



County jail fails latest inspection by state commission

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Howard County Jail got a failing grade this week, as inspectors from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards found several areas in which the facility is lacking, including inmate crowding and a deficient inmate-to-officer ratio.

Following an inspection Wednesday, TCJS Inspector Dennis Cisneros issued a report that showed the jail out of compliance in three different areas.

"Dormitories are being utilized above their approved capacity," Cisneros said in the report. "Detox cell is being used for other than intended purpose... On

days the jail's population is above 48, there are not enough officers to cover the one-officer, to 48-inmate ratio.

"The facility was inspected... and it was determined that deficiencies exist. You (Howard County) are urged to give these areas of noncompliance your serious and immediate consideration and to promptly initiate and complete appropriate corrective measures."

According to the report, the jail population was at 50 inmates at the time of the inspection, one more than the jail housing capacity, with an average daily population of 43 inmates.

"Failure to initiate and complete corrective measures following receipt of

the notice of noncompliance may result in the issuance of a remedial order," concludes the report.

Terry Julian, executive director of TCJS, said there is little danger of the jail being shut down at this point, but a remedial order from the agency could land Howard County in more hot water.

"A remedial order would be quite a way down the line," said Julian. "If the items that are out of compliance with the jail aren't corrected, the commission could vote to limit the population of the facility, forcing the county to follow those orders. It could also lead to a suit being filed against the county in district court.

"In 16 years with TCJS, I've only seen one jail actually shut down, and that was because it was unsafe and unsecured. There was also an extensive mold problem with that particular facility, making it medically unsafe."

Julian said the commission will continue to work with Howard County to get the noncompliant issues corrected.

"We'll go along with them as long as we can," said Julian. "Closure isn't a likely solution. Closure would be reserved as a last result."

Getting into compliance may be a tough order to follow, according to

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Reunion jogs common memories

Big Spring's friendliness recalled by all attendees

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For most of the people attending this weekend's Webb Air Force Base Reunion, Big Spring was much more than a place where they earned their pilot's wings or served their time in the military.

More than 100 people who called Big Spring home while stationed at the now-defunct Air Force base returned to the area this weekend to renew acquaintances, swap stories and recall a special time in their lives.

And while Big Spring has changed much in the intervening years, one thing they said that hasn't changed at all — the hospitality of its people — is a major factor leading them back for the reunion.

One person especially appreciative of the small-town hospitality when he was stationed here was Ergen Biller, who came to Webb in 1955 as a young officer in the Turkish Air Force.

Biller, who received pilot training in the United States under NATO's Mutual Defense Assistance Program, remembered two things in particular that caught his attention when he arrived here.



Jim Montgomery, left, talks to Ron George during the first day of the Webb Air Force Base reunion at the Hangar 25 Air Museum Friday. George, who earned his pilot's wings at Webb, was on hand to autograph copies of his book, "Airspeed, Altitude and a Sense of Humor." See more photos from the reunion on Page 8A

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Artists will be among attractions at Old Sorehead Trade Days

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With its few "old soreheads" tucked safely away, the city of Stanton will once again open its arms to West Texas Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-8, for Old Sorehead Trade Days.

Trade Days spokesperson Bud Lindsey said the two-day event, which includes everything from food to oddities from around the world, has

come a long way since it's "instigation."

"The First Old Sorehead Trade Days was held in the spring of 1989," said Lindsey, "when the small community played host to 97 vendors. This year we're expecting around 700 vendors to set up shop in the buildings and streets of historic downtown Stanton.

"Everything will get started Saturday morning at 8, and go on until whenever. On Sunday,

things will get started at noon and continue until 5 p.m."

This Trade Days will feature a special art show, spotlighting the works of three artists spanning the globe, according to Lindsey.

"One of the many things to see in Stanton during the Old Sorehead Trade Days will be an art show," he said. "To support the Martin County Library in its efforts to refurbish its new building, three area

artists will display and sell their paintings. Mary Tucci of Midland is a talented artist who is currently a student of Warren Taylor, an art instructor at Midland College. She is very active in the Midland Arts Association and the Midland Palette Club, where she serves as an officer and a member of the board of directors. Helen Clements, from Andrews, will be present to display her paintings

in oils, watercolors, acrylics and pastels, with her subjects being landscapes, figures, florals, portraits and still life. "Khatuna Rongiyavna Bichikashvili Buzzell was born and raised in the city of Tbilisi, the capital city of the republic of Georgia, which was part of the Soviet Union. In Tbilisi she studied art and was accepted into the Georgian Teachers Training Institute of Art where she graduated with

honors."

Lindsey said the array of vendors and their wares scheduled to attend the trade days will be amazing, with everything from antiques to rides for the children.

"Scattered around the town, a visitor may find just about anything from trash to rare collectibles," he said. "We'll have antiques for sale in the Antiques on Main store

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DEMOCRATS BUOYED

Texas Democrats have been furious at U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay since he helped engineer the Republicans' takeover of the Legislature and a 2003 congressional redistricting plan designed to help the GOP.

His indictment on a conspiracy charge this week gives Democrats new ammunition in their battle to recapture Texas House and congressional seats and to bring their founding party back to life in the Lone Star State.

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INSIDE TODAY

Across America, farmers and ranchers are producing a variety of non-traditional crops and livestock like heirloom apples, alligators and vanilla orchids.

Some are seeking a career change, others are trying to save the family farm.

Plus, pumpkin dump cake, stuffed shells and Our Picks.

STAMPS GOING UP

Gasoline prices that have millions of Americans digging deeper into their pockets are spurring thoughts by Postal Service officials that an increase in mail rates may be needed in 2007, following one already planned for next year.

The fact that it costs the mail agency \$8 million for every penny increase in gasoline prices for its 212,000 vehicles is a major factor in a postal rate increase expected in 2007, after one next year, Postmaster General John Potter said Friday.

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Obituaries

Milton Denton



Milton Denton, 64, of Big Spring, died Friday morning, Sept. 30, 2005, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 3, 2005, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, 2005, at Myers & Smith

Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 29, 1940, in Big Spring to Clara and M. M. Denton. He served in the U. S. Army, and had worked for the T&P Railroad and Union Pacific Railroad for 18 years. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County and was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

He is survived by two sisters, Wilma Heckler of Big Spring and Priscilla Atkins of Arlington; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by three brothers, Dick, Ralph and Preston Denton; and a sister, Dollie Decker.

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

Alvin Spiser

Alvin Spiser, 83, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 30, 2005, at a local nursing home. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

MONDAY

• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets at Furr's Cafeteria. For more information, call 398-5522.

TUESDAY

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 6 p.m., a new time, the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

• Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30-7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• **POTTED FALL MUMS TO BENEFIT THE BSHS CARNEGIE HALL BAND TRIP** are on sale now at Johansen's Nursery for \$15 while supplies last.

• **PAVING THE ROAD TO CARNEGIE HALL FALL FESTIVAL** is set for Oct. 15 at the high school. Proceeds from the concessions and rides will be used for the BSHS band trip in June of 2006. Band students have the \$10 tickets for the festival on sale Monday. Or call 267-1325 for more information or to buy a ticket.

• **PARENTS OF BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2007** meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Trinity Baptist Church Craven Annex Building, junior high school department to discuss the junior-senior class prom 2006. Call Valarie Robertson at 267-7404, Patti Adams at 263-4491 or Janet Abner at 264-0023 for more information.

• **THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** need good condition books for an annual sale. Paperbacks and large print items are especially needed. Donated books can be delivered to the library weekdays during regular operating hours. If unable to bring the books to the library, call 263-4980 and request a pick up. All money from the sale goes to purchase items not included in the library's regular budget.

• **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM** that delivers meals to the elderly and homebound needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- **TAMMY HELMS**, 32, Odessa, was arrested on a hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **JENNY MARIE LYON**, 31, 1419 Tucson, was arrested on a Howard County warrant.
- **ANDREW AGUILAR**, 36, 1615 Canary, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **TYSHA JENEEN PAUL**, 20, Canyon, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **WELDON DANIELS**, 41, 507 Aylesford, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **DEBRA JANE MOLINA**, 41, 502 11th Place, was arrested on a charge of DWLI, enhanced.
- **CARL ROBERT CURRIE**, 29, 1104 Stanford, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROBERT SANCHEZ**, 41, Colorado City, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **RICKY FIELDS**, 20, 1106 Marijo, was arrested on two counts of possession of a controlled substance.
- **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported on the 1800 block of Lancaster.
- **ASSAULT** was reported on the 200 block of Lincoln.
- **DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE** was reported on the 300 block of Scurry.
- **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED/INVALID** was reported on the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **TERRORISTIC THREAT** was reported on the 2500 block of Fairchild.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **THEFT** was reported on the 100 block of Colorado Street.
- **TRAFFIC ACCIDENT** was reported at the intersection of Highway 350 and Old Colorado City Highway.
- **GRASS FIRE** was reported at the 172 mile marker of Interstate 20.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-17-19-22-28.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order: 9-7-8

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-5

Take note

• **ROAD TO RECOVERY**, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call LaWanda Hamm at 263-7827.

• **HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

• **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Bulletin board

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

MONDAY

- Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon in the Spanish Inn Restaurant.
- The Big Spring Cruisers club meeting at 7 p.m. in the Texas RV Park meeting room.
- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- 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.
- The Big Spring Symphony Association will meet 5:30 p.m. at the association office, 808 Scurry.
- 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 north-west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
- Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 178 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.
- Parents of students in the Big Spring High School class of 2007 meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Trinity Baptist Church Craven Annex Building, junior high school department.

TUESDAY

- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Texas Motorcycle Rights Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Spanish Inn. The public is invited. Call 268-6421 for more information.
- VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
- Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
- Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.

Weather

Sunday — Mostly cloudy in the morning — Partly cloudy in the afternoon. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds around 10 mph.

Monday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. The chance of rain is 20 percent.

Wednesday — Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the lower 70s.

Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Cooler. Lows in the lower 50s.

Around town

• **RAILROAD MUSEUM** at the corner of Second Street and Main Street is open from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. every Saturday. Free admission. Call 432-559-3409 for more information.

• **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday.

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HOMECOMING ROYALTY



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback
Forsan High School student Kayla Spence was crowned 2005 Homecoming Queen during halftime of Forsan's game with Sterling City Friday night. She was escorted by her father, Paul.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Garden City seniors Katie Gully and Uriel Talamantes smile into the camera Friday during halftime of the Garden City homecoming game against Midland Trinity. Gully was named homecoming queen (Bearth Sweetheart) and Talamantes was announced as Mr. Bearkat.

JAIL

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Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

"When your jail is full, you have to put inmates anywhere you can fit them," said Walker. "We have been putting inmates in the detox cells because we simply don't have the room. All of the contract facilities we've been using are full and not accepting any new prisoners, so you have to put them where you can put them."

Walker said the normal traffic of inmates headed to state prison facilities has also ground to a halt, backing up the system even further.

"We received a letter right before Hurricane Rita hit that the state facilities aren't accepting

any new prisoners," said Walker. "To my knowledge, that order is still in effect."

Commissioner Bill Crooker said the problem is going to get worse before it gets better.

"There's no doubt we're seeing an upswing in the jail population. I don't know if it's the full moon or what," said Crooker. "It's going to get worse. It's going to get even harder to find contracted space in West Texas and we'll have to start housing inmates even further away. It ties up vehicles and guards, and the price of gasoline doesn't help at all."

"I think we're also going to see the jails we're currently contracting with go to a new system where the costs are much higher, and you have to pay for the space whether you use it or not. I really

think it's going to get worse."

To become compliant again, Walker said the jail must pass inspection every day for a 30-day period.

"If we don't come into compliance within 30 days, the jail commission can take action against us," said Walker. "It's hard to say exactly what that action will be at this point."

The inspection also showed inoperable intercoms in two of the jail's cells, along with showers in the facility's "M Tank" needing repair to provide the mandatory one shower per 12 inmates. A toilet in one of the cells was also cited as "not flushing properly."

Consideration of a new jail facility began more than a year ago when Howard County commissioners identified jail

overcrowding and non-compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing and long-term problem.

In a facility needs analysis from TCJS, the state agency projects an approximate increase in population of 3,000 residents by the year 2020, with only a .03 percent increase in the rate of incarceration. In that time, the jail population is expected to grow from 92 inmates to 102 inmates.

The study recommended a 144-bed facility based on current conditions, as well as those projected 15 years from now.

Cost is the major point dividing commissioners. It will cost approximately \$12 million to construct the joint law enforcement center — supported by Crooker and Commissioner Jerry Kilgore — county and city officials have envisioned

There has been no firm estimate on how much a 96-bed jail-only facility — currently supported by Commissioners Emma Brown and Gary Simer — will cost, but supporters have said it could be constructed for as little as \$7 million.

Commissioners tabled the jail issue in July to concentrate on the county's budget and tax rate, missing any chance of placing a bond election in front of area voters in November.

"We'll just have to wait until next year," said Crooker. "We'll just have to pay the costs to house them elsewhere. It's a situation where there's really no alternative."

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SOREHEADS

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and The Factory — if you can dream of it, it's most likely at Old Sorehead Trade Days."

And of course, don't forget the food.

"Many visitors come to the trade days just to sample the dishes the food vendors have to offer,"

said Lindsey. "All kinds of food are available. Curly fries, funnel cakes, turkey legs, roasted corn, seafood and Mexican food. There are all kinds of soft drinks and bottled waters in the food court areas."

For those that aren't familiar with the streets of Stanton, trade days volunteers will be on duty to help direct visitors to the different areas, including

parking areas for the handicapped and overflow parking. Golf carts will also be available to help get shoppers to and from their vehicles.

Lindsey said those wanting to take in the entire affair may want plan on spending quite a bit of time in Stanton.

"If you want to see everything at the Old Sorehead Trade Days, you need to plan to come early

and stay late," he said. "Admission is free and anyone who needs information on the event can call our trade days hotline at (432) 756-2006, or visit us on the Web at www.stantonfolks.com."

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OUR VIEWS

Remembering what journalists must believe in

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

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

The Journalist's Creed

I believe in the profession of journalism.

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

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy, and fairness, are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true.

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

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

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

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

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

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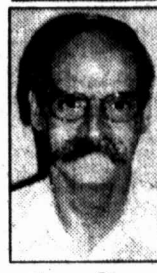
Amen

Random ramblings with verse, too

A dash of this, a smidgen of that. Random thoughts while digging out the sweaters:

There once was a young girl named Nancy, who always dressed fashionable and fancy.

She was similarly attired on the day she was fired, so she packed up and moved off to France-y.



STEVE REAGAN

I'm still waiting for someone to explain what is so great about Paris Hilton.

Yeah, I know, she's good-looking. But the world is full of good-looking women, and many of them have actual skills.

With all the computer viruses lurking on the Internet these days, I'm surprised someone hasn't devised a computer virus that seeks out and destroys other computer viruses.

Speaking of computers, I once waited on hold for a half-hour to talk to a tech support person about why my printer wouldn't work.

Never occurred to me to plug the stupid thing in.

And no, I'm not making that up.

And no, I'm not proud of the fact, either.

There once was a young man named Bobby,

who collected dust bunnies as a hobby.

He never thought this weird, until they gathered in his beard, and soon after infested the lobby.

Faithful readers of the sports page know that I am currently ranked second among the football prediction pundits (say that five times real fast, then get yourself a towel).

My secret of success? Blind, stupid luck.

What? You thought there was some secret, scientific method to my madness? I thought you folks knew me better than that.

