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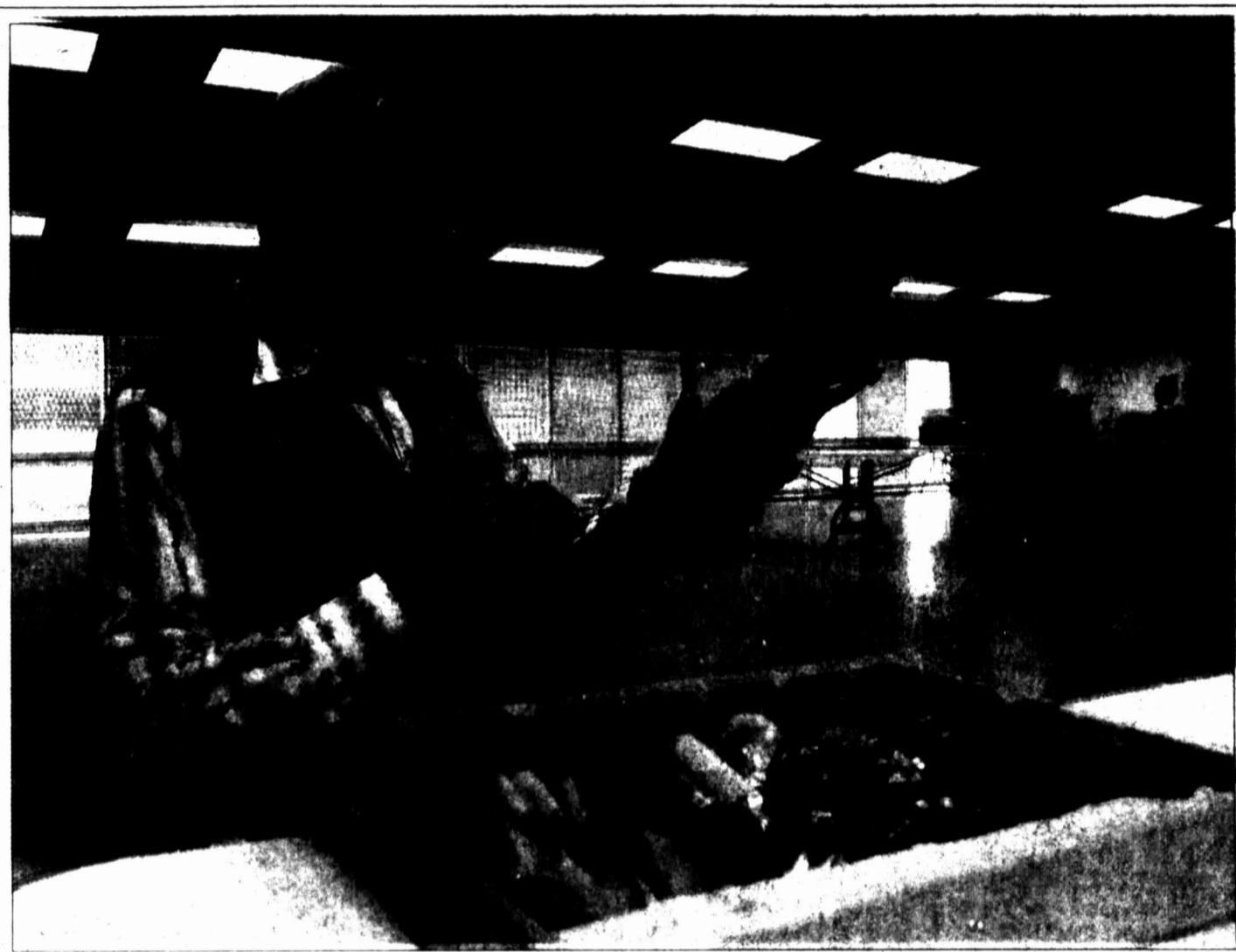
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Local resident Lloyd Claxton shows off his woodcarving ability during the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers show and sale, which was to conclude at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

## Howard County handcrafter enjoys carving up some fun

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

It's hard to believe the blocks of wood Lloyd Claxton begins his carvings with end up amazing pieces of art, depicting both the harsh and humorous sides of West Texas.

Of course, with 18 years of practice, Claxton isn't exactly a newcomer to the art.

One of the founding members of

the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Club, Claxton said his love affair with woodcarving began with a chance meeting at an arts and crafts show.

"I was out at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the fall arts and crafts show," said Claxton. "Jerry Bob Taylor had a booth, and he had some of the old cowboy caricatures. I got to looking at them and I figured I could do something like that.

"He talked to me for a while and I bought myself a knife or two and got started. I've been whittling ever since, and enjoying every minute of it."

Claxton said the new hobby quickly turned into something a little more organized, however.

"Jerry Bob wanted to start a club," said Claxton. "So we formed the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers

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## Prop 2 may be fueling larger turnout at polls

Texans to decide gay marriage ban. See Page 5A.

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Fueled by the growing controversy surrounding an amendment that would effectively ban gay marriage in the state of Texas, early voting totals may very well top those posted during the 2003 constitutional amendment election.

Saundra Bloom, elections administrator for Howard County, said more than 600 voters have cast their ballots during

the first week of early voting.

"We've had 662 voters come in since early voting began Monday, and that's not counting the 14 mail-in ballots we've received," said Bloom.

"We're having a really good turnout. In 2003 voters cast 1,061 ballots during early voting and we expect to surpass that total next week."

Bloom said the turnout isn't only unexpected — yet welcome — surprise her office has seen since early voting began.

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## Stanton student critical after being struck by car

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

An 11-year-old Stanton student remains in the intensive care unit at Midland Memorial Hospital following a pedestrian accident west of Stanton Friday morning.

According to Department of Public Safety Trooper Jimmy Mathis, the accident occurred while two chil-

dren, ages 11 and 14, were crossing the street near their home to board a school bus.

"The boys were crossing the Interstate Highway 20 North Service Road to get on the bus, which was either stopped or in the process of stopping at the time," said Mathis. "The driver of a vehicle traveling east behind the bus didn't see

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## Relay gets ready to start campaign

Community 'kickoff' reception set for 6 p.m. Tuesday at Garrett Hall

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

One of the most successful cancer fund-raising efforts in the nation is set to begin its 2006 campaign.

The Howard-Glasscock Relay for Life, which raises money for the American Cancer Society, will hold its 2006 community kickoff reception at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall.

The local Relay For Life is the most successful such effort, per capita, of any organization in Texas, and ranks eighth nation-wide among similarly populated areas,

said Relay co-chairman Howard Stewart.

Funds raised through the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life events help support more than \$33 million in cancer research in Texas at 10 institutions. The ACS also offers prevention and early detection programs, and services for cancer patients such as transportation and support groups.

Through Relay For Life, the ACS was able to fund more than \$843,047 in childhood cancer scholarships the past four years.

The 2006 Relay will be held May 19-20 at

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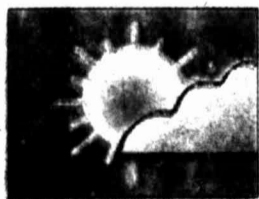
## UNITED WAY GETS A BOOST



Erica Guzman, left, and Orveta Veleon sort through some of the items for sale at the First Bank of West Texas garage sale to benefit the United Way Saturday morning. According to sale coordinators, the fundraiser for the local charity was a tremendous success.

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### NO POLICE FIRE 51

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Fifty-one members of the New Orleans Police Department — 45 officers and six civilian employees — were fired Friday for abandoning their posts before or after Hurricane Katrina.

"They were terminated due to them abandoning the department prior to the storm," acting superintendent Warren Riley said. "They either left before the hurricane or 10 to 12 days after the storm and we have never heard from them."

Police were unable to account for 240 officers on the 1,450-member force following Katrina. Another 45 officers have resigned after the Aug. 29 storm.

### SERVICE ACADEMIES

Congressman Randy Neugebauer announced that applications to enroll in U.S. military academies are due in his office by Nov. 15.

Neugebauer can nominate students to U.S. service academies — which include the Air Force Academy, U.S. Military Academy at West Point, U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy — every year.

In addition to Neugebauer, applications can be submitted to Vice President Richard Cheney and Senators Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn.

For more information, contact Neugebauer's office at 1-888-763-1611.

### TIME FALLS BACK



Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back one hour upon retiring Saturday evening.

If you're confused because of legislation signed earlier this year that extends DST, don't feel alone. You're correct; it just doesn't take place yet. Here's the scoop: On Aug. 8, President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. According to that Act, beginning in 2007, DST will begin on the second Sunday of March and end the first Sunday of November. Meanwhile, it's DST as usual.

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## Obituaries

## Mike McKenzie



Mike McKenzie, age 52 of Kerrville passed away Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, in Kennedy County. He was born Nov. 26, 1952, in San Francisco, Calif., to Arvil and Dorothy (Merkel) McKenzie. On Jan. 1, 2002, he married Patty Hunt in Kerrville.

Mike was a truck driver and member of Thousand Hills Cowboy Church in Kerrville.

Survivors include wife, Patty of Kerrville; parents, Arvil and Dorothy McKenzie of Oklahoma; son, Justin McKenzie of Texas; stepsons, Brock and Brandon Tinney of Texas; sisters, Kathryn Fechter and husband, Guy of Oklahoma and Brenda Playfield and husband, John of Texas; nieces, Katrina, Sarah and Laura; nephews, Corey and Thomas; and four great-nieces and great-nephews.

