soul.

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Tickets will be available along with donations until November 16th. Giveaways will be announced Nov 20th.

The first giveaway is for a golf gift basket, which will include the following items:

- Round of golf for two at the Big Spring Country Club
- 2 - Titleist NXT boxes of golf balls
- 1 - Boy Scout Trails End bag of caramel corn popcorn
- 1 - Bag of 200 golf trees
- 1 - Bag of 15 Practice Golf Balls
- 1 - Bag of 24 Wilson Golf Balls
- 1 - iTech Golf Bag

Second giveaway:

\$100 gift card to Walmart

For more information go to the United Way office located in the Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Herald, or by contacting **Brian Sweeney at 432-212-3577.**

Something special's happening in the Circle.

November 2011 Activities

- Nov. 14** - Games, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Nov. 15** - Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
"Supper Club - Chrispy's", 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 16** - Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
LUNCH-N-LEARN, 11:30 a.m.
Movie 1:00 p.m., "Legend of the Guardians"
- Nov. 17** - Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Coffee @ Just Peachy's Café, 10:00 a.m.
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- Nov. 18** - Thanksgiving Pot Luck & Bingo, 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Volunteer Bake Sale, 7:30 a.m.,
- Nov. 19** - Ragtown Gospel Theater
"Bethlehem" Post Texas
- Nov. 21** - Games 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Casino & Horse Riding, 9:00 a.m.
RSVP Early
- Nov. 22** - Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
Supper Club, 5:30 p.m., "Al's B-Q"
- Nov. 23** - Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:00 p.m. Dinner for Schmucks
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Elrod's Furniture hosted Business After Hours Thursday evening. During the event, a ribbon cutting was held in recognition of their remodel and re-opening. Chamber members, community members and Elrod employees were on hand for the celebration. Elrod's is located at 2309 Scurry St.

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.

Everyone knows housing is still weak. And, everyone knows jobs are growing, but not fast enough to seriously lower the unemployment rate, which stands at 9.1 percent.

Everyone also knows real GDP has expanded for nine consecutive quarters, at an average annual rate of 2.5 percent. No one is satisfied with this; but it is a recovery, not a recession.

So, how can real GDP grow when housing and employment are so weak? Something must be going right ... somewhere.

Well, it turns out that the strongest part of the economy has been business investment. Equipment and software investment (Cap-Ex) has grown five times faster than GDP — 12.9 percent at an annual rate over the past nine quarters.

The strongest category has been transportation and related equipment (trains, planes, trucks, etc.), up 43.3 percent at an annual rate over nine quarters. Computers and peripheral equipment (including servers, printers, routers, etc.) are also up 26.2 percent at an annual rate in the past 2 1/4 years. All of this data is adjusted for inflation, and what it shows is, contrary to popular belief, businesses are spending and investing. Moreover, businesses investment is a bigger share of the economy than housing.

Consumer spending is up, too, despite weak confidence data. After adjustment for inflation, consumer spending is up 2.2 percent at an annual rate over the past nine quarters. In a shocker, real furniture and household durable equipment spending (refrigerators, washing machines, etc.) increased by 5 percent in the past year and now stands just 0.3 percent below its all-time high from late 2007. Despite weak housing, and worries about credit, household durable spending has rebounded to pre-crisis levels.

Last we looked, the only help government is giving businesses is a more rapid depreciation schedule — which is a tax incentive for investment. Yet, trillions are being spent trying to stimulate housing and employment. In other words, what government is trying to boost by spending is going wrong, but where it uses tax cuts things are looking up and going right. If government could find the courage to have faith in markets and not itself, more things would be going right.

That said ... it seems clear that the economy is finding enough strength in business investment and consumption to offset the pain caused by housing and employment. We expect the scales to remain tipped toward growth in the quarters ahead and look for 3 percent real GDP growth in 2012.

This growth could accelerate if government spending and regulation were reduced in a significant way. Housing already looks to have found a bottom. Imagine what happens when it finally turns up? Buck up, not everything is going wrong. In fact, there are many things going right in the US economy.

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maurices holding food drive

maurices at Big Spring Marketplace, 111 W. Marcy Dr., is holding a food drive to benefit Isaiah 58.

"While we participate in a number of maurices-sponsored benefits throughout the year, we are especially proud when we have the opportunity to support causes right here at home," said Store Manager Nicole Wilcox.

The drive began Nov. 6 and will

continue through Wednesday, Nov. 30. Customers can drop off their donations any time during store hours, which are noon to 6 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Items needed include canned food and non-perishable items.

For each donation, people will receive a coupon for 20 percent off any one regular-priced maurices item. maurices offers cloth-

ing and accessories for fashion-savvy young women in sizes 1 to 24.

"This drive is just one way we can express how grateful we are to be a part of this community," said Wilcox. "We invite customers to be part of this effort and look forward to giving them a special deal on an item from maurices in return."

Howard joins counties approved for FEMA infrastructure assistance

Special to the Herald

AUSTIN — Federal disaster aid in the form of Public Assistance reimbursements has been approved in 12 more Texas counties affected by the wildfires of late summer, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) said last week.

Briscoe, Clay, Coryell, Edwards, Hall, Howard, Kimble, Menard, Montague, Nolan, Sutton and Wise counties join the 19 other counties approved for supplementary funding from FEMA under the latest amendment to the Sept. 9 major disaster declaration for the wildfires.

The Public Assistance (PA) Grant Program helps reimburse

the state and its agencies, local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations for the cost of removing wildfire-related debris from public rights of way, and for measures taken by state and local emergency responders to protect lives and property before, during and after the blazes. The PA program also helps defray the cost of repairing roads, public buildings, utilities and other public infrastructure damaged or destroyed as a result of the wildfires.

