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WEATHER



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Victim Services seeks donations of old cell phones

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Victim Services is in need of old cell phones.

The cell phones can be reconditioned and programmed for use by victims to call for help in emergency situations.

To donate old cell phones, batteries and chargers for Victim Services, drop them at the following locations: the Big Spring Herald, KBST, the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Office, Wes-Tex Communications. **Professional Pharmacy** and The Medicine Shoppe.

For more information, call Victim Services at 263-3312.

CSPAN's Website offers debate video

The recent debate between 19th Congressional District candidates Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, and Libertarian Dr. Richard Peterson at **Texas Tech University** is available in streaming video media at www.CSPAN.org under the "state debates" section.

Jury duty canceled

Jury duty scheduled for Monday in 118th District Court has been canceled. Anyone receiving a jury summons for that date should disregard it.

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Early voting set to get under way Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Get out your voter registration cards and get ready to flex your electoral pectorals.

Early voting will begin Monday morning in Howard County, as area voters finally get the chance to make their voices heard in what has become a rather heated presidential election.

Howard County District Clerk Donna Wright said her office is ready to help area voters cast their ballots, and while the turnout the 2004 election will draw remains a mystery, it's cer-

"Voter turnout for any election is really a mystery. You don't really know what gets people to the polls, whether they don't like the people that are currently in charge or they're afraid of what may be coming in. It's always hard to tell."



tainly off to a good start.

"We've mailed out 407 ballots as of Thursday," said Wright. "At this same point in the 2000 presidential election, we were

only at 283 ballots, so we're looking at a considerable increase.

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Early voting will be held at the Howard County Courthouse Monday through Friday, until Oct. 29. Wright said her office will also be taking the polls "on the road" during early voting in an effort to bring the electoral process to the voters.

"We're going to make trips to the Spring City Senior Center, Canterbury retirement homes

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Forum

Chamber offering voters a chance to meet candidates

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will give area voters a chance to get to know the candidates vying for their ballots Monday with a forum Monday evening.

The forum, which is slated for 6 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria, will be a very informal event according Viginia Belew, the governmental affairs committee chairperson for the VALVERDE Chamber.



"We want to give citizens an opportunity to actually visit with the candidates,' Belew explained. "It will be more relaxed. And with the number of candidates that are going to be there, we felt this would be a better



setting for people to get to know them.' Chamber Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said the sched-

uled forum will by no means be a debate. "This forum will be nothing like a debate," Debbye ValVerde, the chamber's executive director, explained. "In fact, it will be very loosely structured. The candidates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and a few minutes to speak about the issues they consider important. After that we want the candidates to have an opportunity to mingle with the audience and be

questions face-to-face.' Several candidates have confirmed they will attend, including Howard County Sheriff candidates, Democrat Dale Walker and GOP challenger Ron Allen. Republican incumbent Bill

able to answer individual voters'

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Forsan trustees to meet Monday

Students from Bauer Elementary watch as their time capsule is encased in the new Hangar 25 museum sign.

From the left are: Vice President of the museum, Gloria Byrd McDonald, Erik Dominguez, Anthony Williams,

Karla Carrasco, Kalob Arteaga and Kaley Duncan. The group is invited back to the museum on Oct. 15, 2054

to uncover the time-capsule contents which included a wooden airplane donated by the Boys' club, small toys

important to the children and pictures the class drew depicting what they enjoy doing, their families and what

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

The Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet Monday to discuss wind turbines, land acquisitions, ratings and district improvement.

believe life will be like in 50 years.

Trustees are expecting two companies to present plans for wind turbines in the coming months. This increase in tax funds may make a difference to the school if they have to move from a Chapter 42 school to a Chapter 41 school, which would

move the district into contribut- Permanent ing to the "Robin Hood" plan.

Lots next to the school have trustees will consider purchasing them for use as a bus barn.

Next, trustees will review donation procedures for the district as the band faces raises money for their trip to Washington.

Education Texas Association has issued its district ratings and trustees will

review these results. Bond information will be preGuarantee.

The Fair Labor Standards Act become available for sale and has changed the way overtime can be paid and trustees will address these changes.

Next, the elementary and secondary principals will present their reports to the board and will outline their campus ratings and plan for improvement.

Action items for the board to consider include:

· Reading and approval of min-

sented as it pertains to the See FORSAN, Page 3A

15-month-old girl critical after accidental shooting

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A 15-month-old girl remains in critical condition in the Lubbock Covenant Pediatric Unit, fighting for her life after an accidental shooting that took place in the child's home Thursday after-

The child, who's name is currently being withheld by the Howard County Sheriff's Office. was reportedly shot at pointblank range with a 12-gauge shotgun. Sheriff Dale Walker said one shot was fired, hitting the vate vehicle. The private vehicle girl in both of her lower legs. The gun was wielded by her 4-yearold sibling.

"We received the 911 call at approximately 5:20 p.m. yesterday," said Walker. "According to the call, the child had a laceration. An ambulance and deputy were immediately dispatched to the home where it occurred, which is in the 300 block of Pettus Road.

"Before the ambulance and deputy could arrive on the scene the child was transported by pri-

was near the Big Spring State Hospital when the ambulance and deputy caught up and transported the girl to the emergency

Once the girl arrived at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room, Walker said she was stabilized so she could be flown to Lubbock.

"There was already an AeroCare helicopter at the hospital to transport another patient when the girl arrived," said Walker. "It took them quite a while to get her stable enough to fly, but once they had they went ahead and bumped the patient that was supposed to be taken and took the infant to Lubbock."

The infant is listed in critical condition, according to Walker, and is expected to go into surgery as soon as doctors determine she's stable enough for the procedures.

Walker said the children's mother was home at the time of the shooting.

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Thomas Glenn Smith

Thomas Glenn Smith, 44, of Midland, passed away Tuesday evening, Oct. 12, 2004, at M.D. Anderson in Houston after a lengthy battle with leukemia. As Paul wrote in II Timothy 4:7, "I have fought the good fight, I have fin-

ished the race, I have kept the faith". Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at the First Baptist Church, 2104 Louisiana in Midland, with Dr. Vernon Stokes offici-

ating. The family will receive guests at home on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and also on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2004 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory, located at

3800 N. Big Spring Street, Midland.

Thomas was born on Jan. 1, 1960, as the first baby of the New Year in Scottsbluff, Neb. He graduated from Banner County High School in Harrisburg, Neb., in 1978. Tom attended the University of Nebraska for two years then transferred to the University of Wyoming where he graduated in 1982 with a Bachelor's Degree in Petroleum Engineering. Tom began his career working for Petroleum Inc. in Casper, Wyo. Tom had fond memories of his first job and his many friends at Petroleum Inc. He left to pursue independent engineering interests, which gave him the opportunity to live in San Diego, San Francisco, Wichita, Kansas, and finally, in September of 1993, Midland. At the time of his death, Tom was a Sr. Vice President, Petroleum Engineer, with Western National Bank of the Permian Basin. He was a registered engineer in the state of Texas, a member of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, a member of the American Cancer Society Board, and the Midland Optimist Club. He was also a member of the Ezekiel Sunday School Department at First Baptist Church.

Upon his arrival to Midland, Tom met his future wife, Rebecca Suzanne Smith, on a blind date. They were married on Jan. 21, 1995, and they welcomed the arrival of their precious child, Rebecca Caroline Smith

on July 5, 1996.

Tom's infectious smile and easy going personality endeared him to his many friends and family. He loved being with his family, defending his Cornhuskers and "creating memories for Caroline." He was a good son, loving husband, wonderful father and a steadfast friend. His faith in Christ and his belief of eternal life gave Tom strength and comfort while battling leukemia for the last six years. Surviving family members include his wife, Suzanne

Smith, of Midland; daughter, Caroline Smith, of Midland; his parents, Charles and Marforie Rathman Smith of Gering, Neb.; his brothers and their families, Michael Smith and his wife, Kathy, and their children, Shianne Fegler, Autumn, Adam, Tabitha and Brandon, of Gering, Neb., Daniel Smith and his wife, Jackie, and their children, Danielle, Riley and Baylen, of Gering, Neb.; mother-in-law, Mrs. Jimmy Ray Judy Smith of Big Spring; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Nancy and Louis Dunnan, and their children, Matthew and Stephanie, of Midland; brother-in-law, Stephen Ray Smith, and his children, Michele and Summer of Big Spring; aunts and uncles, Phyllis and Glenn Wendt of Goodyear, Ariz., Judy and Jim Stauffer of Harrisburg, Neb., Catherine and Gordon Fox of Aurora, Colo., Jim and Mary Vee Smith of Longmont, Colo. and Dr. Dorothy Purgason of Big Spring. He is also survived by many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles and Helen Smith of Scottsbluff, Neb., and Lester and Jean Rathman of Harrisburg, Neb.

Pallbearers for the service will be Daniel Smith, Michael Smith, Louis Dunnam, Steve Smith, Matthew Dunnam, Glenn Wendt and Bob Blakenship.

Memorials may be made to the Thomas Smith Memorial at Hillander School, 1600 W. Wadley, Midland, or to the Thomas Smith Foundation at MD Anderson Cancer Center, 800-525-5841.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Nalley- Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland.

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Lottery

The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Friday: 4-8-24-30-36 MB 25 Megaplier: 4

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 5-19-28-32-36

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night: 6-2-0

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday after-

Weather

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper

50s. South winds near 10 mph.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs 85 to 90. West winds

noon: 2-5-1

10 to 15 mph.

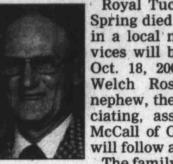
Monday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs near 85. Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.

Wednesday - Partly cloudy with isolated thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.



Royal Tucker Duncan Sr.



Royal Tucker Duncan Sr., 93, of Big Spring died on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with his nephew, the Rev. Royce Litchfield, officiating, assisted by Chaplain Walter McCall of Odyssey Hospice. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 3

to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mr. Duncan was born July 28, 1911, in Anderson County. He married Myrtle Maye Grant Jan. 26, 1934, in Cayuga and she preceded him in death March 31, 1992. He then married Lidora Dickey April 17, 1994, and she preceded him in death June 17, 2004.

Mr. Duncan worked as a pumper for Getty Oil Company for 23 years. He was a longtime resident of Garden City, Crane and Winters, coming to Big Spring in 1992. He was a member of Berea Baptist Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Martha and Autry Moore of Big Spring; his son, Royal Tucker Duncan Jr. of Abilene; his son-in-law, Kenneth Scott of Big Spring; one stepson, Ronald Dickey of Georgia; three stepdaughters and sons-in-law, Gwen and Arnie Collins of Big Spring, Karen and John Verhusen of Illinois and Rhonda and Mike Tyson of Illinois; seven grandchildren, numerous step grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren; a sister-inlaw, Nell Duncan; and one brother-in-law, Emon Grant.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Scott, and 15 brothers and sisters.

The family suggests memorials to Odyssey Hospice, 1003 E. FM 700, Big Spring 79720.

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

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Pearl Dickson



Services will be held for Pearl Dickson, 83, formerly of Big Spring, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Pearl was born Aug. 20, 1921, in

Williamson County and died Thursday, Oct. 14, 2004, in Lufkin following a lengthy illness. She was married to the love of her life, Bill Dickson, for 53 years. They lived in Abilene until 1958, when they moved to Big Spring. Bill passed away in 1994. In 2002, Pearl moved to Lufkin to live with her daughter, and had been a resident of Southland Health Care Center since March of this year. She was a homemaker and a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include a daughter, Billie Averitt of Lufkin; two sisters, Geneva Attaway of Elwood, Ill., and Virginia Frierson of Garland; two brothers. Ed Swindle of Killeen and Dr. Bill Swindle of Stephenville; one grandson, Jeremy Heck, and one great grandchild, Simone both of Houston. Also surviving Pearl are several nieces and nephews.

Pearl is preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Sherry, in 2001; a son-in-law, Don Averitt, in 2000; a brother, Ted Swindle, in 2002; and her parents.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Lutheran Church, 1001 Atkinson Dr., Lufkin 75901. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle &

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

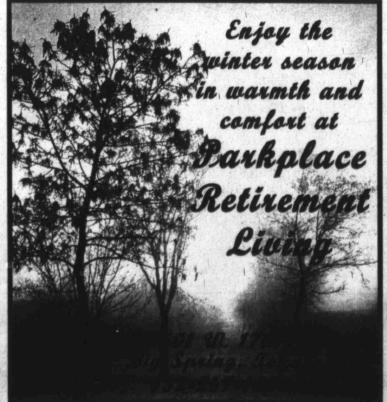
Glenda Womack

Mrs. Glenda Womack, 61, of Big Spring died Saturday morning, Oct. 16, 2004, in a Big Spring Care Center. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 18, 2004, in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Womack was born March 21, 1943, in Big Spring to Roy D. and Loma Flippin Echols.

She is survived by a daughter, daughter Paula and husband, James Holdampf, and their daughters, Sidney and Courtney, all of Big Spring; two sons, Mike Womack and Freddie Womack; a brother, Doyle Lawson and wife, Pat, of Kansas City, Mo.; a brother, Bruce Echols of San Francisco, Calif.; a sister, Edweina Wyatt and husband, Chris, of Versailles, Mo.; two uncles, Don Flippin Haskell and Joe Echols, both of Coos Bay, Ore.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents, grandpar-

ents and brothers Dennis Echols and Leo Echols.



Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

SUNDAY

· Big Spring City Arts and Crafts Festival in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from noon until 6 p.m. Admission is free.

· Howard College presents "Tartuffe," at 2 p.m. in the Practical Arts Building, Room 105. Tickets are \$4.

MONDAY

 The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association meets in the Cactus Room at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

· 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.

· Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall. The meeting changed to today because of the Columbus Day holi-

 Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

 DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

· Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited

for an evening of fellowship, food and table games. Big Spring Art Association meeting features artist Christy Ray demonstrating solar painting with watercolor. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Howard County Library.

· Howard College presents "Tartuffe," at 8 p.m. in the Practical Arts Building, Room 105. Tickets are \$4.

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

· 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 394-1835 for more information.

· Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

· ROBERT MATA, 17, of 403 Valley Street, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of marijuana 2 ounces or less and burglary of a building.

 MARK COLLIER JR., 18, of 1212 Ridgeroad, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

 JAMES MARK BALIOS, 48, of 2612 Rebecca, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

THEFT was reported:

- in the 2300 block of Wasson.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

 POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 2 OUNCES OR LESS was reported:

- in the 1400 block of Settles.

- in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

· BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1200 block of Sixth Street.

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity: · DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the

area of Valverde.

· MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported near the 165 mile marker of the Interstate 20 N Service Road.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

A Big Spring woman was transported to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room Friday afternoon with only minor injuries when her van, which was traveling south on Lancaster, was struck by a Ford Pickup traveling west on 16th Street. Police on the scene said the driver of the pickup pulled out in front of the van after stopping at the intersection's stop sign, and was cited for failure to yield the right of way.

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Crooker and Democrat James (Dick) Dubose. candidates in the Precinct 3 county commissioner's race, have also indicated

they will attend. In the Precinct 1 commissioner's race, Edwin O. Ware, the Republican challenger to Democratic incumbent Emma Puga Brown, has announced he will attend. Others who have indicated they will attend are Republican Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, Place 1 incumbent Bennie Green, who challenged Phil Democrat Bustamante;

VOTING

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11:15 a.m. until 12:45 p.m.

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North from 9:30 a.m. until

10:30 a.m.; Park Place

Retirement Center from

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p.m. until 2 p.m.

Wright said her office will then try for a "triple

polling

position.

Representatives Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, and Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, will also be on hand to visit with voters.

Both candidates seeking the District 85 Texas House of Representatives seat, incumbent Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, and Republican challenger Kent Sharp of Big Spring, are also expected to attend.

"We want to really encourage the public to come out and attend the forum and take an interest in the election," Belew said. "Not only do we

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those that go to the Senior

Center," said Wright. "It's

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Early voting will be

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and times as well.

Republican Boyce Hale, want to make sure local who is seeking the voters get a chance to Precinct 1 constable's meet and question the candidates, but we also want to make sure the candidates - especially those seeking national and statewide office know what we here in the Big Spring area consider important issues."

Belew indicated that plans call for an interpreter to be on hand to provide signing for the hearing disabled. "And if there's anyone else who has a handicap or other condition that requires special auxiliary aids, we want them to call the chamber office and let us know."

For more information, call the chamber office at 263-7641.

"We just want to encourage everyone to come out and cast their ballots during early votfor anyone that would ing," said Wright.

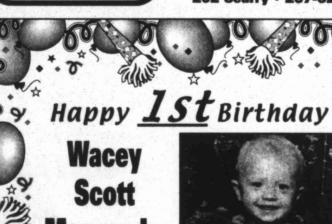
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Howard College trustees to handle routine matters at Monday meeting

By KENDRA WISS.

Staff Writer

Trustees of Howard College will meet at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the board room for a regular meet-

New business for the trustees includes addressing an Alon tax abatement request, approving a resolution extending time to hold property deeded in lieu of tax foreclosure.

Next, trustees will conapproving an sider Associate of Arts in Teaching from the state, a University of Texas at El

gram and a Lubbock Christian University update.

The summer and fall enrollment and contact hour figures will be discussed as well as what these numbers will mean financially to the univer-

The board will then be presented with the distance learning update and small class reports.

Monitoring items that will be presented to the board will include catalog and handbook changes, personnel changes and bids for the bookstore

Paso nurse educator pro- contract and vendor of record for computer equipment.

