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Big Spring's Steers won the offensive battle, but lost where it counts most Friday on the scoreboard.

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BRIEFLY

'Oliver' auditions planned Monday

Auditions for a community theater production of the musical "Oliver" are set for 7 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring High School auditorium for children 8-13.

At 7 p.m. Oct. 6, auditions for those 14 and older are scheduled.

Performances are Dec. 4-5. The production is a community effort featuring BSHS and Howard College instructors and students. Auditions are open to anyone.

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Herald celebrating 100th anniversary

By JOHN A, MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Today marks the start of National Newspaper Week, an observance that just so happens to coincide with the Big Spring Herald's 100th anniversary.

As a result, the Herald will not only be celebrating this week, but throughout the month of October — holding an open house and reunion of former employees, as well as publishing two special editions.

Invitations have been mailed for the open house and employee reunion set for 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday — a fitting date since the first edition of the Big Springs Weekly Herald

"This week and this month we'll celebrate 100 years of newspapering history in Big Spring with an eye toward another century of service to our community."

Susanne Reed, Herald publisher

was published Oct. 7, 1904.

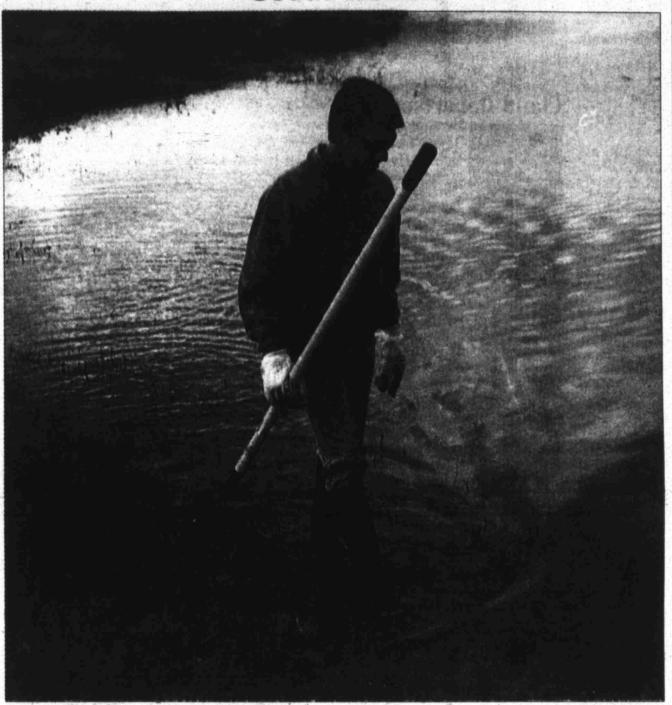
The first of those special editions will be included in the Herald's Oct. 9-10 weekend edition and will feature historic front pages from our first 100 years of publishing.

A second edition, outlining a decade by decade look at the events the Herald has chronicled during the past century and including a number of features on former employees, will be a part of the Oct. 23-24 weekend edition.

"It's been said that the thing that truly separates Americans and the British is not really that we use a common language, but that Britons think 100 miles is a long distance to travel and that Americans think 100 years is a long time. But we believe 100 years of serving Big Spring is something to celebrate,"

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Soggy Work



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Todd Darden, director of public works for the city of Big Spring, polices the shoreline of Comanche Trail Lake for garbage during Saturday's Love Your Lake cleanup. The program, which was organized by Keep Big Spring Beautiful, is supported statewide by the Lake and River Cleanup Program, a partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful and Texas Commission on Environment Quality.

Iraqi official: 'It is over in Samarra'

U.S., Iraqi troops battle pockets of resistance

By ZIDAN KHALAF

Associated Press Writer

SAMARRA, Iraq — Sporadic gunfire echoed through this Sunni Muslim stronghold Saturday as U.S. and Iraqi forces battled pockets of resistance a day after launching what appeared to be the first major push to regain control of a string of cities before elections in January.

More than 100 guerrillas were killed and 37 captured on the first day of the operation Friday, according to an Iraqi official. The military said one American soldier was killed and four were wounded after some 5,000 swept in to seize the city hall, the main mosque and other key sites in Samarra.

With U.S. and Iraqi officials saying they control 70 percent of the city, the Iraqi defense minister claimed success. "It is over in Samarra," Hazem Shaalan told the Arab television station Al-Arabiya.

Meanwhile, in the latest in Iraq's string of kidnappings, militants claimed to have abducted and beheaded an Iraqi construction contractor working on a U.S. base.

Another group said it had kidnapped 10 hostages — six Iraqis, two Lebanese and two Indonesian woman. It demanded the release of a hardline Indonesian

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Big Spring plans week of homecoming activities

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School Homecoming week 2004 will start with a lot of spirit!

On Monday, the high school will say "hats off to the Steers" by wearing hats and sunglasses.

Tuesday, the theme is "put the Chiefs to sleep," so students should wear pajamas that fit the dress code.

"The Steers are our heroes," is the theme for Wednesday. Students are encouraged to dress like their favorite super hero.

"Outclass the and gold. Thursday, Chiefs" will see students dressing in nicer than regular school day clothes.

On Friday, the motto is "Go for the gold and black out the Chiefs." Students can show their support by wearing lots of black See BSHS, Page 3A

Homecoming festivities will include:

· Queen and King election on Tuesday.

· Community pep rally and

Lubbock man indicted for felony manslaughter

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A 24-year-old Lubbock man was indicted on second-degree felony charges of manslaughter and aggravated assault last week in 118th District Court, as a Glasscock grand jury handed down three indictments.

Burl Wayne Johnson, a driver for Seminole-based transportation company American Corporation, was indicted on one count of manslaughter and one count of aggravated assault with intent to cause serious bodily injury for his part in the

Trial set Monday for Big Spring man **Herald Staff Report**

Jury selection in the robbery trial of John Edwin Sanders, 25, of 705 Lorilla in Big Spring, is to begin Monday morning in 118th District Court.

Sanders is represented by attorney Wayne Frost. District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson will prosecute.

May 2004 death of a

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CHILD PRODIGY



John Giordano, world renowned conductor, looks on as Peng Peng, piano playing prodigy, also pictured with his teacher Yoheved Kaplinksy, answered questions from local fourth, fifth and sixth grade students on Friday. Peng Peng was to play with the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra at 8 p.m. Saturday in the Municipal Auditorium.



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Sarah Lucille 'Lucy' Myers Emerson James Petty

Sarah Lucille "Lucy" Myers Emerson, 82, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2004, in a Midland hospital. A memorial service was held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Big Spring Friday, Oct. 1, 2004, with Father James Liggett officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at the Sulphur Springs City Cemetery with Leo Free, pastor, officiating. Visitation will be held at Tapp Funeral Home, Sulphur Springs, prior to the service.

Lucille was born June 26, 1922, in Sulphur Springs to Ora E. Shipley Myers and Marvin Elias Myers. She was one of nine children. She retired from American Petrofina July 31, 1985, after 26 years of service.

Lucy was a certified professional secretary and was very proud of the fact that she received her associate's degree in accounting from Howard College. She served as a volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for many years and served in various officer position within the volunteer organization.

She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. She contributed many hours of service to the people of Big Spring, and she was well loved by her children, grandchildren, relatives and many friends and co-vol-

She was a member of the Cosden Retirees 25-year Club and also was a loved participant in the Breakfast Club. All of her children, grandchildren, relatives and friends knew that she loved them dearly. By example, Lucy always led her family in the ability to discern the high road from the easy road, and showed how to walk that road with integrity.

She was preceded in death by a son, Charles Anthony Emerson, Aug. 27, 1984. She was also preceded in death by seven siblings, Marvin "Cub" Myers, Francis Trachta, Deb Myers, Wilbur Myers, Earle Myers, Howard Myers and Billy Myers.

Survivors include one son, Scott Emerson and his wife, Lisa, of Big Spring; one daughter, Janie Snelson and her husband, Steve, of Midland; and a sister, Dorothy Martin, of Mount Pleasant. She was Lucygran to five grandsons, Brody Blissard and Tyrel Snelson of Midland, Tony Emerson, Alex Emerson and Nicholas Emerson, of Big Spring, numerous beloved nieces and nephews and many friends.

Lucy-gran will be greatly missed, and we know that we soon will meet her in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorials to

your favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle &

Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Paige Eiland



Paige Eiland, 68, of Stanton, died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at his resi-.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, at the Stanton High School Auditorium with Rev. Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

He was born on June 11, 1936, in Big Spring and married Elaine Hazlewood Aug. 25, 1956, in Stanton. Paige owned

and operated Eiland and Associates Incorporated, an independent insurance agency in Stanton. He was on the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Stanton. He was past president of the Stanton Lions Club and Martin County Chamber of Commerce. Paige was one of the original founders of the Stanton High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes and was the adult sponsor for many years. He was a long time member and supporter of the Stanton High School Booster Club.

He was a member of First Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and trustee. He was a director of the Baylor Bear Foundation, a certified insurance counselor and a director of the Buffalo Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He was a regional vice-president of Texas Association of Independent Insurance Agents and past president of the Independent Insurance Agents of Midland and Permian Basin Independent Insurance Agents. He served on the Small Town and Rural Agents Committee of Independent Insurance Agents of America and the Special Multi-Peril Task Force of Independent Insurance Agents of America. He was a receipient of the W. R. White Award in 1999 for Meritorious Service to Baylor University.

Survivors include his wife, Elaine Eiland of Stanton; one daughter, Paiga Lou Marsh of Stanton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gordon and Karen Eiland of Tyler and Craig and Melissa Eiland of Galveston; nine grandchildren, Austin and Koby Marsh of Stanton, Jessica, Cliff and Clay Eiland of Tyler and Blake, Tucker, Delaney and Gray Eiland of Galveston; and one brother, Merwyn Eiland of Port Angeles, Wash.

The family will receive friends at their residence at 400 W. Second in Stanton.

The family suggests memorials to Baylor Bear Foundation, 150 Bear Run, Waco 76711, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton 79782 or Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas Avenue, Midland 79701.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com

Paid Obituary

Lottery

Results of the multi-state Mega Millions drawing Friday night. Winning numbers drawn: 8 - 10 - 17 - 24 - 39.

Mega Ball: 52. Megaplier: 4.

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James Petty, 74, of Big Spring, died at 4:34 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, with Rev. James Liggett officiating. There will be a reception following the service. The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 5, 1930, in Dallas. He married Inez Martinez May 2, 1957, in Big Spring. James had worked as a carpenter and served 16 years with the Big Spring Fire Department. He was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his wife, Inez Petty of Big Spring; children, Jamie Galis and husband, James, of South Lake, John Petty and wife, Rhonda, of Burns, Ore., Joe Petty and wife, Georgia, of Big Spring and Joy Petty and husband, Kaleb Leach, of Austin; a sister, Barbara Ervin and husband, J. T., of Harker Heights; and three grandchildren, Christopher Galis and Ethan Galis, both of South Lake, and Chole McCall of Austin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J. R. Petty and Lucille Moore Petty.

Pallbearers will be Ricky Vela, Lee Harris, Bill Chrane, Bob Hecker, Jessie Soliz, Alan Kernodle, Wilson Money, Lane Bond, Bill Colter, and Sonny Crocker.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com Paid Obituary

Claud Robertson



Claud Robertson, 76, of Big Spring died Thursday, Sept. 30, 2004, at the Odessa Hospice House. Graveside funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 4, 2004, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Chaplian Joe Torres of Home Hospice, officiating. He was born April 18, 1928, in Mitchell County, and married Jackie Iles Aug. 21, 1961, in Colorado City.

Mr. Robertson moved to Big Spring in 1962. He worked for Harding Well Service for 25 years and had worked for the Big Spring Mall for the last three years in maintenance. He enjoyed working in the yard, in his tomato garden, tending his passion vines and walking. He was a member of College

Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Robertson of Big Spring; one son, Gary W. Robertson of Arizona; six daughters, Pamela R. Robertson of San Antonio, Patti Lee Robertson of Arlington, Sherri Hill of Big Spring, Patty Losell of Big Spring, Peggy Sutton of Longview and Vicki Cook of Round Rock; two sisters, Lillian dence. Funeral services will be held at 3 Dossey of Colorado City and Faye Adams of Brazoria; 19 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Jerry Dean David Harp, pastor First Baptist Moore; one grandson, Claud Smith; and eleven brothers and sisters.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday:

• KATHLEEN CASTILLO, 45, of 708 W. 17th Street, was arrested Friday on four local capias warrants.

 MICHAEL ZUBIATE, 22, of Forsan, was arrested Friday on a HCSO warrant and a charge of failure to identify.

• ENRIQUE VELA III, 26, of Lamesa, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspend-

• ERICK FRANKS, 29, of 1217 E. 18th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of failure to identify.

• ROBERT SCOTT PARK, 34, of 1006 E. 12th Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• JESSIE LOPEZ, 41, of 2211 S. Main Street, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated - third or more offense and driving while license suspended.

· ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 400 block of Hillside.

 ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

RUNAWAY was reported:

- in the 600 block of Colgate.

- in the 1500 block of Main Street.

Weather

Sunday - Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High near 75. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Sunday nigh - Scattered thunderstorms, especially

overnight. Low 62. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Monday - Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Tuesday - Showers possible. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 50s.

Wednesday - Few showers. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 60s.

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· Big Spring High School theater production of "You Can't Take It With You" at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$3.

MONDAY

 District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

 Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon at Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1200 E. Fourth St.

· Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

· Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

· Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La

Posada Restaurant.

· Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St. Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

TUESDAY

· Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-

· Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

 Big Spring High School theater production of 'You Can't Take It With You" at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Special Homecoming performance. Tickets are \$1.

• VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road. · Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse

on the Andrews Highway.

 Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

 Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.

 Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

· Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

· Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

· Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

 Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

· Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-

· Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

· Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

· Big Spring High School homecoming.

· AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

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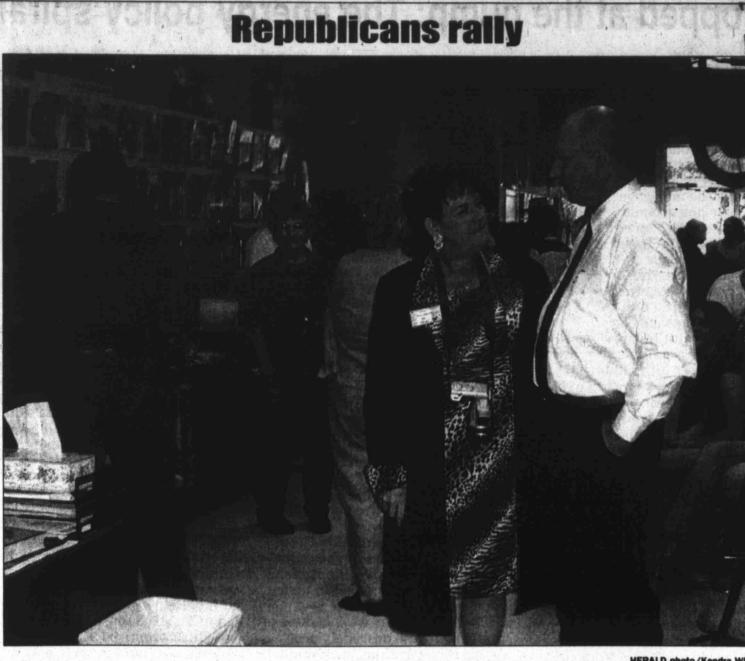
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Queen during the game. Homecom for students of

to 1 a.m. For more in about homecon ities, contact school at 264-36

Contact Sto Kendra Wiss ext. 234 or by reporter@big ald.com





Paula and Ron Allen take time to talk at the grand opening of the Republican Party of Howard County's headquarters Friday. Allen is the Republican candidate for Howard County Sheriff. The headquarters is located at 222 Main.

AMBUCS group slates fund-raiser

The local AMBUCS organization is raising funds for scholarships to help therapists.

The group is giving away a 2004 Yamaha four-wheeler 4x4.

Tickets are \$10 each. The fourwheeler will be given away Oct.

15, or earlier, if the 1,000 available tickets have been distributed.

AMBUCS National is a nationwide organization that, among its other endeavors, helps children with cerebral palsey, spina bifida, poor motor coordination and other problems. For instance, AMBUCS aids in the treatment of the individuals through the AMTryke therapeutic tricycle. The cycles allow children the opportunity to ride bikes with their peers while developing strength and improving motor skills. The AmTryke was inspired by a therapist. To obtain a ticket, contact an

AMBUC member or call 264-7724.

INDICTED

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Glasscock woman.

According to District Attorney Hardy 45-year-old Wilkerson, Prasuna Bathula was killed May 10, when the Toyota sport utility vehicle she was traveling in was broadsided by the tractor trailer Johnson was driving.

Also injured in the crash was 15-year-old Maryoree Revaloria, who was a passenger in Bathula's vehicle. Wilkerson said Revaloria, who narrowly avoided death in the crash, remains in a coma and on a ventilator.

"The alleged incident occurred at 11:45 a.m. at the intersection of State Highways 137 and 158," Wilkerson. said

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bonfire at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring compost site Thursday.

· Pep rally at 2:30 p.m. Friday. · Parade at 4:30 p.m.

Friday. · Football game, Steers

vs. San Angelo Lake View at 7:30 p.m. Friday. Announcement of

Homecoming King and Queen during half-time at the game.

Homecoming dance for students only 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

For more information about homecoming activities, contact the high school at 264-3641.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



ving a tractor trailer south on Highway 137,

ran the stop sign at the intersection, hitting the broadside. Toyota According to DPS reports,

of the crash.

Wilkerson said Johnson charged manslaughter because he "caused the death of another," and was indict-

"Johnson, who was dri- ed on the second charge of aggravated assault recklessness."

If convicted, Johnson faces two to 20 years and a fine not to exceed it's believed he was trav- \$10,000 for each count. eling at approximately 60 Johnson was arrested miles per hour at the time shortly after the indictments were handed down Thursday, and a trial date has not yet been established.

Glasscock County Grand

 Clinton Royce Joiner, because he did so "due to 21, of San Angelo, possession of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony.

· Tiffany Joiner, 24, of San Angelo, possession of a controlled substance, a second-degree felony.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail Also indicted by the at citydesk@bigspringher-

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Publisher Susanne Reed said in announcing the Herald's celebration plans.

"This year's National Newspaper Week theme 'Newspapers...The People's Product,' and that's a concept we take to heart," Reed added. "We take great pride in providing the people of Big Spring, Howard and County Crossroads area with news and features about them and important to them and their communities."

In addition, Reed noted the newspapers staff wants to recognize the men and women who've made the Herald what it is today.

"We're convinced that as newspaper people we're not only given a sacred trust by the public to provide fair, unbiased coverage of the news, but that we've been given a legacy by those who've worked here before," she added. "My predecessor, Chuck Williams, once noted 'The Herald was here 90 years before any of us ever came to work here and that, God willing, it would be here 90 years after we're all gone.

"This week and this month we'll celebrate 100 years of newspapering history in Big Spring with an eye toward another century of service to our community."

That is especially significant in this election year, Reed noted. "We'll not only be publishing special editions centering on the Herald's first 100 years of publication, but will also be publishing a special election guide featuring candidates vying for local, state and national office,"

Reed also noted that a free press is one of the bulwarks of American society.

Without a free press, she said, there could be no real consent of the governed. There would be no informed decision-making and there would be no check on the abuses of power.

"I don't think there's any question in any newspaper person's heart that one of the vital roles of the press is to encourage citizens to participate in government," she continued. "We believe we do that best by keeping them fully informed about life, law, politics, religion and all the other things that truly matter in our lives.

"That is a sacred trust and we will always take that to heart here at the Herald."

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME

& CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

Sylvia Ann Hernandez, 37, died Saturday. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma.

James Petty, 74, of Big Spring, died Thursday. Funeral Services will be at 10:00 AM at St. **Episcopal** Mary's Church. The family will received friends from 3:00 until 4:00 PM Sunday at Myers. & Smith Funeral Home.



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-FIRST AMENDMENT

Opinions expressed on this page are those of the Editorial Board of the Big Spring Herald unless otherwise indicated.

John A. Moseley Managing Editor **Bill McClellar**

OUR VIEWS

A creed we do our best to live up to

oday marks the start of National Newspaper Week, which since 1940, has been a week-long celebration showcasing the impact of newspapers on the everyday lives of citizens.

In celebrating the role newspapering plays in American society, we are reminded of "The Journalist's Creed," penned by Walter Williams, dean and founder of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri from 1908 to 1935. We believe it deserves reprinting on an annual basis. The Journalist's Creed

I believe in the profession of journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of a lesser service than the public service is betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what

he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that the supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best and best deserves success — fears God and honors man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid, is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance, and, as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world.

This creed is something we try to live up to on

a daily basis at the *Herald*.

Furthermore, we believe all business should be conducted in such a manner.

LETTER POLICIES

The Herald welcomes letters to the editor.

Limit your letters to no more than 300 words.

Sign your letter.

· Provide a daytime telephone number, as well as a street address for verification purposes.

We reserve the right to edit for style and clarity.

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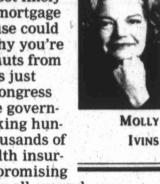
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Popped at the pump: The energy policy spiral

his column is not about the presidential debate. It's about Other Stuff. Particularly eye-catching are the updates on the price of

gasoline, your overtime pay, why the company most likely to hold the mortgage on your house could go broke, why you're getting peanuts from new tax cuts just passed by Congress and how the government is kicking hundreds of thousands of kids off health insurance while promising



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not to. Cheer all around. — The price of a barrel of oil went over \$50 for the first time early this week, and the price of gassing up my vehicle, Truck Bob the Ford, is now \$36 a pop. According to oil-ologists, this is on account of the unrest in oil-producing countries and rising global demand destabilizing world energy markets. Don't you love the jargon? The petro experts also say this ain't gonna get better:

Also Not Helping — in fact, headed in completely the wrong direction - is U.S. energy policy under You Know Who. More than half the oil we use today is imported, much of it from such stable, democratic regimes as Iraq. The Energy Department predicts this will rise to 70 percent in 20

The Natural Resources Defense Council has just put out a new study showing that the five biggest oil companies (ExxonMobil, Total, Shell, BP and ChevronTexaco) reported a \$5.5 billion, or 16 percent, increase in profits during the first half of 2004 compared with the same period last year, which was no slouch either. Both ExxonMobil and ChevronTexaco posted record second quarter profits in 2004.

In the 1970s, we conserved our way out of an oil crisis. But consumption rose 18 percent between 1990 and 2003 because of stagnant standards of fuel efficiency. "Energy policy in Washington

amounts to little more than a gift to energy companies - weakening environmental protections, extending regulatory loopholes, lavishing mammoth tax breaks on the biggest of big guzzlers and creating new barriers to stronger fuel economy standards," says the NRDC.

Public interest groups finally managed to get some records from Dick Cheney's energy task force. Surprise, they show that industry lobbyists not only played a pivotal role in making the policy, they wrote much of it themselves. Judicial Watch obtained maps of the Iraqi oil fields from the energy task force, along with charts, developments, project costs, etc., as well as a list of "Foreign Suitors for Iraqi Oilfield Contracts." They are dated March 2001. This is of particular interest because the staggering profits of the last three years have left the oil companies with billions of dollars they want to invest in undeveloped world reserves.

There is a better way. Instead of subsidizing the obscenely profitable oil companies, we could put that money into researching and subsidizing new, non-polluting technologies.

— The 6 million of you who will lose overtime pay under the new Department of Labor regulations a pet cause of business groups -will not be pleased to learn that although the House of Representatives voted against the regs ('tis the season for elections), the R's are fighting against a Senate vote and Bush says he'll veto the bill even if it gets passed.

— When the editorial page of The Wall Street Journal and moi are in perfect accord, it either means the End Times are near or

it's right for once. Accounting irregularities at Fannie Mae, the nation's largest backer of home mortgages, may force a "restatement of earnings," a lovely phrase meaning, "Oops, we cheated and got caught."

According to The New York Times, this falls "far short of the level of corporate abuse at Enron," but the company did engage in "sloppy and misleading accounting practices." In 1998, the company deferred \$200 million in expenses so executives could receive their full annual bonuses. Sounds like Enron to me.

After I wrote a column about these bad doings a few months ago, I got a call from a public relations firm offering to fly someone from Washington to Austin immediately just to explain to little ol' me why I was ever so wrong about Fannie Mae. This caused me to conclude that if these fools had spent a lot less on p.r. and lobbying, they'd be much better off.

- Forget the bull about "a middle class tax cut" as a pre-election gift from Congress. The Urban Institute reports the middle 20 percent of earners will get an average tax cut of \$162 in 2005 — the top fifth of earners will get an average cut of \$1,317. Same old, same old.

- Bush promised at the Republican convention to spend \$1 billion to enroll "millions of poor children" in CHIP, the federal health insurance program. Too bad, this week he's returning \$1.1 billion in unspent CHIP money despite pleas from the states that they really, really need it: That would cover 750,000 uninsured children nationwide.

To find out more about Molly Ivins and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.cre-

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Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

she was always like a mother to

he quality time we shared, the encouragement she gave me and the unconditional love I received from her was, in fact, a true blessing. She was certainly an inspira-

Family cohesion and support was her No. 1 priority. I learned what a family was all about. With such love and support surrounding you, most anything is possible. Her motto was just like the song, "Don't worry, be happy." My memories of her and her family are only happy

How wonderful life can be when you're around someone like Peggy. They say life is short, but life is really shorter than they say. I guess it hit home when I was expressing my undying love for her as she took her last breath.

Blessed are they with a family such as Peggy's, for my original family was not the case.

I guess the intent of this letter is to remind those of you who are blessed with such families that you should tell them, if you haven't lately, just what a blessing they are to you and how much you love

For the less fortunate, let us hope and pray for strength, happiness and love.

SHELLEY EVERETT VELA BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My stepdaughter is 19 years old and works full time at a business here in town to support herself so she may continue to live on her own. She suffers from psoriasis which, for people who don't know, is a skin condition caused by cells multiplying too fast which causes red scaly skin. It is not contagious.

Psoriasis can be caused by many different things: emotional distress, medications and eating habits. Sometimes it even tends to run in families. People who have psoriasis cannot help it any more than people who get cancer, bone diseases or other illnesses.

The other day at work my stepdaughter encounterd a woman that came through her line at work. The woman was upset by the way my stepdaughter's hands and skin looked due to her psoriasis.

The woman became very rude

and loud, telling my stepdaughter ning gay marriages and censoring I just recently lost a loved one. not to touch her stuff and would the Internet. She was my ex-mother-in-law, but not let my stepdaughter even touch her money to pay out.

I do not know who she was nor do I care to know someone who is so rude, mean and obviously misinformed. This woman should be ashamed of herself for treating another human being in this man-

Being rude and misinformed is worse than any case of psoriasis will ever be.

> LAURA HANKINS BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Here is the list of things you have to believe to vote for George W. Bush in the November election:

1. Saddam was a good guy when Reagan armed him, a bad guy when Bush's daddy made war on him, a good guy when Cheney did business with him and a bad guy when Bush needed a "we can't find Bin Laden" diversion.

2. Trade with Cuba is wrong because the country is communist. but trade with China and Vietnam is vital to a spirit of international

3. A woman can't be trusted with decisions about her own body, but multi-national corporations can make decisions affecting mankind without regulation.

4. Jesus loves you and shares your hatred of homosexuals and Hillary Clinton.

5. The best way to improve military morale is to praise the troops in speeches while slashing veterans' benefits and combat pay.

6. If condoms are kept out of schools, adolescents won't have 7. Providing health care to all

Iraqis is sound policy. Providing health care to all Americans is socialism. 8. HMOs and insurance compa-

nies have the best interest of the public at heart. 9. Global warming and tobacco's

link to cancer are junk science, but creationism should be taught in schools.

10. A president lying about an extramarital affair is an impeachable offense. A president lying to enlist support for a war in which thousands die is solid defense poli-

11. Government should limit itself to the powers named in the Constitution, which include ban-

12. The public has a right to know

about Hillary's cattle trades, but George Bush's cocaine conviction is none of our business.

13. Being a drug addict is a moral failing and a crime, unless you are a conservative radio host. Then it is an illness and you need our

prayers for your recovery. 14. You support states' rights, which means Attorney General John Ashcroft can tell states what local voter initiatives they have the right to adopt.

15. What Bill Clinton did in the 1960s is of vital national interest, but what George W. Bush did in the 80s is irrevelant.

JOHN RHEINSCHELD **BIG SPRING**

TO THE EDITOR:

Yes, Big Spring can host successful concerts! All expectations were met and surpassed with the recent Christian rock concert at the city auditorium Sept. 20.

The band members and management of Pillar, Project 86, and Falling Up were impressed by the hospitality and professionalism of the people of Big Spring. They were also impressed with the beauty and function of the city auditorium.