I finally figured that my writing cohort, Thomas Jenkins, and I spent way too much time watching movies when we entertained each other for about a half-hour the other day reciting memorable quotes from "Raising Arizona."

And, no, I'm not proud of that, either.

I caught the series premiere of "Commander in Chief" the other night, and I thought it was pretty decent, for a "West Wing" rip-off.

I just hope I don't have to see any more of those stupid "A Woman Will Be President" commercials touting the series.

I know a woman will be president someday. And I'm scared her last name will be Clinton.

Although ... can you imagine Bill as the First Gentleman? Ladies and germs, I'm telling you the Washington social scene will NEVER be the same.

There once was a young chappie named Fred,



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Independent commission possible

Don't think for a minute that you've heard the last word about an independent commission to investigate what went wrong in the Katrina disaster. Moveon.org has finally found an issue that takes it back to its roots, Democrats have found a winner with the public, and Hillary is taking the lead. Strategically, the Democratic leader has the advantage, at least in the short run. After all, what can the president say? Trust me.



SUSAN ESTRICH

Most people forget that the administration initially opposed the idea of an independent, bipartisan commission to investigate 9-11. The commission wasn't appointed until 2002, and it didn't come into being until the public, and especially the victims' families, forced it to happen.

That is just beginning to happen. Stay tuned. The hearings are beginning. The victims will be slower to organize than the 9-11 victims, because they are poorer and less well educated, but they will — and that will not be a reason to ignore them. Far from it. The academics are weighing in. The politicians see the opportunity.

The opening moves in this case have proceeded on partisan lines. The Senate voted strictly on party lines in opposing Sen. Clinton's bid to establish an independent

panel earlier this month, with all 54 Republicans voting no, and only independent Jim Jeffords joining the Democrats. But Hillary made clear she wasn't settling. "Just as with 9-11, we did not get to the point where we believed we understood what happened until an independent investigation was conducted," Clinton said. At the same time, Sen. Harry Reid, the Democratic leader, refused to appoint any Democrats to what the Republicans hoped would be a Republican-dominated Joint Investigative Committee, arguing that any investigative panel should, like the 9-11 commission, be equally divided between Democrats and Republicans in order to be truly nonpartisan. Rather than agreeing to that demand, the Republicans scuttled the plan.

Polls show the public overwhelmingly in agreement with the Democrats, with 81 percent in this week's Gallup poll favoring an independent commission along the lines of the 9-11 commission. Those aren't the sort of numbers that are likely to be satisfied by the president naming of one of his top aides to lead an internal investigation, as he did last week.

Nor were the pictures emanating from Rita of traffic jams lasting for days enough to reassure anyone that lessons that needed to be learned had been. Clearly, whatever was wrong still is, and beyond the blame game, most Americans can't feel secure about the government's ability to deal with the next disaster.

who could balance bowling balls on top of his head.

This practice was funny, and made him lots of money, although his dating life suffered, they said.

One of the things I've discovered about myself is that, unlike the stereotypical male, I am unafraid of asking for directions.

If, however, you find yourself giving me directions someday, please save us both a lot of time by NOT saying, "You can't miss it."

Believe me, I can miss it.

In a recent column, I griped and moaned about the tardiness of autumn in these parts. Sure enough, a few days later, a cool front blew through the area.

And, sure enough, the one complaining the loudest about how cool it was that day was yours truly.

Hey, you want consistency, go talk to the Pope.

The next time you hear yourself saying there's no such thing as ghosts, take a walk down the halls of your high school.

You will believe, my friend.

For my last little verse of the day, consider a young lady named May.

Her singing was so bad, that the crowd got so mad and she was literally carried away.

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DeLay indictment could boost downtrodden Texas Democrats

By **KELLEY SHANNON**
AP Political Writer

AUSTIN — Texas Democrats have been furious at U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay since he helped engineer the Republicans' takeover of the Legislature and a 2003 congressional redistricting plan designed to help the GOP.

His indictment on a conspiracy charge this week gives Democrats new ammunition in their battle to recapture Texas House and congressional seats and to bring their foundering state party back to life.

Texas Republicans, meanwhile, may be fighting among themselves in their 2006 primaries because of the charge, but one GOP operative said it won't be widespread.

"There may be some

phony or newly minted Republican candidates running on this, but the Republican voters have seen these tricks before and will likely not fall for them," said Ray Sullivan, an Austin-based Republican consultant.

The full effect of DeLay's indictment won't be known until the court case is resolved. But if DeLay is convicted it would be a blow to the state's Republican power structure, said Harvey Kronberg, who publishes the online newsletter The Quorum Report.

"It takes out a big organizing force. He was really a centerpiece in terms of fundraising, and he was an ideological anchor, and, obviously, as the majority leader in Congress had a major ripple effect on the flow of money to Texas,"

Kronberg said.

Democrats already were looking to oust Republicans in the Texas House who had received money from Texans for a Republican Majority, DeLay's indicted political action committee that helped elect GOP House candidates in 2002. Democrats are trying to portray those Republicans as corrupted by illegal corporate contributions.

"That effort just got a boost this week. I suspect they will all have Democratic challengers," said Kelly Fero, a Democratic strategist in Austin.

The Democrats also want to win additional congressional seats. DeLay — facing a potential challenge from former Democratic congressman Nick Lampson — and his Texas "lieu-

tenant" congressmen are now more vulnerable, Fero said.

Republicans insist voters will realize the indictment is a partisan move by Democratic Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle.

"Earle's actions are aimed at undermining Republican congressional leadership, the party's legislative agenda and our chances in the 2006 federal and state elections," Sullivan said.

Sullivan worked for Republican Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's first campaign in 1993 just before she was indicted in an Earle investigation. Hutchison was acquitted when Earle abruptly dropped the case in 1994, complaining that the judge would not make a key evidence ruling in advance. Sullivan said the

two cases are similar because of flimsy evidence.

He predicts a judge will dismiss the charge against DeLay and said if that happens well before the November 2006 general election the Democrats' political weapon will be gone.

"It remains to be seen whether this is politically useful, but they don't have much else," Sullivan said.

Democrats, after dominating state government for generations, lost ground in the 1990s when

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D.A. who charged DeLay galled film crew behind-the-scenes access

By **SUZANNE GAMBOA**
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The Texas district attorney who brought the criminal case against House Majority Leader Tom DeLay gave a movie crew behind-the-scenes access during the investigation — proof, DeLay's defenders say, that the D.A. is trying to make headlines for himself.

"It proves that Ronnie Earle's determination to move ahead with a baseless case was scripted from day one," said Ben Porritt, DeLay's spokesman in Washington.

Independent filmmakers Mark Birnbaum and Jim Scherbeck said the Travis County district attorney and his staff gave them some interviews but did not give them access to any of the secret grand jury proceedings or let them witness any of the staff's deliberations in the DeLay investigation.

DeLay was charged earlier this week with conspiring to illegally funnel corporate campaign contributions to Republican candidates for the Texas Legislature. Texas law bans the use of corporate money for direct campaign expenditures.

The charge forced DeLay to step aside from his post as the No. 2 Republican in the House.

"My office follows all the same proper rules about rightfully protected information for all the media no matter who they are," Earle said. "When somebody said to Harry Truman, 'Give 'em hell Harry' he said 'I just tell them the truth and they think it's hell.'"

"I told them the truth and they thought it was a movie. Go figure. I'm just doing my job," Earle said.

On a Houston talk radio show on Friday, DeLay

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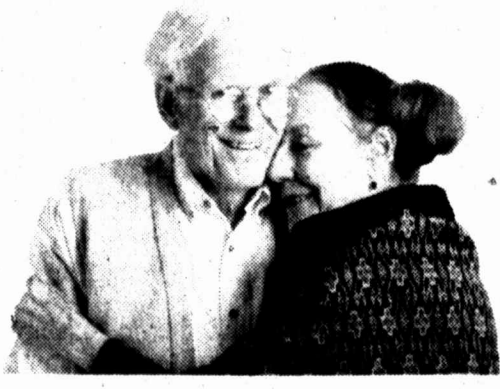
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Dozens gather to support DeLay in wake of indictment

By PAM EASTON

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — Dozens of local supporters and friends of U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay welcomed him home to Houston on Friday by cheering his name in the wake of a conspiracy charge that forced him to step down as House majority leader. "My setback is temporary, but our victories will last a lifetime," DeLay told supporters Friday who crowded into

a small ballroom. "So while they may have made me step aside for now, they can never make us stand down."

DeLay said he had done nothing wrong and the accusations are baseless. "I can't say it in stronger terms than these: I have done nothing wrong," he said. "These attacks have been going on for over 10 years with ethics charges, racketeering charges. They found a racketeering charge that found I was conspiring to

beat Democrats. I told them I am guilty."

DeLay said he felt humbled by the support and that his political future is in the hands of the voters from his district.

"My friends, I have violated no law, no regulation, no code of ethics and no House rule," DeLay said. "I am innocent and I will prove it."

DeLay said he's being attacked "for being effective and standing up."

"I knew my efforts would come at a price. I

knew my name would be dragged through the mud," he said. "I am a target ladies and gentlemen. I shouldn't have to tell you, you know me so well, but I am nobody's victim."

As he spoke, DeLay stood beneath a red, white and blue banner that read: "Tom DeLay Our Leader."

"He has fought for us and fought for us and now we have to fight for him," U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady

said. Many held signs supporting DeLay. One read: "RONNIE EARLE IS STUCK ON STUPID," referring to the Travis County district attorney who launched a grand jury investigation into DeLay.

DeLay's first court appearance is set for Oct. 21 in Austin, where he was charged this week with conspiring with two political associates to use corporate donations to support Texas legislative

candidates. GOP state chairwoman Tina Benkiser said Earle has a grudge against DeLay, which is being used to "destroy the Republican family." She said Earle has been successful in one goal.

"If you take out the leader, then you can destroy the morale of the troops," she said. "Tom DeLay is the most respected and effective leaders the U.S. Congress has ever known. And that makes him the target."

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the GOP took over all statewide elected offices and then-Gov. George W. Bush successfully ran for president. Republicans control both chambers of the Legislature, a feat completed with the Texas House takeover after the 2002 elections.

"We wanted to really increase our effort to win a Republican majority in the Texas House of

Representatives," DeLay told CNN on Thursday, describing that election season.

DeLay said he wasn't involved in day-to-day operations of Texans for a Republican Majority and that John Colyandro and Jim Ellis, two of his associates who previously were indicted by the Travis County grand jury, were told to check with lawyers and accountants to make sure all their actions were legal.

Texas Speaker Tom

Craddick and state House Republicans closely linked to Texans for a Republican Majority and to the Texas Association of Business, another indicted group in Earle's investigation, may not be free of legal scrutiny. Another grand jury is to be named.

But the political threat for some Texas House Republicans arose before DeLay's indictment. Potential GOP challengers began coming forward after the

Legislature's failure to deal with public school funding this year.

"What we're seeing right now is kind of a groundswell, for lack of a better word, of pro-education candidates challenging Republicans," said Kronberg of The Quorum Report.

Democrats hope voter dissatisfaction with education and health care policy, nudged along by the DeLay indictment, will help them rebuild in Texas.

Through primaries Democrats have ousted some of their own legislators they deemed too friendly with Craddick's Republican leadership and in November defeated

some GOP legislators who'd received contributions from DeLay's political committee.

The Democrats are trying to regain control of state politics by 2010.

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said, "Oh yeah, he's just doing his job. He's just doing his job. He's got a film crew that has been following him around for two years to document how he's going to get Tom DeLay."

DeLay's supporters said the documentary, "The Big Buy," is part of a pattern of headline-grabbing by Earle.

Long before the indictment, DeLay defenders had said Earle, a Democrat, was on a witch hunt and was seeking national publicity with his campaign-finance probes. Earle made appearances in connection with

the investigation on "60 Minutes" and PBS' "NOW" and has been profiled by Time and Esquire magazines and other news organizations.

The access given to the filmmakers "clearly shows Ronnie Earle had ulterior motives. Not only was he out for partisan gain, he was out to promote himself as well," said Carl Forti, spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee.

"It kind of indicates Ronnie's proclivities to make a big splash with this," said Dick DeGuerin, DeLay's attorney.

But Schermbeck said he and Birnbaum

approached Earle about the low-budget film two years ago, long before they knew there would be indictments.

"We had to talk him into this," Schermbeck said.

The film looks at the 2002 elections and the plan by Republicans to win the Texas state House so they could take the unusual step of redrawing congressional districts in the middle of the decade and increase the number of Texas Republicans on Capitol Hill, Birnbaum said.

Birnbaum and his partner interviewed some of Earle's staff and were in Earle's office with his staff members last year, minutes before they

walked out to a news conference to announce the first set of indictments in the case, he said.

The filmmakers had already written an ending to the film, but rewrote it

"I think it's a more dramatic movie" with DeLay's indictment, Schermbeck said. "It makes it more historically important."

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Bush tells radio audience he sees progress in Iraq war effort

By JENNIFER LOVEN
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Saturday he is encouraged by the increasing size and capability of the Iraqi security forces, touting progress on a key measure for when U.S. troops can come home. The upbeat remarks in Bush's weekly radio address came two days after the top commander in Iraq said only one Iraqi battalion is ready to fight without U.S. support. "All Americans can have confidence in the military commanders who are leading the effort in Iraq, and in the troops under their command," Bush said. "They have made important gains in recent weeks and months; they are adapting our

strategy to meet the needs on the ground; and they're helping us to bring victory in the war on terror." The sunny presentation of the situation in Iraq is part of a renewed push by the administration to win support for the war effort from an increasingly reluctant American public. It conflicts with the news from Iraq and some assessments from top commanders. On Friday, Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, said Sunni Arab opposition to Iraq's draft constitution has increased the potential for instability and called into question U.S. hopes for substantial troop cuts next spring. It was the second time this week that Casey

rolled back his July prediction that "fairly substantial" troop withdrawals could begin next spring. On Wednesday, he told Congress that only one Iraqi army battalion was ready to go into combat without U.S. support, down from three estimated a few months ago. He argued, though, that the Iraqi army is getting stronger, with more than 30 Iraqi battalions deemed capable of leading combat operation against insurgents, albeit with U.S. help. Bush said more than 100 Iraqi battalions are operating throughout the country. "Our commanders report that the Iraqi forces are serving with increasing effectiveness," he told radio listeners. Buffeted by criticism

over his administration's response to Hurricane Katrina, Bush sought this week to shift his public focus back to Iraq and to the anti-terror fight. He built a reputation for commanding leadership and won re-election in part on those two issues, but polls indicate the public is becoming more troubled by the daily U.S. casualties in Iraq and the uncertain prospects for victory. At least 200 people have been killed in the past five days, including 13 U.S. service members, and the number of American troops killed in Iraq since the start of the war is approaching 2,000. A Rose Garden speech earlier this week devoted to Iraq was the president's first outside of those on Supreme Court

developments since Katrina hit nearly five weeks ago in which he did not mention the storm. The remarks, in which he claimed a "plan to win" in Iraq, foreshadowed another speech Bush is scheduled to give next Thursday, as well as others being delivered in coming days by Vice President Dick Cheney and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. In his radio remarks, Bush did warn of an upsurge in violence before Iraqis vote Oct. 15 on a new constitution. If approved, it would form the basis for elections in December of a permanent Iraqi government. "As Iraqis take these next steps on the path to freedom and democracy, the terrorists will do

everything they can to stop this progress and try to break our will," the president said. "They will fail." Other encouraging signs Bush cited were the recent killing of Abdullah Abu Azza, al-Qaida's No. 2 leader in Iraq, and the closing of a main route for foreign terrorists coming into Iraq from Syria. Gen. John Abizaid, commander, U.S. Central Command, earlier cited several encouraging signs in Iraq. He said the main battles against the insurgency had shifted to western Iraq, "which is a good sign, a good indicator that Iraqi and U.S. forces are having an effect elsewhere." Also, he said, infiltration of foreign fighters across the Syrian border "remains a concern, but it's down."