Next the president will present her report to the board.

The Texas Association of Community College Trustees Administrators board development will be presented and followed by a meeting evaluation and future agenda items.

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

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- · Financial report.
- Payment of bills. Consider architect, engineering proposal.
- Consider construction management, agent proposal.
- · Approval TASB update 73, second reading.
- Public notice of Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System.
- · Annual review of the child abuse policy.
- · Consider GPA/ranking policy.
- Consider graduation credit requirements.

· Approve adjunct faculty agreement.

The board will also hear from the three committees dedicated to campus improvement. The district improvement plan, elementary campus improvement plan and secondary improvement plan will be presented to the board for approval.

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"The children were playing a bedroom adjacent to the living room, where the mother was asleep on the couch," said Walker, who declined to comment further pending an investigation by his and Child office Protective Services.

According to Walker, several other children living in the home were voluntary placed with relatives while CPS conducts a full investigation into the matter.

The shooting isn't the first tragic accident the infant's parents, Travis and Sarah Burch, have endured.

On Oct. 14, 2000, exactly four years from the date of the shooting, the Burch's 18-month-old child was rushed to the emergency room by private vehicle after Travis Burch accidentally backed over the child with a car. The Burchs were living in the 1600 block of Jennings at the time of the accident.

The child was immedi-

ately flown to Covenant Medical Center, and was treated at the same pediatrics intensive care unit his sister is being treated at now.

The child suffered extensive permanent disability as a result of the accident.

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Today in our community we have families that are concerned about their economic future.

We must take charge now and build our local economy.

As your State Representative, I will work tirelessly to promote what is, I believe, the best place to be in Texas.

Years of success working with the private sector have prepared me to re-energize the get-things-done attitude we share.

Please join my family and me in voting for a positive future for West Texas.

ROBERT

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Managing Editor

Bill McClellan News Editor

OUR VIEWS

Take advantage of an opportunity to go vote early

arly voting in the November general election begins Monday and we'd encourage readers to cast their ballot soon. Polls will be open at the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23. The early period ends Oct. 29. Election day is Nov.

There are plenty of reasons for voting early, not the least of which is the unpredictability of our West Texas weather. Warm, dusty, rainy a cold front — the only thing you can count on is that the weather will

Another reason to cast your ballot in the next few days is human nature. The fact is, the longer we put things off, the less likely we are to ever get them accomplished. Too many other things come up, and suddenly we find ourselves out of time.

There a plethora of key races in on the ballot. The presidential race between President George W. Bush and Democratic challenger Sen. John F. Kerry.

In addition, there's the District 19 U.S. Representative's race where incumbent District 19 Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, and incumbent District 17 Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, face one another.

And in the District 85 State Representative's race where incumbent Democrat Pete Laney, D-Hale Center, is challenged by Republican Kent Sharp of Big

Add the District 31 State Senatorial District seat, two county commissioners' seats and the race for Howard County Sheriff also being contested, voters have quite a bit to decide.

We hope you will take time to study the candidates, then make your choice at the polls. Real soon.

Inside report: Report criminialized politics

hey're trying to make Tom DeLay into Jim Wright. They've stolen our playbook," declared an outspoken deputy whip at a recent House Republican leadership meeting.

That implicit bipartisan sharing of responsibility for what has become of the House of Representatives was not a popular message for most GOP lawmakers. But it accurately portrays today's situation.

The "admonishment" of Majority Leader DeLay by the House Ethics

Committee recalls, in cloakrooms of both parties, the series of events 15 years ago. Wright's forced resignation as House speaker on ethical charges was followed by lost congressional seats and, five years later, Republicans taking control of the House. The same pattern is devoutly desired by today's Democrats — beginning with DeLay's demise. This is the criminalization of politics. Democrats appear to be as

frustrated by being out of power in the House the past 10 years as the Republicans were four times that long in the wilderness. But it is a process that never seems to end. Sources in the House GOP leadership say ethics charges are contemplated against House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi for allegedly working with outside groups (which she denies) to get DeLay.

Rep. Newt Gingrich, when still a Republican backbencher, assured me in 1988 that Wright would be forced from the speaker's chair. Although I was skeptical, Wright resigned under pressure in 1989.

That same year, Gingrich was elected to the GOP leadership, as minority whip. But he was a marked man, designated for retribution, and was forced out on ethics charges as speaker in 1999.

Ever since Gingrich's departure, DeLay has been the dominant political personality in both houses of Congress. First as whip and now as majority leader, he has become the most effective enforcer of party discipline in history (resulting in one of his knucklerappings by the ethics committee). DeLay runs a tightly ordered House, where conquered Democrats are not offered succor.

However, what really concentrated Democratic wrath against DeLay was his rough campaign to undo the gerrymander in his home state of Texas after the 2000 census that retained a Democraticdominated House delegation from an overwhelmingly Republican state. A multi-front war to drive DeLay from office was organized by the House Democratic leadership, the left-wing Moveon.org, another liberal group called CREW and Ronnie Earle, the intensely political Democratic district attornev of Austin. Reporting this with delight were members of the news media, who had been treated with less than tender loving care by DeLay.

The DeLay campaign has been a frantic combined effort by Democrats. Rep. Alan Mollohan of West Virginia, a Democrat on the Ethics Committee, has briefed Pelosi on the supposedly non-partisan panel's process. One of the committee's Republicans, Rep. Judy Biggert, has received more than 3,000 anti-DeLay messages generated by Moveon.org. Bucks County (Pa.) Commissioner Mike Fitzpatrick, running in a closely contested district, is one of many Republican candidates being pressured to send back DeLay's \$5,000 contributions.

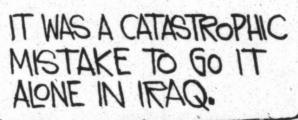
Republican House members assumed their colleagues would block charges against DeLay, but "The Hammer's" smash-mouth tactics even make some Republican enemies. Rep. Joel Hefley, a nineterm congressman from Colorado who heads the Ethics Committee, is no friend of DeLay and is still aggravated about not becoming Armed Services Committee chairman. To the amazement of the Republican conference, the Ethics Committee found unanimously against DeLay on lesser charges, including attending a golf tournament sponsored by energy companies.

"With DeLay's wings clipped, he will fall to earth," a Republican power broker told me. But that is not the prevailing view inside the House Republican conference, whose members are grateful for his leadership, his cash contributions and his Texas coup that guarantees two more years of a Republican House majority. DeLay, lacking Gingrich's egotistical exuberance, is willing to stay off television and work outside the spotlight. That makes him a harder target to hit than Gingrich, and in the end a more dangerous enemy for Democrats.

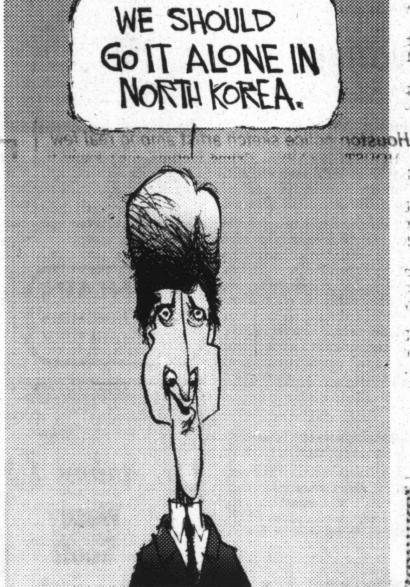
Just before Wright and Gingrich fell, prominent supporters of each told me they had lost confidence. No such winds are blowing against DeLay, only outrage against Nancy Pelosi and the normally less partisan Democratic whip, Steny Hoyer. More House Wars await in 2005.

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Dropping the ball on health care

ot only did President George Bush and Sen. John Kerry drop the ball on the issue of

health care in Wednesday night's presidential debate, but even moderator Bob Schieffer got it wrong when he said of health care, "We're paying more. We're getting less."

I disagree. Most Americans are enjoying the best health care ever.

The struggle today for SAUNDERS most people isn't to get good care but to get other people to pay for their good health care. The great American

pastime these days is to get someone else to pay for their doctor visits, drugs and hospital care. It doesn't matter if Americans can or

can't afford to pay for their own health care. Affluent people, who happily dish out big dollars for meals and entertainment, bristle at the very notion that they should have to pay to take care of themselves.

So neither Bush nor Kerry will level with voters to tell them about the consequences of the quest to shift the tab to someone else.

I'll add, too, that neither guy wants to disclose that he can't deliver something for nothing.

Bush? He loves health-savings accounts because they make people think about the cost of seeing a doctor, buying a drug or consulting a specialist. But he won't go out of his way to explain that his approach is predicated on an end to employer subsidies of health care - because, when employers provide medical benefits, employees have little incentive to curb their spending.

Bush is right to believe that consumers won't waste money if they are paying for day-to-day health expenses. And if he truly wants to upend the decades-long tradition of employers footing the health-care bill, he must know he has to stick out his neck to make the case to the voters. But he won't.

So listen to Sally C. Pipes, president and CEO of the Pacific Research Institute in San Francisco and author of "Miracle Cure: How to Solve America's Health-Care Crisis and Why Canada Isn't the Answer," who notes that when employers provide health coverage, employees "overuse the sys-

To control costs, you either change

the incentives or ration, notes Pipes, a Canadian who believes the governmental approach leads to rationing.

Kerry? He says he won't expand government health care, but Wednesday night, he was promising health care for all — even though his own policy briefs don't promise that much.

Kerry talks as if more health care will be practically free. As Sen. Sophisticate explained, "If you diagnose diabetes early, you could save \$50 billion in the health-care system of America by avoiding surgery and dialysis. It works."

OK. Providing health care for more individuals may reduce the number of emergency-room visits, but providing health care to more individuals also means paying for those who come in for care and then ignore their doctors and end up in an ambulance. It also means paying for folks who go to the doctor with minor ailments - rashes, digestive complaints - that could have been resolved over the counter.

Expanded health care also means providing pharmaceuticals, therapy sessions, a slew of diagnostic tests and other visits that you wouldn't have provided before - which costs money. Before you know it, you've spent that \$50 billion in savings - or more.

Kerry blames Bush for the 17 percent hike in Medicare premiums, and Bush blames Kerry for voting for the bill that triggered the increase. This is the first thing they've both done right, and neither wants to take credit for it. Another good thing: Washington is

about to require seniors who earn more than \$80,000 a year to pay higher Medicare premiums — in other words, means testing. Neither candidate, alas, is demanding even more means testing. Pipes warns that just because a gov-

ernment promises health care for all, that doesn't mean everyone gets it. She notes the rationing that has plagued Canada's sick - which is the possible cost of "free" health care.

In the United States, you see citizens who enjoy the best health care in the world, and yet think they shouldn't have to shell out as much for it as they spend annually at restaurants.

Why not? America's leaders won't go out on a limb to say health care costs money - and it's worth every dime of

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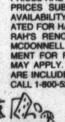
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NASA memorial celebrates life of Cooper

HOUSTON (AP) — One of NASA's first astronauts, L. Gordon Cooper Jr., was remembered at the Johnson Space Center on Friday as "not too bad of a water skier, not too bad of a pilot, but a heck of a good astronaut."

Cooper, the youngest and perhaps cockiest of the original seven Mercury astronauts and the first man to spend more than 24 hours in space, died of natural causes Oct. 4 at his home in Ventura, Calif. He

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, former astronaut John Glenn and the two other surviving Mercury astronauts remembered Cooper with humorous stories and memories of his accomplishments. "Gordon Cooper was not only a great pilot, he was also unflappable," O'Keefe said. "You could count on him in a tight spot, and he also was a character."

Glenn told how Cooper once returned from a fishing trip near Cape Canaveral. He told his fellow astronauts how he saw the largest bullfrogs he had ever seen while wading waist deep in a pond for 45

Safety patrol hits downtown Dallas streets

DALLAS (AP) - A new safety force has started patrolling Dallas' downtown streets in an effort to show that the Central Business District is safe, supporters say.

"Downtown is as safe as any place in the city, any neighborhood," said Tom Persch, chairman of the Downtown Improvement District. "People just don't realize it. We need to change those perceptions. The status quo isn't good enough."

The patrol, financed by a group of business owners, is designed to cut crime further and bolster revitalization efforts that have attracted more residents and commercial activity to the area.

Businesses will pay for the patrol's \$1.5 million annual cost, about \$600,000 more than a previous patrol program called the Ambassadors program.

Fire lieutenant fired after students hosed

FORT WORTH (AP) — A veteran firefighter from the Southlake Department of Public Safety has been fired for supervising the hosing down of the Southlake Carroll band and color guard, injuring 13

Also, a firefighter was suspended without pay for 120 days and a fire captain was given a one-day suspension without pay for involvement in the Aug. 4 event in the parking lot of Carroll High School.

Fire Lt. Jeff Powell, a 14-year veteran, was fired Wednesday.

"In the city of Southlake, our supervisors are held to a higher level of accountability," Rick Black, city DPS director, said.

Firefighter Clif Altom was given the 120-day suspension and Fire Capt. Mike Starr was given the one-day suspension.

Houston police sketch artist among real few

HOUSTON (AP) - Crime victims don't know it, but they influence what Lois Gibson wears to work. Gibson, a sketch artist for the Houston Police Department, tries to puts victims at ease as they reconstruct painful images — sometimes wearing jewelry that may start a conversation.

"You have to be patient, you have to comfort. They are overwhelmed with the fear," said Gibson. "If I can relax you enough, I can have you to remember your fifth-grade teacher."

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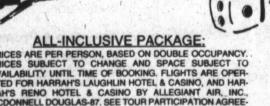
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Review discovers Bush records **National Guard officials missed**

By MATT KELLEY

Associated Press Writer

Weeks after Texas National Guard officials signed an oath swearing they had turned over all of President Bush's military records, independent examiners found more than two dozen pages of previously unreleased documents about Bush.

The two retired Army lawyers went through Texas files under an agreement between the Texas Guard and The Associated Press, which sued to gain access to the files. The 31 pages of documents turned over to AP Thursday night include orders for high-altitude training in 1972, less than three months before Bush abruptly quit flying as a fighter pilot.

The discovery is the latest in a series of embarrassments for Pentagon Texas National Guard officials who have repeatedly said they found and released all of Bush's Vietnam-era military files, only to belatedly discover more records. Those discoveries _ nearly 100 pages, including Bush's pay records and flight logs _ have been the result of freedom of information lawsuits filed in federal and Texas courts by AP.

A Texas National Guard spokesman defended the continuing discoveries, saying Guard officials didn't find all of Bush's records because they are disorganized and in poor

"These boxes are full of dirt and rat (excrement) and dead bugs. They have

"These boxes are full of dirt and rat (excrement) and dead bugs. They have never been sitting in an uncontrolled climate. It's a tough task to go through archives that were not set up in a way that you could easily go through them."

Lt. Col John Stanford **Texas National Guard**

uncontrolled climate," said Lt. Col. John to go through archives that were not set up in a way that you could easily go through them."

Two Texas officials had signed sworn affidavits insisting they had reviewed the files in those boxes and released copies of all that related to Bush's 1968-1973 Guard service, however.

Bush's time in the Texas Air National Guard has come under scrutiny in¹ this wartime election season. Some Democrats accuse Bush of shirking his guard duties in 1972 and 1973, when Bush didn't show up for training for as long as six months at a time. Democrats have contrasted nominee John Kerry's combat service in Vietnam with Bush's stateside service as an

all of his service obligations and did nothing wrong. The newly released documents shed no new light on the most controversial periods of Bush's guard tenure.

never been sitting in an Calvin Lewis, both former Army lawyers, reviewed the boxes of Stanford. "It's a tough task files earlier this week under an agreement in the AP lawsuit. They found three other boxes with files from Bush's unit that previous searches did not turn up, Stanford said.

The newly released documents include a January 1972 order for Bush to attend three days of "physiological training" at Laredo Air Force Base in Texas. His Texas payroll and attendance records, released earlier, show Bush was credited for serving on active duty training for the three days involved.

At the time, pilots had to renew their high-altitude training every three years, said retired Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Jr., ional Chard. Buch

102A fighter pilot in mist altitude training came in 1969 when he was Bush says he fulfilled in pilot school at Moody Air Force Base in Georgia.

The training involved instruction about the effects of lack of oxygen on the body and exercises in which the pilots are able Texas Tech University exposed under supervi-Richard D. Rosen and high altitudes. The pur- ex.html

pose is to familiarize pilots with the effects of lack of oxygen so they can recognize them and take appropriate action to avoid blacking out at the controls.

The altitude training came six weeks before Bush began an unexplained string of flights on two-seat training jets and simulators. On April 12, 1972, Bush took his last flight in the singleseat F-102A fighter.

The future president skipped a required yearly medical exam and was ordered grounded as of August 1972. Bush says he missed the exam because he was planning to train with an Alabama Air National Guard unit which did not fly the F-102A.

Bush went to Alabama that year to work on the U.S. Senate campaign of a family friend.

Records show Bush did no guard training at all between mid-April and late October 1972. He's credited with six days of training in October and November 1972, presumably with the Alabama unit.

The Alabama unit's commanders say they a former head of the Air never saw Bush or any perwork showing he riormed arilis there. A anuary 1973 document ays Bush got a dental examination at Alabama unit's base.

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Dallas Bishop James founders of the Network of Anglican Communion Dioceses and Parishes, said membership in the

DALLAS (AP) — The national network was not path that is something with the bishop, who Albany, N.Y.; Central Commission. Episcopal Diocese of a move to leave the like entering temporary appealed with attendees Florida; Fort Worth; On Monday

"I would not allow the Church." Episcopal Stanton said in Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

But some who attended Stanton, one of the the diocesan annual convention Friday said they feared the network would split the denomination.