Of course, an event like this could not happen without the help of many volunteers. We would like to thank Chris and Lana Churchwell, Shannon Nabors, Shawnt'e Terry, Stevi Bingham. Vanessa Ochoa, Iain Sloan, Chance Clanton, Brad Cox, Randy Crockett, Paul Wylie, Tony Emerson, Cody Carnes, Austin Cox, Jake White, Andi Baird, Jesse Metcalf and the Howard College Diplomats. Additional thanks to Rocky

Harris and the band boosters, the Big Spring Herald, KBST, the city of Big Spring, Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Convention & Visitors Bureau and the several businesses that helped out. Last but not least, a big round of

applause for the audience - Big Springs' youth. We can all be proud of them for conducting themselves appropriately. We look forward to producing

more events in Big Spring and

encourage others to do so as well.

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Intelligence bill has political tinge

WASHINGTON (AP) Congress shuffled the federal bureaucracy in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by creating the Homeland Security Department, Democrats lost control of the Senate and four seats in the House.

With a new government reorganization on the table — this time a restructuring of the nation's intelligence network - Democrats fear Republicans will succeed in using a critical national security debate to play to voter fears about terrorism.

"There is anxiety - you will not be surprised to hear — among some of my Democratic colleagues in Congress, based on the 2002 experience with the Department of Homeland Security, that this will happen again," said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.

House GOP leaders say they don't know what Democrats are talking about. Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said he doesn't expect the intelligence overhaul recommended by the Sept. 11 investigative commission to be a factor at the voting booths.

"It's not a top issue on people's minds," DeLay told reporters this week. "It should be on our minds because there are things we need to be doing, but as far as a political issue I think frankly this is an inside-the-Beltway thing."

Violent protests erupt again in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) -Supporters of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide took to the streets of Haiti's capital for a second day, shooting wildly, smashing cars and blocking roads with burning tires. Authorities recovered the decapitated bodies of three policemen, among at least seven people killed in the violence.

Tensions have erupted in Port-au-Prince as Haiti struggles to recover from catastrophic flooding caused by Tropical Storm Jeanne two weeks ago.

Supporters of Aristide, who is now in exile in South Africa seven months after his ouster, demanded more demonstrations to commemorate the 1991 army coup that toppled his first. government.

Aristide loyalists want an end to "the Michael Stipe introduced the first occupation" and "the invasion" by for band, Bright Eyes, and reminded the eign troops — referring to the U.S.-led force that followed Aristide's ouster and the U.N. peacekeepers who took over in June.

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue appealed for calm, reaffirming his promise to hold elections in 2005. "We will not use violence and all of our

problems must be solved through elections, which will take place next year," Latortue said during a visit to Coral Gables, Fla.

Israel presses

on with Gaza offensive

JEBALIYA REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip (AP) - More troops poured into the Gaza Strip on Saturday as Israel expanded its offensive to counter Palestinian rocket fire, one of the largest incursions in four years of fighting. Seven Palestinians were killed in new clashes, including four who cut through Gaza's border fence.

About 2,000 soldiers in hundreds of armored vehicles were patrolling a fivemile stretch of northern Gaza where militants have been firing homemade rockets at Israeli communities. Both sides appeared to be bracing for a long fight, with masked Palestinian gunmen fortifying their positions.

At least 44 Palestinians and five Israelis have been killed in four days of violence. The Israeli offensive, "Days of Penitence," began after a Hamas rocket killed two Israeli preschoolers in a town near Gaza on Wednesday.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia convened his Cabinet for an emergency session Saturday after returning from a trip abroad. The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a violent group linked to veteran Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's ruling Fatah movement, called for Qureia's resignation, citing his absence at a time of crisis.

A commercial strike called by Al Aqsa and another militant group was widely observed in Gaza on Saturday, but compliance was only partial in the West Bank.

Springsteen kicks off 'Vote for Change'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Twenty years after releasing "Born in the U.S.A.," Bruce Springsteen returned to the anti-war anthem as he and other artists kicked off a multistate tour aimed at helping oust President Bush.

Springsteen and R.E.M., both vocal critics of Bush and the war in Iraq, are the headliners for the "Vote for Change" tour, a 10-day series of shows in battleground states. Friday night's performance at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia was one of six across Pennsylvania.

Springsteen and R.E.M. frontman crowd of the importance of voting Nov.

"This is a very important moment for every one of us and for our country.' Stipe said.

Springsteen opened his set with a solo version of "The Star Spangled Banner," followed by "Born in the U.S.A."

Bush criticizes Kerry on stands on domestic issues

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) President Bush lashed out at Sen. John Kerry on Saturday for his stands on domestic programs ranging from retirement to health care, saying the Democrat is obstructing needed reforms that would give workers more control over their financial future.

"He's decided to put his faith in the wisdom of the government," Bush said of Kerry. "I will always put my faith in the wisdom of the American people."

The president criticized a recent Kerry speech in Detroit in which the Democrat said, "This president has created more excuses than jobs." Kerry often criticizes the Bush administration for the first job-loss record since the Depression.

"Not once in his speech did he mention expanding ownership," Bush said. "Not a word on how we help more Americans own their own homes, or stocks, or savings accounts. Instead, his agenda focuses expanding the scope and power of the government."

In that Sept. 15 speech. Kerry tried to reassure his conservative-leaning audience that he would be a friend to business, declaring, "I'm an entrepreneurial Democrat."

In remarks to the National Association of Home Builders, Bush said Kerry voted against taxdeductible health savings accounts and expanding personal retirement savings. The president said Kerry opposed proposals to strengthen Social

younger workers to put some of their taxes into personal accounts that they control and that Kerry "opposes our plan to allow small businesses to join together to purchase health insurance discounts available to big companies."

Bush and Kerry, shifting away from the sharp debate over war and terrorism, returned to breadand-butter economic issues in campaign stops in two closely divided states.

Bush trumpeted his economic agenda, encouraging policies that let individuals and families hold a stake in an "ownership society" on a bus tour that marked his 27th trip to Ohio. That agenda includes partly privatized Social Security accounts, homeownership changes in health care, along with the promotion of the president's signa-

ture tax cuts. His Democratic opponent scheduled a speech for delivery in Florida that accused Bush of forgetting middle-class fami-

Security by allowing lies and favoring wealthy special interests

"For the last two years, I've traveled all over this country and listened to the stories of Americans struggling to make ends meet," Kerry said in prepared remarks. "I've also shared their frustration at this administration's constant state of denial, which neglects their needs."

Repeating the theme he hit during the first presidential debate, Kerry said, "George Bush has a four-word plan - more of the same.'

Bush's tour through Ohio comes as polls show the race to be close. Hurricanes and their aftermath have complicated polling and campaigning in Florida, where some polls show Bush ahead and others indicate a close race.

The switch from foreign matters to pocketbook issues comes as the campaigns look ahead to the candidates' second faceto-face meeting on Friday, where undecided voters pose the questions.



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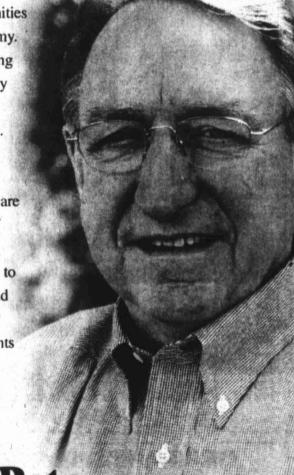
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Howard College trustees slated to convene Monday

Herald Staff Report

College Howard Trustees will meet in executive session Monday at 1 p.m. in the board room of the Dora Roberts Student Union building.

On the agenda are eco-

nomic development negotiations and personnel matters.

New business for the trustees includes discussing the vision and future directions for the college as well as economic development negotiaions that are new to the board.

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cleric imprisoned in his home country, but the cleric - Abu Bakar Bashir - demanded the militants release the woman and rejected any release as a result of kidnapping.

In other violence, car bombs in the cities of Fallujah and Mosul wounded at least three U.S. soldiers, and U.S. troops battled Shiite militants in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City in fighting that wounded another American. The military said Saturday that a U.S. soldier was killed the night before in

Baghdad by small arms

Samarra, 60 miles northwest of Baghdad, appeared mostly calm Saturday — except for in center, where American snipers on rooftops fired at anybody appearing in the streets below. Residents in outlying areas emerged from their homes for the first time to survey the dam-

Many bodies were strewn in the street but could not be collected for fear of the snipers, while others were buried in people's gardens, residents said. A 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew was in effect, and water and electricity services were severed.



Spectators react at the Johnston Ridge Observatory as Mount St. Helens erupts Friday. The observatory is five miles

Mount St. Helens quiets after eruption

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. (AP) - Mount St. Helens quieted down after spewing a plume of steam and ash - but only briefly.

Within hours of the eruption Friday, seismic readings suggested pressure was building again inside the volcano, which had been dormant for 18 years.

It began rumbling last set off by small uakes occurring as as three or four a minutes, and scientists said there could be more steam eruptions

Friday's eruption, described by government scientist Jeff Wynn as a "throat-clearing," was the sleeping giant's first since 1986. On May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens blew its top with such

force that 57 people lost

their lives.

The volcanic burp cast a haze across the horizon as the roiling plume rose from the nearly 1,000foot-tall dome. After about 20 minutes, the mountain calmed and the plume dissipated.

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News shorts

Ethics report gives a new twist to congressional arm twisting

WASHINGTON (AP) - Arms have always been twisted during close congressional votes on major legislation, but an ethics report rebuking House Majority Leader Tom DeLay added something the public rarely learns: what lawmaker really say to ach other.

The House ethics committee rewhat Republican members didn't say - but were thinking — as they unsuccessfully pleaded with Rep. Nick Smith, R-Mich., to support a prescription drug benefit in Medicare.

The following are thoughts, comments and remembrances of the November 2003 events, as told to ethics committee investigators for their report on attempts to pressure Smith.

As DeLay, R-Texas, approached Smith in late November 2003, he was thinking - based on prior conversations — that he would be "stuck" talking with the Michigan lawmaker for a long time.

That might explain why the following conversation lasted only eight seconds.

Advocates push for recorded

votes in Texas Legislature

AUSTIN (AP) — Requiring the Texas Legislature to have recorded votes on bills would be good for democracy, advocates of the proposal said Friday. But a leading Republican lawmaker said such a requirement could be time-consuming and unnecessary.

"There's just no way the public wouldn't support this," said Linda Camin, chair of the Sunshine Committee on Recorded Votes for the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Texas legislators' individual votes on bills are not required to be recorded. Lawmakers often hold "voice votes," meaning a lawmaker's vote is not recorded and available for the public to view.

"You have no way of knowing who voted for what" with voice votes, Camin said.

There are two other ways state legislators vote: a division vote, in which the leader can rule the measure approved or killed in the middle of an electronic roll call vote, with no record of how lawmakers voted; or a record vote, with the results recorded by name and printed in the House or Senate journal.

Texas is one of nine states that does not require some of its legislative votes to be recorded, according to the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. The subject was addressed at the foundation's annual state conference Friday.



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'Shark Tale' won't hook you

By CARRIE RICKEY

Knight Ridder

Cue "Jaws" theme. Prepare for "Shark attack."

"Shark Tale," the computer-animated comedy from the team that brought you "Shrek," bites. As in hook, line and stinker.

An inventory of movie references and ethnic jokes in shimmering color, "Shark Tale" tickles younger kids (my 8year-old liked it) as it reinforces stereotypes their parents would rather smash. Inside this dazzling animation is a dim plot that imagines "Goodfellas" living in the land of "Jaws" and being serviced by the dudes at the "Car Wash."

In this sociology of the Black), to prove his sea, a godfather shark named Don Lino (voice of Robert De Niro) preys on the underwater population while pushing his of Will Smith), a bottomgentle vegetarian son, feeding wrasse who

SHARK TALE

2 stars Produced by Bill Damaschke, Janet Healy and Allison Lyon Segan, directed by Vicky Jenson, Bibo Bergeron and Rob Letterman, written by Letterman and Michael J. Wilson, music by Hans Zimmer, distributed by DreamWorks Animation.

Running time: 1 hour, 30

Oscar/Voice of Will Smith

Don Lino/Voice of Robert De Niro Angie/Voice of Renee

Zellweger Lenny/Voice of Jack Black

Parent's guide: PG (crude humor, double entendres)

sharkhood. Meaning: Kill, then eat, the littler fish.

At the other end of the food chain is Oscar (voice Lenny (voice of Jack works at the whale wash



Oscar, left, tries to explain to Angie, right, why he is hiding a shark named Lenny in DreamWorks Animations' "Shark Tale."

(cue "Car Wash" theme), speaks scuba jive and dreams of the high life at the top of the reef. When

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Actor Joaquin Phoenix visits with Detroit firefighters at Engine 54/Ladder 26, in Detroit, Mich. Phoenix stars in the movie, "Ladder 49."

'Ladder 49' full of fire

Unfortunately, there's also way too much smoke,

By PHILIP WUNTCH

The Dallas Morning News After watching "Ladder 49," you will never complain about moving to the side of the road to make room for a fire truck. The new movie is the most polished of recruiting

films. Sorry, conscientious citizens, but that doesn't mean it's an outstanding movie. Its reverence for the rulebook of movie worship robs it of spontaneity and surprise. Firefighters are terrific people. Firefighters are unsung heroes. Firefighters are ordinary folk. In the post-9-11 firefighters world, deserve our salutes more than ever, but noble sentiments do not necessarily make top-flight movies. Joaquin Phoenix and

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'The Motorcycle Diaries' captures the faces of South America

By CHRIS HEWITT

Knight Ridder

A "have" takes a walk on the "have-not" side in the bracingly beautiful "The Motorcycle Diaries." Gael Garcia Bernal plays Ernesto Guevara de la Serna, a young adven-

turer who will become

revolutionary and star of Diaries" is based on a memoir by Guevara's friend, Alberto, who spent with him, soaking up life.

scarf now, honey!" his "Evita." "The Motorcycle mom yells) and by the end, he is committed to social and political change in South America. half a year meandering You can argue the metharound South America ods and morality of Guevara but, by focusing Guevara begins the exclusively on Guevara's journey as a privileged youth, "Motorcyle" can

aspects of Guevara and focus on how he became the man who dreamed of uniting a continent.

"Motorcycle Diaries" has no political agenda, just a human one. Director Walter Salles' single-minded, straightforward structure makes the movie a series of vignettes in which Ernesto and Alberto meet people - pretty girls, leftists, lepers, auto mechanics - all of whom are so vivid they exist only as themselves, not as part of some theme the movie imposes on the story. "Motorcycle" is driven by Guevara/Salles' respect for the South American people, which is why their stories have such a powerful impact on Guevara and on us.