Increased stamp prices result of gasoline costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gasoline prices that have millions of Americans digging deeper into their pockets are spurring thoughts by Postal Service officials that an increase in mail rates may be needed in 2007, following one already planned for next year. The fact that it costs the mail agency \$8 million for every penny increase in gasoline prices for its 212,000 vehicles is a major factor in a postal rate increase expected in 2007, after one next year, Postmaster General John Potter said Friday. A 2-cent increase in stamp prices scheduled to take place in 2006 will merely cover the cost of legally required escrow payments, so growing costs overall will force a second boost a year later, Potter said Friday in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Our costs are going up just like everybody else's costs," Potter said. The amount of the 2007 postage increase will depend on the economy, the cost of gasoline and other factors. "The Postal Service last raised rates in July 2002," said Potter. "The only reason that we're raising rates 5.4 percent (in 2006) is to create sufficient funds to pay the \$3.1 billion that's required in the law." The January increase would raise the price of a first-class stamp to 39 cents. Unless changed by Congress, the escrow requirement would increase in subsequent

years, he said. The Postal Service's chief financial officer, Richard Strasser, predicted that even with the rate increase in January the post office would finish 2006 some \$1.8 billion in the red. The escrow requirement was imposed on the Postal Service by Congress when it permitted changes in the agency's pension funding. A bill that would ease that requirement has passed the House but not the Senate, and postal officials have raised questions about other provisions in the bill that could affect postal operations. Potter also said the post office was forwarding mail to some 400,000 people displaced by Hurricane Katrina and was urging others who have relocated to let the agency know where they are. Fill out a change of address form "every time you move and the mail will follow you," Potter said. Post offices were set up at relocation centers such as the Houston Astrodome and in other cities where evacuated people are sheltered. Sharon Cheneau, 50, a social worker from New Orleans, stayed at the Astrodome for several days before a relative in Houston took her in. She said she received no mail at the makeshift post office at the Astrodome, but once she filled out a forwarding address for her relative's house she began to receive mail.

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Herald photos/Steve Reagan
Loren Buss, left, talks with Douglas Hattenbach in front of an AT-11 bombardier training aircraft during the first day of the Webb Air Force Base reunion at the Hangar 25 Air Museum Friday. At right, a mariachi band entertains the crowd during a dinner at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

REUNION

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"It had very friendly people — and dust storms!" he recalled. "I really enjoyed meeting the local people. Everyone was just so friendly."

After almost two years in Big Spring, Biller received additional pilot training at bases in Del Rio and Arizona before returning to Turkey, where he served as a fighter pilot with the Turkish Air Force, before retiring 14 years ago and returning to the United States.

Biller, who now lives in Houston and is active with the Commemorative Air Force, recently retired from Flight Safety International, a firm that trains corporate pilots.

He learned of the reunion in a recent bulletin, and decided to renew old acquaintances.

Has Big Spring changed much in the last 50 years? "Yes and no, actually," he replied. "I had a hard time finding some of the places, but I don't think too many things have changed."

Robert Eyhers, a native of Sioux City, Iowa, earned his pilot's wings as part of Class 58-O at

Webb.

Eyhers, an officer in the Air National Guard, also recalled a friendly community.

"I just enjoyed the people. That's what really makes a community," he said. "I was married and we lived in town ... and our neighbor was like a mother to us."

"The friendliest people in the world" also struck Ray Stewart, who served as an instructor pilot at Webb from 1969-73.

But Stewart has even more reasons to have fond memories of Big Spring. While stationed here, he met his future wife, the former Elizabeth Moore, when she worked at the Webb Credit Union.

Stewart retired from the Air Force after leaving Webb in 1973 and went on to fly for Delta Airlines.

He and his wife attended the first reunion in 2002, as well as a "mini-reunion" of about 12 colleagues in 2000.

While he's enjoyed his time back in Big Spring, he also recognizes the economic changes brought about in part by the base's closing in 1977.

"It's hard to go through town and see all the stores that are now closed," he said. "It's really sad."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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IN BRIEF

Coahoma sets booster club dates
The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet each Monday at 7 p.m. in Coach Kim Nichols' classroom through the football season. The meetings after football season will take place only when needed.
For more information, contact Donna Wright at 267-8723.

Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings
The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season.
For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

Big Spring starts junior tennis league
Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced the start of a junior tennis league. League play will take place every Monday for the next six weeks at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park and will last from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The league is for children in grades four through six (ages 8-12). Participants should bring a racket. Provided rackets will be limited.
For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

Hunter Education Class announced
The date for the next hunter education course will be Oct. 15 and 16 beginning at 8 a.m. in the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Building. The cost is \$10 and each student will need his/her social security number and a parent or guardian if under 17.

Texas law requires this course to be taken if you want to hunt in the state.
For more information or to register, contact Steve Poitevint at 264-7033.

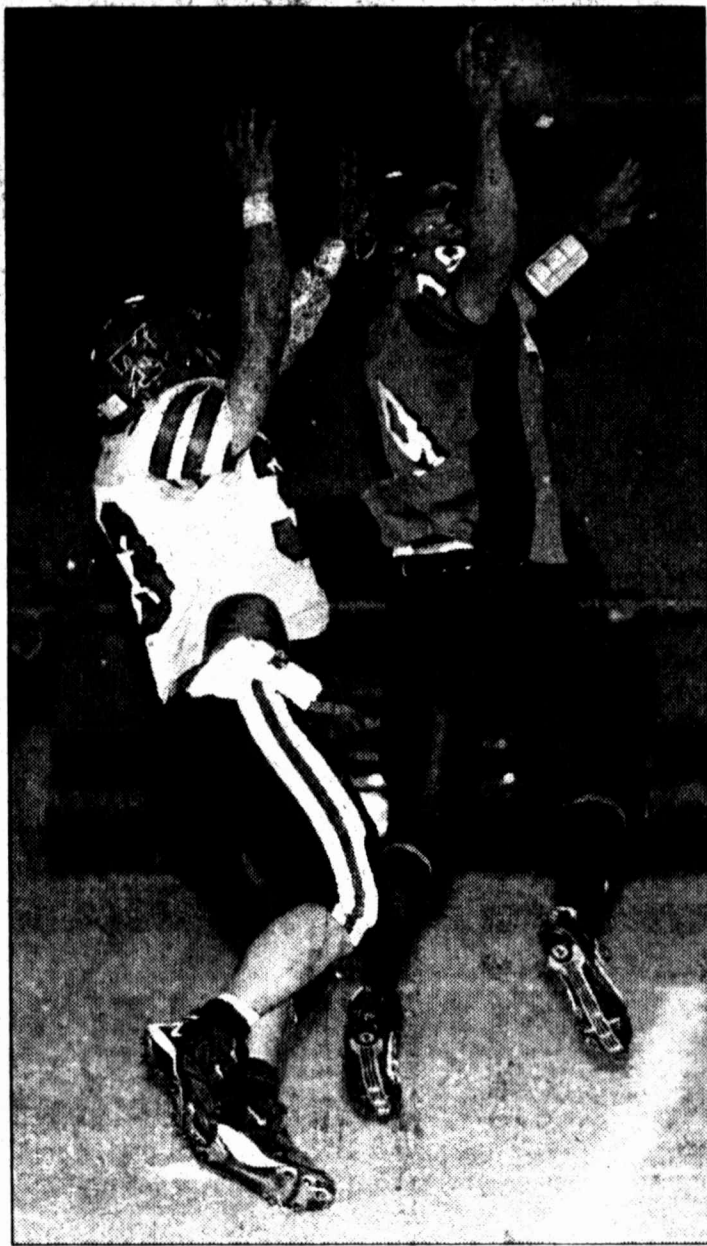
Midland Rotary Club sets golf toumey
The Midland Daybreak Rotary Club has announced its second annual golf tournament.

The tournament will take place Monday and will start at 1 p.m. at the Green Tree Country Club. The entry deadline is Wednesday. The toumey is limited to 32 teams with four people to a team.

The proceeds will benefit local youth scholarships to college, Rotary Diabetes Camp and Rotary Youth Leadership Camp.

Gift certificates to the Green Tree Country Club will also be awarded to the top three teams.

Defense leads Bearkats to win after slow start



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Garden City junior Alex Halfmann intercepts a pass intended for a wide receiver from Midland Trinity during the Bearkats' rout of the Chargers on homecoming night. The interception was called back due to a Garden City penalty.

• Garden City gets big momentum push as district play nears

By ERIC C. RODEWALD
Special to the Herald

Offense might be the focal point of most spring games, but Friday night Garden City's defense carried the Bearkats through a sluggish first half en route to a 44-7 win over the previously undefeated Midland Trinity Chargers.

Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins gave a lot of credit to the steady play of his defense.

"Cory Multer, Cade Doss, Blaine Walker, Colton Schwartz, Alex Halfmann and Jason Flores played outstanding team defense tonight," Hoskins said. "Our defense persevered in the first half despite our receivers dropping three or four passes."

The 11th ranked Bearkats (4-1) had their hands full the first half against the Chargers (5-1) who were handed their first loss Friday night at the hands of Garden City. "This was a very big

ball game," Hoskins said. "You have to give Trinity a lot of credit, they are talented and played a very good game. I think the deciding factor was our depth, we played all 15 of our kids and were clicking on all cylinders."

Garden City staked a 6-0 lead and was driving when Trinity's Preston Midkiff picked off a Halfmann pass intended for Jared Bradford at the Charger 8-yard line.

On the ensuing play, Matt Roam took a toss from Midkiff and heaved it to Chris Compton for a 72-yard scoring strike. Following a successful 1-point conversion pass from Midkiff to John Speight, the Chargers led 7-6 with 3:13 remaining in the first half.

However, the lead was short-lived for Trinity, 35 seconds to be exact, as Halfmann followed an incomplete pass with a 24-yard hook-up with Kevin Hillger. Halfmann scored on the very next play on a 36-yard run with 2:38 left in the first half to regain the lead. Multer added the 2-point conversion kick to

extend the Garden City lead to 14-7.

On the ensuing possession, Trinity's offense began with a 31-yard pass play to set up first-and-goal from the Garden City 14-yard line. The Bearkats defense limited Roam to runs of two and three yards followed by a Roam to Compton completion for five yards, setting up fourth-and-goal from the 4-yard line. Roam could only manage three yards on fourth down as Schwartz's bone-jarring hit left the Chargers, who entered the game ranked No. 4 among private schools, empty handed.

"Schwartz made a huge stop for us," Hoskins said.

The Bearkats took over with 1:18 remaining in the half and drove all the way to the Trinity 10-yard line before time expired.

To begin the second half, Flores fell on a Halfmann fumble in the end zone to cap a six-play, 55-yard drive with 6:55 left in the third quarter. Mutler's 2-point kick extended the Bearkats lead to 22-7.

With 3:36 remaining in the third quarter, Halfmann found Schwartz for another touchdown. The Multer PAT kick gave Garden City a 30-7

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Steers try for win in San Angelo, come up short after INT

• Big Spring remains winless after tough loss to S.A. Central

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — Another Friday night and another game right down to the near last play for Big Spring as the Steers came up short in their final attempt to grab a win before the District 4-4A season starts next Friday.

The back-and-forth game saw Big Spring with the ball last and a chance to win or tie. First-year head coach Tim Holt elected to go for the win on the road, but Central's Michael Bishop denied the Steers the victory.

Down 28-21 with 2:50 to play, the Steers took the ball 74 yards in seven plays and scored on a fourth down and 10 after junior quarterback Ryan Tannehill found senior Alex Castillo in the end zone with 1:19 to play.

But, instead of forcing overtime with the extra point, Big Spring (0-5) elected to take the win on the road, but Bishop had other ideas as he intercepted Tannehill's pass in the end zone and raced 103 yards for the 2-point conversion as the Bobcats won their first game of the year, 30-27.

The Bobcats struck early in the game as possible as Bishop intercepted Tannehill and scampered to the end zone from 27 yards out. The interception came on the first play from scrimmage for Big Spring.

Big Spring's first touchdown came on its third drive of the game as the Steers went 73 yards in 11 plays. The touchdown was scored by senior Calvin Butler, but the score was set up by four big plays — a Castillo 16-yard catch, a Lance Tissue 18-yard run, a Caleb Choate 16-yard run and third down and eight catch by Robert Finn.

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior Robert Finn gets taken down by a San Angelo Central tackler after a catch by Finn gave the Steers a first down. The Steers lost to the Bobcats at San Angelo Stadium Friday, 30-27.

Eagles deny Forsan win on homecoming

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald

It was standing room only at Buffalo Field Friday night as alumni, young and old, returned for Homecoming 2005 to see the Forsan Buffaloes take on the Sterling City Eagles.

The Buffaloes, however, were unable to get their first District 10-A win and fell to the Eagles, 35-26.

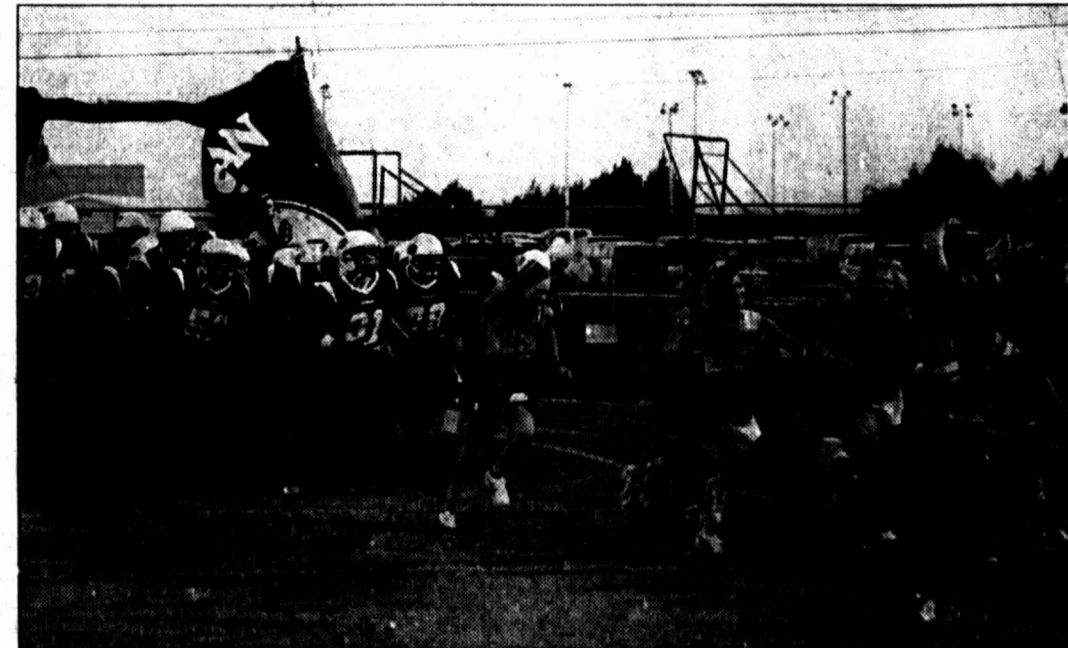
The Buffaloes put themselves in a hole early as they mishandled the opening kickoff, allowing the Eagles to start on the



Forsan 38-yard line. Two more plays and 43 seconds later the Eagles had a 7-0 lead. Two more Sterling City was on the move again after a Mitchell Murray fumble gave them the ball back.