"We are starting on a

orders in a divorce proceeding," said Susan Calhoon, a member of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Dallas. "If you start on a path like that, it is very hard to turn around.'

Although no formal tally was taken, a clear majority of the 219 lay members and 125 clergy at the convention sided

to support joining the net-

The network was created after last year's decision by the Episcopal Church _ the U.S. branch the Anglican Communion _ to elect the Rev. Gene Robinson as Hampshire.

with the network include called

Pittsburgh; Quincy, Ill.; Rio Grande (West Texas and New Mexico); San · Calif.; Joaquin, Ill.; and Springfield,

South Carolina. The Dallas vote came as the bishops and bureaucrats who lead the world's bishop for New 77 million 'Anglicans await recommendations Other dioceses affiliated of an emergency panel the Lambeth

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Bras tell stories of breast cancer survivors, victims

By ANGELA K. BROWN

Associated Press Writer FORT WORTH

Strung across a gallery wall, four bras tell the story of Louise Brown Waterson's battle with

"1978: Before her first mastectomy she needed no padding," reads the band of the tan lace bra that has a small cluster of black beads sewn on one side. "1980: I was born a year later. Because of the chemo the doctors advised aborting me," reads the next bra, which has more black beads.

"1982: She thought I was her only hope for a child. So she had me anyways. I'm an only child," reads the third bra, covered with even more beads. "Date of death: Dec. 10, 2002. I was 21," reads the last bra, nearly covered with red and black beads.

son Waterson said the beads nizations, asking artists represent the breast can- to decorate a bra or cer that took his 57-yearold mother's life. His poignant creation is among more than 250 decorated bras in the "Dance of Life: Bras for Breast Cancer" exhibit at Firehouse Art Studios and Gallery in Fort Worth.

"I just thought it was cruel that a person could have breast cancer four times," said Waterson, a photographer and artist in Atlanta. "My mom was a really good person. She was a teacher, always helping someone."

The collection will be auctioned at the exhibit finale Oct. 23. Prices start at \$25 or \$50, and all proceeds will go to three non-profit organizations that provide services to breast cancer patients or awareness programs.

Artists from around the world decorated and donated the bras, covered with everything from feathers to photographs to puzzle pieces to broken CDs. Some bras are made of ceramic, metal or copper.

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hospital bracelets, has a syringe in one cup and pills in the other.

Acclaimed California artist George Yepes, who painted the cover of Los Lobos' 1988 "La Pistola y El Corazon" album, repli cated that scene on a bra that he donated. Utah State University art students sent 15 bras, including one made of delicately woven pink

The exhibit and auction were the idea of artist Junanne Peck, who wanted to curate an exhibit dealing with women's health issues. One of her sisters is a three-year breast cancer survivor, and her niece is doing well after

recently completing chemotherapy treatment for the disease.

Peck had seen similar fund-raising projects involving bras. So last year she spread the word through various art orgamake a bra-shaped object to express how breast cancer had affected them or a loved one.

She was overwhelmed at the response.

box, see the bras, read their stories and just cry," Peck said. "I felt like I had people's hearts and souls in my hand to take care of."

Peck first showed the exhibit in April in Port Arthur, then displayed it in June in Terrell, where some bras were auctioned. Then she moved to Fort Worth and wanted to show the exhibit in October to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Peck met Firehouse Art Studios and Gallery owner Lori Thomson, who thought the project would not only raise money but awareness about local programs. She also strung some old, nondecorated bras on the gallery porch and on nearby trees to attract

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Congressman touting successes

By LYNN BREZOSKY

Associated Press Writer

McALLEN - Days into his first term, U.S. Rep. Ruben Hinojosa said he realized deep South Texas had a big problem: Washington didn't seem to know it existed.

"I was amazed at how many people thought that South Texas ended in San Antonio," said Hinojosa, a Democrat from Mercedes who took office in 1997.

He said his remedy was getting then-President Bill Clinton to visit his border region, where unemployment rates were high, educational opportunities lagged, and people still contracted thirdworld diseases such as cholera and rickets.

"He came and spent two days here, then he sent several of his cabinet members to listen and to hear regional leaders give solutions that have since en implemented," said

Hinojosa, 64. "Look at our highways and expressways ... We've seen hospitals double in size. ... We're starting to see the creation of new jobs."

Hinojosa takes credit for South Texas and hopes that helps him in the Nov. 2 election.

Despite four terms in Republican opponent in former Cuero mayor Thamm, Michael Hinojosa says he's not letting his guard down. He's running in a district that Republicans redrew as part of a statewide redistricting effort to help GOP candidates. The traditionally Democratic district was reshaped to stretch from Austin to the Mexican border. Three Republican counties were added, and a chunk of Democrat-heavy Hidalgo County was removed.

"There's no question this is a harder race," Hinojosa said. "It has become a district that is a majority Republican ... It used to be 68 percent Democrat and is now only 48 percent."

Still, Hinojosa should win District 15 with little said Jerry trouble. Polinard, a political sci-

University of Texas-Pan helping improve life in American in South Texas.

"It's not as safe a district as it was before the redistricting," Polinard said. "Given his incumbency, it office and a little-known is still a relatively safe seat."

> Hinojosa says his priorities are better health services, affordable prescription drugs, affordable housing and college, and a sound agricultural marketing system. He also Homeland pushes Security and stabilizing Iraq by "broadening the" coalition."

> He recites his entire platform while barely stopping to breathe.

"He's very no-nonsense," said U.S. Rep. Solomon See HINOJOSA, Page 7A

ence professor at the Ortiz, a Corpus Christi Democrat representing the district east of 'a Hinojosa's.

While Hinojosa's prede-

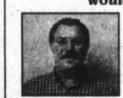
cessor, 32-year congressman Kika de la Garza, 1921 focused on agriculture, Hinojosa has made his 30 w mark on education, Ortiz 7' 8 said. As a senior member 1160 of the House Education Workforce 1313 Committee and ranking and member of the House Subcommittee on Select out Education, Hinojosa has isrit worked for laws that have and public 9171 strengthened

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Chicago Tribune MILWAUKEE - Jobs and the economy took center stage in a dispute between President Bush and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., Friday as each candidate argued he

would be a better steward

for America. Bush was put on the defensive as Kerry declared the economy "has a bad case of the flu and we need a new medicine" in a speech at the Milwaukee Area

Technical College. But Bush fired back from Cedar Rapids, Iowa and again from Oshkosh, Wis. — that Kerry "didn't seem to get it" in their third debate. when Bush said there was a "vital link between education and jobs."

Kerry continued to argue in Friday's speech Bush is neglecting the middle class and favoring the wealthy with policies that encourage outsourcing jobs to other countries, depress wages and boost the deficit to record levels.

"The problem is, this president either just doesn't understand what's happened to our economy or he understands and he just doesn't care," said Kerry, who plans to make a series of speeches targeting middle-class concerns in the final days of the presidential cam-

paign. Kerry sarcastically

questioned how Bush could say he was proud of his record.

"Proud of millions of Americans unemployed? Proud of tens of millions who have no health insurance? Proud of millions of families facing rising costs and falling incomes? And he's proud and he said this on the very day — the very day — the fedgovernment announced the largest

deficit in American history," the senator said. "If that's what he's proud of, I'd hate to see what he's ashamed of."

The argument over the economy took place in two key battleground states, Wisconsin and Iowa, where the race is extremely tight. A recent Chicago Tribune poll indicated Bush had a slight advantage over Kerry in Iowa and Kerry led Bush in Wisconsin. Both results were within the poll's 4.4 percentage point margin of error.

At an indoor arena rally in Iowa, Bush talked about the "vital" education-jobs link and Kerry's comment in this week's

"He said, 'I switched away from jobs and started to talk about education.' No, good jobs start from good education," Bush said.

"One of the best ways to keep jobs in America is to make sure our workforce is educated, the most highly skilled, the most creative and the most innovative in the world,"



President George W. Bush shakes hands with supporters during a campaign stop in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Friday.

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In trying to draw distinctions between himself government and I don't and Kerry, Bush sought to believe in indifferent govreturn to his 2000 cam- ernment. I'm a compaspaign theme of heading a sionate conservative," government that was Bush said. "I believe in

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largely determines our journey in this life," Ortiz said. "Ruben works very hard to improve the chances for all our young people to go to college."

Hinojosa, 64, says his own upbringing, typical of many of his generation in the Rio Grande Valley, made him value education.

He was born the eighth of 11 children in the Edcouch-Elsa region, attending schools where most everyone Mexican-American and everyone's families spoke Spanish.

When he was 9, his family moved to Mercedes, where his father had bought a meat packing plant. Only then did Hinojosa attend school with white students and begin to master English.

He later earned a business degree at the University of Texas and joined the family business, becoming president

of H&H Foods, which financial officer, I was grew to supply schools from Texas to California with hamburger and breaded chicken patties. company now employs more than 300 workers and has a contract to supply the Whoppers for Burger King.

business motivated him into politics, Hinojosa

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able to get a very good understanding of our region and the neglect that, in my opinion, had occurred over previous decades, from both the state and federal government," he said. "I wanted to go to Washington and find out what we could do The struggles of getting to get an investment in capital to expand the human capital and infra-

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Cholesterol guidelines become a morality p

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AP Medical Writer

They led influential medical groups, starred at prestigious meetings, published in top journals and were undisputed giants in their field.

But when these famous doctors advised the government recently on new cholesterol guidelines for the public, something else they had in common wasn't revealed.

Eight of the nine were making money from the very companies whose cholesterol-lowering drugs they were urging upon millions more Americans. Two own stock in them. Two others went to work for drug companies shortly after working on the guidelines. Another was a senior government scientist who moonlights for 10 companies and even serves on one of their boards.

Consumer groups and others now are questioning not only the advice these doctors gave but also their fundamental ability to act in the public's best interest.

It comes as some of these companies lobby the government to let drugs at the center of this controversy - statins such as Lipitor and Zocor - be sold over the counter. Prominent doctors with ties to statin makers are urging approval.

There's little doubt that statins save lives or that too few people take them now. But critics say the doctors' coziness with drug companies compro-

"The time has come to askwhether all of the money floating around medicine has created a pattern of corruption. Clinical advice, like votes, should never be bought."

Dr. Jerome Kassirer From his book 'On the Take'

mises their credibility and undercuts their latest advice that more people would benefit from these medications.

Conflicts of interest are increasingly common now that two-thirds of medical research at universities is funded by private industry. Twenty years ago, only one-third was.

Many people think that big corporations have too much power, but "we have to live in the context of the country's structure," said Dr. Scott Grundy, a Texas cardiologist who headed the cholesterol panel. "The government is not producing drugs. All the big statin trials have been paid for by the companies."

Government has its own problems. A ban on priyate consulting was lifted a decade ago, and recent years have seen one scandal after another involving federal scientists taking money from companies directly affected by their decisions.

Conflicts also have bedeviled trusted groups like the Dallasbased American Heart Association, which rely on private cash for meetings and activities, and the continuing

medical education system, which often gives doctors credits for attending drug-companysponsored talks that sometimes amount to paid commercials.

The drug industry spent \$2 billion in 2001 on events for doctors — double what it spent five years earlier, Dr. Jerome Kassirer, former editor-in-chief of the New England Journal of Medicine, reports in his new book, "On the Take."

"The time has come to ask whether all of the money floating around medicine has created a pattern of corruption," he writes. "Clinical advice, like votes, should never be bought." Some say it's naive to think a panel of true experts with no industry ties could be assem-

bled today. Christopher Seymour, executive director of the National Lipid Association, a group that promotes cholesterol control and is largely funded by drug companies, has six of the nine guideline panel members on his

board. "Who in America is going to write these guidelines if you don't go to the thought leaders? Should I call Dr. X in the middle of Peoria? What gives them credentials to be on my board?" he asked.

But at the University of Illinois in Peoria, they think quite a lot of Dr. Frank Gold. who in 30 years as a cardiologist has managed not to take consulting or lecture fees from industry.

"I'm squeaky-clean," he says, and "would jump at the opportunity" to serve on a guidelines panel. "There are tons of people like me, and they're even in places like Des Moines, Iowa."

The statin flap reveals much about modern medicine and how industry influences decisions that affect the health of ordinary Americans.

It involves drugs with so much science behind them and proven benefits that doctors only partly joke about putting them in the water supply.

More than half of American adults have high cholesterol, raising their risk of heart attack. Doctors tell them to eat right and exercise, but that takes time to work and usually produces only modest improvement. Statins' ability to drop cholesterol dramatically and See ADVICE, Page 9A

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almost overnight has made them the nation's top-selling drugs.

The government's National **Cholesterol Education Program** periodically asks experts to help set guidelines for controlling cholesterol. Not surprisingly, rules issued in 2001 advocate aggressively curbing this risk factor and using statins.

New studies prompted officials to convene a new panel to revise the guidelines. Seven of its nine members had been on the previous one. The newcomers - Dr. Sidney C. Smith Jr. of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and Dr. C. Noel Bairey Merz of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles — were representatives of the heart association and the College American Cardiology, respectively.

These groups in July endorsed and published the new guidelines, which set cholesterol limits even lower, encouraging statins for millions more Americans.

A day later, the Center for Science in the Public Interest said the advice was tainted by doctors' industry ties, which weren't disclosed.

The financial ties ranged from long-ago grants to a doctor's university to do research all the way up to stock ownership and ongoing deals providing thousands of dollars in personal income from statin mak-

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one called a "significant" speech Monday on the administration's effort in the war on terror, as well as a speech on health care later in the week.

Campaign aides said internal studies show voter resonance to Bush's charges Kerry is trying to create a government-run health plan to expand the availability of health care something the Democrat has strenuously

denied.

little to say, meanwhile, about reports Bush's senior adviser, Karl Rove, had testified before a federal grand jury probing the leak about a CIA operative to syndicated columnist Robert Novak.

White House Press

cooperating in the investigation and said the president wants to get to the bottom of the leak.

"My client appeared voluntarily before the grand jury and has cooperated with the investigation since it began," Rove's Secretary Scott McClellan attorney, Robert Luskin, White House aides had said the administration is told Time Magzine. "He front of a federal grand

has been assured in writ- jury — a lot of informaing as recently as this week that he is not a target of the investigation."

what he knows.

"Two and a half hours is a long time to spend in tion must have been shared," Democratic Committee National Terry Chairman McAuliffe said.

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Perhaps no medicine today is so widely regarded as a wonder drug as the cholesterol-lowering statin. From Zocor to Lipitor to Pravachol, statins are top sellers in a country where half of American adults have high cholesterol.

In Britain, they recently became available over the counter, and there are efforts afoot in the United States to do the same.

This summer, a U.S. advisory panel set recommended cholesterol levels even lower, encouraging

to take statins. But because all but one member of that panel receives money from the makers of those drugs, some consumer advocates wonder about the credibility of the latest advice.

Still, no one questions the overall value of these drugs, which quickly and drastically lower the cholesterol that builds up in blood vessels, thus preventing heart attacks and strokes.

The first statin, Mevacor, came on the market in 1987. Now there are five others in the

millions more Americans United States. About 13 million Americans take statins _ roughly onethird of the number for whom they're recommended.

> The most famous recent example is former President Bill Clinton, who was prescribed a statin for high cholesterol when he left office several years ago but who stopped taking it at some point. On Labor Day, he had a quadruple bypass operation for arteries so severely clogged that doctors said he was in grave danger of a major heart

Proponents of statins, 1985 to help educate such as the National Lipid Association, a largely industry-funded group, say Clinton's case shows the need for educating more doctors to treat cholesterol more aggressive-

"How in the heck did he get something that could be prevented? The president's doctors didn't even know how to manage lipids," said the group's executive director. Christopher Seymour.

A federally funded program, the National Education Cholesterol Program, was formed in Americans about this risk factor. Its revised guidelines, issued in July, have been criticized by some as perhaps too aggressive for certain groups like the elderly, women and people with diabetes.

They advise people at high risk of a heart attack to get their level of LDL or "bad" cholesterol to 70, instead of 100, the previous target. The guidelines urge people at moderateto-high risk to aim for 100 versus the previous target of 130.

The drugs and their makers are Merck's lovastatin (Mevacor) and simvastatin (Zocor); Bristol-Myers Squibb's pravas-(Pravachol); tatin Novartis Pharmaceuticals' fluvastatin (Lescol); Pfizer's atorvastatin (Lipitor), and AstraZeneca's rosuvastatin (Crestor).

Side effects are rare, but can include severe muscle weakness.

The Food and Drug Administration has warned doctors to be careful about prescribing statins, particularly Crestor. in certain patients at higher risk of complications.

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The most complicated situation is that of Dr. H. Bryan Brewer, chief of the molecular disease branch of the National teo is Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, which houses the federal cholesterol program.

he is on the scientific advisory board of Lipid nich Sciences Inc., a private 197 biotechnology firm devel--barre oping cholesterol treatments, and the National Lipid Association, the industry-backed group that promotes cholesterol

control. Brewer also is a consulsize tant or speaker for 10 geod companies, including sevoi reral statin makers. He even attended a meeting in July 2003 of a federal Food and Drug Administration advisory debating committee whether to recommend approval of Crestor, a made by

> AstraZeneca — one of the companies for whom he moonlights. ne meeting was on a Thursday, and it couldn't be determined whether Brewer was there on govrequests for an interview.

ernment time. He refused In a memo to National Institutes of Health director Dr. Elias Zerhouni, Brewer wrote that he was "only an observer and did not participate" in the FDA meeting, which led to the drug's approval a month later.