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THE MOTORCYCLE DIARIES 3 1/2 stars

Directed by: Walter Starring: Gael Garcia

Bernal Rated: R, for lots of raw language

SHOULD YOU GO? It's wonderful.



Gael Garcia Bernal stars in Walter Salles' "The Motorcycle Diaries," a Focus Features

SHARK TALE

release.

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Oscar exploits an undersea accident to look as though he killed Don Lino's other son, the wrasse enjoys his 15 minutes as "The Shark Slayer" before realizing that scamming and shamming aren't for him.

There are those who would have you believe that this movie is DreamWorks' latest raid in an ongoing war with Pixar. To these observers, the insect world was the first battlefield when "Antz" Dream Works' fought Pixar's "a bug's life" at the box office in 1998. Then came the mon-

mash with "Shrek" DreamWorks' versus Pixar's "Monsters, Inc." in 2001. The conspiracy theorists may have a point in that "Shark Tale" lifts the comic conflict of a vegetarian shark straight from Pixar's "Finding Nemo."

Comparing the oceanic depths of "Nemo" with the spoofy shallows of "Shark" is like comparing De Niro's serious perfor- Kreme) are I flogged than eating them for mances in "Godfather II" shamelessly. and "Goodfellas" to his

soundtrack and the ener-Smith, De Niro, Black, Martin Scorsese (as a

Zellweger, who supplies the voice for Angie, Oscar's guardian angelfish, "Shark" sinks in a sea of product placement and cross-referential humor.

The recognizable brands actual that provided comic background for "Shrek 2" are thrust into center stage Gup (as in Gap), Old Navy and Kelpy Kreme (Krispy

Even more shameless is parodies thereof in the paucity of original "Analyze This" and dialogue. The characters waves adventure was lim-"Shark Tale." "In this of the characters own itless, "Shark Tale" sugwords, but those of beloved movie characters. getic vocal talents of As Oscar, Smith spouts familiar lines from "Gladiator" and "A Few blowfish) and Renee Good Men," and when he

runs out of words he steals from his own film, "Ali." When Zellweger quotes from her character in "Jerry Maguire," she lost me at hello.

"Shark's" one flight of imagination involves Lenny's slathering himself in blue paint in order to cross-dress as here, as the products of a dolphin. Do sharks dream of wave-riding with the surfers rather breakfast?

Where "Finding Nemo" suggested that under-thegests that this sea is overfished. The krill is gone.

"Che" Guevara: student, mama's boy ("Put on the ignore the thornier Guevara begins to see the calls "the mysteries that world as a place not of divisions between people but of connections metaphor for life, but between them, and the Salles finds an even better beautiful thing about the one. He captures the faces movie is that it doesn't of South America in perineed to spell that out for odic us. It simply shows us the scenes, where the people varied terrain of South appear to be trying to America (including won- freeze into poses for snapdrous shots of Machu shots. But they can't Picchu) and the amazing freeze because, like the faces of its people, all movie they're in, they are united in the attempt to too full of life and breath

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black-and-white figure out what Guevara and hope to stand still.

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and horror of fighting The audience becomes keenly aware of the innumerable ways one can be hurt while rescuing strangers and of the near-impossibility maintaining mental control in the most turbulent of conditions.

Phoenix plays firefighter Jack Morrison, who as the film opens is trapped in a warehouse blaze after a rescue attempt. His reveries reveal his progression from eager rookie to seasoned pro, from loving fiance to occasionally estranged husband. Travolta is his mentor, fire chief Mike Kennedy, who's married to his job and more a cheerleader than a martinet with his

"Ladder 49" represents a crossroads for both

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Grade: C+ Starring Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta, Robert Patrick and Jacinda Barrett. Directed by Jay Russell. Rated PG-13 (language, intense action). In wide release. 115 min.

actors. Jack Morrison is Phoenix's first conventional leading-man character, following a successful succession of offbeat roles ("The Village," "Signs," "Quills," "Gladiator," "To Die For"). For Travolta, the movie marks his further venturing into character

So who ever thought John Travolta would turn into a 21st-century Walter Brennan, specializing in lovable codgers who speak their mind? Actually, Travolta has always been a character actor. Even in his "Saturday Night Fever"-

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"Grease" reign, his simian features were not those of a traditional movie hero. He's now at an age where he can fully embrace character roles. But he needs strong screenplays, and "Ladder 49" provides only featherweight possibilities.

Phoenix carries internal angst even into a role as straightforward as firefighter Jack. This conflicted quality happily keeps the character from becoming a top-gun stereotype. Robert Patrick also does a handy job as an occasionally abrasive colleague, the only member of the squad who does not seem to automatically love everyone else.

In fact, the barroom scenes bear down too persistently on the brotherhood that firefighters share. But from any perspective, "Ladder 49" is not a saga told with sub-

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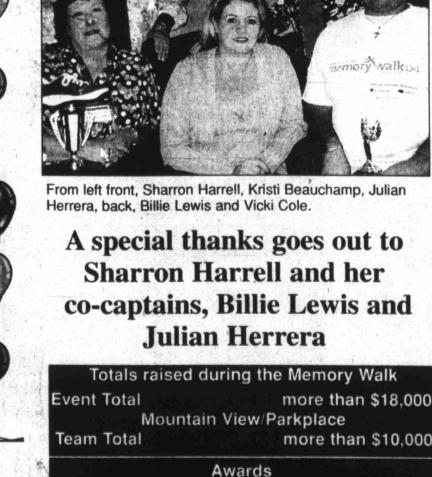
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By JACOB GOLI

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Desperate patients seek access to drugs in testing stages

By JACOB GOLDSTEIN

Knight Ridder

MIAMI - By early 2002, after little more than a year of treatment, Jennifer McNeillie had tried all of the approved drugs to fight her colon cancer, but her tumors had not disappeared.

McNeillie's husband, Steve Walker, researched cancer treatments and found two experimental drugs - Erbitux and Eloxatin — he thought could help his wife. Both had shown promise in early trials, but neither had yet been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Walker tried to enroll his dying wife in clinical trials for the two drugs. but she didn't fit the specific criteria for any of

So Walker found himself at what one expert called "the intersection of desperation and regulation" — unable to get his hands on two drugs he thought might help save his wife's life.

The number of people in Walker's position has grown in recent years, as patients have increasingly taken treatment decisions into their own hands and the Internet has dramatically expanded the data available to the public.

In some cases, a doctor, drug company and the Food and Administration will jointly agree to give a patient an experimental drug, a term known as compassionate use.

But compassionate use poses difficult ethical questions for doctors, drug companies and regulators. Giving patients the untested drugs they want plant — a very involved, can be dangerous and can debilitating and expendral resources from clin-sive procedure — and ical trials, which are the way drugs get approved and become available to the masses.

"As a company, our ethical obligation is to ensure ultimate access to of the drug, and ultimate Goodwin said. access is FDA approval," said Mary Lynn Carver, a spokeswoman for the pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca, whose drug Iressa was in great demand before its approval in 2003. "And the way to get FDA approval is through clinical trials."

But the clinical trials process is long and complex, involving at least three rounds of testing and often stretching over five years or more. When a new treatment shows promise early on, desperate patients often want access long before the treatment is approved —

Dr.



Miami Herald photo/Raul Rubiers

Dr. Marshall F. Gilula, a cancer patient, was treated three years ago with an experimental drug that he believes saved his life.

Sylvester Comprehensive including his. Cancer Center at the University of Miami, cited the recent history of bone-marrow transplants for breast cancer patients.

"Bone-marrow transplant for patients with recurrent or extremely serious breast cancer was something that came into practice because patients wanted it so badly and doctors began to believe in it," Goodwin said. "It came into common clinical practice before it was proven to be of benefit, and then it was proven not to be of benefit. So there were lots of women who went through stemcell bone marrow trans-

be effective. "That was more of a watershed point in both investigators and patients realizing the importance clinical trials,"

then it was found not to

There is no comprehensive database of experimental drugs, so even learning what exists can be a daunting process.

"I was calling doctors all over Florida, I was calling the companies, I was calling the FDA, I was calling major medical centers," Walker said of his search for experimental drugs for his dying wife.

Marshall Gilula's training as a physician helped him track down a promising drug when he was fighting throat cancer. He searched the medical literature and found an experimental drug called

Finding a promising drug is only the first step, though. A patient still has to persuade a doctor to apply for compassionate use. This often requires both a pushy patient and a compassionate doctor. In Gilula's case, the doc-

tor was Goodwin. "Egged on by this unique individual, my staff and I jumped through a lot of hoops" to get Gilula the drug he wanted, Goodwin said.

Goodwin and his staff did about 100 hours of extra work - much of it paperwork — to procure Onyx 015. Gilula said he owes his life both to the drug and to Goodwin.

The FDA says it gets hundreds of applications like Gilula's — one doctor, one patient - every year. Each one is reviewed individually.

"We have to know about every human being who is getting an unapproved drug," said Patty

tor of the FDA's cancer liaison program.

Rarer are so-called large-scale, expanded access programs, Delaney said. If demand for a particular experimental drug becomes unusually strong, pharmaceutical companies occasionally establish "expanded access" programs that dispense the drug to hundreds or thousands of patients.

The largest of these programs in recent years was for Iressa, a cancer drug that showed great promise in early trials for treatment of lung cancer.

"We had calls from congressmen, we had calls from leading businessmen, heads of state in different parts of the world," Carver said. "They wanted access to this drug under compassionate

In response, the company established an expanded access program in 2000. By the time the drug was approved in May 2003, more than 20,000 people had received the drug through the program, Carver said.

But not everyone who wanted the drug got it.

In 2001, Frank Burroughs' daughter Abigail was dying of throat cancer, and **Burroughs believed Iressa** might help. But the drug had only been tested in cancer, and lung AstraZeneca wouldn't give the drug to patients with other cancers.

"It was an extremely difficult decision for us,"

Delaney, associate direc- Carver said. "We would have loved to have been able to allow access, but we also had to look at the bigger group" of present and future lung cancer patients.

Abigail Burroughs died in June 2001, and five months later her father founded the Abigail Alliance, a nonprofit organization, to lobby for broader access to experimental drugs.

Steve Walker's wife died in June 2003. He had managed to get her onto Eloxatin and Erbitux at various times, but he could never get a steady supply of the experimental drugs.

"We never got what we needed when we needed it," he said.

Since his wife's death, Walker has helped **Burroughs lobby the FDA** to expand dying patients' access to experimental drugs. But other cancer advocacy groups have been wary, arguing that the proposal could slow the clinical trials process, hampering both the scientific understanding of new drugs and their ultimate approval by the FDA.

Walker thinks Abigail Alliance's proposal has not been more popular because those who might benefit from it are in no position to lobby for the cause.

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"These terminal cancer patients are completely underrepresented in the system and they die," he said. "They don't live long enough to form a politically powerful group.'



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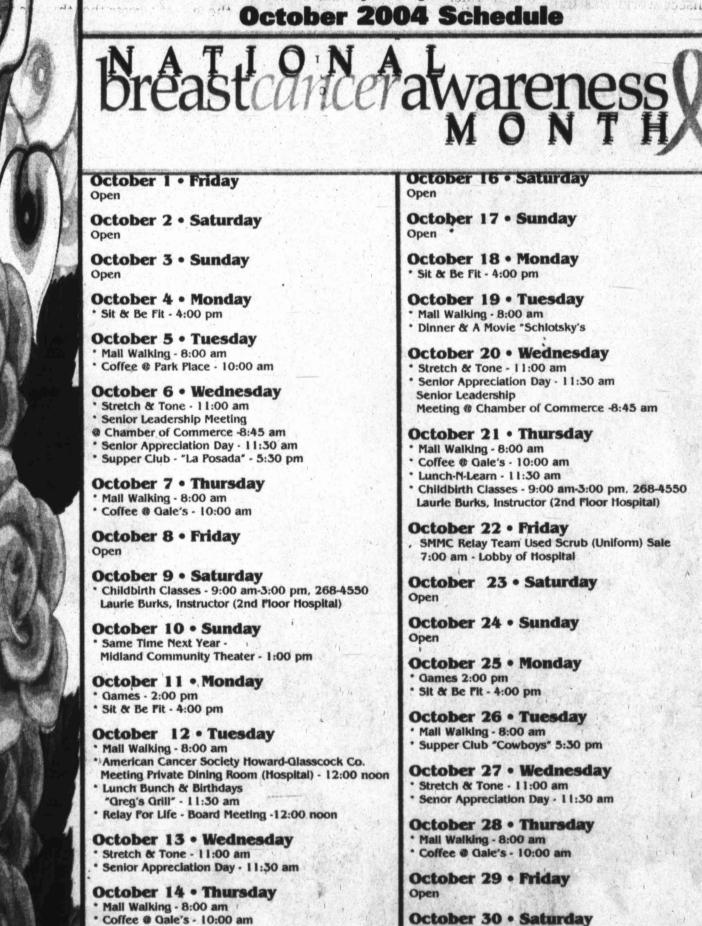
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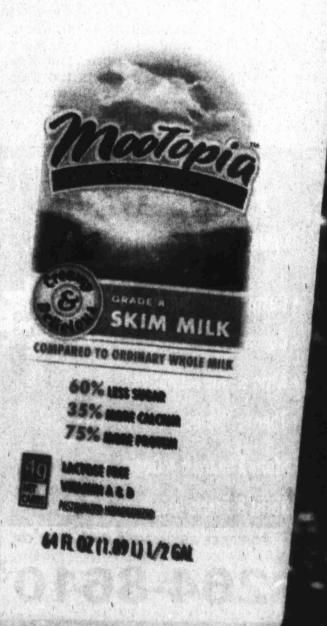
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a.m. There will be an ace pot, CTP's, \$100 added to the purse and 100 percent payout in all divisions.

Entry fees - depending on level - range from \$15-\$35.

Juniors get a free disc and each division must have four players.

For more information, call Greg Brooks at 267-6335 or 267-1465.

Gaines County Golf Course sets scramble

The Gaines County Solf Course will host and over (comage) two-man scramble Oct. 16-17.

The event will start with a shotgun each day at 2:00 p.m. The cost will be \$65 plus cart. The entry fee includes lunch Saturday, green fees and range balls.

For more information, call the Gaines County Golf Course at 432-758-3808.

LULAC softball tourney set for Oct.