Services will be held Monday, Oct. 31, 2005, at 11 a.m. at Grimes Funeral Chapels, officiated by the Rev. Ron Moore. Interment will follow at Garden of Memories Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vista Care Hospice, 1001 Water St., Suite B-100, Kerrville 78028.

The family invites you to send condolences at [www.grimesfuneralchapels.com](http://www.grimesfuneralchapels.com) by selecting the Send Condolences link.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

*Paid obituary*

## Loretta Jennings

Loretta Jennings, 80, of Killeen, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, at a Killeen nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born July 27, 1925, in Sweetwater and married Edgar Lee Jennings in 1944. He preceded her in death March 20, 1983.

Loretta was a resident of Big Spring for 23 years and had worked as a waitress at Herman's Restaurant. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Edith and Earl Sorrells of Killeen; a son and daughter-in-law, Edgar and Margaret A. Jennings of Westville, Okla.; three granddaughters; three grandsons; 10 great grandchildren and many more friends and family.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Israel and Loretta Hearne.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Evangelina Alcantar

Evangelina Alcantar, infant daughter of Sophia and Luis Alcantar, died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, at Lea Regional Medical Center in Hobbs, N.M. Vigil Services will be 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by a sister, Kimberly Alcantar of Big Spring; four brothers, Luis Alcantar Jr. of Saudi Arabia, Ryan Alcantar of Amarillo, and Orlando Alcantar and Matthew Alcantar, both of Waco; and her maternal grandmother, Estella Ortega of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Jose B. Ortega, and Evangelina and Eligo Alcantar.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Olga Olague

Olga Olague, 43, of Big Spring died Thursday, Oct. 27, 2005, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Deacon Johnny Arguello officiating. The family will receive friends from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born March 24, 1962, in Big Spring to Rosa and Manuel Olague. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. Olga was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Janell Olague and Eugina Olague, both of Big Spring; three brothers, Manuel Olague, Santos Olague and Jesse Olague, all of Tucson, Ariz.; and two grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Lupe Villa.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Police blotter

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

- **VANESSA ROBLES**, 22, of 405 N.W. Ninth Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- **JESSE WOODRUFF**, 20, of 1202 Lamar, was arrested Friday on two Howard County warrants.

- **MARK ENGLE**, 35, of 2204 Edgemere Road, was arrested Friday on a Howard County warrant.

- **SALLY SOLIS**, 35, of 1305 Nolan, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- **DONNI ROBERTSON**, 20, of 101 Apache, was arrested Friday on three local warrants.

- **LINDSEY LEE**, 20, of 1109 Ridgeroad, was arrested Friday on four local warrants.

- **KYLE CONLEY**, 17, of 620 Colgate, was arrested Friday on a charge of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage - third or more offense.

- **FRANKLIN CASEY**, 44, of 1704 W. Fourth Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

- **DAVID PETREE**, 21, of 5001 Dawson Road, was arrested Friday on eight local warrants.

- **TINA HILARIO**, 29, of 1708 W. Third Street, was arrested Saturday on four local warrants.

- **ROBERT DAVENPORT**, 48, of 801 W. Marcy Apt. 48, was arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct - urinating in public.

- **MISTY BABCOCK**, 21, of 1602 Johnson, was arrested Saturday on warrants from Ector and Howard counties.

- **MARK VELASQUEZ**, 34, of 105 E. 23rd Street, was arrested Saturday on a local warrant.

- **LORENA SERANO**, 23, of 1806 Laurey, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **THOMAS RIOS**, 23, of 1811 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

- **RANDY MIER**, 27, of 15032 Scurry, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated, evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

- **MARIBEL RAMIREZ**, 17, of Midland, was arrested Saturday and held for the HCSO.

- **ADRIAN VANDERPOOL**, 25, of 1507 Lancaster, was arrested Saturday on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Note: An activity log was not available at press time.

## Take note

- **THE HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** seeks Christmas help for the 69 children in foster care. To "adopt" a child or family for the holidays, contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or 268-4550.

- **HOWARD COLLEGE CONTINUING EDUCATION IS OFFERING WATERCOLOR I WITH ARTIST SUE BAGWELL** from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesdays Nov. 8-Dec. 20. Cost is \$80. Call 264-3151.

- **BENEFIT AUCTION FOR TRISTIN RANGEL** at the Event Center on East Third Street from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Nov. 5. Tristin was diagnosed with leukemia when he was 5 and funds are needed to cover ongoing medical expenses. Live entertainment and chuckwagon-style cooking part of the scheduled events. Call Linda Brown at 816-6096; Carla Oliva at 816-4574 or Mike Oliva at 816-5527 for more information.

- **CANTERBURY ARTS AND CRAFTS BAZAAR** is set for 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dec. 3 and booth space is limited. Call 263-1238 to reserve a booth.

- **HERITAGE MUSEUM IS HAVING A WREATH DECORATING EVENT.** Any theme is acceptable and wreaths will be displayed at the museum during the Christmas season. Wreaths should be turned into the museum by Nov. 29. For more information, call 267-8255.

- **HOME HOSPICE HAS COOKBOOKS** with nearly 500 recipes on sale for \$18 with proceeds to benefit Hospice House. Recipes submitted by volunteers, coordinators and owners of Home Hospice. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.

- **PARENTS OF SIXTH AND SEVENTH GRADERS AT FORSAN** have scheduled a fund-raiser Monday to cover expenses of school dances with more than 20 items available to win. These items include gift certificates, home furnishings, a gold bracelet, candles, car maintenance and others. Contact Marie Wilson at 213-3825 or Chris Gallaway at 816-3291 for tickets.

## 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.

- **FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY** have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

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## Bulletin board

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## SUNDAY

- Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m.

## MONDAY

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

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

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

- Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

## 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.

- Relay For Life Community Kick Off set for 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Garrett Hall, 400 Scurry.

- League of Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 6 p.m. in the board room of the YMCA. For more information, contact Jennifer Patton at 714-4185 or 263-6351 or 816-6962.

- 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.

- Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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

- Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

## WEDNESDAY

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

- Senior Circle meets at 10:30 a.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.

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

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

## Weather

Sunday—Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night—Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds around 10 mph.

Monday—Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cooler. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds around 10 mph shifting to the west 15 to 20 mph in the afternoon.

Monday night—Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers. Colder. Lows in the lower 40s.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers in the morning. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Wednesday—Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s.

Wednesday night—Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Thursday—Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

Thursday night—Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Friday—Partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

## Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 2-5-16-24-32

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-8-1

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# Howard County Bible Class still seeking donations

## Herald Staff Report

The fund drive for the Howard County Bible Class continues, with support helping to fund classes in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan public schools.

The funds pay for instructors, Bibles, workbooks and incidentals. The Howard County Bible Class has been taught continuously in Big Spring since 1939 and may possibly be the longest running public school Bible class in Texas.

Meetings of the Howard County Bible Fund board are

held the first Monday of even-numbered months. The public is invited to these meetings, which begin at 7 p.m. at Herman's restaurant.

Donations may be mailed to Howard County Bible Fund, P.O. Box 494, Big Spring, TX 79720-0494.

The Howard County Bible Class is a non-profit corporation with 501(c)3 status; therefore all contributions are tax deductible.

The following are additional donors to the Howard County Bible Fund. Others have been listed previously, or have chosen not to be recognized.

First Baptist Church, Ernie Boyd Sunday School Class; Derrell and Joyce Baggett; Keith and Helen Bagnall; Ceil and Johnny Bedwell; College Baptist Church, Ruth Sunday School Class; East Fourth Street Baptist Church, Eunice Sunday School Department; East Fourth Street Baptist Church, Mary-Martha Class in honor of teacher Mary Napper; First Christian Church, CWF; First Church of the Nazarene; First United Methodist Church, Open Door Class; A.A. and Phyllis Graumann; Maxwell and Neva Green; Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Kennemer; Dorothy

Kennemer; Richard and Lavera Mitchell; Shirley Neitzel; Lana Piercefield; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Priddy; Pat Simmons; Dorothy Smith; St. Paul Lutheran Sunday School Class, Rose Stukel; Betty Jo Thompson; Robert and Marlene Underwood; and Mr. and Mrs. Binie L. White.

Also, Ida Belle Bankston; Charles and Joan Beil; Calvary Baptist, Dorcuss Sunday School Class (Bankston); Calvary Baptist Church; Mrs. Joel K. Carter Jr. in memory of Gary Don Carey; Sidney and Andre Clark; Carl and Maxine Coleman; College Baptist

Church donation from the Ruiz family; Dennis Couch; A.J. and Laverne Dean; First Baptist Church Questers Sunday School Class; First Baptist Church; Adele Fleming; Lillie Hendricks; Frank Long Farms Inc.; Robert and Holly Moore III; Dallar and Joan Nash; Phillip and Sue Riddle; Saunders Company Oil Equipment Division; Jacqueline Simpson in memory of Billy Bob Simpson; Mark and Deborah Slate; Oneita Sledge; Mary Ann Taylor; Trinity Baptist Church; Joe and Kay Wallis; and Kay Wilson.

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Club. The first three years we didn't have a show and sale like we've had this year, so this makes about the 15th year for it.

"Up until about three years ago, the show and sale were either in Stanton or Odessa. This year makes the third year we've held it in Big Spring. The city and visitors bureau — all of the people in Big Spring that are involved — are really good to us as far as accommodations. They've really bent over backwards to take care of us,

and all of our membership really appreciates it."