Under the program, FEMA obligates funds to the state for 75 percent of eligible costs, while the applicant covers the remaining 25 percent. The state forwards the federal funds to the eligible local

governments or other applicants that incurred costs.

The Texas Division of Emergency Management, with support from FEMA, has held Applicant Briefings throughout the disaster-affected areas to provide a general overview of the PA program and answer potential applicants' questions. Another round of applicant briefings will be scheduled soon for the newly added counties.

Previously designated for the PA program as a result of the wildfires are Anderson, Bastrop, Cass, Cherokee, Colorado, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Hill, Houston, Leon, Marion, Morris, Navarro, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Upshur and Walker counties.

Producers explore use of cotton plants as protein source for cattle

Special to the Herald

COLLEGE STATION — Texas beef producers are exploring the use of whole cotton plants as a protein source for cattle due to extreme drought conditions, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"Due to the continued extreme drought, many cattle producers are examining new options for feeding cattle instead of traditional grass hay," said Dr. Larry Redmon, AgriLife Extension state forage specialist in College Station. "One new item with little nutritive value information is grazing unharvested cotton plants, baled whole cotton plants, (which) are simply baled cotton."

Several livestock producers have inquired about crude protein value in cotton plants as well

as energy content, Redmon said. "In many places where cotton lint yield was so low, many people were considering baling their whole cotton plants and feeding it to their cattle or grazing the standing cotton."

Redmon said he had never had the question before, but received some fresh cotton plant samples for analysis. Additionally, Dr. Tryon Wickersham, Texas AgriLife Research nutritionist in College Station, began testing cotton plant samples that he collected as well. Wickersham's samples had already been defoliated or had been baled and were being fed directly as the cotton module.

The preliminary results were quite interesting, Wickersham said.

"Although a non-traditional feedstuff for cattle, the presence of the cotton seed with its high

fat content and cellulose (lint) provides for a fairly high quality feedstuff," Wickersham said. "The fat content is quite a bit higher than would normally be fed to beef cattle and some scouring may occur, but the animals do well with the cotton diet."

Preliminary results included the following:

- Fresh whole cotton plants, including stems, leaves and bolls: crude protein 13.3 percent, total digestible nutrients 62.4 percent.
- Whole cotton plants including stems and bolls, but minus the leaves: crude protein 11.2 percent, total digestible nutrients 58.8 percent.
- Cotton and seeds from a harvested cotton module: crude protein 15.6 percent, total digestible nutrients 59.4 percent.

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Courtesy photo

Big Spring Humane Society representative Jo Stone presented United Way of Big Spring and Howard County campaign chairman and first vice president Debbie Wegman with a check from their recent fund-raiser. The proceeds come from the vaccination clinic the Humane Society held last weekend.

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Susan Osterloh vs. Archie Black, protective order.
Eric McPherson Sr. vs. Ashley Shawn Crossman, civil.
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COTTON

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Wickersham suggests the cotton could be used as a source of supplemental energy.
Meanwhile, Dr. Gaylon Morgan, AgriLife Extension state cotton specialist, notes most cotton defoliation or desiccation products prohibit grazing or feeding to livestock feed for at least 30 days to 45 days.
"We recommend refer-

ring to the product label to ensure the minimum labels restrictions are met," Morgan said.
Redmon said weather conditions are not forecast to improve in the near future and those who continue to hold cattle during these unprecedented drought conditions will find it difficult to find hay.
"They will also pay extremely high prices for hay they do find, and can set themselves up for significant environmental damages by

keeping animals in pastures that are devoid of any ground cover," Redmon said. "As reluctant as we are to sell cattle, the best option for an economic and ecological standpoint is likely to simply sell out."
Redmon also advises a sample of any cotton or cotton plants to be grazed should be analyzed for nutritive value prior to feeding or grazing.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're thinking about starting a new project just because you're so bored with the ones you've been working on. Finishing is important, so at least get closure by deciding officially that, for you, the project is over.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Most people compare what they are doing to

what their friends are doing. It's only natural. If you're wondering what might be the appropriate amount of time to spend on this today, the answer is none.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What comes in through your five senses is registered in the emotional part of your brain first. Emotional memories will be stronger and more influential than reason. Remember this as you communicate and persuade others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you're clear about what you want and don't have other conflicting wants, your energy moves full force in one direction. Otherwise, your energy bounces like stray ping-pong balls, making little impact.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A good reason to let go of a grudge is that it's too costly to keep it alive. Grudges consume energy. Holding on requires a certain amount of strength — and that's power that you could be using somewhere else.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have a critical edge at work and at home. Your stellar style of communication practically ensures that your colleagues will respect you and loved ones will understand you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You realize that what's important to you is not the least bit important to someone else, and vice versa. So you'll rely on your powers of observation to determine the choice that will make the most people happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today you will not be as concerned with self-fulfillment as you will be with fulfilling the needs and ambitions of a group to which you belong. Still, you will be personally quite satisfied with how things develop.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you intend as honesty could come across to others as stubbornness. While you stand in your truth, be aware that there are many other truths about the situation that you

haven't observed yet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Here's what "beauty rest" is really about: The more energy you have the more attractive you are. Make arrangements to get the most of tonight's sleep because tomorrow brings a stellar opportunity.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to get to the bottom of a problem in order to solve it. That will take too long. You need a remedy that will allow you to be productive today, not a year from now. And that's just what you'll find.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 13). A new circle will embrace you this year. You'll connect with someone special in 2012. Your ego will be gratified at first, but soon enough, it's your heart that really

benefits. With a few key diplomatic maneuvers you make in January and February, you'll be exactly where you want to be at work. Cancer and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 44, 38 and 17.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Though he is perhaps best known as "Sex and the City's" Mr. Big and Peter Florrick of "The Good Wife," Chris Noth is a versatile actor who has played a wide array of characters. This Yale graduate is a Scorpio with four luminaries in the seductive sign. Scorpio takes a highly intuitive approach to life and art and is often fearless in the exploration of his own talent.