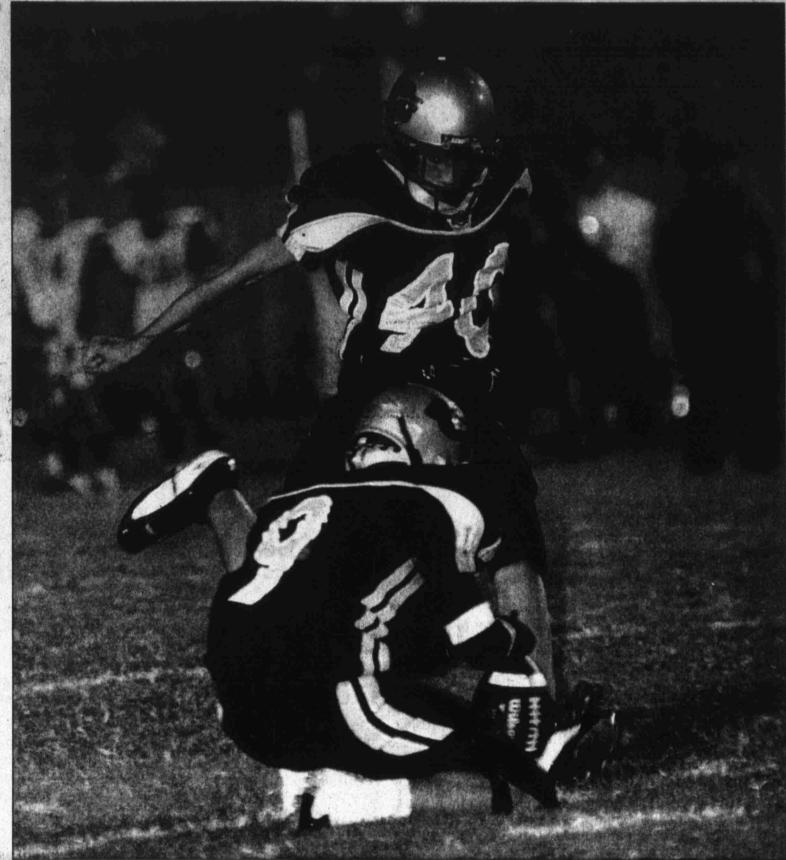
La Raza Unida hosted by LULAC chapter 4791 will host a softball tournament at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park Oct. 15-16.

The entry fee will be \$110 and the deadline for entry is Oct. 13.

The first place team will receive trophies. Tshirts and hats. The second place team will get trophies and hats, while third place will take home a plaque and T-shirts.

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SPRING HERALD Steers' two-point try in overtime falls short



Big Spring kicker Scott Fankhauser approaches the ball during the second quarter of Big Spring's one-point overtime loss to San Angelo Central Friday at Memorial Stadium. Fankhauser's kick in the second quarter missed, but his 26-yard field goal in the third quarter tied the game at 10-10.

Six-man showdown ends in Bearkat rout

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The showdown between two up-and-coming sixman football teams was hardly that Friday night in front of a standing room only crowd in Midland.

Midland Trinity, which came into Friday night 5-0 and ranked No. 1 among private six-man schools, scored first, but 11thranked Garden City, which plays in the public six-man division, got the first and final laugh.

Trinity opened the scoring at Coombes Field in Midland Friday with a 23yard touchdown pass from Nathan Midkiff to Luke Hoffman.

However, the Bearkats wrapped off 53 straight points en route to the blowout and surprising 45-point mercy rule victo-

"It was our best defensive effort of the season,' said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "We wanted to try to wear them down and I think they eventually just got tired and frustrated."

The defense needed to be at the top of its game because Trinity featured one of the best six-man running backs in the state in Matt Roam. Roam was averaging nearly 275 yards per game entering the game Friday, but the Bearkat defense held him



HERALD photo/Bruce School Garden City senior Trey Hillger lunges forward for a few extra yards during the Bearkats' homecoming win Sept. 24 against El Paso Jesus Chapel. The 11th-ranked Bearkats defeated Midland Trinity, the six-man private school's No. 1 team, Friday in Midland.

to just 106 yards on 24 carries and did not allow end of the first half.

And in return, senior Trey Hillger showed Trinity that he deserves some recognition after posting 166 yards on 18 carries, all while scoring four touchdowns - two each in the second and

third quarters.

"We mainly tried to be him to reach the end very wide conscious," zone. Roam had only one said Hoskins. "Roam wasrun of over eight yards - n't effective when he dida 31-yard jaunt near the n't have a lot of holes to run through.

We put a new defensive scheme in this week for Trinity and I think it caught them off guard and forced them to do things they didn't want to do."

The Bearkats opening See BEARKATS, Page 2B

Trinity's lone touchdown. Sophomore quarterback Alex Halfmann hooked up with Colton Schwartz on a 28-yard pass play with 1:36 to play in the first period.

score came right after

Then, Garden City put together back-to-back 19 point quarters before closing the game out early in the fourth quarter.

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor **BIG SPRING** — Another overtime decision was made by Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler Friday at Memorial Stadium against Class San Angelo Central.

Only this decision the decision to go for two and the win - did not work as well as it did three weeks ago on the road at Hereford as the Steers fell to the Bobcats 17-16 at home, halting a two-game win streak.

Three weeks ago, the Steers defeated Hereford on the road, 15-14, after converting the two-point conversion in overtime.

Both defenses dominated much of the game by forcing turnovers and creating chances for the offenses, but neither team was able to cash in on its chances.

"I was extremely proud of the way our guys played," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "The defense played extremely well tonight. We just need to take advantage when the other team turns the ball over. The opportunities for us are there though.

"On defense, we tried to bring several players from everywhere and I think that might have confused them a little

Neither team reached the end zone in the first quarter, but the Steers ended the first frame at the Bobcats two-yard line.

And two plays into the second quarter, Spring junior quarterback Andy Lasater lunged past the goal line from one-yard to give his team the early lead.

Central answered back though with a 19-yard field goal by Ryan Smith and Michael Ussery twoyard run, taking a 10-7 advantage at halftime.

Big Spring tied the score in the third quarter with a 26-yard field goal freshman Scott Fankhauser.

The final scoring of the game came in overtime. Both teams did not take long to reach the end zone as the Bobcats marched 25 yards in four plays, while the Steers needed just three. The Bobcats scored on a 15yard run by Patrick Nava and the Steers crossed the line on a diving touchdown by Lasater on a run that covered 18 yards.

The difference in the game was an extra point. Central kicked one after its touchdown and Big Spring went for the win and failed to convert.

"I don't want us to play conservative," Butler. "I wanted to go for the win and we did. Unfortunately, we couldn't make it happen tonight."

Lasater scored Big Spring's only touchdowns, but also lost three fumbles and threw one interception.

"Andy's coming along," said Butler. "He just needs to get two hands on the ball. If you take away

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Midland Trinity

the turnovers by our team we thought we should have won the game.'

The Big Spring offense outgained Central 311-130. However, they also had

three more turnovers and had only its two punts blocked.

"The offense did some good

CLEMONS things tonight, but we are still making silly mistakes,"

said Butler. "The unit is just iffy at times." Central had two chances to

win the game in CASTILLO regulation

by two 44-yard field goal attempts by Smith, but were unsuccessful. Big Spring's Fankhauser also missed a field goal.

Another bright spot for the Steers came in the penalty department. Big Spring committed just two for 15 yards.

"The guys were very disciplined as far as penalties go," said Butler. "I am proud of the way the guys fought until the

end."

Lasater led the Steers with 112 rushing yards and 109 yards through the air. He scored twice on touchdown runs, including the one in overtime. He was 13-for-26 passing with one interception.

Taviance Senior Clemons carried the ball 13 times for 74 yards, while junior Alex Castillo led all receivers with six catches for 58 yards. Senior Jerry Doporto hauled in five passes for 33 yards. Senior J. Rich Sparks, junior LeCarnly Cross and Clemons all caught one pass, as well.

Central was led by Patrick Nava's 47 yards on 11 carries.

Big Spring (2-3) will try its luck next week against another team from San Angelo as the Steers host rival Lake View for their District 4-4A opener at Memorial Stadium. It is the team's homecoming contest.

The Steers finish their non-district season with two wins, but could have easily had four. But, that doesn't seem to bother Butler.

"I am not concerned with how many wins we have at this point," he added. "I just want to make sure that we are ready for district action. And I think we are physically ready to go. We now just want to move along to district because we all feel like we can do some damage."



Big Spring senior Steven Heffington, left, gets some help from a teammate in bringing down San Angelo Central's Michael Ussery Friday at Memorial Stadium during the Steers' 17-16 overtime loss. The loss drops Big Spring to 2-3 on the sea-

BEARKATS

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Hillger then scored on runs of three and 33 yards before Dusty Walker pulled in his first touchdown catch of the year on a 14-yard pass play from Halfmann.

Hillger started the second half off with touchdown runs of 17 and four yards in the third quarter. Then, Halfmann beat Trinity with his legs.

scampering 40 yards for the score to put the Bearkats up 46-8.

The game-ending touchdown, due to the 45-point rule, was scored on a seven-yard run by Colby Hirt with 9:56 still to play.

"I felt we could score points and win the game, but I didn't expect a game like this," said Hoskins. "Our defense stepped up and got it done."

The Bearkats got 12 more first downs than Trinity and outgained

them offensively 486-195. They also won the turnover battle after forcing Trinity into three, while committing zero.

"The turnover situation was probably the biggest key for us," said Hoskins. Halfmann gained 106 yards on five carries with

one touchdown, while going 8-for-11 through the air for 171 yards and two touchdowns The Bearkats were led

in receiving by Schwartz. who caught three passes for 57 yards and the touchdown. He also had nine tackles on defense.

Wade Machicek led the defense with 11 tackles and one fumble recovery, while Hirt and Taylor Niehues pitched in with nine tackles and one interception, respectively. "It was a good team

The Bearkats only punted on their first possession. Coming into Friday, Trinity hadn't lost and never trailed.

effort," said Hoskins.

This win ends the Bearkats' non-district schedule. Garden City opens District 8-six man competition next Friday at rival Robert Lee (1-4).

"It is a rivalry game and we are going to have to be ready to play," said Hoskins.

Hawks rodeo team steps it up

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor After running into a little bit of the freshman jitters two weekends ago at Eastern New Mexico University, the Howard College rodeo team got things rolling Thursday

n d Friday during the first round at Sul Ross University in Alpine. "I think

we had the O'DONNELL

freshman jitters the first week and I am very glad to be past that," said head coach Greg Kernick.

Sophomore Danny McDowell has posted the best finish thus far after scoring 84 points in the bull riding event, which is currently holding down first place.

Four participants in the

steer wrestling event are scored 65 points. also in the top-five. Freshman Juan Alcazar is currently second after posting a time of 4.4 seconds, while freshman

J e d Headley n d Wayne Sheffeld split fourth, fifth and sixth with another

All opponent. three wrestlers posted times of 4.8 seconds.

The Hawks had three other first round runs that were good enough to place them in the top-10.

Freshman Patrick Bellis scored an 11.4 in calf roping, while freshman Jeremy Russell competed in the saddle bronc and The other top-10 run

happened in the team roping competition. Freshman Sloan Smallwood and sopho-Cody Heiner's 4.6 second more Ryan O'Donnell run put him in third turned in a 7.8 second place overall. Freshmen performance Thursday,

which was good enough for sixth through the first round. Also performing the in team rop-



ing competition sophomore Anna and freshman Carr Ramona Hendley. The Carr and Hendley duo's first round run was finished in 10.0 seconds. which is currently out of the top-10.

"Things are going good right now for the most part," said Kernick.



HERALD photo/Bruce School

Garden City sophomore Jared Bradford eyes an oncoming pass during the Bearkats' homecoming game against El Paso Jesus Chapel last Friday, Sept. 24.

District 4-4A District School Overall Frenship 3-2 **Plainview** 0-0 3-2 **Big Spring** 2-3 Andrews 2-3 Lake View 0-0 2-3 0-0

District 4-2A		
School	District	Overall
Colorado City	0-0	3-2
Stanton	0-0	1-4
Coahoma	0-0	1-4
Hawley	0-0	1-4
Stamford	0-0	1-4
Anson	0-0	1-4

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District 10-1A		
School	District	Overall
Roby	2-0	4-2
Winters	1-0	4-1
Roscoe	1-0	4-1
Bronte	1-1	3-3
Sterling City	1-1	2-4
Hermleigh	0-2	1-5
Forsan	0-2	0-6

AREA FOOTBALL **STANDINGS**

District 5-six man		
School	District	Overall
Loop	0-0	3-1
Sands	0-0	2-3
Wellman-Ur	nion 0-0	1-3
Dawson	0-0	1-4
Klondike	0-0	1-3
Grady	0-0	1-4

District 8-six man			
School	District	Overall	
Garden City	0-0	4-1	
Water Valley	0-0	2-3	
Robert Lee	0-0	1-4	
Paint Rock	0-0	1-4	
Blackwell	0-0	1-4	
Veribest	0-0	0-5	



Big Spring seniors Paige Gainey and Billy Bazes were crowned band sweetheart and beau, respectively, Friday night at the Big Spring football game. The honor goes to one senior male and female band member each year.

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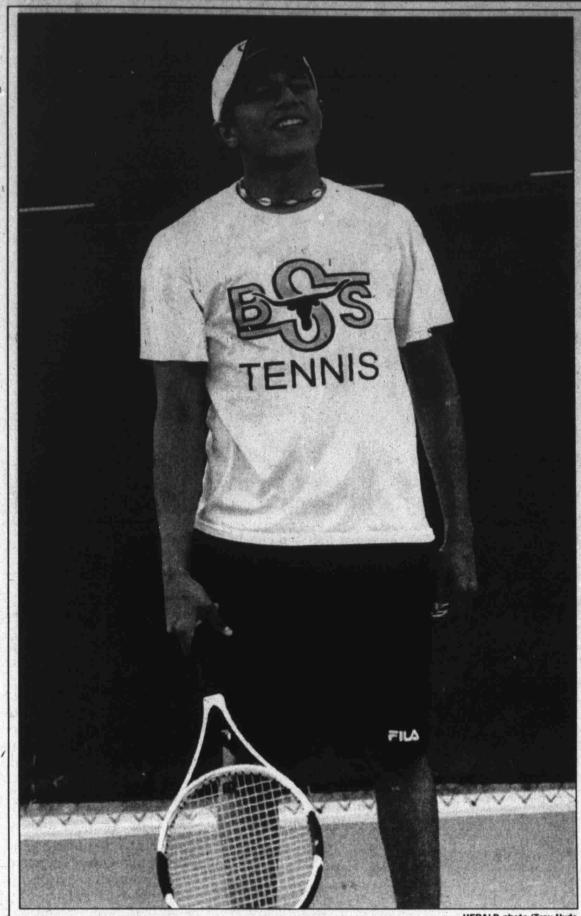
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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde Big Spring freshman Ryan Gonzales looks up in anger over a misplay of a ball during the Steers' loss against Midland Sept. 21. Big Spring took on district rival Frenship

Eagles shut down Forsan, 34-0

Saturday, but final results were unavailable at press time.