Sterling City quickly returned the favor and

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courtesy photo/Bob Fishback
The Forsan football team and cheerleaders head onto the field Friday before taking on Sterling City for homecoming. The Buffaloes lost the game 35-26 and are now 0-2 in District 10-A play.

STEERS

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Central grabbed the lead back in the second quarter with a 79-yard 13-play drive. However, Big Spring came back with another long drive of its own right before half-time. The drive covered 73 yards in 17 plays and took 6:35 off the clock. The Steers picked up five first downs on the drive and converted two fourth downs. They needed four tries inside the 5-yard line, but scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run by Tissue with no time left on the clock. Big Spring then faked the extra point try and collected two points and the 15-14 halftime lead as senior Matt Hilario found junior Rudy Rodriguez wide open in the end zone.

The Bobcats scored on their opening drive of the third quarter and regained the lead. Central quarterback scored from 41 yards out, but the big play was a 29-yard catch by Bishop on a third and 15. The touchdown put Central up 20-15.

Big Spring quickly responded with a 10-play 57-yard drive on its next possession. The Steers converted another fourth down play and the drive was highlighted by two 14-yard catches by Piercefield and Hilario and a 20-yard run by Tissue. Butler finished off the drive with a 1-yard touchdown surge and put Big Spring up 21-20 after the 2-point conversion failed.

The Steers forced a three-and-out on the next Central series, but couldn't take advantage offensively. They got one first down, but had a 17-yard catch by Piercefield called back due to a penalty. Piercefield got two passes for 29 yards, but had 49 receiving yards called back due to Big Spring penalties.

Big Spring was able to pin the Bobcats deep in their own territory, but Central hardly noticed as they drove 94 yards in 11 plays to take back the lead in the fourth quarter. Chebut Dobbins, who finished with 113 yards on six carries, accounted for 62 yards and the touchdown on the drive as the Bobcats led 28-21 with 7:18 to play. Central also converted a third-and-15 to keep the drive going.

Big Spring went three-and-out on its next drive, but stopped Central on fourth down later to get the ball back for the final touchdown drive of the game.

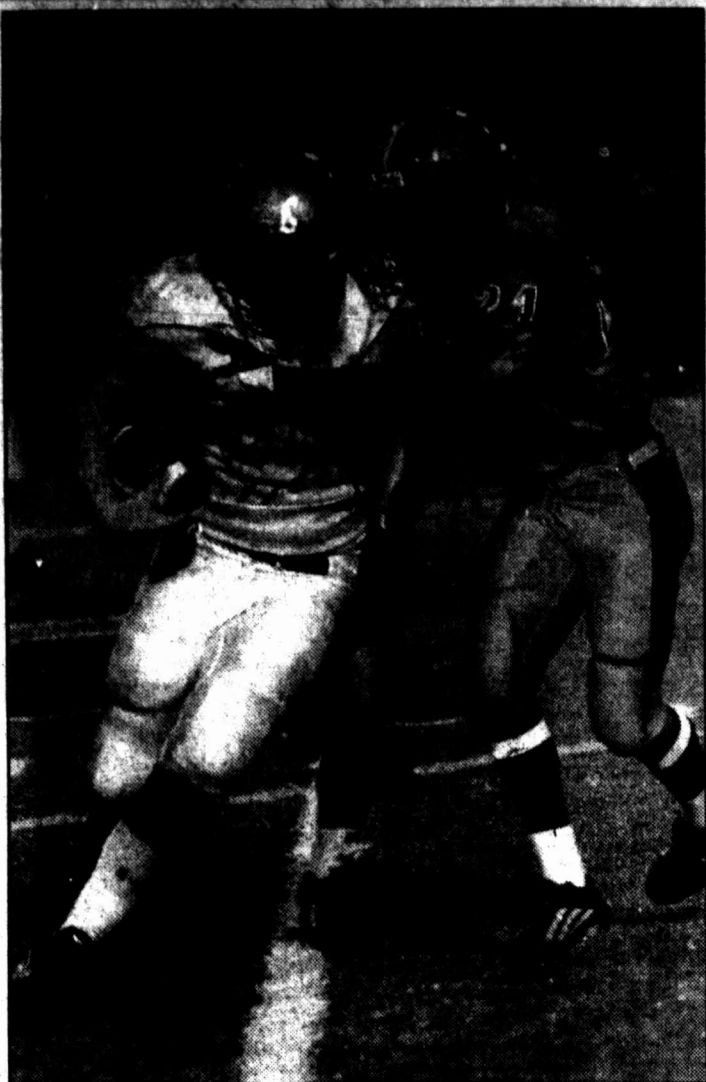
After the interception return for two points by Central, Big Spring attempted an onside kick, but Central recovered and took two knees and the victory from Big Spring at home.

Big Spring outgained Central in yards and had five more first downs, but the turnovers for a touchdown and 2-point conversion proved to be costly.

Tissue led the Steers on the ground with 70 yards on 11 carries. Tannehill was 16-for-22 through the air for 195 yards and one touchdown. Castillo and Hilario each had four catches for 68 and 45 yard, respectively.

Williams returned from an injury for Central and had 84 yards rushing and 71 yards passing. Justin Galles led the Bobcat receivers with 33 yards on three catches.

Big Spring returns to San Angelo next Friday as the Steers open district play against Lake View at Bobcat Stadium. The Chiefs got their first win of the year Friday as they defeated Class 3A Merkel.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring senior Kyle Piercefield takes tacklers with him after a pass reception against San Angelo Central Friday. Piercefield caught two passes for 29 yards.

Forsan JV wins in dramatic fashion

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald
The Forsan homecoming weekend started off with a bang Thursday night as the Buffaloes junior varsity squad won their first game of the season, beating the Christoval Cougars, 12-0.

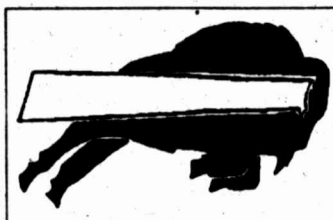
With the score tied at zero, the solid defensive play by both teams continued as the Buffs stopped the Cougars on a fourth down play just inside Buffalo territory to start the second half.

On the next play from scrimmage, Jace Sandridge took the ball around the right end and scampered 45 yards for the touchdown.

The extra point attempt failed and Forsan led, 6-0.

Both offenses struggled until with 4:00 minutes left in the game the Cougars mounted a drive leading them to the Buffalo 6-yard line.

The Buffs had seen this before as recently as last week, but a determined defense turned Christoval away as Vince Pennick sealed the victory.



With less than 30 seconds to go in the game, the Cougars threw into the near side of the end zone on a flare route. They had tried this same play just a few plays earlier with Pennick almost intercepting the ball.

This time, Pennick read the play again and jumped in front of the receiver and took the ball 100 yards the other way for a touchdown, extending the Buffalo lead to 12-0.

Forsan head JV coach Brad Batla praised the play of his defense as they made numerous stops and forced three turnovers. He specifically named Jeremy Gomez, Brandon Morrow and Anthony Neighbors for their solid play.

Next week the Buffaloes will play the Roscoe Plowboys.

Coahoma junior high football teams win in first home game

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
The Coahoma junior high football teams were both victorious in their home openers against Seagraves Thursday.

The seventh-grade won 23-8 and improved to 3-0-1 on the year.

The Bulldogs got on the board on their second play from scrimmage as Adrian Amaro sprinted to the end zone from 30 yards out. Josh Gonzales added the 2-point conversion to make it 8-0.

Dakota Griffith scored the second touchdown on a quarterback keeper and then completed a pass to Keaton Martin for the 2-point conversion.

The final touchdown of the night for Coahoma was scored on a 10-yard run by Casey Roberts.



Petie Acosta led the defense with two interceptions, while the defense was also led by Kyle Gerstenberger, Josh Castilaw, Eric Gonzales, Brayden Iden and Skyler Coates.

The eighth-grade pulled out a narrow 18-14 win as they improved to 3-1 on the season.

Coahoma started the game off with the first touchdown as Blake Cates scored from 35 yards out. Seagraves answered back and the game was tied 6-6. But, with 25 seconds to go until halftime, Cates

struck again on a quarterback keeper as the Bulldogs led 12-6 at half-time.

Neither team scored in the third quarter, but Coahoma struck early in the final period to go up 18-6 as Josh Paniagua scored on a 60-yard run. Seagraves added a late touchdown, but it was not enough as the Bulldogs escaped with the win.

Besides Cates and Paniagua, Lupe Abrego, Britt Dickenson, Jacob Grissom and Issac King all played well offensively. Defensively, the Bulldogs were led by Tom Sawyers, Brendon Payte, Ray Gutierrez, Cole Campbell and Jake Owens.

Both the seventh- and eighth-grade teams will host Colorado City next Thursday.

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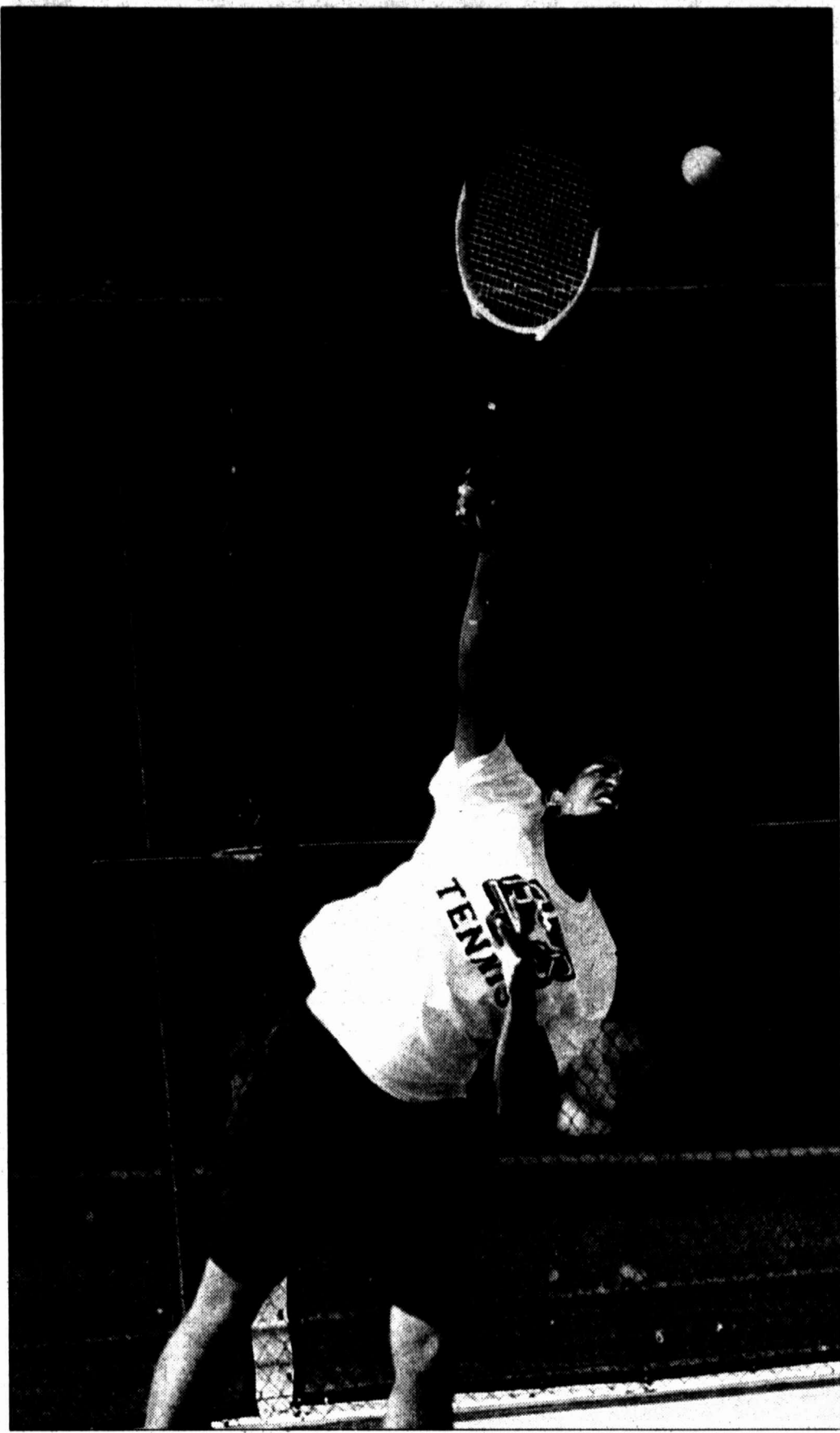
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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring junior Roshan Shroff serves the ball to an opponent during tennis action earlier this year. Big Spring took on Frenship in Wolforth Saturday, but final results were unavailable at press time.

FORSAN

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Josh Paredez returned a fumble 75 yards to the Eagle 3-yard-line.

The Buffs were unable to take advantage, and were turned away in four plays turning the ball over on downs.

The Buffalo defense was not to be undone and stopped the Eagles' on fourth and 14 and gave the ball back to the Forsan offense.

This time the Buffs took advantage of a short field and Tye Baker scored from six yards out on a quarterback keeper. A missed extra point left the score 7-6.

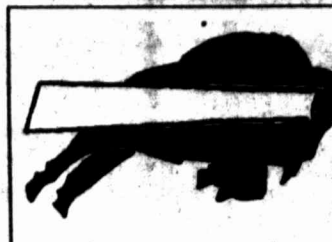
"I was really proud of a lot of things tonight," said head coach Tommy Thompson. "We hurt ourselves early, but we managed to stay in it despite that."

Things did not look that way as the second quarter moved on seeing the Eagles take the ensuing kickoff 85 yards for a score and then recovered another short kick taking over at the Forsan 40-yard line.

The Eagles were able to score later in the quarter on a 46-yard pass to take a 21-6 lead at halftime.

Thompson's words rang true early in the third quarter as the Buffs embarked on a 13-play drive resulting in another Baker touchdown.

The Buffaloes could not



convert a 2-point attempt and, despite mistakes, were still within reach with the score, 21-12.



FORSHEE

Sterling City was able to extend their lead late in the third quarter scoring with five seconds left.

But the Buffs were not through as Wesley Newcomb smashed his way to the end zone, going through several Eagles to score from 35 yards out, drawing Forsan to within 10 points.

The momentum was short-lived and after an unsuccessful onside attempt, the Eagles went 49 yards on one play leaving the score 35-18 with 3:38 left to play.

To their credit, the Buffs refused to die. They started from midfield and moved to the Eagle 19-yard line facing a fourth-and-10.

Forsan was able to draw to within nine points as Baker avoided a huge pass rush and found Justin Forshee for a 19-yard touchdown.

That was as close as the

Buff would get as Sterling City simply ran out the clock and sealed the win.

"Again I felt we were right there the whole game," said Thompson. "Take away the two onsidies we missed and the kickoff return for a TD they had and it's a different game. We are either ahead or tied."

"We are confident in our kids' abilities," Thompson added. "We all, coaches and players included, have to step it up and find the next gear. We have had it rough the last few seasons and we need to learn how to win."

Offensively, the Buffaloes compiled 274 total yards, mostly on the ground, and saw the Eagles gain 393 total yards.

Newcomb ended the night with 77 yards on 14 carries and one touchdown. Baker added 65 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Murray carried the ball eight times for 56 yards.

Baker completed five passes to five different receivers for 79 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, Thompson praised the play of Tyler Phillips and Clint Stanley, as well as, the play of the secondary.