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sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The Survival Principle

West deals
 ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
 ♥ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5
 ♦ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5
 ♣ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5

NORTH
 ♠ 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2
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 ♣ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5

king means a spade flush, even if North is leading for the second time and has the trumps. ...

WEST
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 ♣ A K J 10 9 8 7 6 5

EAST
 ♠ Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5
 ♥ K 10 9 8 7 6 5
 ♦ Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5
 ♣ K J 10 9 8 7 6 5

With only eight sure tricks in sight South can't arrange a four-trick bid. ...

Trick-taking
 West South East South
 Pass Pass Pass Pass
 1♣ 1♥ 1♠ 1NT
 2♣ 2♦ 2♥ 2♠

Pass
 Pass
 Pass
 Pass

... would permit them to secure the third trick.

Some hands demand that you play on. The situation might seem to call for a bid, but you must be prepared to play on. ...

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 8 Alter
 15 Staple of Ukrainian cuisine
 16 Washington's Peninsula
 17 Sewing-machine mechanisms
 18 Stephen King title character
 19 Yamaha Raptor, for one
 20 Check-out-mag cover teaser
 22 Major Defense Dept. contractor
 23 Nellie Bly contemporary
 25 Punish mercilessly
 26 Legacy of Ashes recounts its history
 27 Particular parquet piece
 29 If renders a good inactive
 30 Very long spans
 31 Earliest
 33 Highly affected
 34 Electrified sports equipment
 35 River through Wheeling
 37 Tiny particles
 40 Bonanza greeting
 44 Poetic land
 45 Loan application fig.
 46 Sing elements
 48 Word from the French for "juniper"
 49 Ballpoint part
 51 One of Ptolemy's constellations
 52 Cut taker: Abbr.
 53 Popular beach book of '76

DOWN
 1 Turned up
 2 Typical 'Auld Lang Syne' accompaniment
 3 Afford
 4 Exceptional skill
 5 Handled perfectly
 6 Novelist influenced by an early pharmacy job
 7 Footnote abbr.
 8 Churchill portrayer in a 2009 film
 9 Nancy Drew's aunt
 10 Light-footed lady
 11 Medicare choice
 12 Hollyhock hue
 13 Ersatz paint holders
 14 Transport
 21 Marcher's burden, at times
 24 Camouflage
 28 They're said to view slides
 30 Record on Norman Bates' Victoria

32 Source of much Military Channel material
33 Occupational suffix
36 Fly at low altitude
37 Storage unit
38 Talent that's in creasing
39 Civil War artifact
41 "Queen Wheat City"
42 Folsky
43 Food-service concern
45 Environment
47 Material sold in spools
49 Incontinent
50 Pond swimmers
54 Chenille feature
57 FDR opponent in '44
59 Kids

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Recently, my sister, "Linda," became furious when a friend of mine politely declined to do an unreasonable favor. Rather than accept no for an answer, she tried to manipulate other people into strong-arming him into changing his mind. When that didn't work, she caused a scene and stormed out.

While such behavior is typical for her, this particular event happened at the rehearsal dinner the night before her son's wedding. Linda is so narcissistic that she needs to trump everyone else.

If you don't go along with her, retaliation is swift and heartless. My punishment was her telling me she would no longer participate in her share of care-giving for our mother, who is in poor health and suffering from dementia. That was the last straw for me, and I ended whatever relationship we had.

Linda has no friends (no surprise there), and her husband, while a fine man, does not possess many social graces himself. So here is my dilemma. My wife, friends and therapist tell me that terminating the relationship was the healthiest thing to do. In



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

the back of my mind, however, I wonder what are the responsibilities of a good brother. I don't want to enable unhealthy behavior, but I wouldn't abandon Linda if she were mentally ill and couldn't help herself. She has tried therapy several times over the years, but quits just as she is beginning to show signs of possessing kindness and empathy.

Linda was never much of a sister to me, and frankly, it's peaceful with her out of my life. I just have this niggling feeling that a brother's love should be unconditional. Is this an unrealistic notion, or is it a call to be a bigger person? — *Uncertain Brother*

Dear Brother: Unconditional love does not mean you have to put up with rotten treatment. It means you still love Linda, in spite of her shortcomings, and if she truly needs you, you will be there. But it does sound as if she has some mental health issues, and we hope she will someday be willing to address them.

Dear Annie: This is a new one for me. A friend's daughter-in-law is expecting her first child. She and her husband will allow the wife's mother to be at the hospital for the birth of the baby. Then, no one will be permitted to see the child for the first six months. Is this a new childrearing philosophy, or are these parents nuts? — *Never Heard of It*

Dear Never: This is a new one for us, too. We think the parents are either overprotective, germo-

phobic or are looking to keep certain relatives away from the child and need a good excuse. We think after two months, the parents will be desperate for additional adult contact and some assistance with the baby. But it's their child, their call.

Dear Annie: Thank you so much for printing the letter from "Confused in My State," who asked about proper drug disposal. I have spent many hours organizing take-back events for my community over the past couple of years.