Zerhouni had gotten a complaint from Public Citizen's Dr. Sidney Wolfe, who said Brewer had inaccurately analyzed Crestor's risks in a medical journal article whose publishing costs were paid by AstraZeneca.

What is conflict of interest today? Many think they know it when they see it but have trouble defining its boundaries, especially as times change and things once taboo become accepted as industry foots more of the research bill.

"It is very much a continuum. I don't think there is a sharp line, and that's where disclosure becomes so important," Dr. Michael said Goldrich, chairman of the Medical American Association's council on ethical and judicial affairs.

Consulting fees can range from a couple thousand dollars to \$50,000 to \$100,000 a year, said Mildred Cho, associate director of Stanford University's Center for Biomedical Ethics.

"The concern is that when you get into these larger amounts, they're not just for duties performed," but for using clout to help market a drug, she said.

Some guideline panel members talk candidly about their industry ties. Grundy, a cardiologist at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and former Heart Association

president, said he makes less than \$10,000 a year in speaker fees from various companies and refuses to promote a particular drug in a talk.

Northwestern University School Medical Chicago, said he takes speaker fees to replace lost income when a talk forces him to miss work and sometimes donates his fees to universities.

"I have scrupulously voided owning a share of tock in these compaies," he said. "I don't want anybody to think I knew something ahead of time."

Smith, also a former heart association president, said he owns about \$10,000 in stock in two companies with heart products, including Johnson & Johnson, which has partnered with Merck & Co. to sell a statin over the counter in England.

"I didn't even know I had it till I called the fel- tors," but internal medilow that handles the cine doctors might feel accounts," Smith said of differently, said Dr. adding, stock, "Nobody volunteers time University cardiologist for one of these commit- and epidemiologist who small amount of stock outcomes research. He's they may have in a retirement plan is going to benefit."

Bairey Merz, California cardiologist, listed stock in Johnson & Johnson and seven other companies with heartrelated business, plus consulting, lecture or research money from nine, including several statin-makers. She declined to be interviewed but said in a brief written statement that she had not breached any

leader, said he didn't statins," said Stone of know any members owned stock. Although it wouldn't necessarily disqualify them, "I probably would not allow that," he said.

ethics rules.

Efforts to interview three other panel members - Dr. Luther T. Clark of State University of New York Downstate Medical Center Brooklyn, Dr. Donald B.

Hunninghake of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and Dr. Richard C. Pasternak of Massachusetts General and Harvard Medical Dr. Neil J. Stone of School in Boston - were unsuccessful. Multiple requests to interview Clark and Pasternak were unreturned by spokespeople; Hunninghake could not be located through the university.

Hunninghake before the guidelines were released to become a full-time industry consultant, according to the cholesterol program. Pasternak joined Merck soon after the guidelines came out.

conflicts Financial aren't the only danger. "Group think" can set in when a panel doesn't include people who can look at the science with different views than cardiologists.

"These folks made their careers on being aggressive on treating risk fac-Harlan Krumholz, a Yale tees because they think a runs a center for medical been on dozens of guideline groups — not this one - and says he's "pretty the careful" about industry

> "When you've been spending your life trying to prove a hypothesis and you believe in a certain thing, you're obviously seeing the world through that perspective," Krumholz said.

Indeed, many of the doctors making the case for statins helped establish their effectiveness.

"Most of us did all the Grundy, the panel's original trials of the Northwestern.

He had a personal reason - his father was the first in his family to live past 48, dying of heart disease in 1985 at age 68.

"He never got a chance to get a statin," Stone said. "I'm actually stunned that people who know the evidence don't see the enorin mous value of this class of drugs."

The only panel member with no financial conflicts — the federal cholesterol program's coordinator, Dr. James Cleeman - is upset by attacks on the guidelines like the letter signed by 35 scientists and doctors asking NIH to launch an independent

"They are sciencebased," Cleeman said. "The public should have confidence in them. I'm an unconflicted person. and I read the science the same way."

Meanwhile, moves are under way to curb con-

 The NIH is revising rules on outside consulting. Zerhouni first said it would be banned only for top scientists but now wants restrictions on all employees for two years. the Office of Government

Ethics said this summer that NIH was so full of conflict that across-theboard rules were needed.

· Pressure is growing on medical journals for more meaningful disclosure of authors' conflicts - not just fine print naming a company without saying what it makes or does. Kassirer cites a June 2003 editorial describing its author as "having equity interests" in a company when in fact he was its president and its product was the subject of the arti-

· Vermont, with the support of then-Gov. Howard Dean, himself a physician, passed a law in 2002 requiring doctors to disclose gifts over \$25 and listing them on the Internet.

 The heart association He altered his stance after and College of Cardiology are about to release an

ethics report that will make broad recommendations on physician behavior and patients' interests, Smith said.

As for the statin mess, "I hope that the focus on a potential conflict of interest does not overshadow the real problem that patients are not receiving care which can prevent heart attack and stroke," Smith said.

Stone agreed: "The science is out there for everybody to see. The one thing that I'm very distressed about is these are evidence-based guidelines ... this is not an opinion report."

All the more shame, Kassirer says, that the authors' financial deals make their advice appear

"I'm just not sure what to believe," he said. "That's the issue."





By JOHN J. LUMPKIN

Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON - The Army is investigating up to 19 members of a supply platoon in Iraq who refused to go on a convoy mission, the military said Friday. Relatives of the

soldiers said the troops considered the mission too dangerous, in part because their vehicles were in such poor shape. Some of the troops' con-

cerns were being addressed, military officials said. But a coalition spokesman in Baghdad noted that 'a small number of the soldiers involved chose to express their concerns in an inappropriate manner, causing a temporary breakdown in discipline."

The reservists are from a fuel platoon that is part

Quartermaster Company, based in Rock Hill, S.C. The unit delivers food, water and fuel on trucks in combat zones.

Teresa Hill of Dothan, Ala., who said her daughter, Amber McClenny, was among in the platoon, received a phone message from her early Thursday morning saying they had been detained by U.S. military authorities.

"This is a real, real, big emergency," McClenny said in her message. "I need you to contact someone. I mean, raise pure

message that her platoon had refused to go on a convoy to Taji, located north of Baghdad. "We had broken down trucks, non-armored vehicles

ing contaminated fuel. They are holding us against our will. We are now prisoners," she said.

Hill said she was later contacted by Spc. Tammy Reese in Iraq, who was calling families of the detainees.

"She told me (Amber) was being held in a tent with armed guards," said Hill, who spoke with her daughter Friday afternoon after her release. Her daughter said they are facing punishment ranging from a reprimand

to a charge of mutiny. The incident was first McClenny said in her reported Friday by The Clarion-Ledger newspaper in Jackson, Miss. Family members told the newspaper that several platoon members had been confined, but the

343rd and, um, we were carry- military did not confirm other soldiers from the Tallil, questioning solthat.

> A commanding general has ordered the unit to undergo a "safety-maintenance stand down," during which it will conduct no further missions as the unit's vehicles undergo safety inspections, the military said.

> On Wednesday, 19 members of the platoon did not show up for a scheduled 7 a.m. meeting in Tallil, in southeastern Iraq, to prepare for the fuel convoy's departure a few hours later, the military statement said.

"An initial report indicated that some of the 19 soldiers (not all) refused to participate in the convoy as directed," the military statement says.

The mission was ultimately carried out by

343rd, which has at least 120 soldiers, the military said.

Convoys in Iraq are frequently subject to ambushes and roadside bombings.

A whole unit refusing to go on a mission in a war zone would be a significant breach of military discipline. The military statement called the incident "isolated" and called the 343rd an experienced unit that performed honorable service in nine months in Iraq.

U.S. military officials said the commanding general of the 13th Corps Support Command., Brig. Gen. James E. Chambers, had appointed his deputy, Col. Darrell Roll, to investeam under Roll is in ranted.

diers about the incident, the military said.

"Preliminary findings indicate that there were several contributing factors that led to the late convoy incident and alleged refusal to participate by some soldiers," the military said. "It would be inappropriate to discuss those factors while the investigation continues."

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Separately, the commander of the 300th Area Support Group, listed on a military Web site as Col. Pamela Adams, has ordered a criminal inquiry to determine if any soldiers committed crimes under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, and, if so, whether discitigate. An investigative plinary measures are war-

Explosions rock Baghdad, cordon eased in Fallujah

By ROBERT H. REID

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Car bombs killed five U.S. troops in Iraq, the U.S. military said Saturday, the latest in a string of such attacks at the start of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Blasts also targeted five churches in the Iraqi capital.

The two car bombs went off Friday, the military said. One, carried out by a suicide bomber driving an explosive-laden vehicle, targeted a U.S. patrol near the town of Qaim, an insurgent hotspot near the border with Syria,

Chris Woodbridge, commander of the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment.

The other blast went off in the northern city of Mosul, 225 miles north of Baghdad, killing a U.S. soldier assigned to Task Force Olympia, the military said.

U.S. commanders have warned that insurgents may increase violence during Ramadan — just as there was a surge in attacks last year with the start of the month of fasting. In recent days, U.S. and Iraqi forces have launched sweeps around

according to Lt. Col. attempt to suppress guer- station in southwest ties," Rev. Zaya Yousef of rillas ahead of Ramadan. Most Iraqis began observing the sunrise-to-sunset fast on Friday, though Shiites began some Saturday.

The U.S. military loosened a cordon around the Sunni insurgent stronghold of Fallujah after several days of intense clashes with rebels there, residents said.

Fallujah came as negotiations with city leaders aimed a deal to re-establish government control broke down.

A vehicle bomb reported Friday by the U.S. milikilling four U.S. troops, several cities in an tary blasted near a police

Baghdad, killing 10 civilians — including a family of four who were driving by at the time of the blast. Iraqi hospital officials said 14 people were wounded.

Baghdad In Saturday, bombs rang out outside five churches in quick succession over an hour and half starting at 4:00 a.m., the Iraqi The surge in violence in Interior Ministry said. There were no injuries, but all the churches had windows blown out, said ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman.

"It is a criminal act to make Iraq unstable and to create religious difficul- first significant strike

St. George's Church said. "But this will not happen because we all live together like brothers in this country through sadness and happiness.'

Iraq's community of 750,000 Christians has grown increasingly anxious at the rise of Islamic fundamentalism since the ouster of Saddam Hussein last year. Hundreds have fled to neighboring Jordan and Syria.

In August, coordinated attacks hit four churches in Baghdad and one in Mosul, killing at least seven people and wounding dozens more in the against Iraq's minority Christians since the U.S. invasion began last year.

In other Baghdad violence, a mortar round exploded in the garden of the Ibn al-Betar hospital, killing one person. Officials said the blast at the hospital could have been far worse - The building was under renovation at the time and there were no patients there.

Another mortar round hit the parking lot of al-Mansour Hotel, where some foreign journalists and diplomats stay. There were no reports of casualties there, the Interior Ministry said.

Anti-war Americans send photos to Iraq to counteractimages of prisoner abuse

Associated Press Writer NYACK, N.Y. - More than 2,000 people opposing the war in Iraq, including the father of an American beheaded by terrorists, are sending Iraqis personal photos with protest messages to show "what Americans

are really like." The pictures, from all around the country, are meant to be a counterpoint to the infamous images of Americans abusing Iraqi prisoners. Each photo shows at least one sign, usually handmade. Some specifically criticize U.S. actions in the war while others simply extend sympathy to Iraqi civilians.

"With deep shame, we apologize for the suffering our country has brought to the people of Iraq," says a banner in a photo showing 11 people in Vancouver, Wash. Three elderly people in Minneapolis declare, "All our children long for a new day."

Michael Berg, whose son Nicholas was executed last spring by an al-Qaida-affiliated group, holds a sign in his photo that says, "I am sorry and ashamed for the tremendous loss my government has caused the Iraqi people."

"I truly feel that what the United States government has done to the once-sovereign nation of Iraq is atrocious and shameful," he said in a phone interview. Berg, whose opposition to the war predates his son's execution, will be in Washington

Wednesday when the project is formally unveiled by the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

The peace group, which organized the project, said it wants Iraqis to know that most Americans were shocked by the photos of U.S. soldiers abusing Iraqis priswar being waged in their history of pacifism and

undercuts U.S. soldiers. Jerry Newberry, spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign in from more than 100 Wars, said, "This type of thing only serves to them are being burned undermine the effort and

the sacrifice of our military in Iraq. These people on the face of it seem to have a political agenda. ... It implies that what we're attempting to do in Iraq is shameful."

Ken Lisaius said.

by Kaia Svien, a 57-yearprison photos.

we use photos in another happening." way to respond to this and hope they will be as powerful? Maybe we can show them what Americans are really like.'"

She took the idea to the Nyack-based Fellowship, as well as Iraqis.

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By JIM FITZGERALD oners and many regret a a 90-year-old group with a activism. Staffer Hossein A veterans' group, how- Alizadeh made it a ever, believes the project national project, asking local peace groups to spread the word.

About 400 pictures came cities and towns. Half of onto CDs for distribution Wednesday to news media that reach Iraqis, said Fellowship spokeswoman Jennifer Hyman.

"We thought it would be great if we could speak as ordinary Americans to The White House had ordinary Iraqis," said no comment, spokesman Alizadeh. "Since the United States went in The project was sparked there, the Iraqis have seen nothing but vioold Minneapolis teacher, lence, so they have a very who said she was "just negative opinion of dumbstruck" when she Americans. We hope that saw the Abu Ghraib after they see these photographs, they will pause "It was the power of the for a second and think, photographs that brought 'At least we have a few home the message," Svien friends, there are people said. "So I thought, 'Can't who care about what's

He said that despite the signs in the pictures, the project is "not about condemning any government." Hyman said the peace group wants to stop the deaths of U.S. soldiers

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Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcomseason

November. For more information, contact Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Ragball tournament set for early Nov.

A ragball tournament has been set up to help raise money for Relay for Life.

The tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park. Registration take place Saturday at 1 p.m.

The teams are made up of five men and five women and it costs \$10 per player to partici-

For more information, contact Angel at the bus barn at 264-4108.

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of girls in volleyball, basketball, track, training and cheerleading are encouraged to attend.

For more information. contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or 466-1711.

Astros keep Moore in Round Rock

HOUSTON (AP) Former major league manager Jackie Moore will remain in charge of the Houston Astros' affiliate in Round Rock next season when the team moves up to Triple A, and former big-leaguer Dave Clark will manage the franchise's new Double A club.

Moore led the Round Rock Express to the Double-A Texas League playoffs four of the last five seasons. His new team, still called the Express, will be in the Pacific Coast League.

"It only made sense that we would hire Jackie for this important role in our inaugural season of Triple-A baseball in Round Rock," said Astros assistant general manager Tim Purpura.

Clark played 13 seasons in the majors, the final one with the Astros in 1998.



By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The mercy rule has become a bit of a habit for the Garden City football team as the Bearkats took of care

Water Valley Friday in Garden City, 45-0. It was the Bearkats fifth 45point

mercy rule MACHICEK victory this year.

Garden City's defense held Water Valley's offense to 64 yards, including 35 yards rushing on 21 carries. And Greg Williams, who rushed for nearly 470 yards against Loraine earlier this year, was a nonfactor.

"The key of this game things done as a team." was our defense holding Water Valley to no first downs in the first three or four drives," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "When the defense can do things like that, the result will always work out good for

And it wasn't just the defense that worked out good for Garden City (6-1) at Bearkat Stadium Friday. The offense committed no turnovers and amassed 197 yards rushing and 119 passing. Eight different receivers caught a pass and 26 different players saw the field, as well, including 10 players on the junior varsity team.

"This was an example of a total team effort," said Hoskins. "The stats by each guy are not great, but we continue to get

"The way we do our offense makes it hard to count on just one person because we have so many different formations involving

Bearkats roll to another mercy rule victory

SO many different kids." Th offense was flat early

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Hoskins, as h SCHWARTZ Bearkats scored just six points in first quarter. the However, a 21-point second quarter gave Garden City a commanding half-

time lead. The first quarter touchdown was scored by senior Tim Schniers as he caught an 18-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Alex Halfmann.

who finished with 88 yards rushing on 12 carries, reached the end zone twice in the second quarter. His five and 11-yard runs were sandwiched by four-yard Wade Machicek touchdown

reception. Travis Coats got into the scoring mix early in the third quarter as he took the opening kick off back 50 yards for the score.

The defense accounted for one score in the third quarter. as Machicek intercepted a pass and scampered 25 yards for the touchdown.

Then, Hillger's 10-yard touchdown run with 8:43 to play ended the game at

"We knew Water Valley would come in here and play well against us because they were thinking the same thing we

Senior Trey Hillger, were," said Hoskins. "And that was that the winner of this game has an inside track to win the district title.

Senior Robert Lopez finished with 70 yards rushing on nine carries, while Jared Bradford led all receivers with two catches for 38 yards. Halfmann finished eight-for-12 for 94 yards and two touchdowns.

The defense was led by Colby Hirt and Colton Schwartz, who had eight and six tackles, respectively. Hillger, Bradford and Blaine Walker also added five tackles.

The Bearkats hit the road next Friday to take on district rival Veribest at 7:30 p.m. Veribest is 1-1 in district play after Blackwell defeating Friday night. Bearkats have begun district play 2-0.