Next week the Buffaloes hit the road as they take on the Bronte Longhorns at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

BEARKATS

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lead.

Bradford closed out the quarter with a 6-yard touchdown run and Multer added the PAT for a 37-7 lead.

Garden City's Bo Eggemeyer sprinted 26 yards for the final touchdown of the game. Doss ran in the 1-point conversion, leaving the Bearkats with a final victory of 44-7.

Friday night Garden City will enter district

play at home as they entertain Robert Lee with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

"They (Robert Lee) beat Trent 46-0 and only lost to Trinity by a score of 61-to-51 in the first game of the season," Hoskins said. "They have been on a roll their last few games."

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Texans seek first victory against red-hot Bengals

By JOE KAY

AP Sports Writer
CINCINNATI (AP) — The Bengals needed only three weeks to accomplish the unimaginable.

They're in first place, one of only four unbeaten teams in the NFL. They rank near the top of the league in every statistical measure. Carson Palmer is more than a passing fancy. Chad Johnson is Lord of the Dance.

"It's going to be fun," Johnson said, promising a different celebration after each of his touchdown catches. "It's going to be a very exciting year. It's just starting. We've got a lot more to go — I believe, 16 weeks."

Three whirlwind weeks have changed the Bengals' image and outlook, stamping them as a legitimate playoff contender. Hence, Johnson's 16-week reference.

Are two weeks enough to fix what ails those downtrodden Houston Texans?

The Texans (0-2) spent their bye week firing offensive coordinator Chris Palmer and benching cornerback Phillip Buchanon and linebacker Jason Babin, trying to inject some life into a team that's doing a dead-on impression of the old Bungles.

They're even starting to sound like them.

"This week, the whole thing is just not beating ourselves," said David Carr, who is second-to-last in the NFL's passer

ratings.

That was the Bengals' mantra for the last 14 years, when they couldn't get a winning record or get out of their own way. They've finally found the exit ramp from ignominy.

Their 3-0 start is their first since 1990, the last time they had a winning record and made the playoffs. If they beat the stumbling Texans on Sunday, they'll have reached another important benchmark.

The Bengals haven't gone 4-0 since 1988, when they won their first six games on their way to the franchise's second Super Bowl appearance. That team won with a high-powered offense featuring Boomer Esiason and a surprisingly stout defense that got better as the season went along.

No one is talking Super Bowl yet — well, almost no one. Safety Reggie Myles looked at an on-field camera before a 24-7 victory in Chicago last Sunday and proclaimed: "Super Bowl! Woo! We're going to Detroit!"

Most of the other Bengals are heeding coach Marvin Lewis' warning: 3-0 means nothing.

"Let's just go play football and not beat our chests," Lewis said.

Chest beating is out. Dancing? That's OK. And Johnson plans to be doing some of it in the end zone Sunday against a team that has been outscored 49-14. He did a Riverdance

jig after his first touchdown in Chicago, and is choreographing something new for the Texans.

"I'll probably practice it in the hotel Saturday night a couple of times before I go out," Johnson said.

The Texans have already watched too many celebrations by opponents, leaving them in no position to return fire. Cornerback Dunta Robinson is aware of Johnson's joke that a defensive back can't cover him with only two legs.

"We don't need a third leg. We don't need three arms," Robinson said. "We just need what we got, and we're just going to go out there and have fun."

That would be a change. The fourth-year expansion team had steadily improved and was hoping for a breakthrough season after finishing 7-9 last year. Instead, the Texans are facing their first 0-3 meltdown.

Carr was sacked eight times in a 27-7 loss to Pittsburgh that set those bye-week changes in motion. Joe Pendry was promoted from line coach to coordinator of an offense that was on the verge of imploding.

"Actually, since we changed coordinators, it's been a weight off my chest in terms of things people are accountable for now," Carr said. "It was to the point where we were hit or miss."



Boston's Manny Ramirez signals to the dugout from first base after his single loaded the bases in the sixth inning of his team's game against the Yankees at Fenway Park in Boston Friday. The Red Sox won the game and are now tied with New York with two games to go.

MLB playoff picture after Friday night

AL East
New York and Boston are tied with two games to go.

AL Wild Card
Cleveland lost to the White Sox in 12 innings and now is 1 game behind both the Yankees and Red Sox

NL Wild Card
Houston's lead is now 1 game after a loss and Philly win.

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As temperatures begin to drop outside, it's important to think about home and family safety. Take steps inside to be prepared for winter weather emergencies and potential hazards present at this time of year. For example, statistics show that home fires peak in the cold weather months, often due to the use of alternate heating sources and holiday lights. An average of three children a day — approximately 1,000 children under the age of 20 each year — die in home fires. And more than 19 million American homes are at needless risk for home fire fatalities because there is not a working smoke detector in their homes.

Energizer Max brand Batteries and fire departments nationwide continue their 18-year effort to urge Americans to adopt the simple lifesaving habit of changing smoke alarm batteries when changing their clocks back to Standard Time each fall — this year on October 30. "Change Your Clock Change Your Battery" is a simple call to action that can save lives. Having working smoke detectors in your home more than doubles the chance of preventing home fire fatalities.

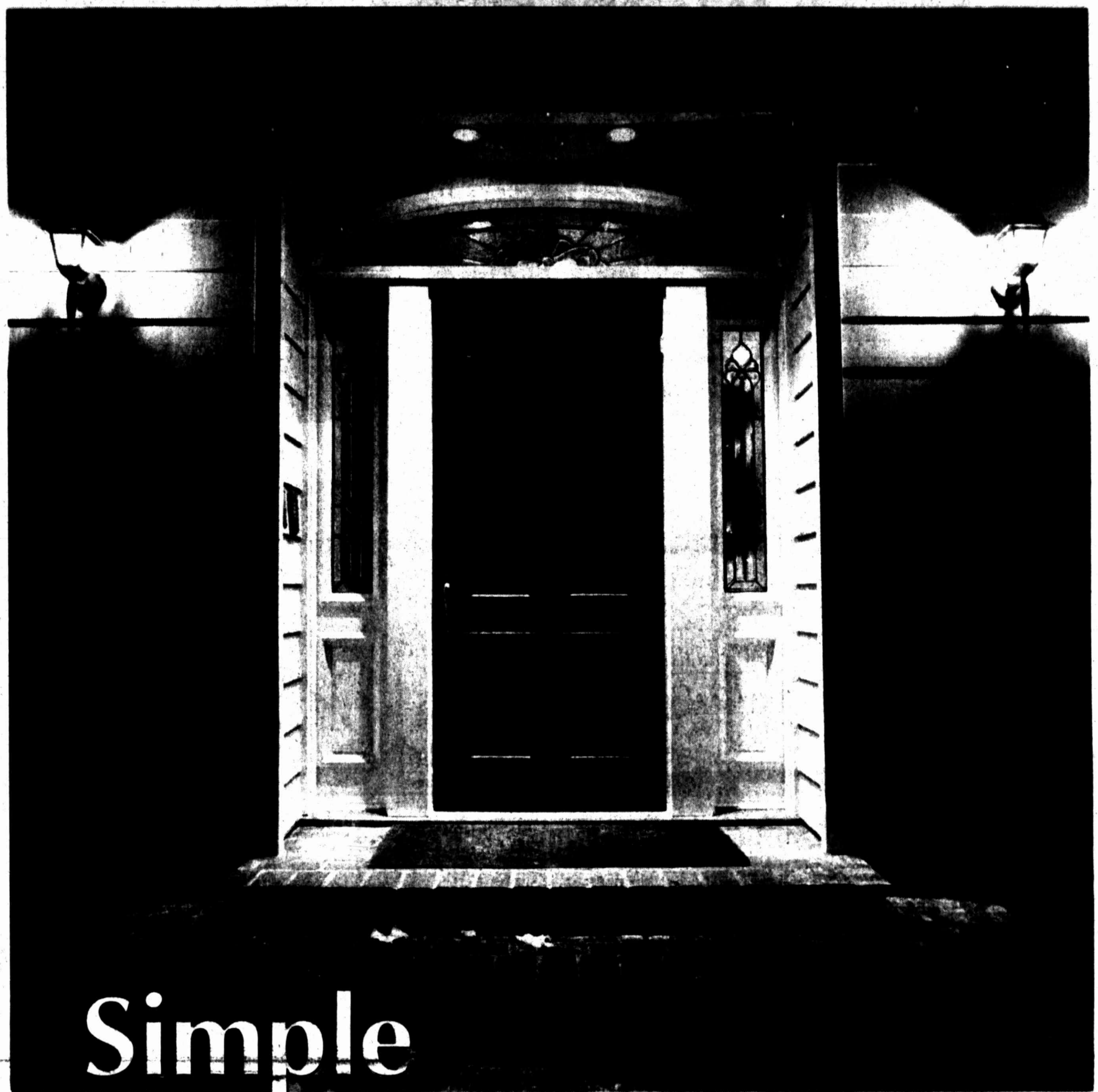
In addition, it's a good idea to make sure there is at least one smoke detector on every level of your home; to clean your smoke alarms to ensure they are free of dust and cobwebs; and to plan and rehearse two escape routes from your home.

The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., when most people are sleeping. Flashlights become not only a vital safety tool to help you find your way out of a dark or smoky house, but also a way to signal rescue workers for help. Quick Switch flashlights are revolutionary new lights that run on two D, C or AA batteries and put an end to the number one frustration about flashlights — never having the right size batteries when you need a flashlight the most. Because they are so versatile, the Quick Switch flashlight is good for emergencies, power outages or any other time you need to grab a flashlight.

With the Quick Switch, you simply unscrew the base, pull out a battery tray and drop in two same-size batteries. Closing the tray automatically locks the batteries into place. To turn the light on, you move the switch to the matching battery size. Operating times will vary, but the light output is the same no matter the cell size.

In addition to fire prevention, there are other measures you can take to keep your family safe this winter season. A cold weather emergency supply kit and cold weather preparedness check list can help your family get through short-term power outages and storms.

For more ideas and information, including science projects for kids, visit www.energizer.com.



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Cold Weather Preparedness Check List

- Make certain your furnace is working properly.
- Have all fireplaces and chimneys checked and cleaned prior to the first use of the cold weather season.
- Place a working smoke detector on every level of your house, including one in every bedroom and outside of each sleeping area.
- Make sure kids know and understand fire safety. Show your children where smoke alarms are located, and make sure they recognize the smoke alarm's sound (and understand that it signals a home fire).
- Place at least one working carbon monoxide detector in the area outside all bedrooms. Test the detectors monthly and replace batteries as directed by the manufacturer.
- If you must use a space heater, keep it at least three feet away from anything that can burn such as clothing, bedding, draperies or furniture, and never leave it unattended or in use overnight.
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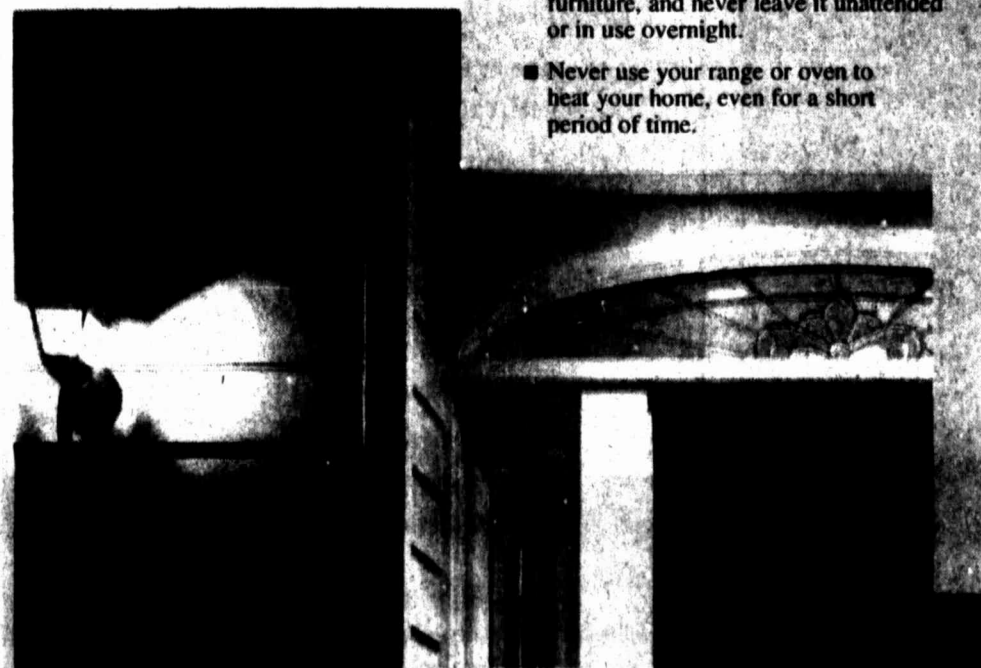
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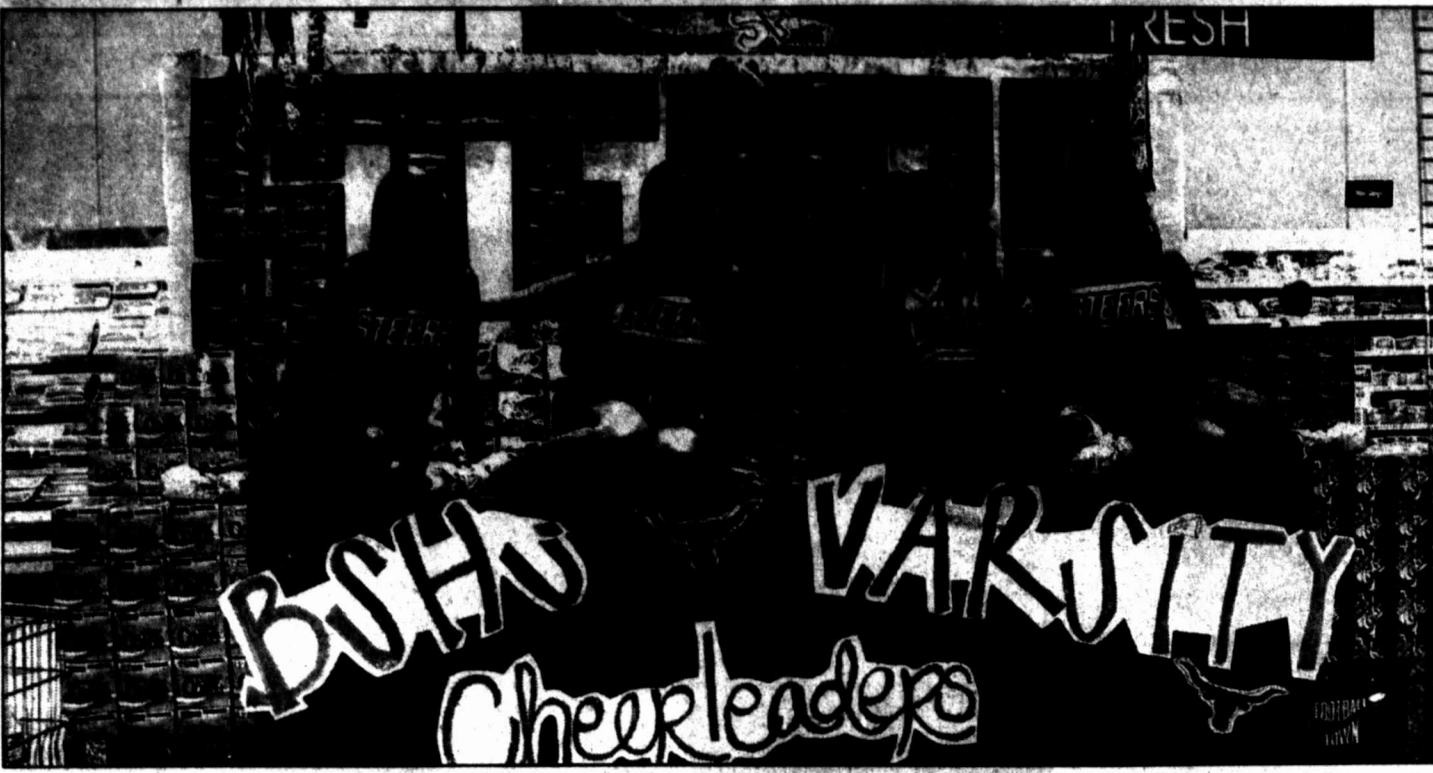
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- Extra batteries (Energizer Max ensures you have power when you need it)
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Change the batteries in your home smoke detectors when you set your clocks back to Standard Time Oct. 30. A working smoke detector doubles your chances of escaping a home fire.