I am the director of pharmacy at a rural hospital, and we accept medications on a daily basis. However, current laws prevent anyone except law enforcement from accepting controlled substances, so those drugs have to be returned to the patient. It's disappointing that I can dispense controlled substances, but can't take them back. I think those laws need to be changed. Wouldn't the DEA rather have those drugs in the hands of pharmacists than see them sold on the streets to our children?

The DEA is now hosting take-back programs twice a year, spring and fall. Readers can go to www.DEA.gov to see when and where the events will take place. — *Concerned Pharmacist in Michigan*

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Dear Margo

Between a rock and hard place on the holidays



MARGO
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Dear Margo: I need advice. I work in a chain restaurant as a cook making minimum wage. My manager recently told me I have to work three of the four holidays coming up (Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day). I offered to work Christmas Eve and New Year's, but not the other two.

I am a single parent with three small children, and I feel it is unfair that I would have to work a low-paying job on days when I should be spending time with my family. My parents have also said they really don't want to babysit when they are busy hosting our large extended family in their home. They are loving grandparents who enjoy my children; they just would like to enjoy their holiday without the added stress and responsibility of keeping three kids happy and entertained.

Do I have any right to tell my employer I can't work on holidays? It's not right that the higher-paid employees in the company get to enjoy the day off with their families. — *Working for a Scrooge*

Dear Work: First, I would try reasoning with your boss, asking if someone without children could take the other two holidays. I would also tell him that four holidays is excessive and that you think your consenting to two is generous. I don't know whether there are "rights" in this matter, but if he rejects your arguments, you must decide, in this rotten economy, whether the job or the holiday is more important. Perhaps check around first to see whether there's another position for you. I wish you luck. — *Margo, empathically*

When the Time Has Come To Give Someone the Heave-Ho

Dear Margo: This soon-to-be empty nester is desperately seeking advice, or she may fly the coop! My husband of 20 years, a well-respected professional, is distant in every form of communication between husband and wife. When I try to have a conversation with him, the usual

response is: "Can't you see I'm doing..." or "I don't want to talk about it now." Then he gets angry when he hasn't been brought up to date on family events.

I compliment him on the work he does around the house with his "handyman" skills, but I never receive any compliments whatsoever. It's like he has built a huge fortress around himself. In the evening, while watching TV or reading the newspaper, he'll be writing a "to-do" list. If I ask him about it, you'd think I was asking him to reveal a top government secret. If I ask what's on his mind, the answer is "nothing." If I ask what he plans on doing today, the answer is "I don't know." When I ask for an opinion about how we should fix something or handle a situation with our children, he tells me, "Quit nagging." If he doesn't get his way, he behaves like a toddler, storming off and then more of the silent treatment.

Our children are heading off to university very soon, and I don't think I can tolerate this anti-social and "top secret" behavior anymore. I am faithful to this man, and I have kept my sanity by creating my own social network and activities with the children that do not involve him. Heeeeelp. — *Tired of Life Outside the Fortress*

Dear tired: What are you sticking around for? If there is a redeeming feature to this uncommunicative and icy man, I couldn't discern it between the lines. I think flying the coop sounds like the perfect response to this turkey, and the timing is superb. Something is eating him, but all right, already. I would do him the courtesy of announcing that you have had it with his peculiarities, and that unless he can give you a good reason not to, you are filing for divorce. — *Margo, justifiably*