Claxton said whittling and woodcarving aren't "exactly" the same thing, and the range of difficulty and time spent on a carving is second only to the number of different themes he and his fellow club members like to work with.

"There's a difference between carving and whittling," said Claxton. "To whittle you just take out your old pocket knife and whittle on a piece of wood. With carving, you take a blank of wood and carve out a caricature or a realistic figure. We have different kinds of cate-

**"To whittle you just take out your old pocket knife and whittle on a piece of wood. With carving you take a blank of wood and carve out a caricature or a realistic figure."**

Lloyd Claxton

gories in the club for competition, ranging from Santa Claus to aquatic

themes.

"My favorite category is the caricatures. The old cowboys. My favorite cowboy caricature would probably be the very first one I did. It was old Montana Slim, and old, ugly looking cowboy holding a rifle in his hand. That one took me about 45 hours to complete."

Claxton is also known for his gnome homes, which are carvings that take the shape of tiny homes in strips of wood bark. However, regardless of what he's going to make, Claxton said most woodcarvers start out with the same basic ingredients.

"Most of us will draw a

profile and a front pattern on a piece of bass wood, then cut it out with a band saw," said Claxton. "Once you band saw the blank out, you have something in mind — a drawing you've seen or a picture of something — and you take the wood and start rounding off the corners and everything until you start getting the old, skinny legs of a cowboy, and you start cutting in the wrinkles in the old, worn out pants."

"There are all kinds of little details you can put into these carvings. I've got one that I did that has a peg leg. You can make it however you want."

And while Claxton

seems to be a rather quiet man most of the time, the gleam in his eyes when he begins describing the carvings and the art form he enjoys tells a story beyond words.

"It's a really good pastime, especially since I'm retired. I can just spend all kinds of time on it," said Claxton with a grin.

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## VOTE

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"The public response to the new electronic voting machines has been excellent," said Bloom. "We've only had a couple of people come in and say they liked the old way better, so we're really pleased with how smooth the transition has been."

"The majority of the people who are coming in to vote right now are seniors, and to be honest we expected more resistance to change from them. However,

they haven't had any problems and most of them say they like the electronic machines better."

Bloom said early voting will continue next week, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Howard County Courthouse, as her office gears up for the Nov. 8 election day.

"We've had to make a last minute change to one of the polling places," said Bloom. "Due to renovations at the Coahoma Community Center, we had to move the polling place for Precincts 207, 408 and 409 to the council chambers at Coahoma

City Hall, located at 122 N. First Street in Coahoma," said Bloom.

Other polling places include:  
• Northside Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eight Street — Precincts 101-115

• Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane — Precincts 202-205 and 208

• Goliad Middle School, 2000 Goliad — Precincts 302-305

• Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Kentucky Way and Birdwell Lane — Precincts 401-407 and 410.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Nov. 8.

Among the hot-button topics to be voted on is Proposition 2, which would provide that marriage in Texas is solely the union of a man and woman, and that the state and its political subdivisions could not create or recognize any legal status identical to or similar to marriage, including such legal status relationships created outside of Texas.

For more information, call 264-2273.

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## STUDENT

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ts stop lights and struck the two boys."

Mathis said the 14-year-old student was extremely fortunate, walking away from the accident with only a scratch on his leg and a torn pair of pants after being grazed by the car.

The 11-year-old, however, wasn't as lucky.

"The younger boy was transported by ambulance to Midland Memorial," said Mathis. "We were going to try to airlift him from the scene, but the weather

conditions prevented the helicopter from taking off. They have very strict rules about what kind of weather they can and can't fly in."

Mathis said the 14-year-old was also transported — either by private vehicle or ambulance — to the same hospital, but suffered only minor injuries in the accident.

The driver of the car, 35-year-old Stanton resident Julie Luna, said the lights on the bus weren't lit, according to Mathis.

"We're still investigating whether or not the lights were on," said Mathis. "Some witnesses are telling us the lights were

on while other witnesses are telling us they weren't. If the stop lights on the bus weren't lit it certainly could have contributed to the accident."

Mathis said he doesn't believe the weather conditions, which included high levels of humidity, played a role in the accident.

"There was enough moisture in the air to wet your windshield, but I don't think it was enough to contribute to the accident," said Mathis. "Visibility wasn't the best, but it wasn't bad, either. If anything contributed to the accident, it was the level of darkness at the time of the accident."

Mathis said the speed Luna

was traveling at when the accident occurred is still under investigation.

David Carr, superintendent at Stanton Independent School District, declined to comment on the accident, saying only that "the family and the community could certainly use people's prayers."

An update on the condition of the 11-year-old boy was not available at press time Saturday, according to DPS officials.

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## RELAY

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Blankenship's Field, adjacent to Big Spring High School.

Stewart said this year's event raised \$166,000, or \$5.29 per person in Howard and Glasscock counties. Event organizers hope to raise \$170,000 in 2006.

The theme for the 2006 Relay is "Lights, Camera, Action," and is designed to put the spotlight on cancer survivors, starting with Tuesday's reception.

"We want to get all the cancer survivors, all the team captains, all the sponsors and all the committee members together and get this thing started," Stewart said.

Stewart added that organiza-

nizers are actively recruiting cancer survivors to help with the 2006 campaign.

"Statistics show that 3 percent of the population are cancer survivors, but we don't have that many on the books (in Howard

and Glasscock counties)," he said. "So we're reaching out to them to try and get them more involved."

Stewart admits that with a variety of fundraising efforts, such as the United Way, ongoing, Relay for Life will have to

compete hard for limited donation dollars.

"We're going to try and get everybody to keep doing what they've always done. It's all about getting a cure for cancer," he said. "I know there's a lot of other important

things out there, but we want to fight along with them."

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## OUR VIEWS

Let's make sure  
Halloween's safe  
time for children

While minor stomach aches from eating too much candy may be the most common hazard on Halloween, we should all remember that emergency physicians say they see way too many children for serious injuries that could have been prevented.

"The most common injuries on Halloween are eye injuries from sharp objects, burns from flammable costumes and injuries from collisions with motor vehicles," Dr. Rick Blum, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), noted. "To ensure a safer Halloween, parents and caregivers should follow important safety measures."

The best of things parents and children should follow are mostly common sense measures, but bear reminding:

- Make sure you see all the candy before your child consumes it. Avoid candy not wrapped in its original wrapper, as well as all fruit.
  - Make sure your child stays on the sidewalks as much as possible (off the streets) and obeys all traffic signals.
  - Discuss the importance of staying together in a group. Require at least one adult to serve as chaperone during candy gathering and forbid children from accepting rides from strangers or visiting unfamiliar homes.
  - Avoid costumes that could cause children to trip, such as baggy pants, long hems, high heels and oversized shoes.
  - Avoid costume contact lenses.
  - Avoid masks, but if your child must wear one, make sure it is well ventilated and does not impair his or her vision.
  - Make sure that costume fabric, wigs and beards are made of flame-resistant materials, such as nylon or polyester.
  - Make sure that costumes are visible at night; avoid dark colors. Add reflective tape to the costume to help make your child more visible to motor vehicles.
  - Check that accessories such as swords, knives, wands and other pointed objects are made from flexible materials and have dulled edges.
- That's the list offered by the ACEP. But don't forget that children who 'trick-or-treat' at houses of worship, shopping malls, schools, or other types of community sponsored events do so with adult supervision.
- And most importantly, if you happen to be out driving Monday evening, take extra caution. Make sure any youngster wrapped up in the excitement of trick-or-treating that does venture into your path doesn't become a heart-breaking statistic.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

When others are negative may we be positive, Lord, showing Your love.

Amen

## Back ache's a pain in the neck

Random thoughts while combing my hair (what's left of it, anyway):

My back hurts. Yeah, I'm whining — what's your point? I've dealt with my share of grief and problems in my life, but few are as downright irritating as a bad back.

Not to mention painful. A bad back — and mine in particular — does more than cause pain. It takes a normally good-natured person (and yes, I'm talking about me) and turns him into a cranky, ill-mannered old poof.

This is not news. The amazing thing I have discovered about aching backs is that they mess with the laws of physics.

Bear with me on this one. When your back hurts, the universe actually shrinks. The world and all its attendant issues are reduced to you, your back, the nearest bed and whatever pain reliever you have handy.

Things that were of utmost importance to you just a few days ago are now terribly insignificant.

President Bush? All I want to know is how he can help my back quit hurting.



STEVE REAGAN

Supreme Court nominees? Don't care.

Tax relief? How about PAIN relief?

I wish I could tell you that I hurt my back doing something heroic and/or stressful. I wish I could tell you that I hurt it while carrying a friend out of a burning home or trying to move the washing machine.

The truth is I coughed.

That's right, coughed.

A simple, little pulmonary reflex that the youngest child

does as a matter of course laid me low.

If you think that sounds stupid, imagine how I feel.

This is not the first time my back has played this mean little trick on me, and it almost always does so for the silliest of reasons.

In the past two years or so, my back has gone out on me after I've done such strenuous activity such as bending down, sitting up, rolling over in bed, reaching for the snooze button, sneezing and, oh yeah, turning around.

Before you consider me a total wimp, please note that, during this same time frame, I've lifted and carried all sorts of bulky, heavy objects, exercised semi-regularly and carried on a more-or-less active lifestyle, all without a whimper of complaint from my back.

But should I do something terrible like breathe wrong, my back lets me know about it, pronto.