Be extra prepared this fall when you change the batteries in your home smoke detectors and place working flashlights in each room of your house.





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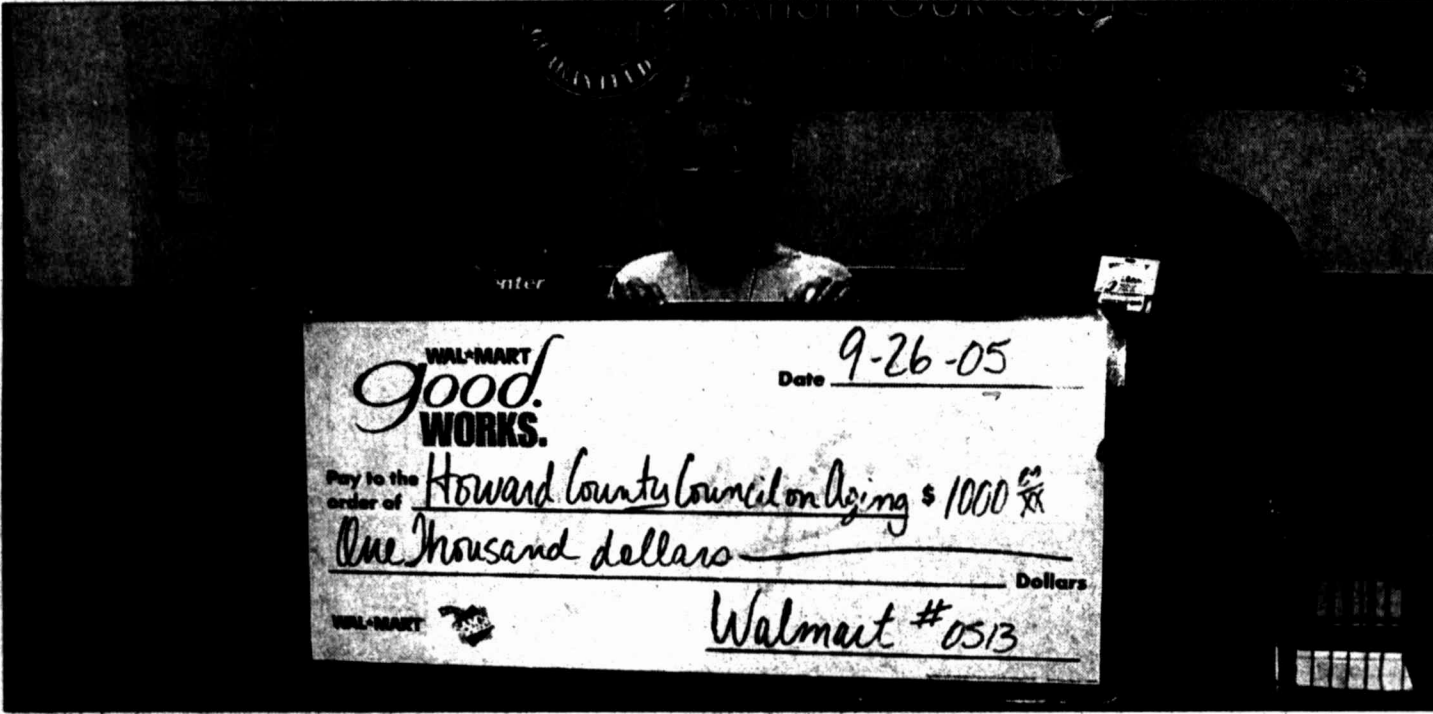
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Big Spring High School cheerleaders, in the top photo, decorated a Coca Cola display at Walmart and received a \$300 donation from the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. They are now entered into a national display decorating contest, sponsored by Walmart and Coca-Cola. Varsity cheerleaders pictured are Cassie Guinn, bottom left, Megan McCormick, Whitney Lewis and Malory Kennedy and top row, Kristen Dutchover and Sydnie Robertson.

Walmart in Big Spring recently awarded several community grants to local organizations.

In the second photo, Evelyn Elrod, center, receives a \$1,000 grant for the Big Spring Council on Aging, presented by Carol Morehead, office clerk with Walmart and Larry Jajola, assistant manager of the local store.

In the next photo, Debbie Klepper, director of Adult Basic Education accepts a \$875 grant from Walmart for Howard College.

In the bottom photo, Paul Smith accepts a \$875 grant from Walmart for the Howard County Library.



Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, sausage links, apple juice, milk; corn chip pie, mixed fruit ranch-style beans, baby carrots (high school second choice, tuna salad.)

Tuesday: Breakfast, cinny swirl bread, cheese bites, orange smiles, milk; Breakfast/Lunch, sausage pattie, pancake, hasbrown sticks, orange juice, (high school second choice, pizza pocket.)

Wednesday: Breakfast, pancake-on-a-stick, fruit punch, milk; Lunch, chicken pattie, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, grapes, rolls, (high school second choice, chili cheese fries.)

Thursday: Breakfast, cheese sticks, mixed fruit cup, milk; Lunch, beef

stew, spinach salad, cornbread, peach cobbler, (high school second choice, chicken strips.)

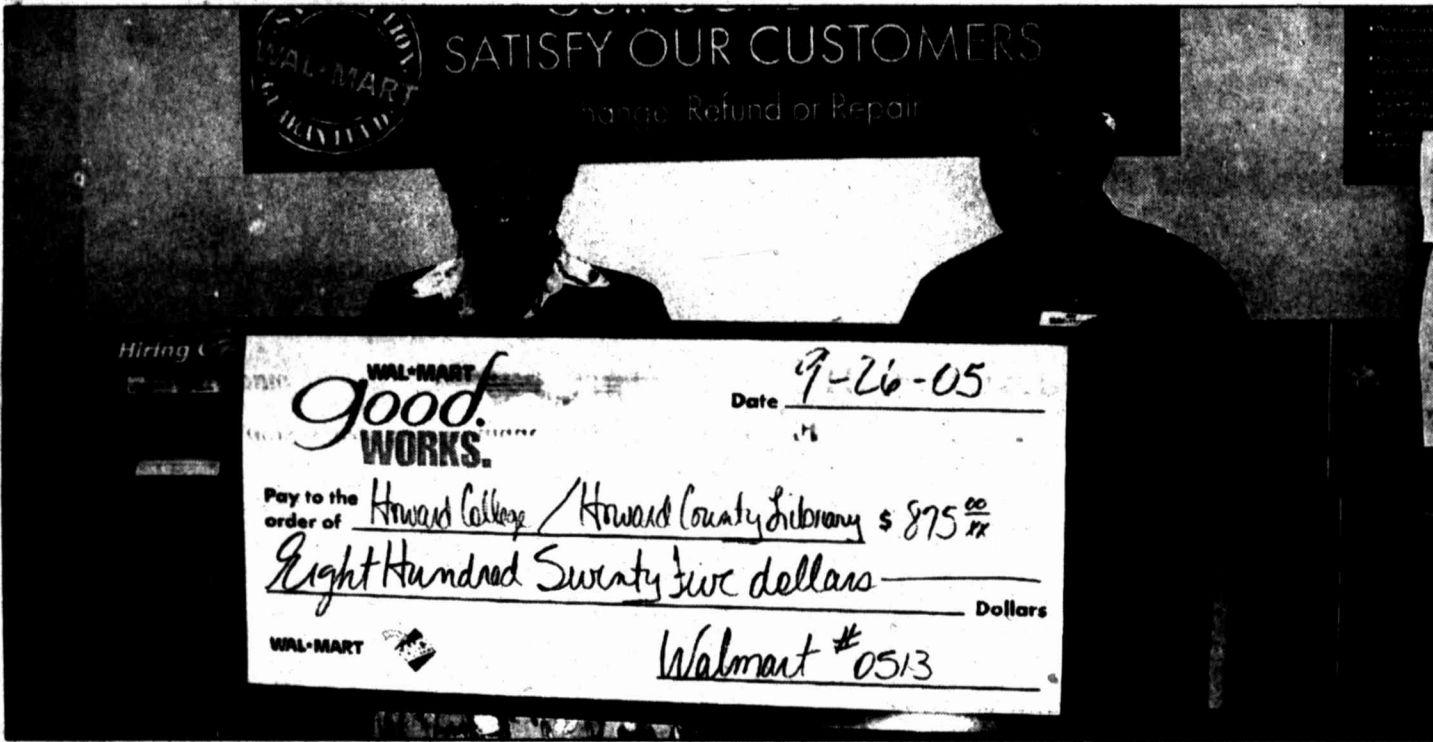
Friday: Breakfast, toaster pastry, orange juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger salad, French fries, pork&beans, cookies (high school second choice, meatloaf.)

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, oatmeal, ham, grape juice, milk; Lunch, green enchiladas, mexicali corn, pears, milk, corn dogs.

Tuesday: Breakfast, waffles, applesauce, sausage, milk; Lunch, chicken dumplings, peas&carrots, Jello, fruit, milk, ham&cheese sandwiches, salad tray.

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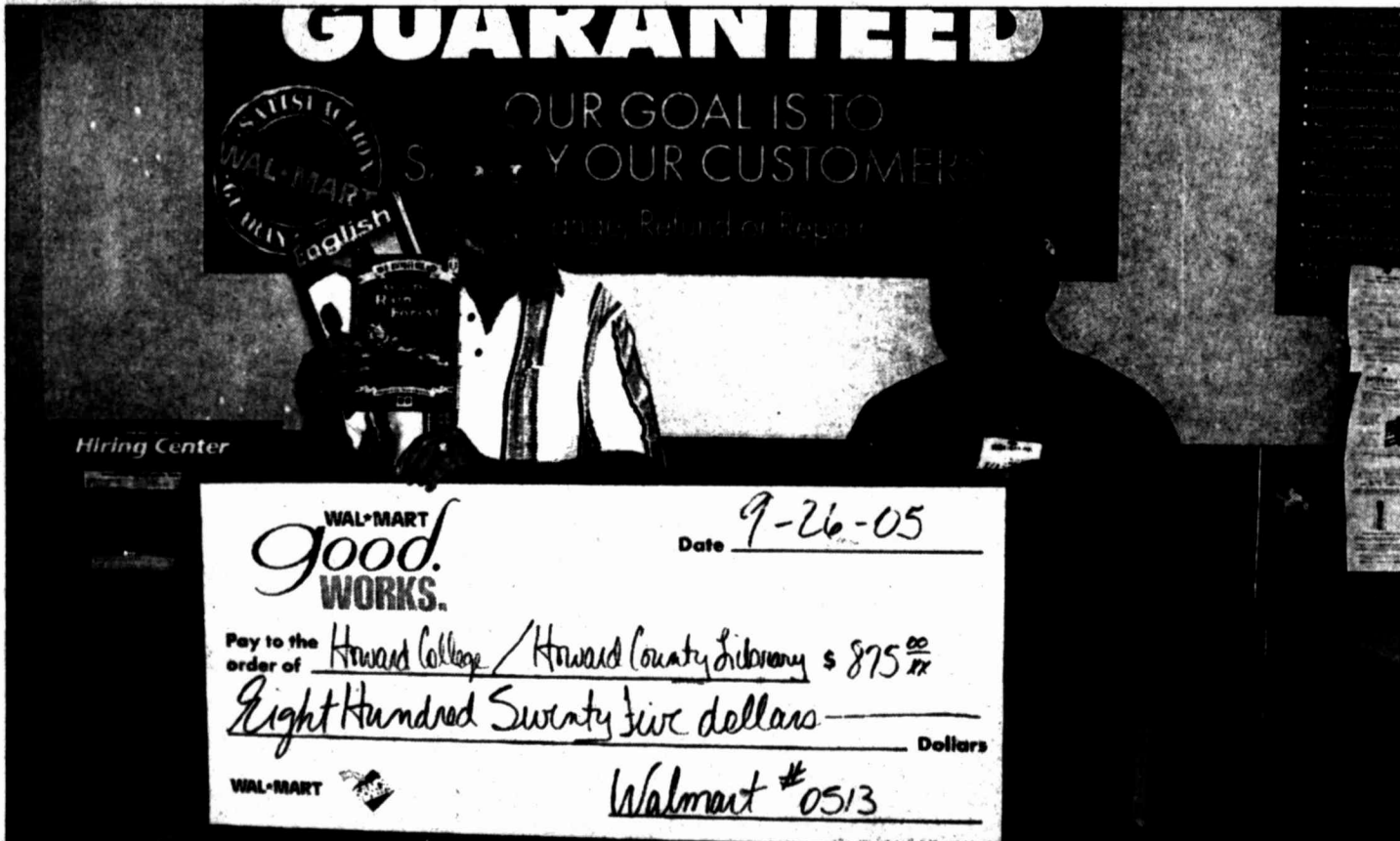
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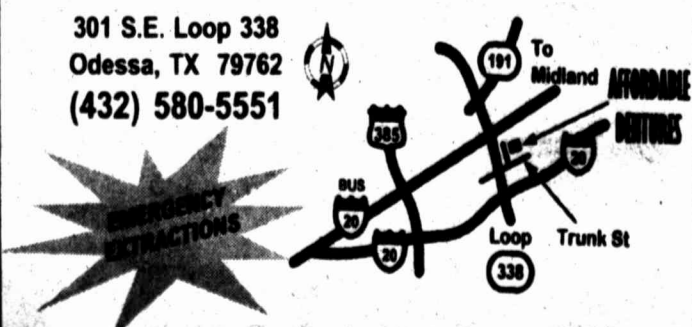
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Engagement



Ada Mac Hutcheson and Daniel James Lafler Jr.

Hutcheson, Lafler to wed

Ada Mae Hutcheson and Daniel James Lafler Jr., both of Big Spring, announce their intention to wed at 7 p.m. Dec. 2, 2005, at the Salvation Army. The bride is the daughter of the late JoAnn Stewart and the late Robert Dale Hutcheson. The groom is the son of Dan and Paula Lafler of

Big Spring. He is the grandson of Viola Lafler of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., the late Jerry Yingst, the late Lester Lafler and the late Leon Yingst. Ada works for the Salvation Army and Daniel, a graduate of Sands High School, is employed by Newpark Environmental.

Menus

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Wednesday: Breakfast, French toast, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, tacos, pinto beans, salad, milk, burritos.
Thursday: Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, apple juice, sausage, milk; Lunch, chicken patty, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, bread, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, fruit punch, juice, milk; Lunch, nacho grande salad, oranges, milk.