Mustangs run over **Dragons**

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

ACKERLY — The Sands Mustangs football team used 427 yards rushing to earn its fourth consecutive win Friday at home against rival Dawson. And the win came via the 45-point mercy rule as the Mustangs defeated the Dragons, 62-14, just into the third quarter.

Sands scored 28 points in each of the first two quarters to take a 56-14 lead at halftime before Santos Ybarra's 49-yard touchdown run ended the game early in the third quarter.

The Mustangs threw only six times for 30 yards as the rushing attack was phenomenal again for Sands.

Ybarra, a junior, scored three times in the first quarter on runs of 32, five and 74 yards. He added two more touchdowns (one of which was on defense) in the second quarter and the gameending score in the third.

The other Sands touchdowns were scored by junior Cevan Smithson. He scored on a 34-yard run in the first quarter and on runs of one and 60 yards in the second frame.

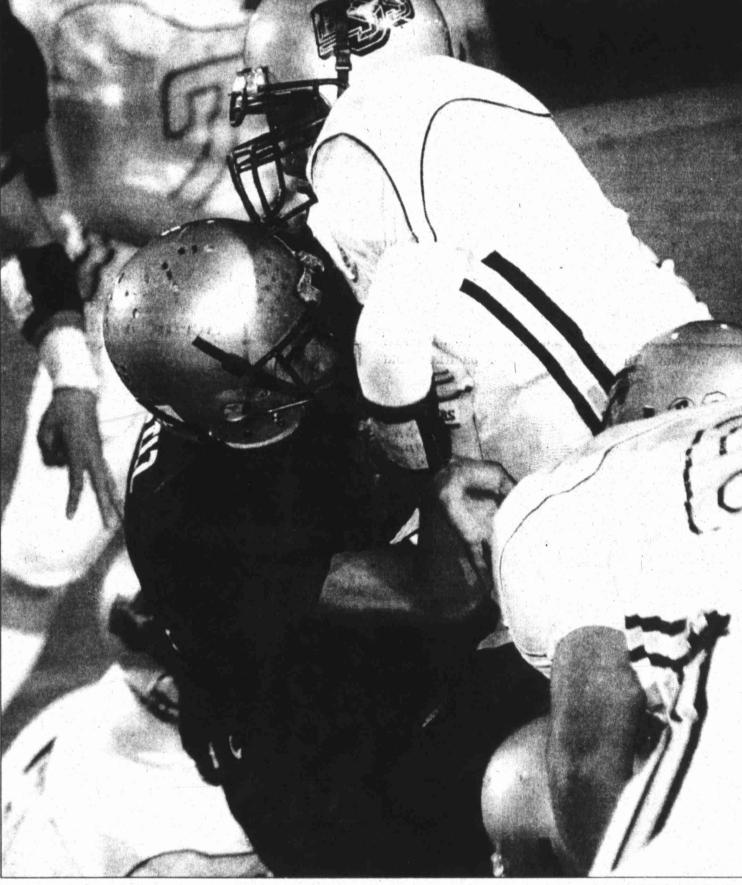
For the game Ybarra finished with 289 yards on 16 carries, while Smithson amassed 144 yards on 10 carries. defensive Ybarra's

touchdown was the first score of the second quarter. He scored on a 15yard interception return. Dawson's Kenyon

Brown, who scored on a 45-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter, led the Dragons with 55 yards rushing and 45 yards receiving.

The Sands defense held Dawson to 159 total yards and forced five turnovers in the win.

The victory gives the Mustangs a 2-0 record in the district. Sands will host 2-0 Wellman-Union next Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Ackerly.



Big Spring senior Taviance Clemons, right, runs into an Andrews defender but still manages to find the goal line in the fourth quarter of the Steers' 11-point loss to the Mustangs Friday night at the Mustang Bowl.

Andrews wins pivotal district game

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Big Spring's biggest rival — Andrews — used 17 points in the third quarter to knock off the Steers in a very sloppy picked up two first game at the Mustang Bowl Friday night, 24-13.

The two teams accounted for three turnovers in the first five possessions of the game, but neither team's offense did any-

Spring picked up only anything and a lot of that three first downs in its first five possessions, but Andrews wasn't much better. The Mustangs downs in each of their first two possessions, but both times turned the

ball over to the Steers. "We were inept on offense," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Andrews reached the end

thing with them. Big Butler. "We couldn't do zone first with 7:57 to was due to Andrews' good defense. They deserve a lot of credit.

"Our turnovers, like us tonight."

After back-to-back interceptions by Jeremy Bueno and Andy Lasater, and then back-to-back punts by both teams.

play in the second quarter. The Mustangs had a short field and needed just three plays to reach paydirt. The 34-yard they have all year, hurt drive featured a 32-yard pass completion and a two-yard touchdown pass from Bueno to Jesse Ortiz.

Big Spring answered

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Friday Night Football This week's finals Wellman Garden City Andrews Anson Stanton Roscoe Sands 13 62 45 **Big Spring** Coahoma Stamford Forsan Grady Dawson Water Valley

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back just before halftime, however. With 50 seconds to play in the second quarter, Lasater found senior Jerry Doporto on a 30-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 7-7.

The third quarter belonged to Andrews.

Its first drive, which resulted in a touchdown, took nearly six minutes off the clock. The Mustangs converted two fourth downs, including a fake punt on fourth and 12 that brought the ball to the Big Spring 30. The other conversion carried the ball to the Steers fiveyard line where Bueno rushed twice for the score.

The drive also saw two Big Spring defenders leave the game with minor injuries. Curtis Osburne and Steven Heffington came off the field, but neither injury is expected to be serious.

After a three and out by Big Spring on its next possession, Andrews went back to work on offense. The Mustangs again needed just three plays to reach the end zone, this time scoring on a 46-yard pass play from Bueno to Ricky Carrasco with 3:16 to play in the third. The touchdown was set up by a 16-yard Bueno run.

"I couldn't have asked for more from the defense," said Butler. "They just can't continue to play on a short field like they did."

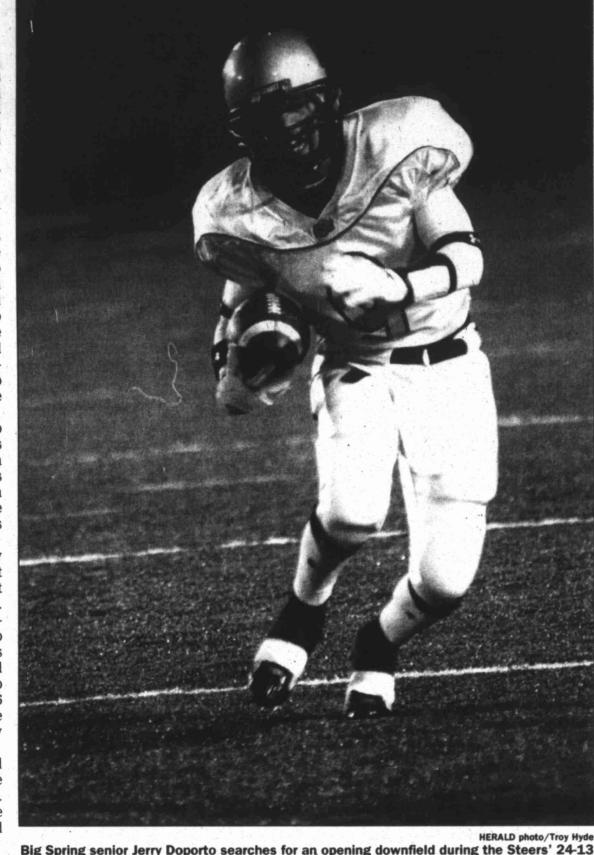
The Steers only got one play on their next drive as Lasater fumbled the ball away to Andrews, giving the Mustangs great field position on the 30yard line.

The Big Spring defense held its ground though and forced Andrews into a 27-yard field goal by Bueno.

The kick, which gave Andrews a 24-7 lead, came with 1:37 left in the third quarter.

The ensuing kickoff by Andrews was recovered by the Mustangs on the Steers 25-yard line. The high kick went directly to the Mustang sideline and was picked up by a sprinting defender just before the ball went out of bounds.

"The third quarter was a killer on us," said



Big Spring senior Jerry Doporto searches for an opening downfield during the Steers' 24-13 loss to Andrews Friday at the Mustang Bowl. Doporto finished with five catches for 48 yards and a touchdown.

Butler. "We can't keep our defense on the field that long. We have to do something offensively so our guys on defense can get a rest."

doing anything with the ball as a fake field goal to start the fourth quarter was unsuccessful.

brought hope and some extent of his injury was momentum back to the unknown at press time. Steers.

three plays with 9:57 to go and in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 11. The touchdown was scored by senior Taviance Clemons from five yards out, but was set up by a 60-yard pass completion from Lasater to senior J. Rich

However, where there was good news there was also bad news as Lasater was taken off the field questionable late hit during the play.

No Andrews penalty was called and Lasater Big Spring's next drive did not return. The

Big Spring's defense The Steers scored on forced two straight three outs against Andrews' offense, but two straight Steer possessions, which were led by sophomore quarterback Ryan Tannehill, ended in four plays.

> Big Spring was able to get two first downs on its

final possession, but the Steers failed to convert a fourth and 31 with 1:34 to play.

"It was a learning expeafter the two-point con-rience for Ryan," said Andrews could not version failed. He took a Butler. "It is tough for him to step in and take over the offense like that."

Andrews finished with 263 passing yards, while Big Spring accounted for 174 yards through the air. Sparks led the team

with four catches for 79 yards, while Doporto caught five passes for 48 yards and a touchdown.

Lasater finished 11-for-22 for 126 yards with two interceptions and one touchdown and Tannehill completed three of 11 passes for 27 yards.

Bad start, finish dooms Wildcats at home

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

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LENORAH — Wellman-Union's favorite candy bar must be Almond Joy because they felt like a nut Friday at Tunnel Field in Lenorah — Ryan Nutt that is.

Nutt scored five touchdowns and compiled 114 yards rushing in Wellman's, 63-22, win over the Grady Wildcats

Coahoma junior varsity

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Anson on the road, 32-12.

The Bulldogs led 16-6

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Gonzales, Ewing lead Coahoma JV to win over Anson

Ewing then ran the two- went back to work in the

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on a 54-yard pass play. quarter before Coahoma night.

and the other on a kickoff return late in the second quarter.

Grady compiled more than 300 yards of total offense, but were done in by four turnovers.

Seniors Andrew Villa and Ben Hirth led Grady with two touchdowns

apiece. Wellman-Union scored ter and never looked back. The first score came

that finalized

Bulldogs points on the p.m.

Nutt scored on a sevenyard run. One minute later, he scored again, this time on a 35-yard run. David Franco added the final score of the period for Wellman-Union as he scored from seven yards out.

Grady got on the board 20 points in the first quar- first in the second quarter as Hirth scored on a

Coahoma (2-5) will take

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Buffaloes continue to roll, post second straight district win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

STAMFORD — A strong start helped the Stanton Buffaloes upend rival Stamford on the road Friday night, 48-14, as Emilio Villa rushed for 192 yards

n d Michael Washington accounted for four touchdowns.

It was Stanton's

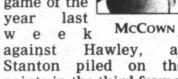
t h i r d Washington straight victory and second straight in District 4-2A play.

Stanton jumped out quickly in the game and took a 21-0 halftime lead before doubling the lead with 21 more points in the third quarter.

Bobby Gutierrez got things going for Stanton as he scored the game's opening touchdown on a one-yard run. Then, Washington found Sloan Kelly on an 18-yard pass play that reached the end zone.

The Buffaloes lone touchdown in the second quarter was scored on a one-yard run Washington.

The third quarter just got worse 0 Stamford, which won first game of the year w e e



Stanton piled on the points in the third frame.

The first score came through the air as Washington Gutierrez on a 29-yard completion. Washington scored the next touchdown on a run from six yards out. The final touchdown of the of quarter came from the defense as Joe Hinjosa reached paydirt after he returned an interception 21 yards.

Stamford's Wesley Woodard went to work in the fourth quarter and reached the end zone twice, but it was too little too late for the Bulldogs. Woodard's first touchdown covered 39 yards, while his second score came on a 52-yard run.

Stanton's Emilio Villa, whose 192 yards rushing

came on just eight carries, scored the Buffaloes final touchdown of the game on a 62-yard run.



VILLA

Stanton finished with nearly 500 yards of total offense, including 368 on the ground. The Buffaloes defense held Stamford to 281 total yards, as well. The Buffaloes and head

coach Lee McCown return home Friday to take on district rival Coahoma, which is winless in the district this year after losses to Colorado City and Anson. The Bulldogs lost

Friday to Anson, 13-6, but played the game without star quarterback Adrian Abrego.

Sandridge, Johnson lead Forsan JV to win against rival Roscoe

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Forsan's junior varsity football team improved to 3-3 on the year Thursday after its 26-7 victory over district rival Roscoe.

"The kids came out and played hard the entire game and did an excellent job both offensively and defensively," said coach Dave Park.

The Buffaloes got on the board first on a 37-yard reception by Skyler Sandridge from quarterback Seth Johnson. A Cody Freitag two-point conversion put Forsan up

Sandridge then put the Buffaloes up 14-0 on their next possession with an 86-yard touchdown run.

The final two touch- district rival.

downs of the first half came from the Buffaloes as Adam Bailey scored on a five-yard touchdown pass by Johnson and Sandridge reached the end zone for the third time on a six-yard run. Sandridge's touchdown. which was scored as time expired, put the Buffaloes up 26-0 at halftime.

The Plowboys scored once in the second half as Forsan moved the ball well, but could not find the end zone.

The Buffaloes were led defensively by Russell Strong, Michael Gomez, Cody Freitag, Rusty Gressett and Josh Schlipf.

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Coahoma remains winless at home as Bulldogs fall again

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

COAHOMA - Coahoma fell to 0-2 in District 4-2A after Anson rolled off 310 rushing yards en route to a 13-6 home victory Friday night.

The Bulldogs used three quarterbacks in the game as senior starter Adrian Abrego was sidelined due to an injury.

Senior Chad Born got the Bulldogs off on the right foot in the first quarter. He took an Anson fumble to paydirt from 65 yards out with 29 seconds to play.

The extra point failed, but Coahoma (1-6) still led

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs did not score the rest of the night as Anson scored on touchdown runs in the second and fourth quarters to seal the win.

The first Anson touchdown came with 3:13 to play until halftime. K.C.

Fields found a large hole and rumbled 73 yards to the end zone and the extra point put his team up 7-6 at halftime.

A 50-yard run by Robert Chapman with 1:23 to play in the game put the game out of reach for the Bulldogs.

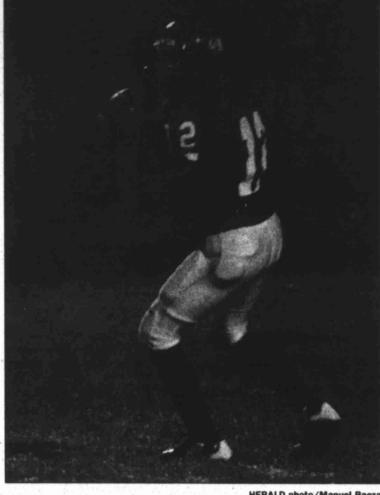
Coahoma's final drive reached the 50-yard line, but time ran out before the Bulldogs could score.

Anson had 12 first downs to Coahoma's 14, outgained but Bulldogs 349-205 offensive-

Senior Andrew Brown led the Bulldogs offense with 67 yards on six carries. Senior Gene Corse was Coahoma's top receiver on the night as he caught two passes for 44 yards.

The three quarterbacks accounted for 59 passing

Tad White went fourfor-10 for all 59 yards, suddenly hot Stanton rival Stamford on the while Patrick, Croft and Buffaloes next Friday in road Friday, 48-14.



HERALD photo/Manuel Baeza Coahoma quarterback Patrick Croft drops back to pass during the Bulldogs' 13-6 loss to Anson Friday night at Bulldog Stadium. Coahoma is winless at home this year.

Lance Roberts each went Stanton. 0-for-5 with an interceptimes for 51 yards.

Coahoma will play the

The Buffaloes have won tion. White also ran 14 four straight games and 2-0 in district play.

They defeated district

Cowboys weary of Roethlisberger led Steelers

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Bill Parcells has a favorite line about rookies who blaze onto the scene: "Don't put him in Canton yet."

Yet with the Pittsburgh Steelers coming to Texas Stadium on Sunday to face his Dallas Cowboys, Parcells went the opposite direction in praising their young quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger.

Parcells started by calling him "the best young the yellow blazer that prospect I've seen in 10 to goes with induction into

12 years," then said he's making the most seamless transition from college to the pros since Dan Marino.

"I think it's pretty remarkable what he's done," Parcells said. "I haven't seen many rookie quarterbacks come in and perform at that level."

Had he continued, Parcells might have worked his way up to asking for Roethlisberger's coat size so he could order the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Get the picture?

The verbal bouquets reek of a double-edged ploy. He's both "feeding cheese" _ another of his pet phrases to try inflating the kid's ego AND trying to persuade his young secondary to spend more time studying the play-

the kudos with the poise he's shown on the field, thanking Parcells while acknowledging it could be

be putting those state- his first three starts.

ments on it," he said. "If I can be half as good as Marino, I'll be incredibly happy.'

Well, at least it worked inside the Dallas locker room, although players insisted Parcells' compliments merely supported what they saw on film.

"If you took his name and number off his jersey, you wouldn't think he's a Roethlisberger handled rookie at all," marveled Dallas defensive end Greg Ellis. "He's the real deal.