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Parade Theme

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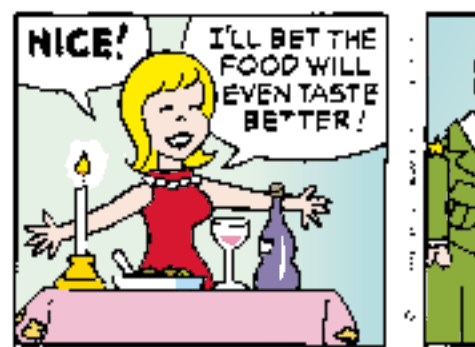
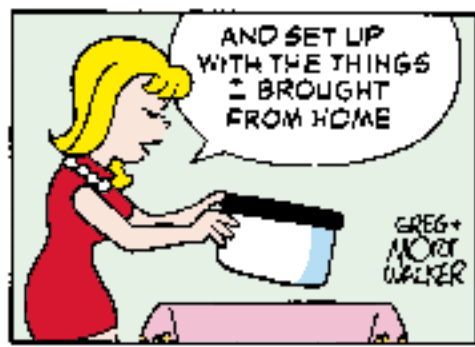
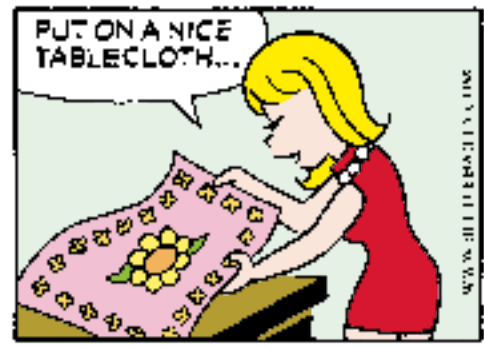
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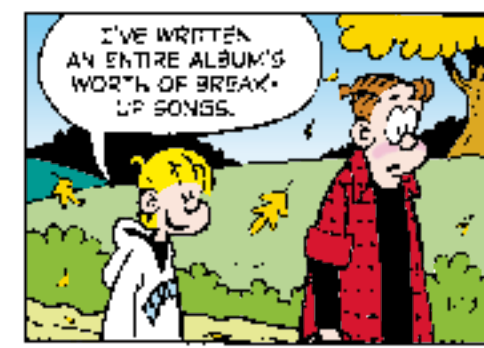
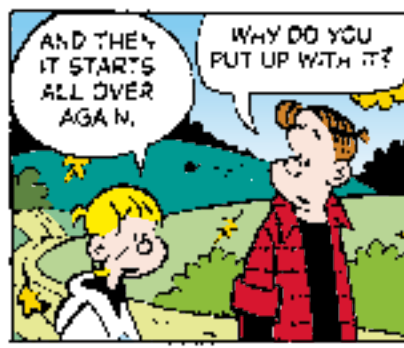
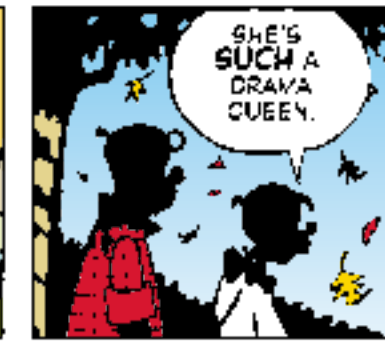
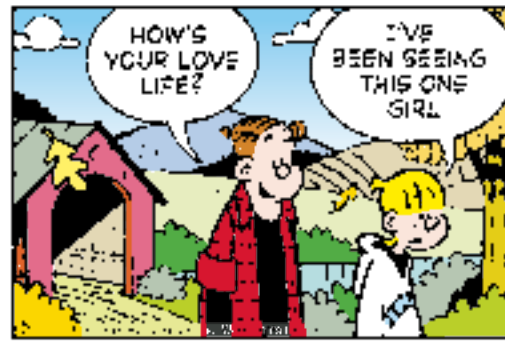
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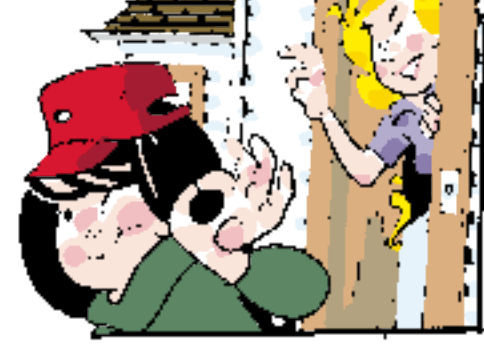
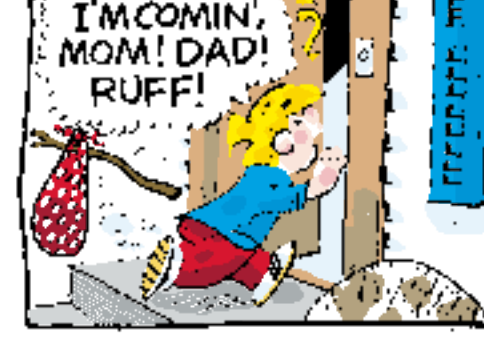
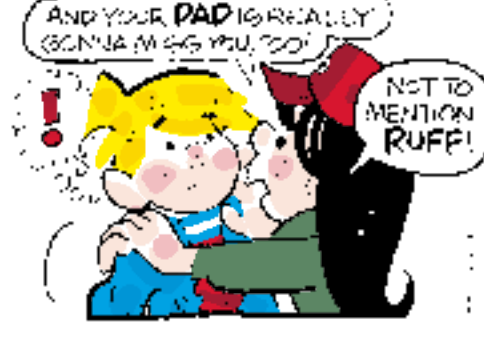
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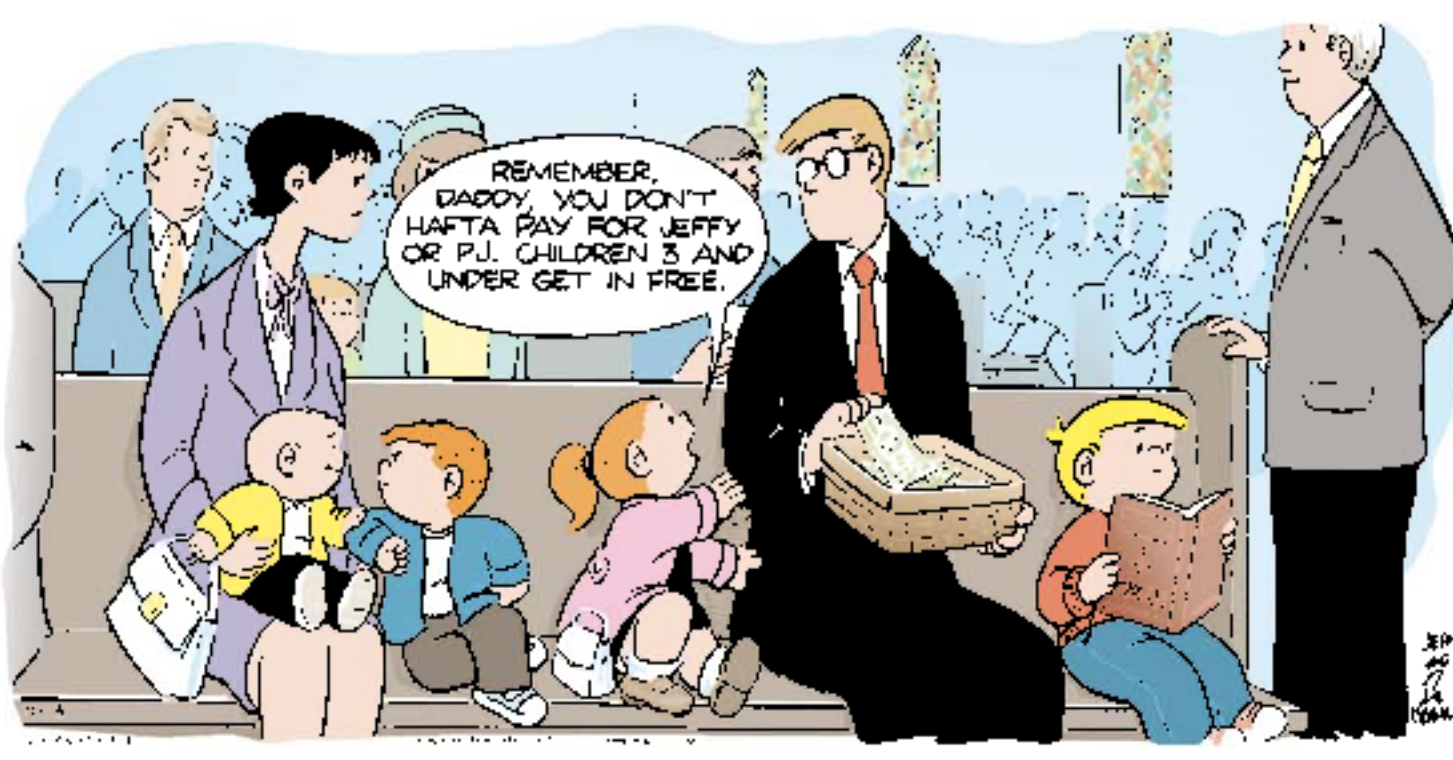
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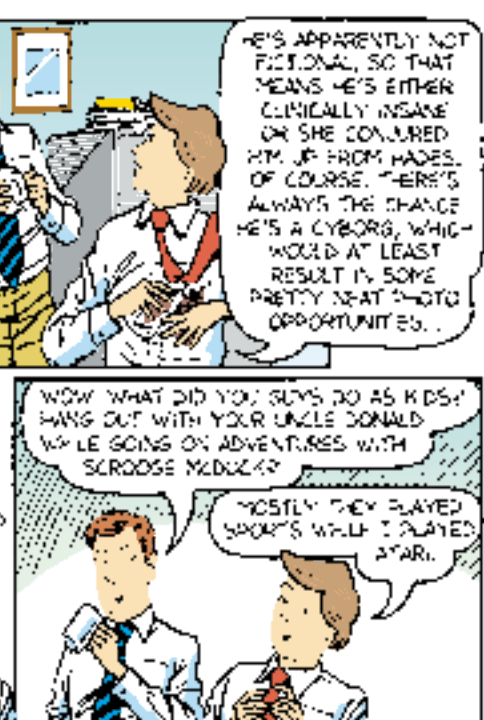
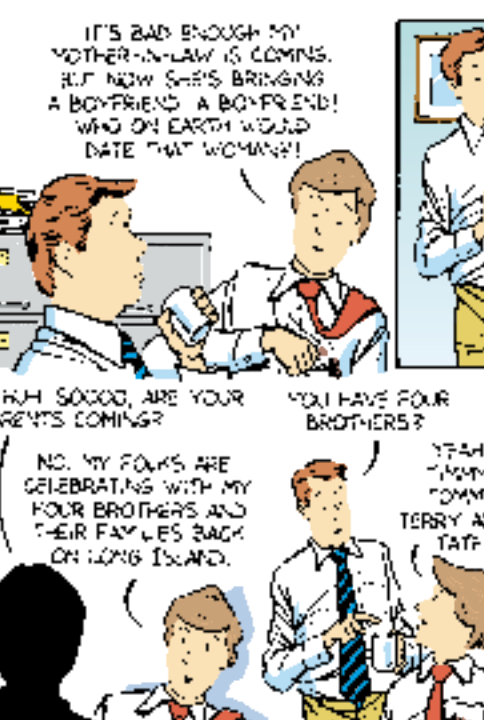
Hank Ketcham's
Dennis the Menace
HOME RUN