I've come to the conclusion that my back has a mind of its own,

and it's in dire need of psychotherapy.

Before you ask, yes, I've been to the doctor — more than once. He's explained to me that I have a balky disc in my lower back. This disc, which I have given a name I cannot repeat in this family newspaper, will behave quite perfectly for months on end, but will also — for no damned reason — decide at the oddest time to cause me misery.

Oh, that back of mine.

What a kidder.

Rest is the only known sure cure. Muscle relaxants and pain pills are in stock. The prescriptions, by the way, do relieve my pain and suffering, but leave me feeling like I'm stuck inside a particularly thick fog.

Yeah, I know — I'm still griping.

I realize that in the great scope of things, my aching back doesn't amount to much, and I really hate sounding like a whiny, spoiled brat.

On the other hand, whining is one of the few things I can do exceptionally well right now, so I figure I might as well play to my strengths.

And you, lucky reader, get to share in my joy.

Misery does love company, doesn't it?

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## A response to Sharp's assertions

I am responding to Mr. Sharp's letter concerning the Air Education and Training Command's Introductory Flight Training Program in order to correct some serious misinterpretations.

The source selection process is not complete and federal procurement rules prohibit addressing some of the allegations. However, an examination of the Air Force request for proposal (RFP) shows that it neither suggests a "...preference would be given to proposals at a former undergraduate pilot training (UPT) base" nor a "...preference would be given to proposals that would bring new economic activity to depressed communities." Mr. Sharp's allegations run counter to factual accounts concerning solicitation requirements, evaluations and competitive range decisions.

Legal contracting procedures prohibit the Air Force from releasing a wide range of information regarding the various bidders and their proposals. Nonetheless, I can tell you the RFP unambiguously stated the government "reserved the right to limit the number of proposals in the competitive range

to the greatest number that would permit efficient competition among the most highly rated proposals."

The Big Spring bid did not meet the "most highly rated proposals" criteria and was removed from the competition, as were several other bids. This decision was made not by AETC, but by the Source Selection Authority (SSA), a senior Air Force civilian employee responsible for combat and mission support acquisition in the Pentagon. Selection by such an official is a federal requirement for contracts worth more than \$100 million. Contrary to Mr. Sharp's comment, the Secretary of the Air Force was not involved in setting the competitive range and will not be involved in selecting the eventual winning proposal.

There is no merit to the allegation an individual had an unfair advantage by working on both sides of the issue — government and competing contractor. The individual in question worked for AETC as a contract employee on the IFT program, but left in June 2003. All major decisions concerning IFT and the RFP were made after that time. This same individual has returned to work for AETC in a contractor capacity, but works other operational issues and has not been involved with the IFT program since returning. Additionally, there is no merit to

the allegations regarding safety. The source selection team (including an FAA representative) considered every safety aspect in their deliberations and will continue to keep the safety of our trainees and the local community in the forefront of their deliberations.

On a final note, bidders who were dropped from the competition, such as Big Spring, were each notified of that decision and given 10 days to appeal. Not a single bidder so notified responded in protest of the decision.

I understand and appreciate the Big Spring community's interest in this issue, but I cannot allow your readers to be left with the impression their Air Force is not complying with regulations and federal laws or that we are not being good stewards of taxpayers' dollars.

Gen. William R. Looney III is the United States Air Force's commander of the Air Education and Training Command headquartered at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. As commander, he is responsible for the recruiting, training and education of Air Force personnel. His command includes the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces and Air University. Air Education and Training Command consists of 13 bases, more than 66,000 active duty members and 15,000 civilians.



GEN. WILLIAM R. LOONEY III



# Texans to decide gay marriage ban

## Proposition 2 very controversial

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A proposed Texas constitutional amendment to ban same-sex marriages pits conservatives against gay rights activists in an increasingly contentious campaign.

Voters on Nov. 8 will decide if the state's constitution should define marriage as only between man and woman. It's the latest vote in a years-long battle over the definition of marriage.

Approving the amendment limits any judge from ever allowing same-sex marriage in the state, say proponents of the amendment known as Proposition 2.

"Marriage is the foundational structure of society," said Kelly Shackelford, a leader of Texans for Marriage.

Opponents say, however, they can defeat the measure.

"We are making a horse race out of it for the first time in any state," said Glen Maxey, an openly gay former legislator directing the opposition group No Nonsense in November. "I believe there's a shot to win it."

Proposition 2 represents the highest-profile item on the statewide ballot, coming in a year when there's no national election to frame the debate and to drive more voters to the polls.

Eighteen states have approved constitutional bans on same-sex marriage. A constitutional ban on same-sex marriage would not stop homosexual relationships, but would show the value Texas places on heterosexual marriage, Shackelford said.

"People do whatever they want," he said. "It's just the state is recognizing there is a relationship (traditional marriage) that is special. ... If you redefine it, you actually destroy it."

Opponents call the amendment unnecessary since state law does not recognize same-sex marriage. They label the amendment a poorly drafted statement of discrimination that could even interfere with the legality of traditional marriage.

Opponents point to the language of the proposed

**"My beliefs are that a man and woman are what make up the meaning of marriage."**



Perry

amendment prohibiting the state from "creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage." A judge, opponents say, could interpret the wording to invalidate traditional or common law marriage between a man and a woman.

Attorney General Greg Abbott issued an opinion Thursday saying that argument "is wholly without merit."

Rep. Warren Chisum, a Pampa Republican who sponsored the measure, said great care went into writing the proposal and that opponents are merely relying on scare tactics.

"I think they're a little bit desperate," Chisum said.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry supports the measure and even did a ceremonial signing of the proposed amendment at a church school, though his signature wasn't required.

"It's pretty simple for me. ... I'm a Christian, and this is about values," Perry said at an appearance last week in Fort Worth. "My beliefs are that a man and woman are what make up the meaning of marriage."

The state ballot includes eight other propositions. If turnout is low, typical for constitutional amendment elections, it could help Prop 2 opponents if they get their voters to the polls.

Travis County, home to Austin and more liberal voters, is viewed as the opponents' stronghold. Supporters of Prop 2 want a larger-than-usual turnout statewide because Texas as a whole is conservative.

Charlotte Flynn, 86, a coordinator with Gray Panthers, a senior group that opposes the gay marriage ban, said she and her husband don't want their marriage jeopardized by the faulty wording of the amendment. And, they don't want discrimination against homosexuals.

# Study: Texas leads nation in rate of households at risk for hunger

AUSTIN (AP) — A higher percentage of Texas households were at risk of going hungry over the past three years than in any other state, according to data released Friday by the U.S. Agriculture Department.

Between 2002 and 2004, more than 16 percent of Texas households were food insecure, meaning that at some point they had trouble providing enough food for all their family members, the USDA report said.

In nearly 5 percent of Texas households, at least one family member went hungry at least one time during that period because they couldn't afford enough food. That's the fourth-highest rate in the country.

Nationwide, 11.4 percent of households were at risk of going hungry during

that period, and 3.6 percent of U.S. households had at least one member go hungry, the USDA said.

While Texas has consistently ranked among the top five states, this is the first year it leads the nation, said Celia Hagert, a senior policy analyst at the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities, which advocates more state spending on education and social programs.

The news didn't surprise Mildred Wauson, director of the St. Thomas Center in Angleton, about 40 miles south of Houston. Her nine-church ecumenical program runs a food pantry, helps people pay their rent and utility bills and provides other emergency services.

Wauson said she's seen a significant increase in

the number of families seeking help from their food pantry and twice as many senior citizens.

"You hear all the time about how the United States is getting so much better off and I'm thinking, 'Wait a minute, how about us down here?'" she said.

Texas was one of just nine states to see statistically significant increases in food insecurity and hunger rates when the USDA compared three-year average rates for 1999-2001 and 2002-2004.

An average of nearly 14 percent of Texas households were at risk for hunger between 1999 and 2001, and an average of 3.6 percent of Texas households experienced hunger between 2002 and 2004.

Nationwide, the average of 10.4 percent of house-

holds were at risk for hunger between 1999 and 2001, and an average of 3.1 percent of households experienced hunger.

J. Larry Brown, the director of the Center on Hunger and Poverty at Brandeis University, pointed out that the increases came at a time when the economy actually was improving. While more people are working, they're getting paid less, he said.

"People are constantly having to make decisions when they get their small paychecks about whether they pay their rent or medical care or put groceries on the table," Brown said.

Because people often can't control their rent, utility and medical bills, their food budget often takes the first hit, he said.

# Commission approves 24 percent rate hike for TXU Energy

DALLAS (AP) — The Texas Public Utility Commission has approved a TXU Energy request to raise rates by 24 percent, with the first increase slated to hit consumers next month.

Commissioners voted 3-0 Friday to approve the request, which the company submitted in October.

About half of the increase will go into effect in November and the rest will follow in January, raising the average North Texas electric bill to \$150 that month from \$110 last year, based on 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity, The Dallas Morning News reported. TXU has said it will allow residences and small businesses to lock in January rates for the remainder of the year.

Commissioner Barry Smitherman said state law mandated that the PUC vote for the increase. "We're bound to follow the law and our rules," Smitherman said.

The commission's rules, along with with state deregulation law, tie short-term natural gas prices to incumbent electricity retailers' rates. Natural gas prices have doubled in the past year.

State law also allows consumers to switch to competing providers in

order to secure lower rates, and PUC Chairman Paul Hudson reminded Texans Friday of that option.