Big, strong, mobile, smart and rocket-armed. Roethlisberger has start-"It's a little too early to ed his career by winning

AREA FOOTBALL **STANDINGS**

District 4-4A

School	District	Overall
Frenship	2-0	5-2
Andrews	2-0	4-3
Lake View	2-0	4-3
Plainview	0-2	3-4
Big Spring	0-2	2-5
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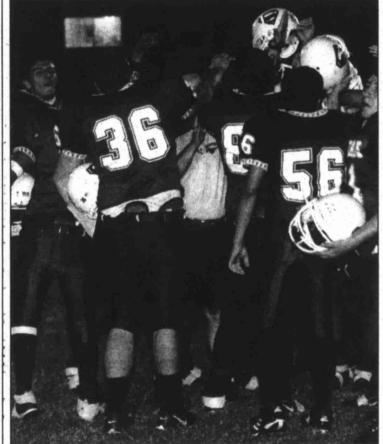
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District 5 Six-man

School	District	Overall
Sands	2-0	4-3
Wellman-Union	2-0	4-3
Grady	1-1	2-5
Loop	0-1	4-2
Klondike	.0-1	2-4
Dawson	0-2	1-6

District 8 Six-man

School	District	Overall
Garden City	2-0	6-1
Blackwell	1-1	3-4
Veribest	1-0	1-4
Paint Rock	1-1	2-4
Water Valley	0-1	2-4
Robert Lee	0-2	1-6



HERALD photo/Bruce Scho Sands football players huddle up after scoring the final touchdown of the game Friday in Ackerly. The touchdown put into effect the 45-point mercy rule as Sands defeated Dawson, 62-14.

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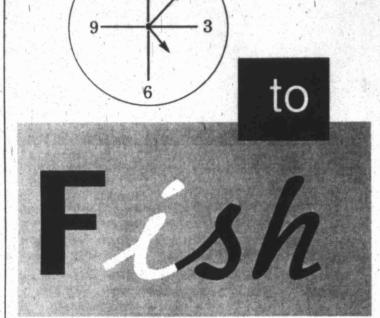
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COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 78 degrees; 6.73-feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 77 degrees; 9.4-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; 78 degrees; 17.3-feet low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits, watermelon jigs, and soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on jigs and live bait. Catfish are fair on live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees. Black bass are fair on black/chartreuse jigs and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 75 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; 78 degrees; 29-feet low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and soft jerkbaits and dark greens soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 73 degrees; 1.8-feet low. Black bass are fair in 5-10 feet along vegetation lines. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Channel and blue catfish are good in the river just above the reservoir on trotlines.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 62-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; 81 degrees; 5.4-feet low. Black bass are fair on live bait, shad-colored jigs, and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 31-feet low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on small crankbaits.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 80 degrees; 22.6-feet low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits and dark jigs. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair on live baits.

WICHITA: Water clearing; 69 degrees; 0.3-feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on large minnows and white Road Runners along the dam early and late. Channel catfish are slow on trotlines and rod & reel with shrimp or punch bait.



ballcarrier during Grady's loss Friday in Lenorah at Tunnel Field.

Grady Brock Rhodes and Nedy Flores assist eachother in bringing down a Wellman-Union

GRADY

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three-yard run with 4:12 to play before the half.

Nutt countered Hirth's touchdown with a one-yard run of his own.

However, Hirth answered right back with a 33-yard reception from Villa with 1:43 to play.

Eleven seconds later, Nutt was in the end zone again as he reached paydirt after a 47-yard kick-off return.



HELMS

The second half belonged to Wellman-Union (4-3) as they outscored Grady 30-6, including 24-0 in the fourth quarter.

Taylor Fields scored for Grady with 6:20 to play in the third off a 22-yard pass from Villa, but that is all Wellman-Union would give up the rest of the way.

Tim Calloway, Beal Martin, Franco and Nutt all scored in the second half for Wellman-Union. Grady (2-5) drops to 1-1

in the district.

The Wildcats and head coach Joe Helms will try to get back on the winning track next Friday when they travel to Dawson to take on the rival Dragons, who lost to Sands in Ackerly Friday

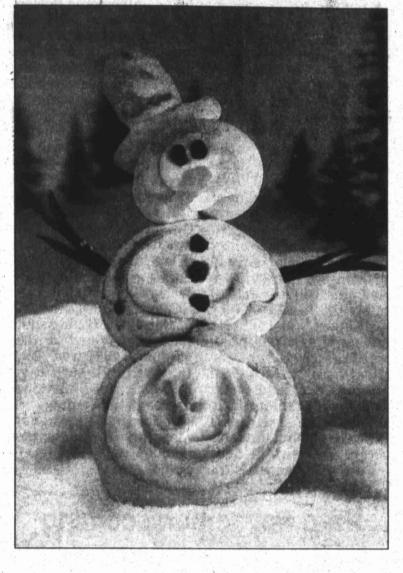
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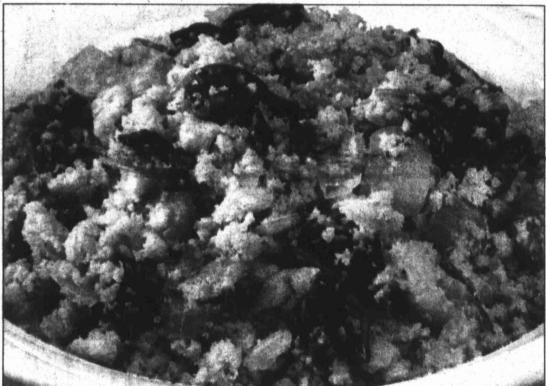
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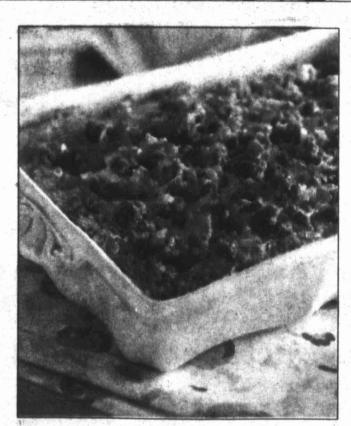
24th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 4 Parade theme: "100 Years of West Texas Christmases" Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 19 The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas cele-First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories: Individual or family 2. School or church 3. Commercial 4. Civic organizations In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and thirdplace entries in each of those categories. **ENTRY FORM** Name of organization: Name of contact person: Mailing address: Telephone number: ☐ Church/school ☐ Individual/Family ☐ Civic ☐ Commercial Brief description of entry: SPECIAL 100TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS In addition to the standard awards given to division winners, this year's parade entries will be judged for recognition of three special awards. Herald's Best of Show Award: \$100 for best interpretation of theme. Mayor's Trophy: \$75 for best use of lighting. Grand Marshall's Award: \$50 for best costuming. PARADE RULES 1. The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade. 2. Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height. 3. Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee. 4. Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted. 5. Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards. Mail, fax or hand deliver entry forms to: PARADE COMMITTEE Big Spring Herald (432) 264-7205 (fax)

Taste of Home COOKING SCHOOL









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Big Spring prepares for a tasty treat Thursday when the Taste of Home Cooking School brings a cooking show to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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"We'll also have the goodie bags which are filled with lots samples and other wonderful items," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets for the event are \$7, available at the chamber of commerce, Big Spring Herald, KBST, Heritage Museum, Uptown Salon, Parks Convenience Store and Nannie's Attic.

Door open at 6 p.m. and the cooking school begins about 6:50 p.m.
"We'll have door prizes and each goodie bag will have the Taste of Home

Cookbook in it," she said.

Eleven of the recipes in the cookbook will be prepared by demonstrator Tamra

Duncan, a Taste of Home Cooking School home economist from Wisconsin.

Part of the prizes for the evening will be an opportunity to taste the dishes she prepares, and some of the door prizes will be to win a created dish.

"I don't want to give too much away, but we are going to have great prizes," ValVerde said.

The show begins with master of ceremonies Brian Michaelz, followed by a wel-

come from chamber president John Weeks.

Duncan will then begin preparing the recipes, while providing special tips for cooking and baking.

Some door prizes will be given during intermission, but the majority will be awarded at the end of the program.

Howard College Diplomats will assist during the event, and Retired Senior

Howard College Diplomats will assist during the event, and Retired Senior Volunteer Program members assembled the goodie bags.

Keep Big Spring Beautiful will have Nelda Laney autographing her Keep Texas

Beautiful ornaments.

"Tickets are selling at a steady pace, but we remind those who are planning to buy their ticket do so now, before they are all gone," ValVerde said.

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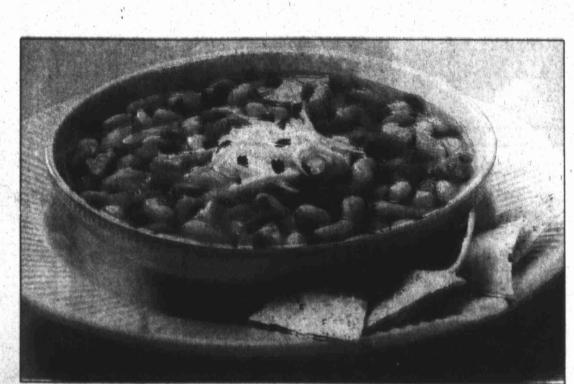
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Middeton, Craig united in marriage in Lubbock ceremony

Middleton and Cody Ian Craig were united in marriage at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, 2004, United LakeRidge Methodist Church in Lubbock. The Rev. Bill Couch officiated the ser-

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Middleton of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Middleton of Big Spring and Eldon and the late Weesie Carroll Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Kim and Shelley Craig of Lubbock and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Craig of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Arnold of Lubbock and the late Pete and Lucille Peeples of Idalou.

Presented in marriage by her father, Lauren wore a beautiful classic ivory strapless gown designed by Pronovias. The gown was designed with a mock two-piece silhouette. The bodice is embellished with a floral pattern of embroidery created with pearls, bugle beads and crystals.

The pattern is repeated on the tiffany train. Lauren's ivory veil featured two layers of illusion tulle topped off by a Bellaire tiara.

The bride carried a hand-tied clutch bouquet with ivory hydrangea, coral coffee bean, assorted shades of orange roses, lilies and flame mini calla lilies with accents of seeded eucalyptus and fresh

Attending the bride was Kim Middleton, of Frisco, who served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Leslie McLellan Austin, Ashley Finch of Lubbock, Tracy Strong of Lubbock and Lauren Moore of Frisco. The bridesmaids wore identical strapless, matte taffeta A-line, tea-length dresses with organza trim at the neckline and hem.

The goldleaf color of the dresses complimented the flowers each bridesmaid carried. Each attendant carried a small version of Lauren's bouquet without the hydrangea but with the addition of red and peach alstromeria lilies.

Attending the groom as best man was Ryan Ray of Dallas. Groomsmen were Todd Worley of Dallas, Cameron Leggett of Dallas, Seth Harrington of Lubbock and Adam Lassetter of Austin.



Mrs. Cody lan Craig

party were Kylee Welch of Abilene, Emily Mouton of Bloomington, Ind., Courtney Craig of Austin and Heather Hobbs of Dallas. Ushers were Brian Rainey of San Antonio, Bradley Keith Memphis, Tenn., Matt McMahon of Lubbock and Trey Aston of Dallas.

Wedding music consisted of Vivaldi, Bach and Pachelbel. The bride walked down the aisle to "Trumpet Clarke's Voluntary." Two songs were performed during the ceremony - "In This Very Room," a solo and a duet, "The Prayer." The bride and groom exited to "Purcell, Trumpet Tune."

The couple exchanged vows in front of one large arrangement centered behind the church alter. The arrangement consisted of orange lilies, orange gladiolus, coffee bean, fall colored roses, ivory hydrangea, alstromeria lilies and assorted grasses. On each side of the alter were three, 4-foot columns that held ivory, wax candleholders of assorted sizes. The base of each candleholder was decorated with fall flowers and assorted grasses. The reception was held

Serving in the house at LakeRidge Country Club, where guests were served buffet style shrimp cocktail, chicken fingers, crab stuffed mushrooms, roast beef, assorted cheese and vegetables, cocktail egg rolls and ham kabobs.

The bride's cake was four ties of champagnecolored butter cream icing. Fall colored flowers decorated each layer and it was topped off with an arrangement of roses. The groom's cake was a twolayered red velvet cake with chocolate icing. It was surrounded by chocolate covered strawberries, raspberries and kiwi.

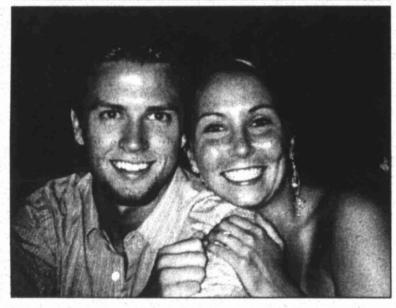
Lauren is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas Tech University, where she arned a bachelor of arts degree in public relations. She is employed by TMP Worldwide in Dallas.

Cody is a 1998 graduate of Coronado High School in Lubbock and a 2004 graduate of Texas Tech University. He earned his bachelor of business degree in marketing.

Following the honeymoon to St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Plano.

retiring in 1979.

Engagement



Lacey Dawn Anderson and John Andrew "Jay" Arrick

Anderson, Arrick engaged

Lacey Dawn Anderson and the grandson of and John Andrew "Jay" Arrick of Odessa will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. July 9, 2005, in St. Paul The Apostle Chapel in Horseshoe Bay.

The bride-to-be is the Rita daughter of Anderson of Big Spring and Donny Anderson of Corpus Christi. She is the granddaughter of College Anderson of Cross Plains and Leta and the late Robert Pruitt of Big Spring.

She is a graduate of Texas Tech University. where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and is working on a master's of education degree in community counseling.

The prospective groom is the son of John and Sidney Arrick of Odessa

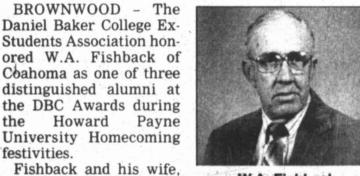
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He is a graduate of Small

Edwinna and the late Fred Carr of Odessa and the late C.W. and Jewell Arrick of Big Spring.

Texas Tech University. where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance and is working on a master's degree in finance. He is a graduate assistant at the North West Texas Business Development Center in Lubbock.



Bea, have lived in

Coahoma for 51 years.

The Fishbacks have three sons, three daughters-in-

law, one granddaughter

He enrolled in Daniel

Baker College in the fall of 1939. He completed

three years at DBC before

serving in the U.S. Army.

He served overseas in the

78th Infantry Division /

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as a platoon sergeant during his 15 months in com-

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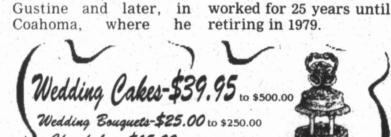
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Wedding

Parker, Howell exchange wedding vows

the setting uniting (Christy) Lee'Ann Parker and David Montana Howell at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 24, 2004. Virgil Feinsod, youth minister of the groom, officiated the cere-

mony. The bride is the daughter of Tim and Tena Parker and the granddaughter of Bessie Taylor, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, and the late San Elmo Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Parker of Midwest City, Okla., also formerly of Big Spring.

Christy is 1996 honor graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Cisco Junior College. She is currently employed with Citizens Federal Credit Union in Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Howell of Big Spring and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Pinkert of Levelland and the late Rita Howell and the late Lee Howell of Borger.

He is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas Tech University, where he received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is currently employed with Colonial Pipeline in Beaumont.

The couple exchanged vows in a double ring cer-

Roberts Civic emony under a silver Center in Big Spring was heart archway draped with tulle, adorned with burgundy and silver silk roses, delicate ivy chains and matching bows. Two silver candelabras and softly lit ficus trees completed the stage.

The aisles were accented with bows of sheer pewter ribbon, burgundy roses and tiny pearls. Scallops of tulle and miniature lights created a romantic canapé above the room.

Christy's father proudly escorted our daughter down an aisle covered in burgundy rose petals.

She wore a traditional styled ball gown made of satin and mirror mist with exquisite detail on the silhouette. Appliqués of delicate embroidered pears adorned the fitted strapless bodice. A tiara of pearls and rhinestones with a two-tiered elbowlength veil, also worn by her mother, completed her ensemble.

She carried a SJB original bouquet of white calla lilies, burgundy rose buds, tiny seed pearl clusters and baby's breath.

One single white rose was added to her bouquet in honor of a dear friend, the late Jimmy Banister.

Syntra Barnhart of Big Spring serve as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Christy Robinson, of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Tonya Arnold of Big

They wore matching formal length silver satin gowns. Each carried a bouquet of silver and burgundy roses complimenting the bride's.

Garrett Ballard, nephew of the groom, of Fort Worth served as the ring bearer. Haley Ballard, niece of the groom, also of Fort Worth, was the flower girl and Sherida Jones of Big Spring lit the candles.

Rick Snyder of Midland served as best man. Groomsmen were Jason Roberts of Big Spring and Steve Anderson of Dallas.

Ushers were Jake and Judd Timmons, cousins of the groom, of Morton and Timothy Parker Jr., brother of the bride, of Moore, Okla.

Gloria MacDonald, of Colorado Springs, Colo., was the soloist during the ceremony. She sang "I Need You" while Christy and Montana lit the unity candle. Charles West, great uncle of the bride, of Oklahoma City read scripture, Corinthians 13. Rebbecca Taylor, aunt of the bride, of Odessa offered a mar-

riage blessing prayer. Following the ceremony, a reception, dinner and dance were held in honor of the new couple at the Dora Roberts Civic Center.