By TROY HYDE Sports Editor

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Five turnovers and a three-touchdown performance by Sterling City's Chris Gooks doomed the Forsan football team Friday against the Eagles of Sterling City. The Buffaloes were unable to get their first win of the season, losing 34-0.

The Eagles scored eight return. points apiece in the first and second quarter before '11 first downs to Sterling p.m. at 7:30 p.m.

tallying 18 points in the third frame en route to the shut out win. Neither team scored in the fourth quarter.

Gooks' first touchdown came with 2:28 to play in the first quarter. He scored on a nine-yard run. Then, he added an 85-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and began the third quarter with an 85-yard kick-off

The Buffaloes picked up

City's 10, but the Eagles outgained Forsan 379 to 234. Sterling City garnered 284 rushing yards, while Forsan amassed 198 rushing yards.

The loss drops Forsan's district record to 0-2, while Sterling City improved to 1-

The Buffaloes will try to get back on track next Friday as they host district rival Bronte for the school's 2004 homecoming game.

Japan's Ichiro breaks season hit record at Ameriquest Field

By JIM ARMSTRONG

Associated Press Writer TOKYO Ichiro Suzuki brightened a dismal baseball season in Japan.

His countrymen celebrated Suzuki's recordbreaking hit Saturday when the Seattle Mariners outfielder broke George Sisler's 84-year-old major league mark for hits in a season.

Suzuki chopped a leadoff single in the first inning against the Texas Rangers at Safeco Field to tie Sisler, then made history with a grounder up the middle in the third his 258th hit of the sea-

"He's incredible," said Shigeru Uchida, who joined other fans in front of a downtown Tokyo electronics store that was showing the game on TV. "Baseball is America's game and for him to go over there and do that is truly amazing."

It was about noon local time when fans gathered at sports bars throughout the nation's capital and at the city hall in Suzuki's hometown in Aichi prefecture to watch the game played Friday night in Seattle.

"I would like to give him my heartfelt congratulations," Japanese

Prime Minister Junichiro every last at-bat for the Koizumi said. "He has made extra efforts in addition to having a natural gift."

Suzuki has long been admired in Japan for qualities many in the country consider to be quintessentially Japanese - a scrappy, hard worker who beats out infield hits, does his duty without complaint or fuss, and displays excellence in all areas of the game.

"You can tell how happy and proud I am just by looking at me," said father, Suzuki's Nobuyuki. "The tears just won't stop flowing."

With the merger of Suzuki's former team the Orix BlueWave — and a subsequent players' strike that lasted two days, it's been a gloomy baseball season in Japan.

Japan finished a disappointing third in baseball at the Olympics with a team of stars from the professional leagues who were supposed to bring home the gold.

In March, legendary former player and manager Shigeo Nagashima suffered a stroke that prevented him from going to Athens.

But Suzuki's assault on Sisler's record, which has been followed down to

past month, has given Japanese baseball fans something to feel good about.

"There has been a lot of bad news in the baseball world here this year," office worker Yayoi Sugaya said. "Ichiro has given us a reason to be happy and proud and is living proof that hard work pays off."

Players who faced Suzuki over the years in Japan were impressed.

"He's definitely the greatest hitter in baseball," said Yomiuri Giants outfielder Tuffy Rhodes, who played against Suzuki when the two were in the Pacific League. "From the first time I saw him, it was obvious to me that he wanted to play in the major leagues."

While playing for the BlueWave, Suzuki won seven straight Pacific League batting titles before signing with the Mariners.

He holds the Japanese season record for hits with 210 in 1994.

Other Japanese players such as Hideo Nomo and Hideki Matsui have succeeded in the majors but none to the extent Suzuki

Odessa's Williams adjusts well, dominates in NFL style

AP Sports Writer DETROIT - With a sprinter's speed, soft high-jumper's hops and a 6-foot-3, 212pound body. Detroit Lions rookie receiver Roy Williams is having his way with NFL defenses.

His four touchdown catches trail only Terrell Owens and Randy Moss and he's among league leaders with 277 yards receiving on 17 recep-

Williams has turned heads each week with highlight-worthy playsfingertip catches with dragging feet in the end zone and acrobatic, onehanded grabs.

He is a major reason Detroit has earned some respect— winning two of its first three games for the first time since 2000after being a joke the past three years with an NFLhigh 38 losses.

While many have been impressed that Williams is off to a dominant start, he is not the least bit surprised.

"Man, I'm a football player," he said. "This is what I do, and this is what I've always done."

The Lions would probably be done without him. Like most NFL teams, they have been hit hard by injuries.

Detroit has been without linebacker Boss Bailey since training camp; receiver Charles Rogers and cornerback Dre' Bly since the opener; and its starting backfield of Kevin Jones and Cory Schlesinger along with a third cornerback were injured in last week's loss against Philadelphia:

The Lions have a bye before playing Oct. 10 at and Steve Atlanta, Mariucci is grateful for the break.

"We can use the time to get people healthy," he said.

The Lions traded down one spot in the draft to take Williams seventh overall in exchange for Cleveland's No. 37 pick, which they used to get back into the first round to take Jones.

Lions president and general manager Matt Millen finally earned

praise for the savvy move he's started. That might because two years after drafting quarterback Joey Harrington and one year after taking receiver Charles Rogers, his slowdeveloping plan was taking shape.

But Rogers broke his collarbone again—ending his second straight season— at Chicago, where Detroit ended its NFLrecord road losing streak. And Jones might miss a month with a sprained ankle.

That makes Williams' start even more impressive.

Teams know Harrington wants to get Williams the ball and so far, they haven't been able to do much about it.

Late in the first half Philadelphia, against Harrington threw four straight passes Williams- for 18, 22, 11 and 12 yards- the last giving Detroit its first points.

"He's awesome," Eagles linebacker Ike Reese said. "I thought back in April they drafted two studs when they took him and Kevin Jones. If they can ever get Charles Rogers healthy, they'll have one of the best trios of skill guys in the league in a couple years for Harrington to work with."

Owens said Williams is going to be a great receiv-

"You can tell he's a spark plug, a real playmaker for that team," he "With Charles said. Rogers going down, somebody had to step up and obviously he's doing it."

Williams attacks the middle of the field on slants and crossing patterns, runs crisp outs and posts, and displays his blazing speed on deep patterns. The NFL offensive rookie of the month has caught most balls thrown in his vicinity.

"He already has a lot of skill," Texans cornerback Aaron Glenn said after facing Williams. "He's a big guy who likes to shield with his body."

If Jones doesn't come back to give Detroit a running threat soon, Williams might find it tougher keep up the pace

create more opportunities for Az-Zahir Hakim and Tai Street, two veterans good enough to make defenses regret ignoring

But the focus will still be on Williams, who was a four-year standout for the Texas Longhorns after becoming a smalltown legend in Odessa,

Besides excelling on the football field and basketball court, Williams set a state record in the long jump with a leap of 25 feet, 6 inches and finished in the top three at the state meet in the high jump (6-10) and the 100 meters (10.48 seconds).

Williams even got a bit part in a movie based on the book "Friday Night Lights," which chronicled a football season at Odessa Permian, his high school in western Texas.

He plays an assistant coach for the rival school in the film- starring Billy Bob Thorntonscheduled to be released nationwide later this month.

"The toughest thing about it was I had to wear a Midland Lee shirt and that's like me wearing Oklahoma Williams said. "I had only one line, but it was a good experience."

While Williams is excited about his big-screen debut, he's more eager to play the game in real life after the bye week.

"We've got a tough stretch ahead us with Atlanta, Green Bay, New York (Giants), Dallas, Washington," he said, reciting the upcoming schedule off the top of his head. "We can't be com? placent with an OK start of the season."

Mariucci said Williams made a smart move by not jumping at his first opportunity to play in the

"I think that the fact that he stayed in school for his senior year gave him some maturity and development." some Mariucci said. "I think he grew up a little bit and matured some. When he came here, the game didn't seem to be too big for him."



Junior Jordan Sanchez, right, performs with the rest of the Big Spring band during time of the Steers' one-point overtime loss Friday to San Angelo Central.

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 1.2-feet low. Black bass are good on shad-colored soft plastics along structure and black/blue jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water stained in upper 1/3 of lake; 79 degrees; 8.5-feet low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits and big jigs at 5- to 10-foot depths near rocky areas and flooded vegetation line. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows suspended 12' to 14-foot near derricks. White bass are good on shallow flats 3- to 8'-foot on shad-imitation crankbaits and jigs with inline spinners. Blue catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits in the upper lake. All boats ramps open.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 85 degrees; 6.8-feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 84 degrees; 9.75-feet low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 17.3'-feet low. Black bass are good on shad-colored crankbaits and watermelon red soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on jigs and live bait. Catfish are good on live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees. Black bass are fair on dark jigs and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 27-feet low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 29.1-feet low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, green pumpkin and black neon soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 80 degrees; 1.7-feet low. Black bass are fair at 5to 10-foot depth along vegetation line. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair on live shad or sunfish fished vertically around Stump Patch and Hell's Gate areas in early morning.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 83 degrees; 62.1-feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 5.1'-feet low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 31.3-feet low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on small crankbaits. Catfish are fair on live baits.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; 23-feet low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits and dark jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 79 degrees; .3-feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and Hybrid stripers are fair on large minnows and white Road Runner jigs along dam early and late in day.



Blg Spring cheerleaders enjoy a laugh during the Steers' one-point overtime loss to San Angelo Central at Memorial Stadium Friday.

Coaching legends find tough times in new NFL

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

Almost two decades ago, when the NFL changed its rules to start the play clock immediately after the previous play ended, Joe Gibbs was one of the change's fiercest opponents. "I won't be able to get my offensive guys on and off the field quickly enough," he said at the

During Gibbs' dozen years out of football, the 45 seconds that Gibbs opposed so strongly was shortened to 40. It's one of the many small things to Washington's which new/old coach must adjust, and it might have cost him a game Monday

timeouts on offense early contracts — Parcells'

had none when they desperately needed them during a last-minute rally.

That's one reason why an Internet poll that asked before Monday night's Cowboys Redskins game whether Gibbs or Bill Parcells would win a Super Bowl sooner should have had a third option: "Neither."

Because that's the most likely answer.

Two of the three best coaches of the 1980s (Bill Walsh was the other) are unlikely to win an NFL title in the 21st century because when (if) Dallas and Washington are ready to move into the NFL's elite, they probably will be retired again. Each is 63 and who knows The Redskins used two if they will finish their

in the second half and expires after 2006 season and Gibbs' goes through 2008. "You know the end is

> near," Parcells says in an interview taped for Sunday's "60 Minutes." "I really do know it, so I can enjoy it more. I am

> enjoying it a lot more than I did and I'm not beating myself up quite as much.' But even if they stick it

> out, there's no indication the owners they work for are ready to win, especially Dan (the Fan) Snyder in Washington, whose free spending on average players will likely leave the Redskins in deep salary cap trouble by 2006. Even a Hall of Fame coach can't do much if he can't get players.

cap-wise and Jerry Jones,

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who ran the team dreadfully for the decade between Jimmy Johnson's departure and his arrival, has given him freedom with personnel decisions. But the Tuna is a better coach than a GM, and after willing Dallas into the playoffs last year he made few moves to upgrade; signing 40-yearold Vinny Testaverde and dumping Quincy Carter, whatever the reason, is not a step forward.

Gibbs was hired by Snyder and was delighted with an owner whose open wallet allowed him to hire almost any assistant he wanted, outbidding several other teams with a seven-figure deal for Gregg Williams, the Parcells has it better former Buffalo coach who runs the defense.

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EMPOWERMENT Domestic Violence CONFIDENTIALITY... All discussions must occur in private, without other family member's present. This is essential to building trust and ensuring PROMOTE her safety **BELIEVE AND ACCESS TO** VALIDATE HER COMMUNITY **EXPERIENCES...** Listen to her and believe her. eknowledge her feelings, and SERVICES Know the resources in your ommunity. Is ther a hotline her know she is not alone and shelter for battered Advocacy HELP HER PLAN FOR ACKNOWLEDGE **FUTURE SAFETY...** INJUSTICE... The violence perpetrated against her is not her fault. No one What has she tried in the past to keep herself safe? Is it working? Does she have a place to go if she needs RESPECT HER AUTONOMY... Respect her right to make decisions in her own life, when she is ready. She EMPOWERMENT

Being a Victim Services volunteer provides an opportunity to give back to a community, and to help another person.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Victim Services is taking this opportunity to join with other service organizations to raise awareness, as well as begin a new volunteer training program.

'Our volunteers are like gold to us, they are truly the heartbeat of our organization," said Linda Perez, assistant director and volunteer coordinator for Victim Services.

Part of the effort for the month will be to make the community aware of domestic violence and the need for breaking the cycle of abuse.

"Education helps. As we educate our volunteers, they educate the people around them, so people are aware of our services and know they don't have to go through this alone," she said. To volunteer for Victim Services, contact Perez at 263-3312.

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at life@bigspringherald.com

Training Agenda for **Victim Services Volunteers**

Oct. 25 **Orientation and Definitions**

 Volunteer job descriptions and Victim Services welcome The role of the volunteer,

structure and history of the pro-· Confidentiality, ethics, values

clarification, cases introduction with a film

Oct. 26 — Orientation to Sexual **Assault Issues and Advocacy**

· Offender profile: Adult offender/child victim: teen

offender/adult or child victim · Rape trauma syndrome

 Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

> Oct. 27 **Domestic Violence**

 Definition of abuse, types of abuse, warning signs

 Domestic violence, the cycle, dynamic, phases, why she stays, how can we help

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Oct. 28 **Special Populations**

· Recent and past assaults, secondary victimization, working with significant others, suicide

· Communication skills, telephone skills, problem solving, working with local agencies

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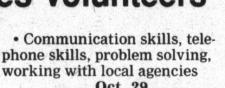
use of program equipment,

Oct. 30 Safe Place

· Tour shelter in Midland. evidence, role of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE nurse), rape kit, protocol, basic anatomy, sexually transmitted diseases, date rape drugs, birth control, abortion, medical

Training requires a total of 40 hours, 5:30 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 5:30 to 8:30; 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday; 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday; and 9 a.m.