"Let your outrage drive you to be the next one to switch," Hudson said, adding that the increase has sparked an "upwelling of anger at this commission."

Gov. Rick Perry ordered the commission to institute a campaign informing the public about retail electric options.

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# Libby lawyer signals possible failure-to-remember defense

By PETE YOST

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The lawyer for Vice President Dick Cheney's former top aide is outlining a possible criminal defense that is a time-honored tradition in Washington scandals: A busy official immersed in important duties cannot reasonably be expected to remember details of long-ago conversations.

Friday's indictment of I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby involves allegations that as Cheney's chief of staff he lied to FBI agents and a federal grand jury.

Libby, who resigned immediately, was operating amid "the hectic rush of issues and events at a busy time for our government," according to a



Libby

statement released by his attorney, Joseph Tate.

"We are quite distressed the special counsel (Patrick Fitzgerald)

has not sought to pursue alleged inconsistencies in Mr. Libby's recollection and those of others and to charge such inconsistencies as false statements," Tate continued.

"As lawyers, we recognize that a person's recollection and memory of events will not always match those of other people, particularly when they are asked to testify months after the events occurred."

The lack-of-memory

defense has worked with varying degrees of success in controversies from Iran-Contra to Whitewater.

Only one person went to prison in the Iran-Contra affair, although several people pleaded guilty to making false statements. President Clinton and his wife, Hillary, were cleared in the Whitewater investigation of fraudulent land deals in Arkansas, a subject well-suited to a lack-of-memory defense. The land deals took place a decade before they came under criminal investigation.

Tate referred to another possible line of defense, saying that "for five years, through difficult times, Mr. Libby has done his best to serve our country." That argument

worked in the administration of President George H.W. Bush in 1992, though not in court.

Bush pardoned those in government who had been implicated in the Iran-Contra criminal investigation. Among others, the pardons went to former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, whose trial was scuttled.

The case against Libby: He testified that he learned from NBC correspondent Tim Russert the identity of a covert CIA officer who is the wife of Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson. Russert says they never discussed it.

The facts, prosecutor Fitzgerald said, are that the month before the conversation with Russert, Libby learned about the

CIA status of Valerie Plame from Cheney, from a senior CIA officer and from an undersecretary of state.

But Libby told the FBI and the grand jury that he informed reporters Matt Cooper of Time magazine and Judith Miller of The New York Times information about Wilson's wife that he had gotten from other reporters — information that Libby said he did not know to be true. Libby testified that he told the reporters he did not even know if Wilson had a wife.

But Fitzgerald said that rather than being at the

end of a chain of phone calls from reporters, Libby "was at the beginning of the chain of phone calls, the first official to disclose this information outside the government to a reporter. And then he lied about it afterwards."

The indictment points to interesting behavior by Libby that changed once Wilson went public with his criticism of the current Bush administration. The former ambassador accused the administration of twisting pre-war intelligence on Iraq's nuclear weapons program to exaggerate the Iraqi threat.

## Israeli official: Sidelineing Abbas a mistake

BEIT HANOUN, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli aircraft fired missiles at open areas in northern Gaza early Saturday and ground troops set up a second artillery battery near the coastal strip — part of an intensifying campaign against Palestinian rocket fire.

Israeli airstrikes have killed eight Palestinians in Gaza this week, including a militant whose car was struck Friday evening while he was on a mission to fire rockets.

Palestinian Interior Minister Nasser Yousef told his security chiefs that "firm and serious action" would be taken against facilities used to manufacture or store weapons, his office said Saturday.

But there was no talk of disarming militants, as Israel has demanded, and the statement said Palestinian security forces "would not enter any house looking for weapons."

Israeli Vice Premier Shimon Peres warned it would be a serious mistake to sideline Mahmoud Abbas, signaling growing disagreement within the Israeli government over how to deal with the Palestinian leader.

who said the explosions were the work of terrorists, but did not say who the government thought was behind them.

Home Minister Shivraj Patil said 39 people were killed in a blast in the Sarojini Nagar market.

## Train plunges into river in southern India

VELIGONDA, India (AP) — A passenger train plunged into a rain-swollen river in southern India early Saturday, killing at least 77 people, officials said.

Rescue workers pulled around 100 injured passengers from seven coaches that derailed after floods washed away the tracks in the town of Veligonda in Andhra Pradesh state.

Scores more passengers remain trapped in water-logged coaches as soldiers and local villagers used gas cutters to open up the coaches.

"So far 77 bodies have been recovered," said Thomas Verghese, general manager of India's southern railway.

## Beta storm turns into a hurricane

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — The storm Beta was upgraded to a hurricane early Saturday, the 13th so far this year and a record for the Atlantic hurricane season.

"Maximum sustained winds have increased to near 75 mph with higher gusts. This makes Beta a Category 1 hurricane," the Miami-based hurricane center said.

The hurricane, which began whipping the Colombian island of Providencia Friday, was expected to move north-northwest and slam into Central America by Sunday as a Category 2 storm.

Thousands of people in Nicaragua were being evacuated and army soldiers were brought in to help.

## Three blasts shake New Delhi

NEW DELHI (AP) — A series of explosions shook New Delhi on Saturday, tearing through markets jammed with shoppers ahead of an upcoming Hindu festival and killing at least 49 people, officials said.

The initial blast took place in the evening in the main Paharganj market, when it was crowded with shoppers ahead of a major Hindu festival next week, fire officials said. All roads to the scene of the explosion were sealed off by authorities.

Minutes later, two more blasts shook the city.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh urged people to remain calm and said in a statement that "India will win the battle against terrorism." The statement was read on CNN by one of his top advisers, Sanjaya Baru,

## Exxon-Mobil employees got fake flu shots, authorities say

HOUSTON (AP) — The owner of the home health care company that administered fake flu shots to up to 1,000 Exxon Mobil employees has been charged with Medicare fraud after allegedly giving similar injections to 14 elderly people, authorities said Friday.

A nurse hired by the owner, Iyad Aub El Hawa, discovered the fake vaccines as he prepared for a health fair at Exxon Mobil's refinery and chemical plant complex in Baytown, just outside Houston. He alerted authorities who searched Hawa's records and found the Medicare numbers of the elderly residents of a senior living center.

Preliminary tests indicated the syringes were filled with purified water, but more tests were being performed on the fluid that was injected and the syringes themselves, U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg said. No injuries have been reported.

"There is no cause for

concern based on preliminary results," said Hermina Palacio, head of the Harris County health department. But she advised people who got the shots to get tested for blood-borne pathogens such as HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C.

Hawa, 35, owner of Comfort & Caring Home Health and two other health centers, was arrested Thursday and remained in custody Friday.

"This is a very callous and disturbing crime," Rosenberg said. "He purposefully put at risk many, many people."

A message left at Comfort & Caring by The Associated Press wasn't immediately returned Friday.

Exxon Mobil offered blood tests and counseling to the more than 1,000 employees who took part in the health fair Oct. 19-20.

As the nurse prepared for the health fair the night before, he asked another Hawa employee

for the lot numbers of the vaccines for recordkeeping, but the employee "was completely unfamiliar with the concept of a lot number to identify vaccines," according to an FBI affidavit. Lot numbers are used to track and identify a vaccine's user, in case of a problem.

The employee also told the nurse, who was not identified, that he had pricked his finger a few times while filling the syringes, according to the affidavit. The employee also told the nurse not to let the doctor at the health fair examine the syringes, the affidavit said.

The nurse kept two of the syringes and gave them to the FBI.

State health officials contacted a Baytown doctor who helped arrange the inoculations at Exxon, but Rosenberg would not say whether the doctor was a target of the investigation.

Dana Cotton with the Texas Department of State Health Services said

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# Harvest Time

• **HAUNTED HOUSE** sponsored by the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team is in the old Texas Surgery Department of Malone and Hogan Clinic, set for 7 p.m. until midnight Saturday and from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Monday. Admission of \$5 goes to Relay for Life fund-raising.

• **A HAUNTED HOUSE** at the Diagnostic Center of the SWCID campus, 301 Hudgens Memorial Drive, is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and \$1 for children.

• **DANCE GALLERY TRICK OR TREAT WITH SPOOKY PERFORMANCES** set for 8:30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. The Dance Gallery is located at 2303 Goliad. Call 267-3977 for more information.

• **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** presents The Haunted Hangar from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Saturday. This free Halloween event is open to children of all ages. Activities include 15 game booths, face painting, a dance contest, a costume contest, refreshments and more. Dance Gallery students perform at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Heather at 264-1999.

• **BSHS FALL FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY THE THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT** is set for 5

p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday, followed by a performance of "The House of Dracula" at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 with a hand stamp from the festival. The festival will have games, booths and vendors as part of the events. Tickets are 25 cents and most games take two tickets, although some take four tickets. Support Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat, a national canned food drive promoted by the International Thespian Society. Bring two cans of food and receive four free tickets.

• **RELAY FOR LIFE SPOOK HOUSE** in the old College Heights Elementary School on Goliad is set for 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday through Oct. 31. Cost is \$5 per person.

• **TRUNK OR TREAT AT EAST FOURTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH** is set for Saturday. The event takes place in the church parking lot. All the car trunks will be filled with goodies for the children. The church is located at 401 E. Fourth. Call Amy at 267-2291 for more information.

• **COSSACKS MOTORCYCLE CLUB HALLOWEEN PARTY** to benefit the annual Bykes For Tykes Christmas campaign until 11 p.m. Saturday. Donation of \$10 or the equivalent in canned or nonperishable food items or new, unwrapped toys. The clubhouse is

located at 1610 N. Birdwell Lane.