The tables were covered in white cloths. A double prised

globe centerpiece with a small oil lamp insert and a ring of calla lilies, roses and pearls continued the candle lit decor.

The bride and groom's tables were covered in matching white linen tablecloths and skirting with delicate rose pattern lace overlay.

The bride's table depicted a spiraling five-tier floating cake. Four of the tiers were topped with bouquets of burgundy and silver silk roses, silver foil sprigs and tiny crystal doves.

A crystal bride and groom highlighted the center tier.

Organza floral lights and soft tulle surrounded the crystal cake stands. Crystal stair-step candles accented the beauty of the cake.

The groom's table provided a handmade (by the bride) German chocolate cake topped with a fun loving bride dragging the groom to the alter.

Syntra Barnhart and Rick Snyder honored their dear friends, Christy and Montana, with a special toast after the cutting of the cake.

Danny Sherman, friend of the bride, provided the music for the reception and dance. Christy and Montana had planned to dance their first dance to "Can I have This Dance;" however, Danny surthem



Mr. and Mrs. David Montana Howell

"Friends In Low Places," 2004, the groom's parents smiled and never missed a step.

After a honeymoon to ding rehearsal. Ashville, N.C. and a their home in Beaumont. Friday evening, July 23,

instead. The couple hosted a dinner at KC Steakhouse, honoring the couple following the wed-

A bridal shower in cruise to follow, Christy honor of Christy was held and Montana will make April 24, 2004, in the garden room at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

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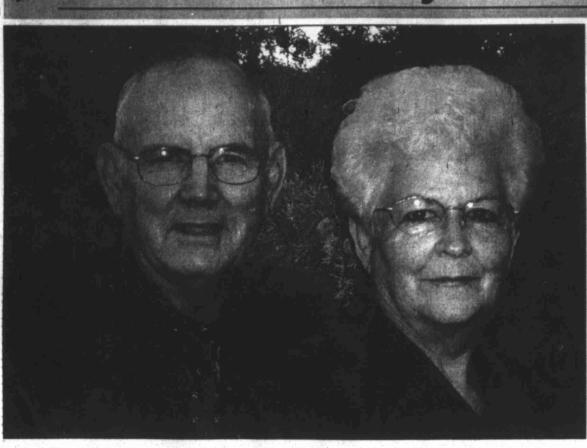
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Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Montgomery

Montgomerys celebrate 50 years of marriage

Montgomery celebrated wedding 50th anniversary with a reception at Salem Baptist Church from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, hosted by their children.

They were both born in Big Spring. Clyde met the former LaBeth Walker in Coahoma, where they went to school together.

They were married Oct. 16. 1954 in the home of Stella and Jesse Brooks by the Rev. Darrell Robinson.

The couple have three children, Cherrie and Jean Arguello of Big Spring, Renea and Jesse Jones of Coahoma and Randy and Janice Montgomery of Coahoma. They have six grand-

children. The couple have lived in Big Spring, Stanton and Lake Thomas, were they

ran the Lake Thomas con-

cession stand from 1958 until 1965.

They moved back to Big Spring and are now residing in the Luther Community.

Clyde is retired from farming and also worked for Sid Richardson for 20

LaBeth has quilted for 21 years and raises puppies and various other animals.

They are affiliated with Salem Baptist Church.

Clyde enjoys hunting, fishing and gardening. LaBeth enjoys quilting and animals.

They say they have been blessed with a good marriage, a great family and many friends,

Menus

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Stew, salad, cornbread, milk, apple crisp.

TUESDAY-Beef tips & rice, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, rolls, pudding.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk, cornbread, fruited gelatin.

THURSDAY-Ham/cheese sandwich, potato soup, salad, milk, cobbler.

FRIDAY-Turkey dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, milk, rolls, fruit salad.

BIG SPRING ISD

BREAKFAST pizza, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Cereal. sausage patty, juice, milk. WEDNESDAYpineapple, milk.

THURSDAY-Cereal, apple cinnamon bar, juice, milk.

filled FRIDAY-Grape biscuit, sausage link, applesauce, milk. LUNCH

MONDAY-Chicken rings, mac & cheese, green beans, apricots, wheat roll, milk.

TUESDAY-Nacho Grande, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, California veggies, applesauce, roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Grilled chicken sandwich,

Who's Who

Shiloh Sanders, a junior

at Forsan High School,

was recently accepted

into the Who's Who

Among American High

She is the daughter of

Cindy and Terry Sanders

of Big Spring. She is on

the varsity basketball and

golf team. She is also a

member of the flag team

with Forsan High School

Band that has been invit-

ed to participate in the

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grapes, Cheetos, fruit juice.

> FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, French fries, pork & beans, pudding cup,

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BREAKFAST MONDAY-Donuts, sausage links, grape juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Sweetened rice, ham, apple juice, WEDNESDAY-Poptarts,

applesauce, sausage, milk. THURSDAY-Oatmeal,

sausage, grape juice, FRIDAY-French toast,

ham, applesauce, milk. LUNCH

MONDAY-Stomboli, MONDAY Breakfast stew, crackers, or corn- bacon, cereal, buttered dogs, chips, pickle spears, yogurt cups, milk.

TUESDAY-Homemade burritos or McRibb, Cinnamon pastry, sliced ranch beans, oranges,

WEDNESDAY-Baked ham or chili dogs, macaroni, peas, peach cups,

bread, milk. THURSDAY-Chalupa or burritos, salad, nacho

chips, pineapple, milk. FRIDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, apples, milk.

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MONDAY-Breakfast pockets

TUESDAY-Cinnamon rolls

WEDNESDAY- Muffins THURSDAY-Potato & egg burritos

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FRIDAY-Donuts LUNCH

MONDAY-Corndogs, macaroni & cheese, June peas & carrots, peaches. milk.

TUESDAY-Beef stew, cornbread, pinto beans, apples, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans, cornbread, grapes, milk. THURSDAY-Chicken

strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, cake, chocolate milk. FRIDAY-Lasagna, bat-

terbread, green beans, mixed fruit, chocolate

STANTON ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Poptarts, toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Cheese

omelet, sausage, biscuit, cereal, buttered toast.

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

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toast, scrambled egg patty, crispy bacon, buttered toast, juice. FRIDAY-Breakfast bur-

THURSDAY-Cheese

rito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk. LUNCH

MONDAY-Chicken strip wrap or grill cheese pleezer. French fries, salad, grapes. TUESDAY-Spaghetti

w/meat sauce, green salad, fruited beans, gelatin. WEDNESDAY-

Pepperoni pizza or pizza cheese sticks, mixed vegetables, salad, apple.

THURSDAY-Frito pie or baked potato, pinto beans,

salad, pineapple, cornbread.

FRIDAY-Hot dogs or soft burrito, chili, corn, vegetable sticks, apple.

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MONDAY-Combination burritos, carrots, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY-Ravioli. ranch style beans, pears, WEDNESDAY-Beef,

cheese, bean nachos, salad, apple slices, milk. THURSDAY-Sloppy Joe

on bun, tator tots, bananas, milk. FRIDAY-BBQ weenies,

mashed potatoes, orange halves, bread, milk.

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juice, milk.

TUESDAY-French toast stix, sausage, juice, milk. WEDNESDAY-Toast,

peanut butter/jelly, juice, THURSDAY-Eggs, toast,

juice, milk. FRIDAY-Donuts, juice,

LUNCH

MONDAY-Corndogs or cheeseburger, French fries, spinach, strawberries & cream, milk. TUESDAY-Chicken que-

sadillas or burritos, salad, pinto beans, mixed fruit,

WEDNESDAY-Hot pocket or baked potato, corn, chips, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken &: noodles or corndog, crackers, salad, apple wedges,

FRIDAY-Steak fingers, masned potatoes/gravy MONDAY-Cereal, toast, peas, pears, rolls, milk.

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USDA Rural Development reps to be in Borden County on Oct. 27

Special to the Herald

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housing programs offer loans and grants to very low, low, and moderate income persons in towns and cities meeting certain population requirements. Programs offered assist qualified persons to buy, build, repair or maintain a home.

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USDA Rural Development's up to \$25 million. business and cooperative programs provide the needed capi-

tunities and development in a.m. until noon rural areas throughout Texas by working with banks and community leaders.

There is no minimum loan size and the maximum loan size that will be considered is \$10 million with some exceptions

The meetings will be held in the commissioner's courtroom,

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USDA Rural Development officials said the agency is committed to help improve the

quality of life for rural Texans. For more information regarding any of the USDA Rural Development programs, please contact the USDA's Seguin office by calling 830-372-1042, ext. 4.

NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN



The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce welcomes a new gift shop, Spice, as a chamber member. Pictured from left Rick Nunez, Emma Jenkins, Debbye ValVerde, Kathy Lusk, Danny Bobbitt, Shirley Lee, Kim Schrank, JoAnne Hyer, Zane Bobbitt, Koby Jenkins, Claudine Dillard, Casey Bobbitt, John Jenkins holding Riley Jenkins, Justin Jenkins, Terry Jenkins, Tito Arencibia, Raul Marquez and Sherry Wegner.

Jiffy Lube close to striking a deal that will settle consumer lawsuits

By DAVID KOENIG

AP Business Writer

An Oklahoma judge is poised to approve a settlement of class-action lawsuits by drivers who say they were cheated when Jiffy Lube International Inc. added surcharges to their oil-change bills over the past five years.

The settlement would close at least nine pending class-action cases from California to New Jersey — a similar accord has been reached in a New York case. Some customers would get \$5 off their next oil change. The three law firms that negotiated with Houston-based Jiffy Lube would split \$2.75 million.

Some attorneys are trying to kill the nationwide deal, however, calling it a sham that would shortchange millions of customers. They plan to ask a state district judge in

Tahlequah, Okla., to stores, who were identifor a long time, reject the deal at a hearing Nov. 17.

At issue is an "environmental surcharge" that ranged from 80 cents to \$1.25 added to the price of an oil change at Jiffy Lube's 400 companyowned stores from late 1999 until April. Some but not all the 1,800 Jiffy Lubes owned by franchisees also charged fees, according to the compa-

Jiffy Lube won't say how many customers paid the charge, which the company stopped imposing after customer complaints and several lawsuits. The company said there were 30 million oil changes performed last year at Jiffy Lube shops, including franchise

The company mailed 7.3 million coupons to customers of company-owned fied from a data base, and promised not to charge a similar fee again.

Critics say the company called the fee an environmental surcharge to fool customers into thinking it was a tax.

"It was just a straight rip-off for \$1.25 every time someone came in," said Scott R. Shepherd, a Pennsylvania attorney who sued the company. "They were hiding a price increase."

Jiffy Lube began charging the fee to recover the costs of environmental regulations designed to prevent and clean up oil spills. said Mike Lawrence, a publicist hired by Jiffy Lube to answer questions related to the lawsuits.

"This is a pretty common fee. It's been charged by most of the companies in the quick-lube industry

Lawrence said. "However. because the practice has generated increasing controversy, we elected to stop charging this fee."

The use of such fees dropped in recent years as they came under attack from consumers and state officials and as recyclers began paying for used oil instead of charging to take it away. This year, only about one-third of the nation's oil-change garages add an environmental charge, with the average being \$1.62, according to trade publication National Oil & Lube News.

Lawyers attacking the settlement complain that customers who went to one of the 1,800 stores run by franchisees will get nothing. Marc A. Wites, a Florida lawyer, said it

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Economy

Shoppers spring back to life in September; industrial production still lagging behind

By JEANNINE AVERSA

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Shoppers got their buying groove back last month, propelling sales at the nation's retailers by a strong 1.5 percent, the best showing since March. Activity at the nation's factories remained subdued, however, with industrial production rising just 0.1 percent.

Commerce The Department reported Friday that the sizable gain in retail sales came after shoppers took a bit of a breather in August, causing sales to dip by 0.2 percent. The buying bounceback seen in September offered a fresh sign that consumers still have an inclination to spend despite soaring energy prices and a questionable jobs outlook.

September's strength was led by a rebound in sales at automobile dealerships, yet consumers also showed a hearty appetite to spend on a wide variety of goods including electronics and appliances, building materials, garden supplies and clothing.

The sales figure for September was much better than the 0.6 percent rise that some economists were forecasting.

The 0.1 percent rise in output at the nation's factories, mines and utilities was below the 0.3 percent gain that economists had been expecting. The Federal Reserve blamed part of the weakness on hurricanes that battered the country last month, curtailing activity in the oil and gas sector, petroleum refining and chemical production.

The Fed reported that September's disappointing performance followed an outright decline of 0.1 percent in industrial output in August, a figure that had originally been reported as a 0.1 percent

After zooming ahead in the first three months of this year, the economy has been buffeted since that time by strong headwinds coming from the sharp rise in energy prices. However, analysts believe the summer slowdown will be followed by stronger growth in the last three months of the year.

The 0.1 percent overall gain in industrial production reflected a big 5.4 percent jump in output at the nation's utilities which offset a 0.3 percent drop in manufacturing output and a 2.3 percent decline in mining activity, a category that includes oil and gas production.

Excluding sales of automobiles sales at all other merchants rose by a brisk 0.6 percent in September the biggest advance since May and up from a 0.2 percent increase in August. The figure excluding automobile sales also was better than the 0.4 percent rise that some economists were expecting.

In other economic news: Wholesale prices edged up 0.1 percent in September, after falling by 0.1 percent in August, the Labor Department The showing matched economists' forecasts and suggested that inflation is not a threat to the economy. Excluding food and energy prices, "core" wholesale prices rose 0.3 percent last month, slightly faster than the 0.2 percent rise that some economists were expecting. Core prices dipped by 0.1 percent in August.

Economists closely watch consumer behavior because their spending accounts for roughly twothirds of all economic activity in the United

In September, sales of

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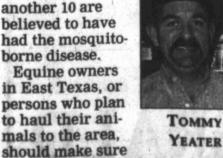
Eastern equine encephalitis confirmed in Louisiana

ouisiana officials have confirmed at least 10 horses have died from **Eastern** equine encephali-

tis (EEE), and another 10 are believed to have had the mosquitoborne disease. Equine owners in East Texas, or persons who plan

their horses have

been vaccinated



against the disease.

Planning to take equine animals to events, or transporting pack animals to Colorado or New Mexico for hunting?

Due to the continuing Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) outbreak in Colorado and New Mexico, animals traveling into Colorado or New Mexico must have an examination by an accredited veterinarian prior to returning to Texas. The negative examination results by the Colorado or New Mexico veterinarian may be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection that

accompanied the animal, if the certificate is still valid (less than 45 days old). Otherwise, a new certificate of

veterinary inspection must be issued by the accredited veterinarian in Colorado or New

The following statement and the accredited veterinarian's original signature must be recorded on the certificate of veterinary inspection:

"The animals represented on this certificate of veterinary inspection have not originated from a premise or area under quarantine for vesicular stomatitis or a premise on which

vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed in the past thirty days. I have examined each animal and have found no signs of vesicular stomatitis."

If you have any questions, please call the Texas Animal Health Commission's permit department at 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777.

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Tommy Yeater is the Howard County Extension agent for agriculture.

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17, both of Big Spring. Mario Gonzales, 36, and Karine Angulo, 26, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings:

Nancy G. Vasquez vs. Lucio M. Vasquez, divorce. Emilia Elaine Stolp vs. Jody Lynn Stolp, divorce.

Christy Castro vs. Samuel Christopher Castro, divorce. Anthony Lee Evans vs. Roxanne Flores-Evans. divorce.

Jack Cathey Construction Company Inc. vs. Price Construction Inc., injury or damages.

Theresa Salgado vs. Krystal Rae Loftis and Jim Pedigo, injury or damages.

Warranty deeds:

Grantor: Martha Moralez Grantee: George Wilson Property: The S/15 feet of Lot 3 and all of Lots 4, 5 and 6 in Subdivsion D, Block 11, Fairview Heights Date Filed: Oct. 6, 2004

Grantor: Greg Cline Grantee: Jim Cahill and

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Property: A tract of land out of the north part of Sec tion 40, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date Filed: Oct. 7, 2004

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Grantor: Dorothy Bales Grantee: Jerry Bales Property: Lot 122, Block 3, **Barnes Subdivision** Date Filed: Oct. 7, 2004

Grantor: I sland Mortgage

Grantee: Weldon Bruce Humphries Property: Lot 22, Block 13, Douglas Addition Date Filed: Oct. 7, 2004

Rachel Grantor: Marshall Grantee: Nancy Marshall Property: Lot 21, Block 3,

Highland South No. 2 Date Filed: Oct. 8, 2004 Grantor: Ginger Hare

Grantee: Jamie Ritter and Jody Ritter Property: A 2.1 acre tract

out of the N/2 of Section 46, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date Filed: Oct. 11, 2004

Grantor: Gladys Lozano Grantee: Cory Beevers and Gaylon Beevers Property: Lot 11, Block 15,

Monticello Addition Pate Filed: Oct. 11, 2004

Grantor: Aubrey Fred Lankford

Grantee: Delores Jenkins Property: Sections 26, 27 and the N/2 of 35, Block 32,

Grantor: Nancy Bond Grantee: Bunky Atkinson Property: 1/5 interest in the N/2 of Section 26, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date Filed: Oct. 12, 2004

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on its international flights FORT WORTH (AP) - curbed fare increases. American's increases billion this year. will range from \$15 each carriers Some

American increases charge

American Airlines said Friday it is raising all its international fares by \$30 to \$50 per round trip to offset high prices for jet fuel.