The FAMILY CIRCUS
By BILL KEANE



SALLY FORTH
by Francesco Marclafiano



ROSE IS ROSE

OH! WHAT A LONELY NECKLACE! WAS IT A GIFT?

ACTUALLY, IT'S A GIFT FROM THE ELLA ANNE COLLECTION!

IN FACT, I'M AN AUTHORIZED HOSTESS FOR THIS REGION!

THEY CAN'T BE HAPPENING...

IS JEWELRY PARTY AMERICA IN THE WEST? WHAT EXCUSE CAN I USE TO GET OUT OF THIS?

I'M HOSTING NO PARTY NEXT THURSDAY!

FOUND THAT IF I SURPRISE PEOPLE WITH THEIR INVITE, THEY DON'T HAVE TIME TO COME UP WITH ANY EXCUSES!

NO, THAT YOU WOULD, ROSE! YOU'RE TOO NICE OF A PERSON FOR THAT NONSENSE!

IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN BRING TO THE PARTY?

JUST YOUR GUESSBOOK! I'LL MARK YOU DOWN AS A "YES!"

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"WE NEED MODERN APPLIANCES, STONE COUNTERTOPS AND A MUCH LARGER JUNK DRAWER."

"YOUR RELATIONSHIP IS MORE BITTERSOUR THAN BITTERSWEET."

"DON'T EMBARRASS ME BY ASKING IF THEY HAVE A DOLLAR MENU."

"AGREED. WINNER GETS TO SET THE THERMOSTAT."