• **A HALLELUJAH HAYRIDE, HOBO SUPPER AND GAMES** are planned for the Birdwell Lane Baptist Church annual Fall Festival from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. Sunday. The church is located at 1512 Birdwell Lane. For information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

• **BIG SPRING MALL ANNUAL TRICK OR TREAT EVENT** is set for Monday. The event is free to the public and prizes will be awarded. A costume contest is set for 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. and trick or treating with the mall merchants is set for 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Call Kathy Lusk at 267-3853 for more information.

• **BSHS THEATRE PRESENTS 'THE HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN' AT 6:30 P.M. AND 'THE HOUSE OF DRACULA' AT 8 P.M. MONDAY** in the high school auditorium.

• **TRICK OR TREAT AT THE BIG SPRING POST OFFICE** from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday. The window service area will be decorated and window clerks will be in costume. Children should say trick or treat to receive candy.

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## Support Groups

**THURSDAY**  
• Narcotics  
Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

**SUNDAY**  
• Alcoholics  
Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

• 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.

**MONDAY**  
• Encourager's Support Group meets the first and third Monday of each month. All widows and widowers are invited. Meeting locations vary. For more information, call 398-5522.

**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.

**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.

**SATURDAY**  
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Tuesday: Breakfast, peanut butter treat (1 bread, meat alternative), apple, milk; Lunch, spaghetti with meat, okra, boy in fruit, corn, garlic rolls (high school second choice, chicken strips).

French fries, apple and orange smiles, sherbet in a cup, milk.  
Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuit, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, beef enchiladas, tossed salad, refried beans, cinnamon crispies, milk.  
Wednesday: Breakfast, muffins, juice, milk; Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes/gravy, fruit cup, green beans, hot rolls, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, sub-sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, baby carrots and brownies

Wednesday: Lunch, large baked potato, chili/sour cream, broccoli and cheese, salad/crackers, milk, cake.  
Thursday: Lunch, chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk, chips, fruited gelatin.  
Friday: Lunch, beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, milk, fruit.

Wednesday: Breakfast, cornilla (1 bread), sausage links (1 meat), orange juice; Lunch, barbecue chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, California veges, Rosy applesauce, meat rolls (high school second choice, taco salad).

Thursday: Breakfast, French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger, lettuce/tomatoes/pickles, baby carrots, baked beans, chips, milk.  
Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken taco casserole, corn, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, tortilla chips, milk.

**Westbrook ISD**  
Monday, Breakfast, assorted cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, baked ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cups, hot rolls, milk.  
Tuesday: Breakfast, bacon, biscuits, gravy, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, Chicken fajitas, tortillas, cheese, salsa, tossed salad, refried beans, cherry cups, milk.  
Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni Pizza, tossed salad, peaches, milk.  
Thursday: Breakfast, pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, burritos with chili and cheese, salsa, tossed salad, corn, chocolate cake, milk.  
Friday: Breakfast, blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, chicken salad, bologna, peanut butter sandwiches, steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and strawberry shortcake.

cue chicken, potato salad, beans, milk, bread, pudding.  
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Thursday: Lunch, chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk, chips, fruited gelatin.  
Friday: Lunch, beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, milk, fruit.

Thursday: Breakfast, whole turnover, (2 bread, 1 milk), milk; Lunch, nacho and border beans, mandarin oranges (high school second choice, football sandwiches).  
Friday: Breakfast, super hero (1 bread, 1/2 C. O.), cheese bites (1 meat alternative), milk; Lunch, stuffed crust pizza, garden salad with dressing, pineapple cake (high school second choice, hamburger).

Thursday: Breakfast, French toast sticks and sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, Mexicali corn, fruit cup, milk.

**Spring City Senior Citizen's Center**  
Monday: Lunch, stew, salad, cornbread, milk, fruit.  
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Wednesday: Lunch, large baked potato, chili/sour cream, broccoli and cheese, salad/crackers, milk, cake.  
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**Sands ISD**  
Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuits and sausage, juice meat; Lunch, meat and bean chalupas, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, Spanish rice and tortillas.  
Wednesday: Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and strawberry shortcake.  
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Friday: Lunch, beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, rolls, milk, fruit.

**Orsan ISD**  
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**Sands ISD**  
Tuesday: Breakfast, biscuits and sausage, juice meat; Lunch, meat and bean chalupas, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, Spanish rice and tortillas.  
Wednesday: Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls and strawberry shortcake.  
Thursday: Breakfast, French toast sticks and sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fajitas, refried beans, Spanish rice, Mexicali corn, fruit cup, milk.

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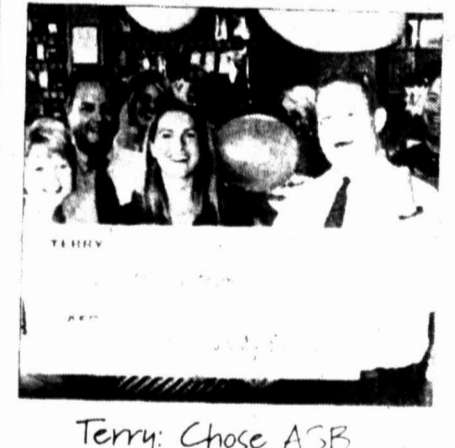


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# All hail their queens

## Rural Texas communities still love to put on their pageants

By JESSIE MILLIGAN  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH — It's a hot night when the rain comes, darkening the September sky above the Texas Hill Country and sending folks at the Oatmeal Festival scrambling to keep big drops off the paper plates of red velvet cake and pecan pie. The girls are there, 36 of them ages 4 to 18, and they've had the blow-dryers and curling irons going for quite some time. Everyone packs into the community center. The room is a blur of satin and lace, cowboy hats and ball caps. Neighbors and families stand shoulder to shoulder. They aren't about to let anything ruin the Miss Oatmeal pageant.

Around the nation, most agricultural marketing associations have stopped naming queens to promote beef, cotton and all the other blessings that come from the land. Texas's own Maid of Cotton contest was dropped about two decades ago in favor of more effective national broadcast campaigns, including "Cotton, The Fabric of Our Lives."

Yet in the rural lands, the places where food is raised or caught, the places where neighbors know one another, the cotton queens and peanut queens still reign.

The community fall festival pageants sometimes struggle to stay afloat. The hair spray and lipstick still come out at harvest time.

In the small towns of Texas, girls still save their Easter dresses and prom dresses for pageant day.

### Miss Peanut, Gorman

"I am so proud to live in a town where people never give up," said Hollyann Wright, 17, in her acceptance speech. She is the winner and only contestant in this year's Miss Peanut pageant in Gorman, southeast of Abilene.

Large peanut growers began following federal subsidies farther into West Texas in 2003, leaving behind this town that had depended on peanuts for more than 50 years. The town once known for smelling like peanuts no longer does.

Hollyann, raised by a single mother, works at the Dairy Queen, gets good grades and plans to be a pediatrician. Her mother, Mary Reed, was laid off from her job as a peanut inspector. Some of Hollyann's friends and their families moved, fol-

lowing the peanut industry.

None of this stopped Gorman from celebrating its former livelihood at its annual Peanut Festival in September.

The firetrucks were polished to a shine by volunteer firemen. Politicians, beauty queens from other communities, Scouts and service clubs filled the street. Just when the parade seemed to end, the floats kept going - as if no one wanted the parade to be over. Every year, the floats continue miles out of town to the nursing home, where the residents gather outside, waiting to wave to the queen.

Not even a major shift in the economy could stop the parade.

were more than 10 girls in the pageant," Brittany says. This year, there were eight.

Brittany has participated twice before in the Cotton Queen pageant, and she was especially pleased to be chosen queen this year, the year that Miles celebrated its centennial.

The Cotton Queen title doesn't come with a scholarship. Brittany receives a gift certificate to an area mall, a sash, a crown and a chance to represent Miles at events and in other communities' parades.

It might not sound like much to an outsider. But to Brittany, it's a chance to shine, if only for a year, in the place she calls home.



KRT photo/Joyce Marshall

Hollyann Wright, 17, poses for a picture in downtown Gorman after being crowned Peanut Queen in September.



KRT photo/Joyce Marshall

Newly crowned Miss Cotton, Brittany Kasberg. Miss Cotton is selected at the annual Cotton Festival in Miles.

### Miss Westfest, West

Her Czech heritage runs deep. It's rooted in her family's 100 years of farming in Texas. It comes from her early years of baking kolaches at her grandmother's side. It shows up in the traditional Czech dances she performs with a group from West.

So it came as no surprise that Shannon Kostecka, 17, told the judges that the first thing she'd do if crowned Miss Westfest is dance and celebrate. She's wanted to be Miss Westfest as long as she can remember.

It came as more of a surprise when they asked her who she would most like to meet, dead or alive, and she answered: "Elvis Presley."

Shannon remembers watching "Blue Hawaii" on TV as a child and dancing around the house with her stuffed monkey to the soundtrack, which included "Can't Help Falling in Love." She's been an Elvis fan ever since.

Shannon is a theater buff whose favorite school production was "Alice in Wonderland."

Living in West means much more than living in the best kolache stop on Interstate 35. The town, population 3,000, is just a

short drive from the Metroplex, yet retains its everyone-knows-everyone-and-their-grandparents-too charm. It's not a bygone charm. It's still there and thriving, even when visited by the same troubles as those in big cities.