American, the largest U.S. carrier, noted that other airlines have also raised international fares, including British Airways.

Spot prices for jet fuel on the Gulf Coast have surged from 88.9 cents per gallon at the beginning of the year to \$155.8 per gallon this week, according to the Department of Energy.

That has complicated the airline's effort to recover from recession and the 2001 terror Meanwhile, attacks. tougher competition from low-fare carriers has

way - or \$30 a round trip - for flights to the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America and parts of South America.

The larger increase of \$25 each way or \$50 for a round trip will cover flights to Europe, Asia and parts of South America, including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. "While we are mindful

of keeping fares as low as possible for consumers, we simply must try to offsubstantial the increase in fuel costs we continue to experience," Scott said Nason, American's vice president for revenue management. American estimates that higher fuel prices

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Dallas-based notably Southwest Airlines have partly insulated themselves from rising fuel prices by having bought fuel in advance at lower prices, a practice called hedging. American was unable to do much hedging, however, because of the weak secondition of parent AMR Corp., which nearly filed for bankruptcy last year.

Shares of Fort Worthbased AMR fell 2 cents to \$7.07 in afternoon trading Friday on the New York Stock Exchange.

On the Net: American Airlines: http://www.aa.com

U.S. weekly oil, gas rig count down by five HOUSTON (AP) - The laneous, Houston-based set in 1999, bottoming out

number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the United States fell by five this week to 1,225.

Of the rigs running nationwide, 1,057 were exploring for gas, 167 were looking for oil and one was listed as miscelBaker Hughes Inc. reported Friday.

A year ago, the rig count was 1,115.

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

at 488.

Of the major oil- and gas-producing California gained two rigs and Texas gained one. New Mexico lost seven rigs, Oklahoma lost five, Louisiana lost four and Wyoming lost one. Alaska was unchanged.

ECONOMY

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automobiles rose by 4.2 percent - the biggest gain since October 2001 and a turnaround from the 1.3 percent decline registered in August. Sales of building materi-

als and garden supplies went up by 1.4 percent in September — twice the 0.7 T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey (1) percent increase reported in August. Electronics and appliance stores saw sales rise by 0.5 percent in September, compared with a 0.8 percent drop the previous month. At clothing stores, sales

increased 0.8 percent, after a 0.7 percent decline. Bars and restaurants' sales rose 0.7 percent, following a 0.5 percent drop. Department store sales advanced 0.9 percent, compared with a 0.7 percent decline in August. Federal Reserve

Chairman blamed high energy prices for a slowdown in

consumers spending in : the late spring and early 'M summer. Oil prices, which have continued to surge, clocked in at \$54.76 a barrel on Thursday, a 121 new record.

The latest snapshot of the economy comes with Election Day less than three weeks away. President Bush and his Democratic opponent, John Kerry, clashed fre-Alan quently in their national Greenspan has largely ly televised debates about every how the economy is far

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would only cover 8 million of the 34 million people who paid the surcharge.

The lucky ones would get just a \$5 coupon, he said, but that's less than Jiffy Lube's advertised deals. "Any time of the week, a consumer could open up a newspaper and get an \$8 coupon," he said. Jiffy Lube officials and lawyers declined to be

The by interviewed Press. Associated Lawrence said franchise customers can opt out of the settlement, go back to the store where they were charged the fee or contact an attorney.

Some of the plaintiff lawyers say the coupons reward the company for

wrongdoing.

"Putting aside whether a \$5 coupon is a good settlement, this is just a way of generating more business for Jiffy Lube," said Richard D. Greenfield, a Maryland attorney who said he will travel to Oklahoma to protest the

Greenfield said he and other lawyers rejected the coupon offer but that Jiffy Lube just kept asking until it found lawyers willing to take it - and the \$2.75 million attorney fees that go with it. Greenfield said his firm

stands to get nothing. Other companies, including video chains Blockbuster Inc. and Hollywood Entertainment Corp., have used coupons settle class-action

Mary B. Cranston, a San Francisco lawyer who has surchargesettlement.com

defended other companies against consumer lawsuits, said coupons "are often a good way to close the gap when a case isn't as good as the plaintiffs would like. You can get more value in the hands of plaintiffs without costing the defendant as much."

Jiffy Lube, a wholly owned subsidiary of Shell Oil Co., won't say how much the settlement will cost. Lawrence said it would not have a material financial impact on Shell. Jiffy Lube doesn't disclose annual revenue, but analysts have estimated it at about \$1.4 billion.

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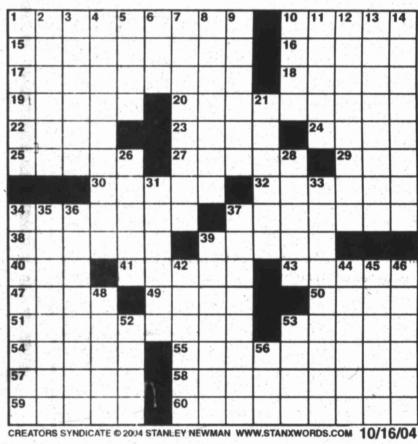
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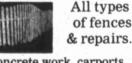
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Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 6113-59-001 for GEN-ERAL MAINTENANCE in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on No-vember 09, 2004 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of

\$1,691,404.60. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6113-59-001 to be held on October 20, 2004 at 1:30 pm at the TAYLOR COUNTY MAINTENANCE OFFICE, 1350 N. ARNOLD BLVD, ABILENE, TX.

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State Office

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Any party having a claim against the estate of Viola Hodnett, Ward, is hereby notified to present such claim in a timely fashion for consideration of payment to the Guardian, TDFPS at the following address:

Family and Protective Services Estate of Viola Hodnett Attention: Pamela Arthur 622 S. Oakes, Suite L San Angelo, TX 76903 #4346 October 17, 2004

Notice of Bid

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CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE /BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 0005-11-003 for SEAL COAT in MITCHELL County, etc will be opened on November 10, 2004 at 1:00pm at the State Office.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

The Sagittarius moon tickles the emotions with curiosity. It's a big world out there, and when you

stop and think about it, your own vision of it is extremely limited. Use these last days of the Libran solar influence to bond with friends in the explo-



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ration of the many worlds that intersect your own. Ask a question that never occurred to you to ask before.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're presented with so-called shortcuts, but the only way to get full enjoyment out of an activity is to do it right, top to bottom. The afternoon brings dreamy lethargy. Why fight it when you really do need some rest?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're coming from a place of kindness in all you do today. In fact, you're perfect in the way you deal with others. So take nothing personally. A friend has problems and may just want to be left alone for a while.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You deserve more support but can't expect this from people who are unreasonable by nature. When you seek understanding elsewhere, a rather wonderful, lasting change for the better will come about.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Change up your living space, and you'll look at your environment in a whole new way. This casa nirvana spreads to other areas of your life, especially your finances, which improve as you get more organized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you focus on the problems, that's what you'll see. Why go there when there's so much praise and good tidings coming from those around you? Spending intense time with a Scorpio or Virgo can change your

Tomorrow's Horoscope

22). You're a fabulous partner, so believe it. Friendships come and go. Some are lifelong; others are a few hours of kinship. Try your best to let relationships develop naturally. Holding on too tightly is a waste of ener-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). By volunteering to help others, you send yourself into a positive karmic cycle that continues rolling all week. Commitment issues may come up. A brief and tothe-point talk is better than trying to have a prolonged heart to heart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're lucky when you just show up. You could even win a prize. Take a brisk walk this evening, and get important thinking done. If you need another perspective, a Capricorn helps you see the big picture.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may feel very high school-ish in regard to relationships. Is it so wrong to want to be accepted by the "popular VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. crowd"? But do consider

why you might be putting certain people on a pedestal.

GAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Worrying matters are dropped, not because they are completely solved but because more important challenges call you to act. You're a pro at creating a mysterious air, but tonight's encounter brings your guard down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The social scene is buzzing, but do beware: If you listen too much to your friends, you'll get caught up in a line of reasoning that, when all is said and done, doesn't make a lick of sense. Think for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships get deeper, broader and stronger. Friends band together for a common cause, like a ride to the airport or splitting the cost of a meal. The fun is more than you could put a price on.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The week kicks off under the fiery Sagittarius moon, which reminds us once again that we're not the only ones on the planet. Heck, we might not even be the most important ones, as there are people in crisis, people taking their special moment in the sun and people at a critical crossroads in their lives, all who need our attention. These last days of the Libra sun help make it a more natural thing to give focus where it's needed. It feels fabulous to help, and by doing so, we make it easier for our own cause to succeed, if not now, then certainly later. Monday is a slow start for most of us, but by Tuesday, it's mind over matter and full steam ahead. The sun and Saturn pose a dilemma. Should we use the past as a guideline, or should we disregard what we've learned and say, "This is a new day, and any outcome is possible"? The choice is yours, but you'll know right away whether it's one you can live with. Venus and Pluto shine a

a shift in your ideas about what's fair. It's not the same equation you settled for three weeks ago!

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: As recently retired physical educator and health teacher, I had a unique opportunity to watch children eat and play during the day. I have been witness to the increasing weight problems our children are facing. Here are a few helpful hints to help parents lead the way to healthier eating:

1. Parents, not the children, buy the food. Purchase only healthy food, and they will eat only healthy food. Believe me, they'll adjust and so will you.

2. Many vegetables are now sold pre-packaged or cut up and ready to throw sandwich a Carrots, broccoli and cherry tomatoes all are tasty treats. Grapes, bananas, oranges and apples also make great, easy snacks.

3. Dairy products are good sources of calcium and protein. Try vogurt tubes and string cheese sticks. And kids

love those cheese-andcracker packs. 4. Cut out the high-fat

foods like potato chips chocolate-covered snacks. They fill up the kids with empty calories, and an hour later, they are hungry again.

5. Cereal is a popular snack. and healthy Balance it with cheese for protein or fruit that provides vitamins and fiber.

6. Both peanut butter and yogurt make great dips for fruit. Try apples and celery with peanut butter, and cantaloupe and strawberries with yogurt.

7. Serve a full and nutritious breakfast. It makes a tremendous difference in your child's ability to concentrate and learn during school hours.

8. Improve your child's fitness by improving your own. Walk, hike, shoot hoops, ride bikes, climb mountain paths, play tennis, ski, jump rope, swim, kick a soccer ball, rake leaves, or do an exercise video. Be sure to include

the kids. 9. Never, ever, ever call your child fat. Accept children as they are. Talk instead about healthy living, teach them good eating habits, provide healthy food, and engage in family fitness activi-

ties. 10. Support stronger physical education programs and health curriculums in your schools. Sincerely, — A Retired

Teacher in Eliot, Maine Dear Teacher: Your guidelines are excellent, and we hope parents will clip them out and keep them handy when they go to the grocery store. Thank you.

Dear Annie: I have a good friend, "Clara," whom I have known for 15 years. She is a nice person, but she is always late. Not just a few min-

utes, but hours. Clara is not the type of person who plans well. and she likes to take her time getting ready to go

out. I have told her I think it is rude to be so tardy, especially when she doesn't call to say she is running behind, but my comments only upset her.

This could ruin a friendship because I am getting tired of wasting my time waiting for her to arrive. Is there anything I can do? Frustrated in Riverside. Calif.

Dear Riverside: Clara is rude, and she isn't likely to change. You can simply leave if she doesn't show up within a reasonable period of time. But if you want to salvage the friendship, tell her the time to meet is an hour earlier than it actually is. Then she is more likely to arrive when you do.

Dear Annie: This is for Parents. "Wondering who asked about charging their adult son rent to live at home.

We charged our daughter a monthly rent (we started low and gradually increased it to save her from sticker shock). We then deposited her rent money into a separate savings account. After a few months, we happily let her know that she had "saved" enough money to move into her own apartment. Problem solved and relationship still intact.

- Been There Dear Been There: What a generous and loving solution. Thanks for shar-

Dear Annie: My girlfriend and I broke up after having been together for two years. The problem is that I'm scheduled to go on a hunting trip with her father. We planned this trip more

than six months ago. I have tried calling her father's house for the past three weeks, but I get no response. I paid \$600 toward this trip and will lose the money if I don't go. I called the hunting outfitter to see if they were still expecting us,

and apparently, they are. I could drive to the hunting lodge separately. but I will have to stay in a room with this man for a week. My ex has threatened that her father is going to "kick my butt." I'm afraid he will make my week a living hell.

Is there any way I can make them repay me for the lost money? After all, they don't even have the courage to let me know what's going on. I don't know what to do now. That's a lot of money for me to give up without a fight. - College Guy in Pennsylvania

Dear College Guy: We can't imagine that you'd still want to go on this little excursion under the circumstances. Call the hunting lodge. Tell them you cannot make the scheduled trip, and ask if you can have a refund. If they say no, try again to contact your ex's parents, apologize for the dilemma the break-up has caused and ask if at least part of the money can be returned. If they are honorable people, they will understand.

Dear Annie: I'm a 38year-old man, married for 11 years, with a 6-year-old child. I've been unhappy in my marriage for a long time. I truly care about my wife's well-being, but I'm not in love with her anymore. I'm finding it harder and harder to act as if everything between us is just fine. Inside, I'm crying.

I've mentioned to my wife that I'm unhappy, but I guess it didn't make much of an impression on her. Right now, I'm trying to make the best of things, and I don't fuss or cause arguments. I try to be nice and pleasant, but it's getting harder to hide my true feelings. I'm thinking about divorce.

Is this what I have to feel like for the rest of my life in order to keep from hurting my wife and son? Is it wrong for me to want to be happy? — Carolina Blues

Dear Carolina: If ever a letter cried out for marriage counseling, it's yours. It is not uncommon for marriages to go through periods malaise or dissatisfaction. In a healthy marriage, couples work on the problem and make the relationship stronger. Neither you nor your wife took that step - but

it may not be too late. You obviously care about your wife and son. You owe it to them (and to yourself) to make every effort to see if the marriage can be salvaged. Talk to your clergyperson, or ask for a referral from your doctor, United Way or the American Association for Marriage Family Therapy (aamft.org), 112 S. Alfred St., Alexandria, VA 22314-3061.

Dear Annie: I had an experience similar to the one described by "Grieving in Kansas," who kept receiving calls from telemarketers asking for her deceased son. About a year after my husband died. I got a

phone call from a stockbroker saying my husband, "Dave," had called and requested information. He asked if Dave was home, and when I said no, he asked if there was a number where Dave could be reached. I said, "Hold on a minute." I looked up the number of the cemetery and gave it to the salesman, saying, "If you talk to him, will you tell him to call home?"

light on relationships

Wednesday. You'll notice

The mental image of that man's reaction when he made that call stopped the wave of grief I was feeling. I still smile when I think about it. -

Humor Helped Dear Humor: We're glad this little practical joke alleviated your grief, although we doubt it did much for the salesman. Thanks for writing.

Dear Annie: I am six months' pregnant. For the last several weeks, I've been having vivid dreams that my husband is cheating on me. These dreams create terrible anxiety and loss of sleep. I wake up crying, feeling hurt and angry at my husband.

These feelings are so strong that I even snooped around my husband's stuff to see if I could find anything incriminating, but there was nothing. I tried to bring up the subject with him, but was too embarrassed to admit I'd been having these dreams, and the conversation sounded more like an inquisition. He became very uneasy, which in turn made me paranoid that he was hiding something.

When my husband and I were dating, I had a flirtation with someone I worked with, although sex was never involved. When I confessed, my husband was crushed, but we worked through it. I have never done anything like that since. Are these dreams unresolved guilt from that episode, or are they just from pregnancy hormones?

I worry that the stress and lack of sleep is bad for the baby. I would ask my doctor, but my husband loves to attend all my appointments with me. I can't tell my friends because they are liable to let it slip out. Any suggestions? - Stressed in New York

Dear Stressed: Unless your husband has given you cause to suspect him, it's very likely the vivid dreams are a result of your hormones running wild. When you wake up,

you need to take a deep breath, absolve your husband of guilt, and remember why you love him. You also should tell him about the dreams. This pregnancy involves both of you, and he deserves to know why you are so stressed. Once Hubby is aware of the dreams, you can discuss them openly with your doctor.

Dear Annie: When should an adult begin to eat like an adult? My husband and I are in a monthly gourmet group with several other couples. Each couple takes a turn as host, cooking the main dish, and the others bring the side dishes.

One man in this group is extremely picky about what he likes and dislikes, to the point where we have had to alter our menu items to accommodate him. "Jim" absolutely will not eat fresh fish, no matter what kind or how it is prepared, because he likes only frozen fish sticks. And forget vegetables. His mother served canned vegetables in all their mushy, bland glory, and he refuses to try fresh ones. He won't touch sushi, calling it "bait." One time, he couldn't find a single item to eat, and ended up with pizza and macaroni and cheese that had been made for

the children. I guess what gets my goat is that Jim is unwilling to try new things. It's like his taste buds stalled in the fifth grade. Why should the rest of us cave in to his eating preferences? Don't you think he should grow up a little? -Adventuresome Foodie

Dear Foodie: It's unfortunate Jim is so unwilling to experiment, but obviously, the thought scares him to death. A gourmet group is wasted on him. The rest of you should not be held hostage by Jim's underdeveloped gastronomy. Give him a menu in advance, and let him know if he doesn't like what's being served, he is welcome to bring his own dish or share the children's meal. Annie's Mailbox is writ-

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