"DURING HALFTIME, LORETTA, I'LL ROOT FOR YOU!"

FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by TOM BATT

HOW'RE YOU DOING, KIDDO?

NOT SO HOT.

AFTER ALL THE HARD WORK I DID REHABBING MY KNEE SO I COULD PLAY THIS YEAR... BECAUSE OF THE LEUKY FAILURE, THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANY BASKETBALL.

THERE'S NO WAY I'D GET A SCHOLARSHIP IF THAT HAPPENED.

WHEN LIFE THROWS YOU A CURVE LIKE THIS, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU DO?

YEAH, YOU FEEL HURT, ANGRY AND DEPRESSED.

TRUE... BUT THERE'S MORE...

DOONESBURY

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

WE'RE BACK, AND IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER EDITION OF "AN HONEST MAN"! IT'S ALL YOURS, JIM!

OKAY, HERE'S THE DEAL. ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY, GOP LEGISLATORS ARE ROBBING THROUGH VOTER I.D. BILLS TO PREVENT FRAUD.

QUESTION: WHAT FRAUD? VOTER FRAUD IS CLOSE TO NON-EXISTENT! EVEN THE BUSH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOUND ALMOST NONE!

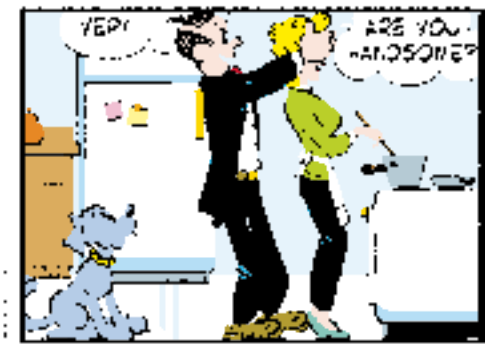
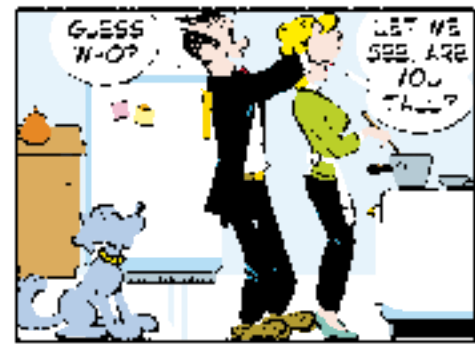
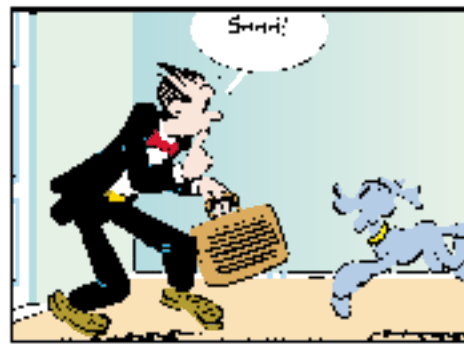
REPUBLICANS SHOULD MAKE THE CASE ON ITS MERITS! WE DON'T GIVE A FLYING FIG ABOUT "FRAUD"! WE JUST WANT TO SUPPRESS TURN-OUT OF DEMOCRATS TO KEEP THE WRONG KIND OF PEOPLE FROM VOTING!

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, SHOW SOME SPINE! IF WE'RE GONNA TRY TO STEAL ELECTIONS, WE SHOULDN'T MAKE IT WORSE BY INSULTING VOTERS' INTELLIGENCE!

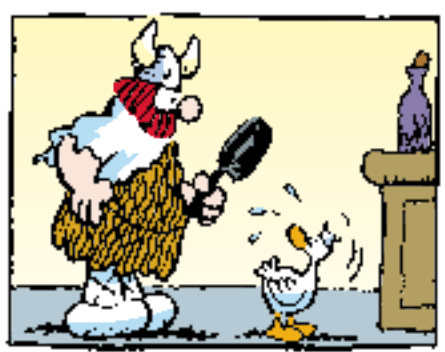
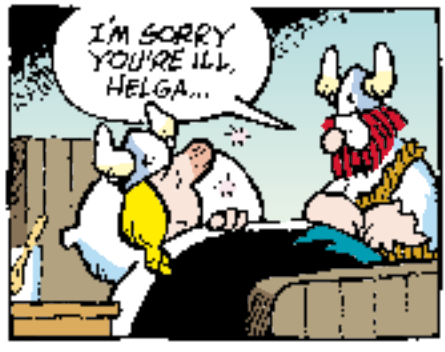
SO TRUE, SO TRUE! OUR THANKS AGAIN TO... AN HONEST MAN!

YOU KNOW WHAT THESE GUYS ARE? WEASELS! GUTLESS WEASELS!

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BY DEAN KOONTZ WITH JOHN MARSHALL



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the horrible
by DIK BROWNE

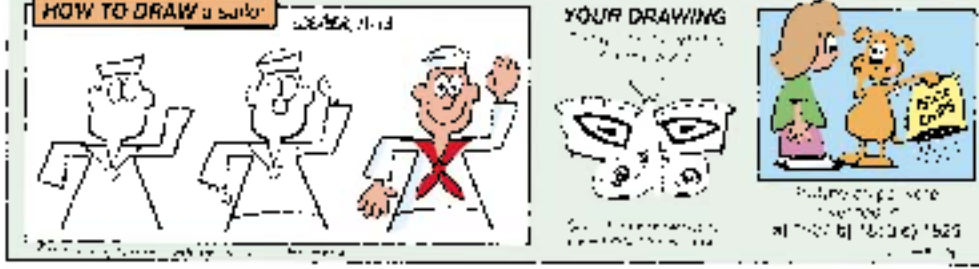
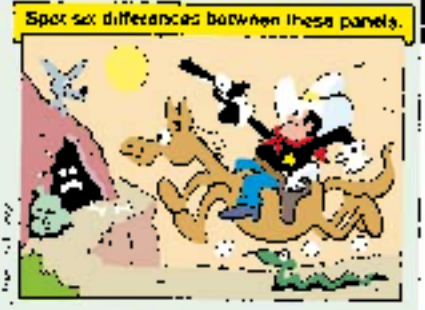