Three of Shannon's friends have been killed in car accidents in the past two years. She has since joined Students Against Destructive Decisions, a group where young members agree not to drink, take drugs or drive dangerously.

The judges were impressed. In September, they chose Shannon from a field of eight girls to be this year's best of West.

### Goat Idol, Brady

All the tiaras and trophies in Texas don't go to the girls.

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**QUEENS**

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World Championship Goat Barbecue Cookoff. Four showed up to compete.

Dressed in costume, yet looking slightly disinterested, the goats were paraded before a small crowd at the September festival.

Goats in red lipstick. Goats with cheeks made rosy pink from blush. For years known as the Goat Queen, organizers this year dubbed the winner Goat Idol in an effort to avoid reference to gender.

One goat was dressed as a bride, another as Lady Liberty. One, escorted by a small boy in a Dalmatian suit, was dressed as Cruella DeVil.

Molly Ann Tidwell, 9, of Tomball, escorted the judge's favorite, Hildegard the Oprey Goat, raised in Eden on the farm of Red Spiller, Molly's uncle.

Hildegard, 6 months old, wore a small Viking hat, yellow yarn braids, and a chest-guard fashioned out of aluminum-covered coconuts, all part of a costume inspired by Hildegard's loud "baaaah," which tends to stand out from the rest of the herd.

Hildegard's goal, as read by the master of ceremonies: "To avoid being served up at the next goat festival."

**Miss Gatorfest, Anahuac**

Ashley Rhodes, 17, stands in a pink satiny dress and a tiara, not a bit ruffled by the freshly killed alligator hanging from a weigh-in cable beside her.

It is the middle of September's alligator hunting season, and that means it's Gatorfest time in Anahuac, a Gulf Coast town near the mouth of the Trinity River. Hunters will win Gatorfest prizes for the largest reptile hauled in.

The American alligator, once endangered, now is said to outnumber people three to one in Anahuac.

Meat, hide and trophy heads or claws are harvested by alligator processors. Some of the meat is served as alligator-on-a-stick at Gatorfest; some is sold in area grocery stores or shipped to restaurants.

For the moment, some of it is hanging on the weigh-in cable next to Ashley. It is hot, and she does not shrink from the miasma of gator stench or from the proximity of its claws.

"I'm used to them, ma'am. We see them all the time," says Ashley. "Every time we are out in a boat."

Ashley, like so many young people from small

towns, doesn't plan to pursue a career harvesting one of the region's crops. She doesn't even want to hunt gators.

The girl from Winnie wants to be an actress. She's just won Miss Photogenic, Miss Congeniality and Miss Gatorfest out of a field of 25 contestants. She has a black belt in tae kwon do. She isn't scared of alligators.

She just might make it in Hollywood.

**The Oatmeal Queen, Oatmeal**

This is how much small-town Texas loves to put crowns on its girls. It happened in September at the Oatmeal Community Center, a place normally only used when it is time to vote.

April Dawn Flagg, 15, resplendent in a royal-blue gown, is introduced to a crowd of about 50 friends and neighbors.

April waves as if she is Miss America, the Queen of England and every single young girl who ever learned to be gracious.

April's hobby is welding. She likes metal art and fixing fences.

Her parents raise American quarter horses in the Texas Hill Country, and April has won several rodeo awards. She is an honor-roll student in nearby Burnet.

April keeps waving. The crowd is packed into the small community center to avoid the rain.

When April wins the title of Oatmeal Queen she waves again toward the people in the crowd, who are, at this point, waving back. There's a man in a cowboy hat waving in the bent-elbow, flat-handed slow style of royalty. So is a man in a baseball cap. Mothers holding babies wave at the new queen, and everyone is smiling, including April's mother, Dawn Flagg, who also is crying.

Night starts to fall. Neighbors from Oatmeal and the nearby small towns of Bertram and Burnet are honoring their littlest girls, ages 4 to 6, and their oldest girls, up to age 18, and all the ages of girls in between. Before the night is out there will be a Miss Little Bit of Oatmeal, a Miss Cookie and more. Almost all of them know one another.

Oatmeal doesn't have a crop to celebrate. It doesn't have a particular ethnic heritage to salute.

Oatmeal, population about 20, has never been an oat-raising land. Oatmeal is a derivative of the name of an early German gristmill owner who settled nearby.

But Oatmeal shares the culture of many places in Texas, and come rain or come shine, crops or not, it wants to crown its girls.



From left, Megan Riddle, Sara Schwertner, and Britney Rathmell, hang out on a tailgate as they wait for the Miss Cotton contest to begin in Miles.

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4. "The Lincoln Lawyer" by Michael Connelly (Little, Brown)
5. "Son of a Witch" by Gregory Maguire (ReganBooks)
6. "Saving Fish from Drowning" by Amy Tan (Putnam)
7. "A Breath of Snow and Ashes" by Diana Gabaldon (Delacorte)
8. "The Ambler Warning" by Robert Ludlum (St. Martin's)
9. "Blue Smoke" by Nora Roberts (Putnam)
10. "The March" by E.L. Doctorow (Random House)

**Nonfiction/General**

1. "Natural Cures

**"They' Don't Want You to Know About" by Kevin Trudeau (Alliance Publishing)**

2. "Healthy Aging" by Andrew Weil, M.D. (Knopf)
3. "The World Is Flat: A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century" by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus and Giroux)
4. "The City of Falling Angels" by John Berendt (Penguin Press)
5. "The Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion (Knopf)
6. "Freakonomics" by Steven D. Levitt Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow)
7. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
8. "You: The Owner's Manual" by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz (HarperResource)
9. "My FBI" by Louis J. Freeh (St. Martin's)
10. "Your Best Life

**Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)**

**Mass Market Paperbacks**

1. "London Bridges" by James Patterson (Warner Vision)
2. "The Colorado Kid" by Stephen King (Hard Case Crime)
3. "Northern Lights" by Nora Roberts (Jove)
4. "Twisted" by Jonathan Kellerman (Ballantine)
5. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
6. "In Her Shoes" by Jennifer Weiner (Pocket Star)
7. "Hour Game" by David Baldacci (Warner Vision)
8. "Metro Girl" by Janet Evanovich (HarperTorch)
9. "Ghost Walk" by Heather Graham (Mira)
10. "Unexpected Blessings" by Barbara

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**Trade Paperbacks**

1. "A Million Little Pieces" by James Frey (Anchor)
2. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini (Riverhead)
3. "Wicked" by Gregory Maguire (ReganBooks)

4. "Why Do Men Have Nipples?" by Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg, M.D. (Three Rivers Press)
5. "Light on Snow" by Anita Shreve (Little, Brown, Back Bay)
6. "Sudoku Easy to Hard" by Will Shortz (St. Martin's/Griffin)
7. "The Plot Against

**America" by Philip Roth (Vintage)**

8. "Su Doku for Dummies" by Andrew Heron and Edmund James (Wiley)
9. "The Book of Sudoku #1" by Michael Mepham (Overlook Press)
10. "Memoirs of a Geisha" by Arthur Golden (Vintage)

High Five

**Television**

1. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
2. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
3. "Lost," ABC.
4. "Without a Trace," CBS.
5. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC.

(From Nielsen Media Research)

**Film**

1. "Doom," Universal.
2. "Dreamer: Inspired by a True Story," DreamWorks.
3. "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were-Rabbit," DreamWorks.
4. "The Fog," Sony Screen Gems.
5. "North Country," Warner Bros.

(From Exhibitor Relations Co.)

**Hot Five**

1. "Gold Digger," Kanye West (feat. Jamie Foxx). Roc-a-Fella.
2. "Run It!" Chris Brown, Jive.
3. "My Humps," The Black Eyed Peas. A&M.
4. "Photograph," Nickelback.
5. "Soul Survivor," Young Jeezy feat. Akon. Corporate Thugz/Def Jam/IDJMG.

(From Billboard magazine)

**Albums**

1. "I Am Me," Ashlee Simpson. Geffen.
2. "Thanks for the Memory ... The Great American Songbook Vol. IV," Rod Stewart. J.
3. "Timeless," Martina McBride. RCA Nashville.

4. "All the Right Reasons," Nickelback. Roadrunner.
5. "A Time to Love," Stevie Wonder. Motown.

(From Billboard magazine)

**VHS Rentals**

1. "Kingdom of Heaven (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
2. "Kingdom of Heaven (Full Screen)," FoxVideo.
3. "Interpreter," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "The Longest Yard," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "Unleashed (Unreleased)," Universal Studios Home Video.

(From Billboard magazine)

**VHS Sales**

1. "Dora the Explorer: Dora to the Rescue," Paramount Home Entertainment.
2. "Cinderella: Special Edition," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
3. "Robots," FoxVideo.
4. "Dora the Explorer:

**Dora's Halloween," Paramount Home Entertainment.**

5. "Shrek2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

(From Billboard magazine)

**DVD Sales**

1. "Cinderella: Special Edition," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "Kingdom of Heaven (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
3. "Unleashed (Unreleased)," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "Kingdom of Heaven (Full Screen)," FoxVideo.
5. "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (Full Screen)," Warner Home Video.