In addition, volunteers must



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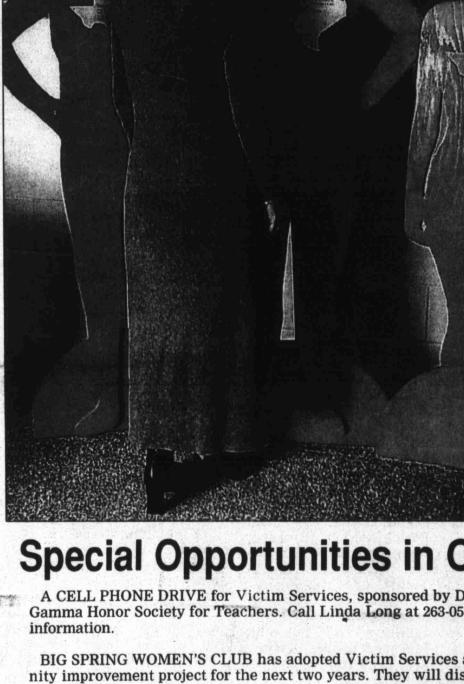
Reporting Documentation

· Program forms, procedures, review of sexual and domestic assault, role play

Scenic Mountain Medical Service. resources

to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

also complete 300 volunteer hours within their first year.



Special Opportunities in October

A CELL PHONE DRIVE for Victim Services, sponsored by Delta Kappa Gamma Honor Society for Teachers. Call Linda Long at 263-0519 for more

BIG SPRING WOMEN'S CLUB has adopted Victim Services as their community improvement project for the next two years. They will distribute purple ribbons with statistical information on domestic violence throughout the city.

SILENT WITNESS SILHOUETTES will be on display in October at the Howard County courthouse, the Martin County courthouse and the Glasscock County courthouse.

Requirements to become a **Victim Services volunteer**

- Complete an interview and screening process
- Complete training
- · Successfully complete
- probationary period · One-year commitment as
- a volunteer · Attend required in-ser-
- vices · Provide crisis intervention for survivors, family
- members and friends Accompany victims to law enforcement agencies, hospital and other service
- Sign-up for two shifts per
- · Report immediately if unable to work shift
- · Pick up and return pager/cell phone on time Arrive at the hospital
- within 15 minutes · Act and dress professionally when interacting with
- victims Discuss any problems with provider, staff volunteer to Director
- Submit case notes by 9

either in person or by telephone

Qualifications for Volunteers

- Able to work as a team member
- Able to accept supervi-
- · Ability to empathize with others
- Good listening skills
- · Must be 18 years of age · Maintain the most strict
- confidentiality

providers and provide supa.m. the next working day, Volunteers serve two 12-hour shifts each month and carry the pager for those shifts. Victim Services serves Howard, Borden, Glasscock, Martin and Mitchell counties.

Local Victimization Statistics for 2003

Child victim of physical abuse - 9 Child victim of sexual abuse - 29 Victim of DUI/DWI - 6 Victim of domestic violence - 135 Adult victim of sexual assault - 8 Elder abuse - 1 Adult molested as a child - 5 Survivors of homicide victim - 3 Robbery - 4 Assault - 10 Violent crime

Hate crime - 1 Other crime victim - 69

The youngest batterer, in the state, who killed his 16 year old girlfriend, was 13, and the oldest was 87.

A total of 282 victims of crimes were served locally in 2003. A total of people 446 individuals were served locally in 2003, including secondary victims, such as family members.

Five Generations



lenna Lee Battle, 2 months old, brings together five generations of family, with her father, jason Battle, grandfather, Roger Battle, great grandmother, Myrtie Lee and great great grandmother, Fabris Moore.

Courtesy pho Five generations for a Big Spring family are, from front left, great great grandmother Mae Ward, newest family member Kaleb Wilson, great grandmother Dolores Carpenter, back row left, Jason Wilson, father and grandfather Russel McCuistion.



Births

Thomas Hildebrand, a boy, was born Sept. 17, 2004, at 11:45 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. His parents are Thomas and Trisha Hildebrand of San Angelo. His grandparents are Danny and Joyce Murley and John and Janet Lilley of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hildebrand of New Braunfels. He was welcomed home by big sister Lindsey.

sela Yvonne Sandate, a girl, was born Sept. **2**6, 2004, at 10:37 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 7 Lilia and Ivan Sandate. Her grandparents are Raul Hernandez, Esperanza Silva, Alberto Sandate and Ruth Cano.

Quinn donis Snake Hurrington. boy, was born Sept. 25, 2004, at 8:51 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Moshae Hurrington and Marcus

Gray. His grandparents are Pamela Palmer and Mary Ann Gray Tibidaux.

raden Matthew Terry, a boy, was born Sept 26, 2004, at 6:36 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Neiman Ferguson and John Terry. His grandparents are April and Dale Ferguson of Big Spring and Becky and Arnold Terry of Midland.

Mercedes Muniz, a girl, was born Sept. 23, ounces and was 19 1/4 2004, at 11:30 a.m. weighinches long. Her parents ing 4 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Her parents are Crystal Ramirez and Ernesto Muniz. grandparents are Lisa Blatchford, Richard Ramirez, Betty Muniz and Yolanda and Israel Muniz, all of Big Spring. Her great grandparents are Edward Ramirez and Benita and Daniel Marquez of Big Spring and Ernestina Gaitan of Sterling City.

Who's Who

Odessa College

Carrie Michelle Watson of Big Spring was among the 2004 graduates from Odessa College. She graduated with an associate degree in applied science.

West Texas A&M University

Leslie Phinny, a senior general business major from Coahoma, is among the eight West Texas A&M University students who will receive the 2004

A special tour for a special event

Zeta Tau Alpha (ZTA) Academic Achievement Fund awards in conjunction with the annual observance of ZTA's Founders Day, Oct. 14.

University

State University Stillwater, Okla.

Oklahoma State

Bandy Joe Lee Rollins of Big Spring received a bachelor of science degree in secondary education from Oklahoma in

Menus

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Hamburger steak, noodles, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Turkey sandwiches, potato soup, fruited gelatin, milk, cake.

WEDNESDAY-Bar-b-q chicken, potato salad, beans, cornbread, milk, chocolate pie.

THURSDAY-Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk, cornbread, fruited gelatin.

FRIDAY-Catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, milk, cornbread, fruit.

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BREAKFAST MONDAY-Ham & egg snack, pears, milk.

TUESDAY-Cereal, sausage link, juice, milk. WEDNESDAY-French toast stick, syrup, yogurt, sliced pineapple, milk.

THURSDAY- Cereal, strawberry bar, juice,

FRIDAY-Pancake stick, syrup, mixed fruit, milk.

LUNCH MONDAY-Sausage

pizza, potato rounds, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken pattie, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, grapes, roll, milk. WEDNESDAY-Taco,

salad, refried beans, Spanish rice, pears, milk. THURSDAY-Fish strips, mac & cheese, blackeyed peas, mandarin oranges, hushpuppies, milk.

FRIDAY-Chili cheese dog, potato chips, ranch style beans, strawberry banana bar, milk.

COAHOMA ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Pancake. syrup, ham, apple juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Biscuits. apple juice, gravy, sausage.

WEDNESDAY-Donuts, ham, applesauce, milk. THURSDAY- Waffles, ham, orange juice, milk.

FRIDAY-French toast, sausage, grape juice, milk. LUNCH

MONDAY-Tacos corndogs, pinto beans. salad, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti or ham sandwich, salad, corn, rolls, pears, milk.

THURSDAY-Quesadilla or burritos, baked beans, mixed fruit cups, milk. FRIDAY-Pizza, straw-

berries, salad, milk.

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BREAKFAST **MONDAY-Donuts TUESDAY-Muffins** WEDNESDAY

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FRIDAY-Poptarts LUNCH

MONDAY-Hamburgers, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes,

TUESDAY-Bar-b-q ribs, potato salad, ranch style beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese chalupas, salad,

corn, oranges, milk. THURSDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, blackeyed peas, sliced potatoes,

FRIDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, corn, salad, batterbread, fruit,

rolls, fruit, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Cereal, sausage & bacon, biscuits, jelly, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Pancake pups, syrup, cereal, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY -Blueberry muffins, cereal, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk. FRIDAY-Sausage bacon, biscuits, jelly, cereal, juice, milk. LUNCH

MONDAY-Pizza, etable salad, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY-Bar-b-que on bun, corn, salad w/veggie dippers, ranch dressing, apple, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos, salsa, salad fixings, Spanish rice, pear halves, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bis-

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WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Cheese toast, scrambled egg patty, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice.

FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk. LUNCH

MONDAY-Bar-b-q riblet/bun or chicken patty/bun, French fries, sandwich salad, orange slices, pickle spears.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli/cheese, peaches, hot rolls.

WEDNESDAY-Pepperoni pizza or pizza cheese sticks, garden salad, apple.

THURSDAY-Cheese nachos or baked potato, refried beans, salad, pineapple, cornbread.

FRIDAY-Beef stew or grilled cheese sandwich, potato puffs, stuffed celery, fruit cocktail, crack-

Newcomers

Patricia Roberts and sons Jason and Markus. all formerly of Elk Grove, Calif. She owns and operates Jazzy's.

Houston. She is employed Coldwell Bankers Ellen Phillips.

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Brett Kinnan, wife both employed by the VA Leslie and daughter McKinzie, formerly of New Port, Ark. He is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Pam Lefler, formerly of Center,

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In the Military

Navy Seaman Matthew Ham

Navy Seaman Matthew lam, a 2004 graduate of Coahoma High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes,

Marine Corps Pvt. Ysa P. Rubio Jr.

Marine Corps Pvt. Ysa P. Rubio Jr., son of Jaunita Porras Leander and Ysa M. Rubio Sr. of Big Spring, recently completed basic training with honors at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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the clutter, you help VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Explore anything that interests you. With your organizational skills and willingness to see a project through to the end, you should be able to master any skill you want to learn. All you need is to find the right teacher.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Are you still holding onto something from last season that's really outlived its usefulness? Face it: marches whether you're ready or not. Change your tires, your storm windows, your motor oil and your

attitude. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Things are moving behind the scenes that you don't understand. If you've been beating yourself up over something, it's time to let yourself off

Dear Seeking Peace:

Yes, neighbors should try

to tolerate the little

things, but anything that

keeps your neighbors

awake, night after night,

is not a "little thing." If

you are doing that, please

start calling your cat

home earlier in the

evening so that you aren't

younger brother that he

21). When you clear out You're just the person to the hook. People are too wrapped up in their own dramas to pay close attention anyway.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You gave in to the urge to splurge, and now, you're feeling the pinch. Your generosity is legendary, but now is not the time to dole out financial aid to loved ones looking for handouts. Instead, help them help themselves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Failure is an event, not a person. Remember that the next time you feel the need to criticize. We all have our weaknesses. Consider yourself lucky if someone loves you in spite of

return the favor. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get out into your yard or garden, and get to work. Raking, pruning and pulling weeds can be mentally therapeutic after

yours, and then, try to

spending your whole day behind a desk. It's also a pretty good workout if you give it your full attention.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Something or someone near and dear to your heart could be going away, but love and good fortune will be returned to you threefold. Whether it's a child off to college or a project you've shepherded, letting go is hard but necessary.

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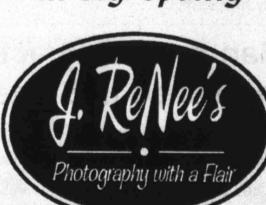
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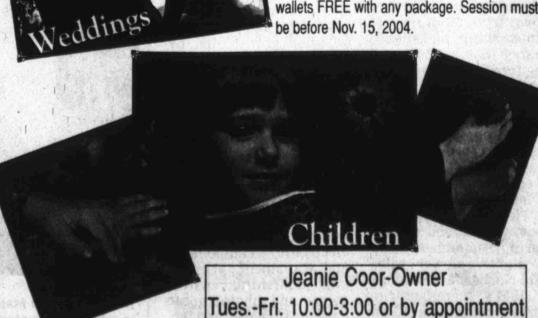
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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: I have been married for over 25 years to the same man. "Phil" has never been much of a talker, but for the past year or two, he's told me nothing at all. And I do

mean nothing. People have passed away, and I would find out from the person's family a month or two later. They would say, "We told Phil." But of course, Phil didn't tell ME. Or if someone has a problem at his job or with a family member, Phil never tells me if he spoke to them or not. Then when I see the person in question, I'll be told about the confrontation and the great advice Phil gave. Of

course, I look totally stu-I am tired of being kept in the dark about this man's life, his thoughts, relationships and day-today existence. I tell Phil everything because he is my partner and I respect his opinion. He, on the other hand, has no problem saying "I love you," but he confides in the dog

more than me. Any ideas on what to do? - Frustrated in

Denver Dear Denver: Since this is a fairly recent development, it's possible Phil's memory isn't as retentive as it used to be. By the time he sees you, he's probably forgotten these episodes. Would it help to prod him a bit? ("Did you

run into anyone we know today?") Either way, you ought to mention to Phil how much this bothers you, and ask him to try harder to keep you in the loop. If that doesn't help, we advise letting it slide. If friends are surprised that you didn't know something, simply say, "Oh,



someone in need and help

the environment, too.

What could be more per-

fect? Recycle, donate your

old clothes and appli-

ances, or plant a tree.

Choose a good deed that

CANCER (June 22-July

22). Got the blahs?

Indulge in comforts of all

kinds, especially foods. A

hearty, healthful stew of

squash and onions should

be just the thing to warm

your heart. Get cozy with

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A

friend or special someone

may be in need of your

assistance and not even

know it. Listen to your

inner voice. Is there

someone in your social

circle who could be

drawn out of a blue mood?

carrots,

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fits your style.

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loved ones, too.

KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

you know Phil. He must have forgotten to tell me."

my cat loudly and often. neighbor, but I wouldn't stop calling my cat for anyone. The only safe place for my cat overnight is in my house. These same neighbors would undoubtedly complain if the cat was in their yard, leaving paw prints on their cars or digging at their plants. You'd think they would

and slow to call the police. - Also Seeking Peace in West Chester,

hollering out the windows at midnight. Everyone will be grateful. Dear Annie: My wife was once told by her

Dear Annie: I had to respond to "Seeking Some Peace and Quiet," who complained that her neighbor, "Mrs. Jones," calls for her cat quite loudly at all hours of the ever did. We also aren't day and night. My neigh- certain about the state. It bors could have written that letter, because my name IS Mrs. Jones and I do the same thing. I call

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I don't become angry with my neighbors when they rev their engines early in the morning or blow their leaf clippings in the street, or when their teenagers noisily stroll in at 2 a.m. Considerate neighbors tolerate the little things, are quick with a smile

had opened two bank accounts in California in the early '90s, one for each of her young children. He passed away a few years ago, and we don't know if these accounts still exist, or might have Massachusetts or somewhere else. How can I pursue this matter? -J.M.