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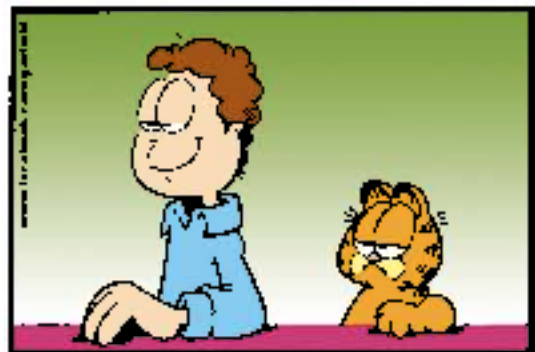
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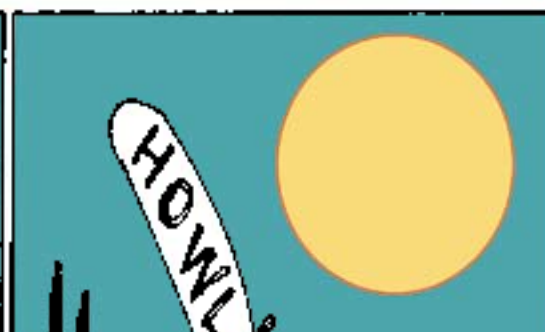
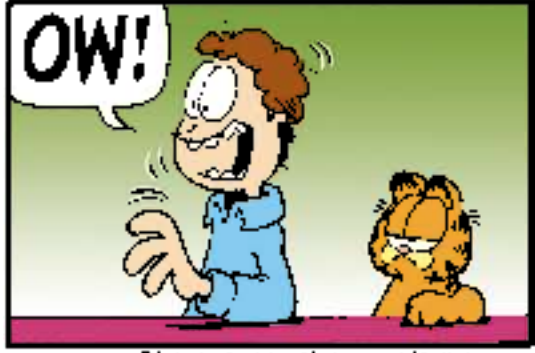
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What you need to know about the Big Spring State Hospital Family Visitation Center

Who: The 18-member board of the Volunteer Services Council voted in 2008 to provide funding to build two Family Visitation Centers at Big Spring State Hospital. The donation of the building was approved by the Texas Department of State Health Services Commissioner Dr. David Lakey.

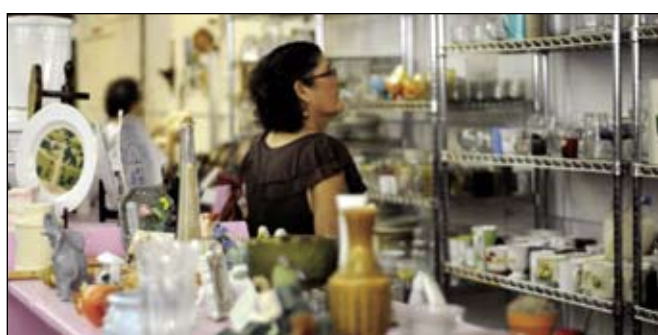
What: The Family Visitation Center buildings will provide a comfortable, safe and supervised area for families who want to visit loved ones at Big Spring State Hospital, Assistant Superintendent Lorie Couch said. Four separate, semi-private areas will provide a large visitation area complete with vending machines and a kitchenette area. At present, one center will be built with the second building to come at a later date.

Where: Each Family Visitation Center will be constructed adjacent to existing patient residential buildings.

When: The building idea was proposed in 2002 to the Volunteer Services Council when it became difficult to accommodate the increasing number of families wanting to visit loved ones in the hospital. Big Spring State Hospital administrators proposed the project to the Volunteer Services Council board, and the Volunteer Services Council approved seeking funds for the project. Construction is expected to take six months.

Why: More and more families now take an active part in the recovery process for persons suffering from the symptoms of psychiatric disorders. Improved understanding of mental illness as a treatable brain dysfunction has helped reduce the negative stigma of psychiatric disorders. This encourages families to visit and encourage their loved ones in recovery. Existing hospital buildings were constructed at a time when families rarely visited and thus had only minimal space allocated for visitation. Building space was needed to allow families to comfortably sit and talk, play games, watch television and share meals. Family support plays one of the most important roles in recovery, Director of Social Work Services Robin Riha said. During the past fiscal year there were 4,036 visitations from families to the patients of Big Spring State Hospital.

How: Funding is provided by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council and the Dora Roberts Foundation. The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council raises funds through thousands of hours (13,610 this past year) of volunteer-generated income through The Chalet Resale Shop in Downtown Big Spring and the Cars, Stars and Handlebars annual community fundraiser. The Dora Roberts Foundation has been an ongoing co-sponsor of Big Spring State Hospital-Volunteer Services Council projects.



Courtesy photo
 Many items are donated by Howard County residents to the Volunteer Services Council and resold at the Big Spring State Hospital Chalet Resale Shop, 115 E. Second St. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Donations can be brought to The Chalet or to the Community Relations office on the Big Spring State Hospital campus.

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