Westbrook ISD

Monday: Breakfast, assorted cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, steak, gravy,

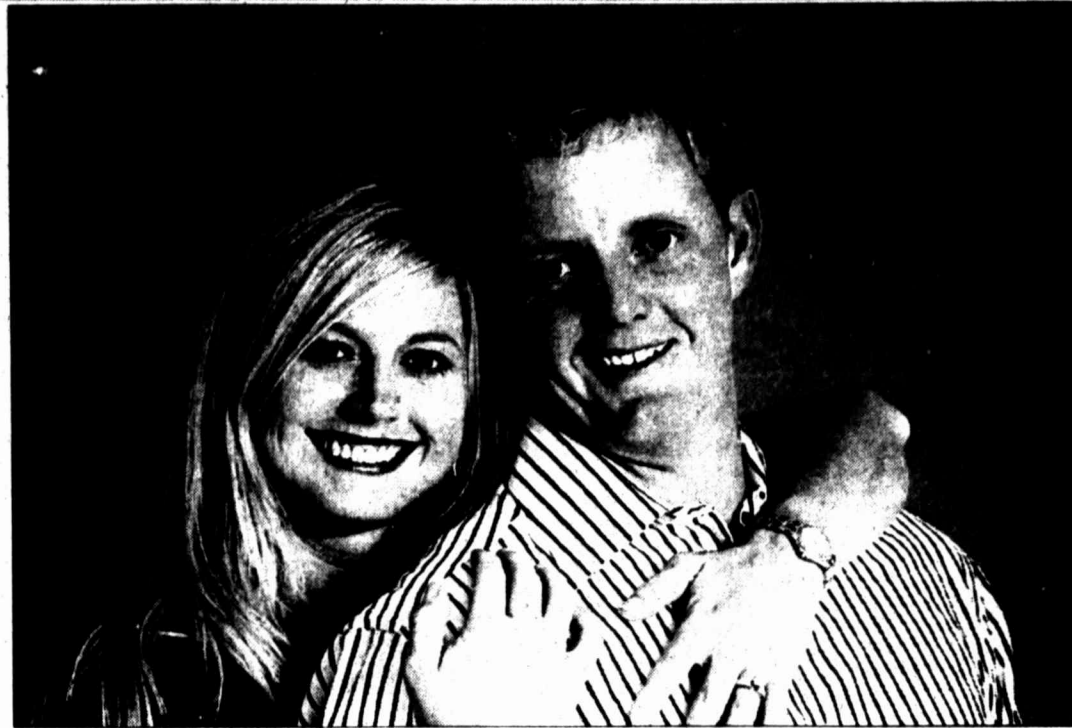
cream, potatoes, peas&carrots, hot rolls, honey, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, sausage&bacon, biscuits, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, frito pie with chili&cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, little smokies, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, spaghetti w/meat sauce, okra, black-eyed peas, garlic bread, Jello, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, beef fajitas, salsa, corn, tossed salad, strawberry yogurt, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers, French fries, salad fixings, goodie bars, milk.

Romine, Irwin engaged

Gary Romine of Big Spring and Pat Taylor of Ackerly are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Melissa Romine of Andrews to Coy Irwin, also of Andrews. He is the son of Doug and Terry Irwin of Andrews.

The bride-elect graduated from Tarleton State University with a bachelor of business administration in financial management. She is a mortgage analyst with HNB Mortgage in Midland.

The prospective groom is a Tarleton State University graduate as well, holding a bachelor of science degree in agricultural services and development. He is a loan officer for



Melissa Romine and Coy Irwin

Commercial State Bank in Andrews. The couple plans to marry Nov. 12 at the Church of Christ in Tarzan.

In the Military

Air Force Cadet Abel B. Wilson

Air Force Cadet Abel B. Wilson has completed basic cadet training and earned the rank of cadet fourth class at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

The cadet is one of more than 1,300 men and women who completed the rigorous six-week orientation program. The training prepares cadets to enter their first academic year at the academy. The cadets completed the training in two phases. Phase one consisted of military and physical preparation which focused on the transition from civilian to military life.

Phase two involved three weeks of field training on the academy grounds to participate in activities to extend their physical limitations and build self and group confidence.

The U.S. Air Force Academy curriculum offers education in the basics, engineering and social sciences, the

humanities, and 30 other academic majors. At graduation, the cadet receives a bachelor of science degree and a commission of second lieutenant in the Air Force.

Wilson is the son of Zoe O. Herrod of Stanton and grandson of Elmer G. Osborne of Amarillo. He is a 2001 graduate of Stanton High School.

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Katrina and high energy prices hit consumer pocketbooks

By **MARTIN CRUTSINGER**
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Hurricane Katrina caused \$100 billion in uninsured losses in August while consumer spending plunged by the largest amount since the September 2001 terrorist attacks, the government reported Friday.

Because of the devastation along the Gulf Coast, personal incomes fell by 0.1 percent in August, the Commerce Department reported. Incomes would

have risen by 0.2 percent had it not been for the hurricane.

In another worrisome sign for the economy, consumer spending, after adjusting for inflation, plunged by 1 percent in August, the biggest decline since September 2001, as consumers pinched by soaring gasoline prices cut back in spending in other areas.

The sharp drop in spending raises concerns about consumers' staying power in the face of soaring energy bills. Consumer spending is closely watched

because it accounts for two-thirds of the economy.

Analysts said the toll from Katrina and Hurricane Rita, which struck in September, is likely to depress economic activity for several months.

The worry is whether the surge in energy prices, partly reflecting the shutdown in production along the Gulf Coast, will so rattle consumers that the economy could be pushed into a full-blown recession. The Conference Board reported a sharp drop in consumer con-

fidence in September.

Analysts believe that the spike in energy prices seen in August and early September will not be enough to shut down consumers' appetite to spend on other items, although they are forecasting that economic growth in the current July-September quarter will be lowered by as much as a full percentage point.

The 1 percent drop in spending after adjusting for inflation compared to a 0.5 percent decline in spending before inflation was taken out.



Reed (center) and Proechel (right) work with Rachel Lietzke who will be modeling their line of clothes. Jon Proechel and Patrick Reed are two ex-marines who have started a small fashion-design business.

Ex-Marines into fashion

By **JEAN PATTESON**
The Orlando Sentinel

When the two Marines met at Camp Lejeune, N.C., in the spring of 2001, their hair was cropped military-style close.

Today, Jon Proechel and Patrick Reed wear their hair long and shaggy, rock-video style.

Their hairdos aren't the only things that have done an about-face since the ex-Marines settled in Orlando three years ago. They've also swapped guns for scissors, salutes for air kisses, and uniforms for outfits that are head-turning trendy.

These former Marines are now self-taught fashion designers, investing about \$10,000 of their savings in the endeavor, and they are launching their first collection of hip, military-inspired, his-and-hers styles under the label Poetic Rage.

They dream of owning a chain of boutiques someday. But for starters, they'll sell their collection of shredded jeans, camo-patched jackets and canvas pistol belts on their Web site, poeticrageclothing.com. It will be open for business by the end of September.

Military-inspired fashion was huge when Iraq

was first invaded, says Paige Blackwelder, co-owner of trendy Tuni boutique in Winter Park, Fla.

"It's not as big now, but there's still a definite military theme going on," she says. "I've seen a lot of jackets for fall with metal buttons and epaulettes. Diane von Furstenberg is doing these great tiered skirts in olive with striping that look military-influenced."

A top seller in her store this summer was "a cute camouflage cropped pant," says Blackwelder.

On a recent sweltering afternoon, the Poetic

Rage design duo are shooting images for their Web site in downtown Orlando, Fla. Their staging area is Antigua, a club on Church Street. Clothes and combat boots are scattered over the dance floor. A tattooed model sits on a barstool as a makeup artist dabs purple glitter shadow onto his eyelids. A photographer fiddles impatiently with her camera.

"Let's go, let's go," barks Reed, as two female models emerge from a restroom-turned-dressing room wearing tank tops and skirts trimmed with

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Hurricanes, winter mean high natural gas prices coming

By **KRISTEN HAYS**
AP Business Writer

HOUSTON — Painful prices at gas pumps will spread to electric and heating bills if a frigid winter follows the havoc that hurricanes Katrina and Rita wreaked on natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico, analysts say.

Prices could rise as high as 60 percent or more for heat, and natural gas-fired electricity could skyrocket as well.

"As winter ramps up and we start using more gas, heating oil and electricity to heat homes and for lighting as the days become shorter, we're going to be paying much higher prices for that energy than we did a year ago," said Kevin Lindemer, executive managing director of global energy services for Global Insight, a Lexington, Mass., forecasting firm.

Disruptions in oil production can be offset by imports and by tapping the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, but no such safety net exists for natural gas. And the country's ability to import liquefied natural gas remains limit-

ed with just four terminals onshore and one offshore. Others are several years from opening.

Before Rita hit, the Natural Gas Supply Association estimated that cost of heating the Midwest this winter could exceed heating costs for last winter — the eighth-warmest on record — by 77 percent.

Association spokesman Mark Stultz said his group doesn't anticipate shortages, particularly when the country will enter the heating season with storage above the five-year average.

"There will be a higher cost, but we've seen nothing to indicate we won't be able to get the gas where it needs to be," Stultz said.

Natural gas prices remained at near record highs in Rita's wake with the near-month futures above \$12 per million BTUs and the 12-month futures strip just eight cents less, said Tom Covington and Michael Scialla, analysts for A.G. Edwards & Sons.

Cumulative Katrina- and Rita-related natural

See **GAS**, Page 5C.

Master mechanic Reitzer joins Graumanns staff

Special to the Herald

Graumanns Pump and Engine Repair Inc. has announced that master mechanic Leonard Reitzer has joined the company's staff.

Reitzer, who has more than 30 years of experience, "will bring a new dimension to our already fine staff," according to Dr. Keith Graumann.

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304 Austin, services oil field surface pumps, stationary gas engines, diesel engines and hydraulic equipment, as well as servicing all types of heavy equipment. The company also provides welding and fabrication services.

American Airlines to cancel 15 round trips due to fuel prices

FORT WORTH (AP) — American Airlines, the nation's largest passenger air carrier, announced Friday that it was canceling 15 round trips temporarily in markets it serves from its two largest hubs, Chicago O'Hare and Dallas-Fort Worth international airports.

The cutbacks will go into effect Wednesday and continue through Oct. 29, when American said it will evaluate the jet fuel market and decide whether to restore the flights.

"The skyrocketing price of jet fuel has forced American Airlines to take the regretful step," according to a statement issued by the Fort Worth-based airline. Jet fuel costs have risen 39 percent in the past month.

That alone prompted the decision, said Dan Garton, American executive vice president. American said jet fuel cost 91 percent more Thursday than in September 2004, while crude oil prices had increased just half of that amount, 45 percent, in the same period.

One roundtrip flight each day is also being canceled between DFW and Atlanta; Denver; El Paso, Texas; Newark, N.J.; Washington Dulles; Houston (Bush) Intercontinental; Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago O'Hare; Toronto; Minneapolis-St. Paul; and Tulsa, Okla.

Two round trips a day between DFW and Austin, Texas, also are being canceled.

One round trip flight a day will be canceled from Chicago O'Hare to Houston (Bush) Intercontinental and Toronto.

American also said it would discontinue flights between Chicago O'Hare and Nagoya, Japan at the end of October because of fuel prices.

American said it cut back markets that would have plenty of other American flights operating.

"We have made incredible progress in lowering our operational costs for over two years now. However, skyrocketing fuel costs have eaten up all of those savings and more," Garton said.



The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce held a special ribbon cutting for several area businesses Thursday at Displays of Splendor, including co-host businesses Gale's Sweet Shoppe, Greenhouse Photography and J. ReNee's Photography. From left, Big Spring Ambassador Tito Arenzibia, Chamber Director Debbye Valverde, Gale's Sweet Shoppe owner Gale Pittman, Greenhouse Photography owner Carla Harrold, Brandon Herrera, Displays of Splendor owners Mike and Sheree Moates, Meredith Fillingim, Joyce Willis, J. ReNee Photography owner Jeanie Coor and Big Spring Ambassador Cindy Lopez.

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County Court Decisions:

Probated Judgment: Pamela Kay Lefler, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days

in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Larry Gutierrez, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,000 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Domingo Luis Rodriguez, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Linda Ann Foster, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$100 fine, \$315 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Cornelius Lacey Davis, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$265 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Angel Lavario Diaz III, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: David Simon Mitchell, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Erik Bryan Sellers, criminal mischief - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$315 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Michael Dean Nall, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Samantha Leigh Castillo, theft by check - more than

\$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Judgment and Sentence: Rosalinda Lopez, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 30 days in jail.
 Probated Judgment: David Anthony Lopez, evading arrest, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Brandon Leon Ramey, driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Clint Rankin Elliot, driving while intoxicated - second offense, \$1,500 fine, \$381 court costs, 365 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Pamela Kay Lefler, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Marvin Edward Williams Jr., driving while intoxicated - open container, \$750 fine, \$356 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
 Probated Judgment: Joe Alfaro Lopez, counterfeit inspection/insurance document for display, \$250 fine, \$291 court costs, 180-days in jail (jail time suspended).
 District Court Filings:
 Edward Lee Kennemer vs. Charlotte Diane Kennemer, divorce.
 Jake Vasquez Silva vs. Rose Mary Silva, divorce.
 Starla Siegler vs. Michael D. Siegler, divorce.
 Tonya Williams vs. Woodmen of the World and

Omaha Woodmen Life Insurance Society, injury or damages - other.
 Leslie Lloyd vs. Jerry L. Phifer, other civil.
 Mary Averette vs. Robert M. Salmon and Jack Hamilton Tire Company, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.
 Christina Gonzales vs. Jesse Rogello Olguin, family protective order.
 Lori Bennett vs. Johnny Ray Payne Jr., family protective order.
 Amanda Morrow vs. Michael A. Seay, family protective order.
 Marriage Licenses:
 Jeremy L. Nobles, 27, and Tanya G. Pykes, 21, both of Big Spring.
 Warranty deeds:
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 Property: A tract out of Section 22, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date Filed: Sept. 20, 2005
 Grantor: Frontier Capital Group
 Grantee: Michael Nairn
 Property: Lot 18, Block 10, Suburban Heights
 Date Filed: Sept. 20, 2005
 Grantor: Rodney Sargent
 Grantee: Tommy Wells and Patricia Wells
 Property: Lot 20, Block 2, Monticello Addition
 Date Filed: Sept. 21, 2005
 Grantor: Maxine Coffman
 Grantee: Mario Alanis and Susan Alanis
 Property: A tract out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date Filed: Sept. 21, 2005
 Grantor: Mary Bertha Sanders
 Grantee: Roosevelt Brown
 Property: Lot 3, Block 40,

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 Date Filed: Sept. 23, 2005
 Grantor: Iris E. McGlothlin and Kathryn Ayn Canning
 Grantee: Kathryn Ayn Canning
 Property: Lot 2, Block 4, Western Hills Addition
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 Grantor: Roger D. Brown
 Grantee: Howard County
 Property: One-half interest in a tract out of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date Filed: Sept. 27, 2005
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 Date Filed: Sept. 21, 2005
 Grantor: Jessie Rubio
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 Property: A tract out of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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GAS

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 gas supply losses should surpass 350 billion cubic feet in the next six months, the analysts said, with more than 75 percent of the region's output and 15 percent of U.S. domes-

tic production remaining shut-in, or underground. "If we get cold weather, especially early, we should be prepared to see the system really tested," Lindemer said. "The ability to deliver gasoline over the last month was tested like it's never been tested before, and we are

now seeing the ingredients come together that's going to do the same thing for the natural gas market." Stultz said when demand outpaces supply - as it has for several cold winters - so-called "interruptible" industrial customers stop using.