Dear J.M.: There is no national database that will track missing bank accounts or assets. You have to go state by state, country by country. Try state treasurer's, comptroller's or governor's office in the most likely states. We also found a helpful Web site www.unclaimedassets.com that provides useful information. Good

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"I tell classes that 90 percent of people live within a block of a vacant house, I don't care what community you're in," says Jane Garvey, shown here at one of her west suburban properties in Chicago, III.

If careful, fixer-uppers can some bring rewards

By MAR UMBERGER

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO - Roger Shiels says he loves to buy, rehab and resell homes in the Beverly neighborhood of Chicago where he lives. But he's not about to quit his day

Much of the gain from his rehabbing sideline has come in the form Hov your accountant." than a fat bank account, said Shiels, a consultant to the gambling industry on regulatory-compliance issues.

"It can be lucrative for the professional," said Shiels, who has rehabbed and resold half a dozen properties, "but I figure I wound up paying myself \$5 an hour" for the hands-on work he invested on some of the homes.

Although some experts advise investors not to do the work themselves, Shiels said that, to the contrary, the construction aspects are part of the attraction.

"I love old houses and I love Beverly," he said. "But Beverly is now priced out of the market for a guy like me."

"It's not something you throw a dart at. You have to line up your financing, talk to real estate agents, to your attorney and

> Mark B. Weiss, stockbroker and author

There are a million ways to go about real estate investment. How is a novice to know? Tips from those who have been there, done

-Finding the properties

"You have to look and look and look," said broker and author Mark B. Weiss. "You have to be thought of."

He means that you have to plant your name in the minds of others who could send you leads lawyers, accountants, neighbors.

"I tell people I know that I'm See REWARDS, Page 5C

looking for properties that show signs of distress," said instructor and investor Jane Garvey, who said aspirants might need to knock on doors and ask owners if they want to sell. Ask neighbors about seemingly vacant properties, she

"I tell classes that 90 percent of people live within a block of a vacant house, I don't care what community you're in," she said. Vacant properties often mean that "somebody is making double mortgage payments," and would consider an offer, Garvey said.

Some time-honored ways of getting leads still work: The experts tend to agree that scouring "for sale" ads in the newspapers or placing "I buy old houses" notices can be effective, as can working with real estate agents.

Foreclosure sales and buying repossessed properties from lenders and local banks are other options, though experts say competition there is fierce.

And they say foreclosure auctions aren't for the faint-hearted.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Weekly U.S. oil and gas rig count up

HOUSTON (AP) - The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States rose by four this week to 1,243.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 1,081 were exploring for gas, 161 were looking for oil and one was listed as miscellaneous, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported Friday.

A year ago, the rig count was 1,091.

Baker Hughes has kept track of the count since 1944. The tally peaked at 4,530 in 1981, during the height of the oil boom. Several record lows were set in 1999, bottoming out at 488.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing states, Texas gained six rigs, Louisiana gained three, Oklahoma gained two and Alaska and California each gained one. Wyoming lost six rigs, and New Mexico lost

Saks to close 11 stores in seven states

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) - Saks Inc. said Friday it would close 11 stores in seven states, affecting 700 workers in a move designed to focus more attention on more profitable locations.

The Birmingham-based chain, with nearly 390 stores nationwide, said it would close eight Saks Fifth Avenue stores and three Off 5th stores.

CEO Fred Wilson said the stores make up about 7 percent of the company's square footage but less than 4 percent of its revenues.

"These actions will permit our team to focus capital, inventory, and other resources on our most productive units and will further strengthen our brand,' he said in a statement.

Saks Fifth Avenue stores will be closed in Carmel, Calif.; La Jolla, Calif.; Pasadena, Calif.; Mission Viejo, Calif., Palos Verdes, Calif.; Garden City, N.Y., and Fort Worth. A Saks Fifth Avenue will be closed and converted into an Off 5th store in Hilton Head,

Off 5th stores will be closed in Worcester, Mass.; Grove City, Penn., and Nashville, Tenn.

Workers will be offered transfers or severance packages, the company said. "While this is a good business decision, it was cer-

Former TXU workers to lose jobs

tainly a difficult one to make," Wilson said.

DALLAS (AP) - Up to 200 former TXU Corp. employees who switched companies after a deal between the utility and a consulting firm could lose their jobs with the new company.

The layoffs are part of a cost-cutting effort at Capgemini Energy LP, a partnership between Dallasbased TXU and consultants Capgemini America Inc.

TXU and the consulting company announced a 10year, \$3.5 billion deal that included TXU's call centers and other operations. TXU owns less than 3 percent of the new partnership and created the partnership to cut costs by \$175 million a year.

About 2,700 employees, or one-fifth of TXU's work force, joined the partnership in July with guaranteed jobs for three months _ a period that expired this

Capgemini said "less than 200 employees" will lose their jobs starting in mid-October. About 60 jobs will be moved to India and Poland.

"It would be easy to just label this as an outsourcing deal and all about cost-reduction and offshoring," said Bob Pryor, chief executive of Capgemini Energy. "I truly believe we've created a high-growth company that will be very profitable."

Another round of job cuts is expected in February.

Manufacturing activity increased in September

Was at slightly slower pace, analysts say

By ADAM GELLER AP Business Writer

NEW YORK

Manufacturing activity rose in September for the 16th consecutive month, but at a more gradual pace than in August, an industry research group reported Friday. The Institute for Supply

Management said that its manufacturing index registered 58.5 in September, down from 59 in the previous month, and slightly higher than the 58.3 reading forecast by analysts.

An ISM reading of 50 or above means that the manufacturing sector is expanding, while a figure below 50 represents a contraction. The index has been above 50 since June of last year.

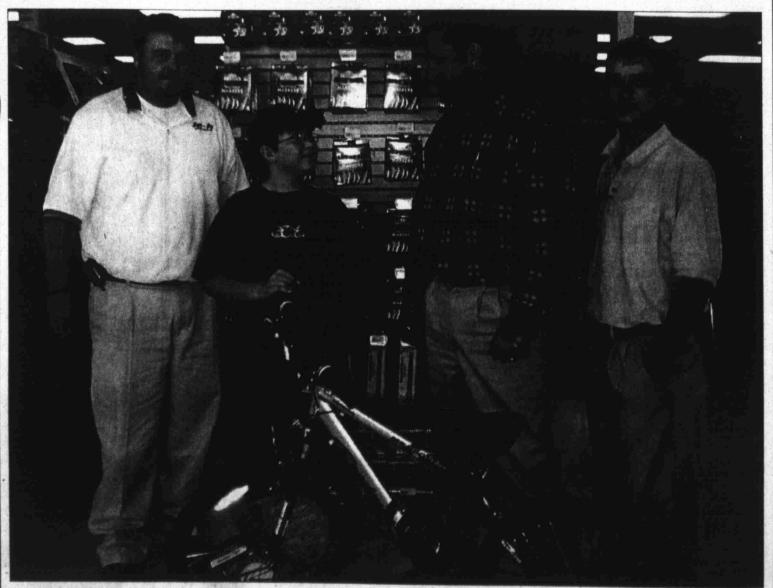
"The manufacturing sector continued to grow during September, but at a slightly slower rate," said Norbert J. Ore, chair of ISM's manufacturing survey committee. "Both new orders and production remain strong, and

employment growth has accelerated."

Ore said manufacturers surveyed indicated generally favorable conditions, although some reported problems caused by recent hurricanes. Many companies said that they have stepped up hiring of both blue-collar and white-collar workers. Manufacturers said they are increasing their inventories, partly to hedge against price increases, but also because business continues to improve.

In September, 15 sectors reported growth, led by miscellaneous manufacturing and followed by glass, stone and aggregate, rubber and plastic products, industrial and commercial equipment and computers, tobacco and apparel. Others reporting growth were transportation and equipment, chemicals, food, wood and wood products, electronic components and equipment, printing and publishing, instruments and photographic equipment, paper and fabricated metals.

YOUTH WINS BICYCLE AT SAV-ON



Thirteen-year-old Marcus Stallings, a Big Spring Junior High School seventh grader, won Sav-On Office Supply's backto-school bike contest give away. Pictured with Stallings are Sav On employees Houston Rutledge, store manager; left; Jimmy Moore, area manager; and Brett Demine, assistant store manager. Sav-On is located at 1900 Gregg St.

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Probated Judgment: Blanca Faz, theft or services - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$311 c ourt costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation). Judgment and Sentence: Stephanie Powell, possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less,

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Warranty deeds: Grantor: Joe Cadenhead and Mary

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Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 10, Cedar Crest Addition. Date Filed: Sept. 21, 2004

Grantor: Don D. Richardson and Peggy

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Grantee: Tony Garcia Property: Lot 21, Block 2-A, Foster Date Filed: Sept. 24, 2004

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Grantee: Marvin Casey
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Grantor: Odessa Booth Grantee: A.E. Companies Inc. Property: Lot 12, Block 5, Kentwood Date Filed:Sept. 27, 2004

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Property: Lot 26, Block 6, Monticello

Odyssey provides \$300,000 for nationwide hospice initiative

Special to the Herald

Odyssey HealthCare, which provides hospice care to terminally ill patients in Big Spring, Stanton and more than 70 other cities throughout nation, announced a \$300,000 grant to assist in the launching of a new quality initiative for hospice

The contribution was made to the National Hospice and Palliative Organization (NHPCO), the country's largest professional organization for hospice are providers. The announcement was made during NHPCO's annual conference, which concluded Saturday in Washington, D.C. Odyssey's grant is earmarked for NHPCO's program focusing on the quality of hos-

pice care. "Every individual faced with a life-limiting illness has the right to live out their days with dignity and without pain, surrounded by their friends and families and supported by compassionate caregivers," said Donna Patrick, Big Spring

the Odyssey general manager. "We at Odyssey are committed to not only providing outstanding care to our own patients but also helping to assure quality of care and consistency of hospice service to everyone who seeks this type of care any-

> where in the county." NHPCO has worked closely with hospice experts to forecast the

nally ill and has various short- and long-term goals focusing on quality and access to hospice services. The organization is now developing specific programs and services to continuously improve upon the quality of hospice care services and access to care across the

future needs of the termi-

country. Hospice care is typically home, a nursing home or a long-term care facility. With hospice, eligible patients have all their prescription, medical supplies and equipment costs that are associated with the terminal illness covered by Medicare. In addition, friends and families of the patient receive support from hospice caregivers.

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"You're pretty much buying them sightunseen," said Garvey. "You have a bunch of

risks." Weiss says that auction buyers must put down 10 percent of the cost on the day of the sale and pay the full price — in cash —

by the next day. "And then you're not the legal title holder of the property until the foreclosure sale is verified by a judge, a couple of weeks lafer." Weiss said, adding that occasionally foreclosed borrowers make reasonable arguments to the judge for delaying or setting aside the sale. "Your money can be tied up until the legal issue is

resolved." These days, many foreclosed houses never make it to auction. Instead of the traditional practice of buying lists of properties in foreclosure and then writing to the homeowners with an offer to buy them out, some investors have ditched the snail

mail. "The foreclosure buyers have gotten more aggressive, and they're going right up and knocking on doors" and making offers, Garvey said.

-Evaluating rehab candidates

Garvey said novices commonly stumble over "unchangeables" — major factors that decrease a home's resale potential such as being located on a busy highway, significant floor plan problems or damaged foundations.

Of course, structural flaws can be fixed, but some have little payback for investors. In general, "the more cosmetic the rehab, the more likely you are to make money. By that, I mean painting, landscaping, carpeting and a thorough cleaning,'

Garvey said.

-Financing

problems in the busi-Garvey ness," said. "Where do you get the

money?" Options include using one's own savings, partnerships, bank loans and lines of credit, and even credit cards.

Weiss prefers going it alone. "My philosophy is, the fewer partners you have, the better," he said. "Since you're dealing with so many different obstacles in the deal, the one you can avoid is having your partners calling you and wondering what you're doing with their

money. "But in order for many people to get started, you share the risk by getting others involved," Weiss said. "I generally advise people to obtain as much credit as they can. Some people get credit-card lines and don't mind paying a very heavy percentage, knowing they'll make more than that. It's all relative to who you are."

Garvey said various lenders, found ubiquitously on the Internet, specialize in deals for rehab-and-flip properties.

"They charge higher rates — currently in the 12 percent range — and the loans are short-term. Some of them have a short fuse - some will give you just six months (to complete the flip) and some will give you six months with a renewable six months. Some have no payments along the way, some require monthly payments.

She said bank loans are cheaper, but constructionloan borrowers, particularly novices, should be prepared to write detailed proposals.

"I would say 24, 25 pages is not out of line," Garvey said. "It would detail what I'm doing for the purchase, what's being done for the property, some analysis of how to because that's

price the finished product, pictures of compara- ers." "That's one of the major property as it is. You novices invest a year in from tradesmen. You any money. might hire an appraiser and get a before-and-after appraisal."

—The rehab process

Garvey has two words for investors who do the rehab work themselves: "They're crazy," she said, adding that pros do the work faster and ideally are bonded against accidents and damage. She says the longer it takes a do-it-yourselfer to get a house ready, the greater

the holding costs. Even Shiels, worked for remodeling companies in college, agreed that the unwary can get in over their heads. "You can subcontract anything," he said. "The key is to find subcontractors that you trust."

Other factors, according to Garvey: Insurance ("that can be hard, depending on the neighborhood"), researching worker's compensation and issues getting waivers of lien from tradesmen.

-The flip

So, should you resell right away, or hang on until the time seems right? The answer would seem to be a frustrating:

"'Flipping' can be, 'I buy it today and sell it tomorrow," said Weiss. "It can also be a relatively short period of time. But what's short? A month? A year? To take advantage of the 1031 tax break, you have to hold it

365 days." A typical goal is to buy properties "at the lowest end of whatever market you're in, but something that has potential to come up to the middle," Garvey said. "The middle is where you want to be trying to sell the house, where

there are the most buy-

ble properties and of the Weiss suggests that

"It's not something you

tell yourself you're going throw a dart at. You have to find something in 365 to line up your financing, days - that you're going talk to real estate agents. to take the time to feel might need estimates research before investing to your attorney and your good and comfortable accountant. You should about doing it."

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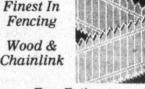
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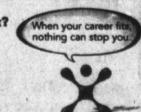
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