MARINES

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 camouflage patches. "Jon, see if they need any more accessories." One thing Reed hasn't forgotten from his time in the Marines is how to give orders. "I was in a position where I had to delegate: Do this, do that," he says. "I like it when things are planned, go smoothly." He's learning, however,

that fashion shoots rarely proceed with military precision. After the inevitable problems - one model's shoes are too big, another's jacket is too small - they're ready to start shooting. Reed, who is not as buff as the two male models, solves the jacket problem by modeling it himself. After their meeting at Camp Lejeune, Reed and Proechel were assigned to the same six-month "float" in the Mediterranean. But they

didn't hang out together, and their personal styles couldn't have been more different. Proechel, 26, was into designer fashion. The slender, frenetic Reed, 25, preferred the hip-hop look. "We weren't even on first-name terms," says Reed. Proechel, who is from Upstate New York, joined the Marines in 1997. During his four years of active service, he served in 19 countries.



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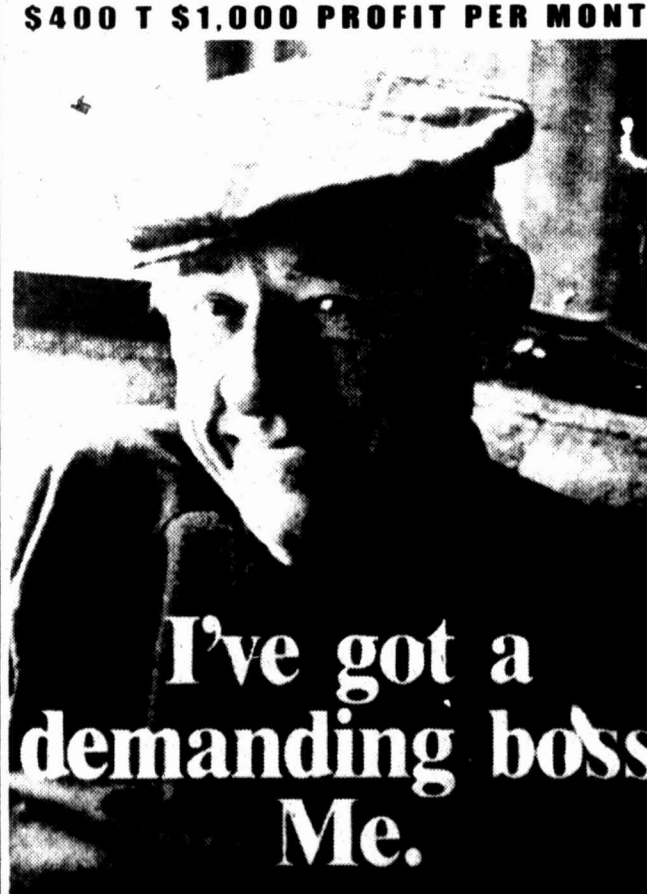
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2401 CHEYENNE, Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 2 living areas. Central air and heat. Nice neighborhood. \$500. Month, \$300. deposit. Call (432)270-3848 for more information.

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408 West 5th. Furnished efficiency apt. Bills paid. \$335/mo., \$150/dep. Sorry, no pets. (432)263-4922.

4215 DIXON, 3 Bedroom, 1 bath. Call (432)267-9841 or 517-0642.

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3220 HAMILTON, 4 bedroom, 1-1/2 bath, fenced yard, ceramic tile. No indoor pets. \$550. month, \$400. security deposit. One year lease required. (432)263-6514. Owner/Broker.

602 LINDA LANE: 3 bedroom, 1 bath. Central Heat/Air, washer and dryer connections. Fenced yard. No Hud. \$460. monthly, \$395. deposit. Call (432)263-8005 or 816-1330.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Big Spring Independent School District has contracted with Spring City Auction to sell the district's surplus property. The district's surplus property is sold at the following location throughout the year: Spring City Auction 2611 W. Hwy 80 Big Spring, TX 79720 You may check with Spring City Auction for the designed auction times. #4410 January 2, April 3, July 3 & October 2, 2005.

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State Office Constr. Maint. Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/ Div Office(s) Abilene District District Engineer 4250 N. Clack Abilene, Texas 79604-0150 Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. #4719 September 25 & October 2, 2005

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD

LOTS 10 & 11, BLK 2, FURRH ADDITION 420 SOUTH FIRST, COAHOMA, TEXAS Dear Ruby Neill:

Current Tax Records and Title Records indicate that you have a proprietary interest in the above referenced property. This structure is in violation of Section 6-3 of the Substandard Structure Code, and the following detailed report documents the conditions which have rendered the structure to be in violation of Section 5-30 of the Code.

Inadequate Maintenance. Any structure or portion thereof which is determined to be an unsafe structure as a result of improper or inadequate maintenance.

Therefore, by the authority vested in my office by the Coahoma Code, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated substandard or unfit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to public health, safety, and public welfare.

You are hereby notified that the City Council of the City of Coahoma will meet on October 18, 2005, at 7:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers located at 122 North First Street, to hold a public hearing to determine the subject structure(s) complies with the standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the City Council may, in its findings, provide for any of the following:

- 1. Vacation of the premises
2. Relocation of occupants
3. Securing of the premises
4. Repair of the premises
5. Removal of demolition of the premises
6. Any combination of the above.

Should you desire to make a presentation to the Board, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Mayor in original and 5 copies:

- 1. Identification of the building or structure concerned by street address and legal description.
2. A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant.
3. A statement identifying the specific grounds upon which an appeal is being made.
4. A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard.
5. The legal signatures of appellant and their official mailing addresses.

Failure to appeal in the time specified shall constitute a waiver of all rights to an administrative hearing. Todd Darden Building Official #4716 September 28 & October 2, 2005

Advertisement for Sealed Proposals The Howard County Junior College District is accepting proposals for the following:

RFB# 06-003 Attn: Mr. Robert Sealing District Office 1001 Birdwell Lane Big Spring TX 79720 (432)263-1117 Sealed proposals will be accepted through 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 18, 2005 at the Administrative Annex room, At Howard College, 79720 at Big Spring, TX. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 17904

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Legals

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LOTS 10, 11, 12, BLK 2, WILLIAMS ADDITION 200 SOUTH HOOVER, COAHOMA, TEXAS Dear John D. Roman and Tiffany Milch:

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Desiree Thompson
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Personal Property-Mobile Home SR# TEX0505027 & TEX0505028
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$10,734.77, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Desiree Thompson, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on

the 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DESIREE THOMPSON, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit 4885 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of November, 2005 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

#4730 October 2 & 9, 2005

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Ernest E. Hughes
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 11, Block 22, College Park Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (60x140)
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,194.03 exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Ernest E. Hughes Estate, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ERNEST E. HUGHES ESTATE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4981 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Jack I. McMillan
and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:

0.75 acres out of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, Tract 31, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,194.03 exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Jack I. McMillan, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JACK I. McMILLAN, for collection of the

taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4979 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Yongyudh Pibuladhanapata
and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:

Lot Ten and the South half of Lot 11, Block 15, Boydston Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,653.06 exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Yongyudh Pibuladhanapata, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 16th DAY OF MAY, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. YONGYUDH PIBULDHANA-

PATANA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4716 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of November, 2005 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

#4726 October 2 & 9, 2005

No. P-13,321
ESTATE OF
WILMA FAYE JAMES
DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Wilma Faye James, Deceased, were issued on the 31st day of August, 2005 under Docket No. P-13,321, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Patsy Brown.

Claims may be presented in care of Patsy Brown to the Estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Wilma Faye James
c/o Patsy Brown
P.O. Box 2915
Big Spring, Texas 79720

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this 31st day of August, 2005
PATSY BROWN, Independent Executor of the Estate of Wilma Faye James, Deceased
#4732 October 2, 2005

Answer to previous puzzle

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Otilie Theresa Van Vleet aka Otilie K. Van Vleet, Claude Melvin Van Vleet and the Unknown Trustee of the Trust of Claude Melvin Van Vleet and Lois Francis Van Vleet
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 4, Block 30, Monticello Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$16,390.25, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.
You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Otilie Theresa Van Vleet aka Otilie K. Van Vleet, Claude Melvin Van Vleet and the Unknown Trustee of the Trust of Claude Melvin Van Vleet and Lois Francis Van Vleet, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. OTILLIE THERESA VAN VLEET AKA OTILLIE K. VAN VLEET, DECEASED, CLAUDE MELVIN VAN VLEET, DECEASED AND THE UNKNOWN TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST OF CLAUDE MELVIN VAN VLEET AND LOIS FRANCIS VAN VLEET, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4993 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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same being the 14th day of November, 2005 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

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Newsday Crossword SATURDAY STUMPER by Anna Stiga
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| 15 Sort of swimsuit | 59 Predictor's pack | 9 Brave quality | 38 Sound of a knock |
| 16 Asian peninsula | 60 Post-adolescence | 10 Fixes deeply | 39 Seeing someone |
| 17 One of the World Heritage Sites | 62 Wake Island, e.g. | 11 Brownish gray | 40 Fairway club |
| 18 Takes care of trays | 63 Ballgame souvenirs | 12 Ancient French region | 42 It won't fly |
| 19 Chief | 64 Present | 13 Father of Odysseus | 44 Clothes holder |
| 20 Perform as expected | 65 Commercial device | 14 Seafood serving | 45 Invitation phrase |
| 22 Center starter | | 21 Hotel amenity | 46 Chair feature |
| 23 Mideast carrier | | 23 Count | 48 Work hard |
| 24 Swan Lake character | | 26 Julia, in Ocean's Eleven | 49 Untrustworthy ones |
| 25 Certain Jamaican | | 28 Foster Brooks persona | 52 Chills |
| 27 Bothers | | 31 Haydn piece | 54 The Planets composer |
| 29 Occupational ending | | | 57 Kitty's friend |
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The lack of exact astrological aspects today is like the calm before the storm. See it as an adjustment period — a time to use the prevalent Libran energy to get your balance back before the new week throws you for a loop or two. Mars is now retrograde, and many of the consequences of last week's actions are yet to be felt ... hang on!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-

April 19). People think they know you well, but there are still parts of you you'd like to keep secret. Tonight, you could even go by your alias. What? You don't have an alias? Well, it's about time you made one up!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a slow start, but some healthy competition is just the thing you need to get motivated. Impulsive purchases can be avoided when you realize how painful it is to pay off items you don't even remember purchasing or using.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A loved one controls you like a puppet on a string — or so you would have this

person believe! It's just easier to get your way when others think something is their idea. You clever Gemini!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have a dream. Remember? So many have told you it couldn't be done that you may have forgotten what it was. What are those (strictly average or mediocre in terms of accomplishment) folks up to now?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to try to be important to make something special happen. You already are important, and you become even more so when you realize what is special: small, significant, real moments with loved ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Outwardly, you're modest. But your soul is an exhibitionist, skinny-dipping in the sunshine. You're happy, as uncool as that may be, and you don't care who knows it!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're startled by the pinch of unexpected financial happenings. To reverse a negative trend, put a large bill in your wallet and walk around feeling rich. Associating with a Taurus also helps.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have focus, ambition and energy to burn. But do you have the right outfit? Probably not. It's high time you bought your power suit, and there's a sale to boot!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In your rush to get to the next stop, you could forget

to pack a few essential things, like your A-game accoutrements: ears that listen up, eyes that spot lies and a wit that cuts to the quick.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You overreact to your situation but somehow wind up on top. How is it that someone else could do the same thing and end up arrested? Because it's not what you do, but who you are that counts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Good old Saint Aquarius, you're so busy tending to others that you can't remember your own agenda. As a result, items on the list self-resolve or "die" of neglect. Good riddance. Feeling needed fulfills you most.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Regarding the problem in your love life: Either you've given it too much

thought or not enough. Focus on something else, like developing your talent, and as if by magic, the dilemma disappears.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Have you ever tried to make a dramatic exit and then reached your car door only to realize you have to go back and find your keys? It sort of spoils the impact, doesn't it? And tracing your steps can make them seem somehow less significant — "I sat here, I walked over here, I talked to her ..."

This week, Mars is backtracking through the Taurus starscape, which will continue through Dec. 2, and the review of our actions is a lot like looking for keys. Events lead us to remember what we did, but if we don't find the "keys," we have to keep going back further until we find them. There are even a few chances to undo.

This is especially true with shopping mistakes. When in doubt, return it! The new moon on Monday provides a start date for the new rules of old relationships. They'll really stick, too. So get specific about what kind of shape you'd like to see your relationships take, and then write it down. Change is a little easier when you have a written reminder about what you want and what you don't want.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Peppy talk show host and actress Kelly Ripa will utilize her never-ending Libra enthusiasm to expand her show business ambitions. Having already conquered motherhood, marriage, morning television and sitcoms, Ripa will contemplate spearheading her own media empire this year, complete with a cable network and a fashion line. Libras are natural designers — they can't help themselves!

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Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Charles E. Bradley and Josephine Bradley
if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 2, Block 4, Bower Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-\$50.00 Amt. Owed-\$1,315.15

Lot 1, Block 6, Mesa Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-\$4,862.00 Amt. Owed-\$6,801.21

Lot 1, Block 37, Cole & Strayhorn Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas; Assessed Value-\$2,000.00 Amt. Owed-\$7,883.25

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$15,999.59, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Charles E. Bradley and Josephine Bradley, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CHARLES E. BRADLEY AND JOSEPHINE BRADLEY, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit 4586 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of November, 2005 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
#4729 October 2 & 9, 2005

Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Joy Vinson aka Joy Vinson Weaver, James William Weaver, Terri Lynn Miers, Cheryl Stansel, Doyce H. Coyle and Lana Dower Martinez

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Tract of land in NW/4 of Section 46, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Svy., Howard County, Texas, more particularly described on exhibit attached hereto.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,599.61, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Joy Vinson Estate, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOY VINSON ESTATE, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit 4748 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units

who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

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Legals

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: May Dell Henry Wilson Cline Johnson and Patsy Charlyne Wilson Woffard aka Patsy Charlyne Woffard

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

Lot 8, Block 3, Lockhart Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$11,361.24, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Mary Dell Henry Wilson Cline Johnson and Patsy Charlyne Wilson Woffard aka Patsy Charlyne Woffard, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MAY DELL HENRY WILSON CLINE JOHNSON AND PATSY CHARLYNE WILSON WOFFARD AKA PATSY CHARLYNE WOFFARD, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 4982 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties

to this suit, are NONE. Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

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#4723 October 2 & 9, 2005

CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Terry W. Sawyers and Nancy T. Rando

and any and all other unknown owners or persons, including adverse claimants, owing or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property delinquent to Plaintiffs herein, for taxes, to-wit:

Lots 12 and 13, Block 15, McDowell Heights Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$2,821.12, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Terry W. Sawyers and Nancy T. Rando, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TERRY W. SAWYERS and NANCY T. RANDO, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit 4734 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
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ment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of November, 2005 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
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CITATION BY PUBLICATION IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:

TO: Connie Ann Alcantar

if living, and if any or all of the above named Defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the land described in Plaintiffs' petition on file in this cause, to-wit:

0.503 acre tract of land out of the NE part of Section 12, Block 33, T-1-S, T & P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bound on attached exhibit.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$4,400.88, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and costs thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against Connie Ann Alcantar, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CONNIE ANN ALCANTAR, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit 4985 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

Plaintiffs and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims

herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiffs, Defendant(s), and Intervenor(s), shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file in said causes by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 14th day of November, 2005 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and cost allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.
#4727 October 2 & 9, 2005