(From Billboard magazine)

**Concert Tours**

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2. Dave Matthews Band.
3. Neil Diamond.
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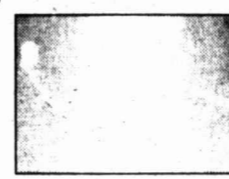

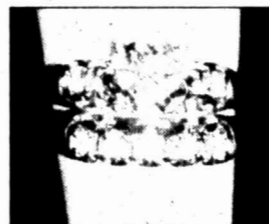
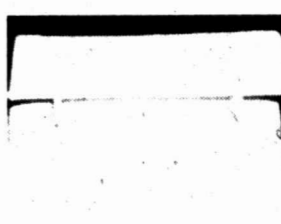
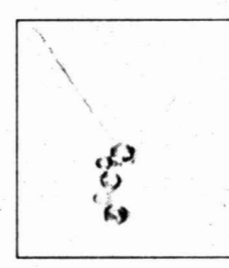
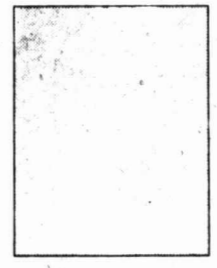
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# Sports

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Troy Hyde at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: sports@bigspringherald.com

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## IN BRIEF

### Quarterback club sets meetings

The Big Spring football booster 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.

### Flag football league to begin Nov. 6

The Midland Flag Football League will begin play Nov. 6, said Wayne Brandt.

The eight-on-eight tournament costs \$250 per team and takes place every Sunday through the middle of January.

For more information, contact Brandt at 432-230-5255.

### Basketball officials needed for new year

Basketball officials are needed for the 2005-2006 basketball season involving junior high, freshman and junior varsity games in Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City and Sterling City.

If interested in officiating, contact Adam or Mandi Rodriguez at 263-8731 (after 6 p.m.), 517-0300 or 816-1963.

### C.G.A. cancels its final tourney of year

The Chicano Golf Association has announced its final tournament of the year — the Grand Tournament — has been cancelled due to unknown health reasons inside the organization.

### Olesen announces free tennis clinic

Big Spring tennis pro Ted Olesen has announced a free junior tennis league at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park for students in second and third grade.

The league will start Tuesday, Nov. 1, and will continue for three weeks after that on Tuesdays. It goes from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night.

Interested participants may bring a racket, but one may be provided if available. There is no specific start date as participants can show up on any Tuesday.

The first week will concentrate on forehand and backhands, the second week will cover volleys and overhands, the third week will focus on serves and the fourth week will consist of matches.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901 or visit bigspringtennis.com.

### Sixty-two MLB stars file for free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — Less than 24 hours after helping the Chicago White Sox win their first World Series since 1917, Paul Konerko was among 62 players who filed for free agency.

Philadelphia Phillies closer Billy Wagner and Florida Marlins pitcher A.J. Burnett also filed.

## Bearcats keep shutout streak in tact after win

### Garden City grabs district title, No. 1 seed in postseason

By ERIC C. RODEWALD

Special to the Herald  
GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Bearcats wrapped up a second straight district title with a 47-0 victory Friday night against winless Paint Rock. The game was called at halftime via the 45-point mercy rule.

With the win the Bearcats improved to a perfect 4-0 in District 8-

Six-man play and 8-1 overall. Garden City is riding an eight game win streak heading into the final week of district play next Friday at Blackwell.

According to Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins, his team did a good job in getting motivated for a struggling Paint Rock team.

"They (Paint Rock) played hard and never quit," Hoskins said. "They are 0-7, but have a lot of young kids contributing to their team with only three seniors on

their roster."

Hoskins said despite the Indians poor record, Garden City didn't take them lightly.

"Our kids did a good job of getting up for the game," Hoskins said. "We felt Paint Rock was a better team than their record showed, so we were glad the kids got fired up to play."

The Bearcats did more than just fire up for the contest, they were en fuego from the moment go. Garden City returned the opening kickoff to the

Paint Rock 9-yard line and scored on the first play from scrimmage when quarterback Alex Halfmann found Colton Schwartz in the end zone for a nine-yard touchdown 24 seconds into the game. The PAT kick missed wide left and Garden City led 6-0.

The stifling Bearcat defense forced Paint Rock to punt on fourth-and-14, giving Garden City the ball at their own 23-yard line. Nine plays later Cory Multer scored from one-yard out to give the

Bearcats a 12-0 lead with 4:29 remaining in the first quarter.

The Bearcats finished the first quarter with a 39-yard touchdown pass from Halfmann to Jared Bradford. Multer added the 2-point conversion kick for a 20-0 lead with 1:07 to play.

The second quarter began just as quickly as the first quarter did, as Garden City scored on a 60-yard pass play from Halfmann to Bo

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## Frenship takes out Steers in one-sided Tiger win

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
Frenship's football team came into Big Spring Friday night and left town with a 38-3 win, ending the Steers' three-game winning streak. The Tigers rolled off 35 straight points after each team exchanged field goals on their opening possessions and shut down Big Spring's offense for three and a half quarters.

The win propels Frenship into second place in District 4-4A behind undefeated Plainview, which hosts Big Spring next Friday. The Tigers are now 8-1 overall and 3-1 in district play, while the Steers drop to 3-6 and 3-1.

Michael Connor was held to less than 100 yards by Big Spring, but he scored two touchdowns and all-state wide-out Brik Brinker caught just one pass for 53 yards as senior Andy Lasater applied good coverage most of the night. However, Tyler Lyons still managed to throw for 170 yards and three touchdowns as Big Spring struggled to stop



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring junior Caleb Choate stretches for more yards against rival Frenship at Memorial Stadium Friday during the Steers' 38-3 loss to the Tigers. Big Spring scored on a 40-yard field goal by junior Scott Fankhauser on its opening possession, but failed to score the rest of the game. Frenship moves into second place after the victory.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Coahoma junior Blaine Kerby, left, and senior Joe Holguin take down a runner from Hawley Friday night at Bulldog Stadium during Coahoma's 13-6 loss to the Bearcats. The loss put a devastating blow to the Bulldogs' playoff hopes.

## Coahoma comes up inches short against 4-2A rival Bearcats

### Solid defensive play not enough for 'Dogs

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldog football team came up a few inches short Friday night against Hawley at home and put a serious dent in a possible playoff season.

The Bulldogs scored first in the game and their defense played outstanding in the second half against the Bearcats, but junior Blaine Kerby's attempt to tie the game with no time left on the clock fell inches short as the Hawley escaped Coahoma with a 13-6 victory.

Kerby started the game off with a touchdown from 1-yard out, but Hawley answered right back with a score of its own. Seth Keith scored from 3 yards out as the



KERBY scoring from 16

yards out to extend Hawley's lead as the Bearcats went into the break up 13-6.

That is how the game would end, too, as Coahoma held Hawley to seven yards rushing in the second half. However, the Bulldogs' offense continued to struggle and Kerby was stopped just short late in the game.

Coahoma finished with 87 rushing yards and 155 passing yards. Hawley got all of its 223 yards on the ground. The Bearcats were 0-for-5 through the

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BEARKATS

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Eggemeyer 26 seconds into the second frame. Eggemeyer actually fumbled near the goal-line and Evan Jansa recovered the ball in the end zone for the touchdown. Jansa found Jason Flores in the end zone, for the 1-point conversion pass and a 27-0 lead.

Paint Rock continued to struggle on offense when Uriel Talamantes recorded a sack for a 10-yard loss, moving the ball back to the Indians' 5-yard line. The Indians were forced to punt on fourth-and-30.

Halfmann hit Bradford for 11 yards followed by a 25-yard scoring strike with 6:48 to play in the first half to extend their lead to 33-0.

The Garden City defense forced another four-and-out and went to the ground on its next possession.

Eggemeyer broke loose for a 42-yard run and then found paydirt from 12 yards out with 4:32 left to play in the second quarter.

Ryan Alvarado ran in the 1-point conversion for a 40-0 Bearkat lead.

Paint Rock didn't have the ball long as they fumbled on second-and-15.

The Bearkats Blaine Walker recovered at the Paint Rock 20-yard line.

Eggemeyer raced 20 yards for the touchdown with 4:08 left in the first half. Cade Doss ran in the 1-point conversion to cap the scoring for the night, winning 47-0.

Garden City dominated both sides of the ball versus Paint Rock, limiting the Indians to 68 total yards of offense.

Paint Rock rushed 19 times for 31 yards. The Bearkats defense surrendered a 32-yard run late in the game, allowing the Indians to rush for positive yardage.

Through the air, the Indians were six-for-nine, picking up 36 yards.

"Our defense really played well," Hoskins said.

On the offense side of the ball, Halfmann was nine-for-13 on the night for 193 yards and three touchdowns.

The leading Bearkat receiver was Bradford, who hauled in five catches for 106 yards and two touchdowns.

Eggemeyer caught two balls for 68 yards, while Jansa had a 10-yard reception and Schwartz a 9-yard touchdown reception.

The Bearkats clawed their way to 150 yards on the ground with Eggemeyer rushing five times for 124 yards and two touchdowns.

"Our kids were throwing down field blocks and take a lot of pride in clearing the way for our backs," Hoskins said.

Garden City travels to Blackwell Friday night for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

Buffs' comeback falls short in finale

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes wrapped up the 2005 season Friday night, saying goodbye to the seniors in front of a capacity crowd at Buffalo Stadium.

The Buffs were looking to end on a high note and set the tone for next season, but the Roby Lions did not get that memo, and squeaked out of town with a 27-25 win.

Head coach Tommy Thompson said earlier this week that he expected a tough game, and he was right as both teams were evenly matched.

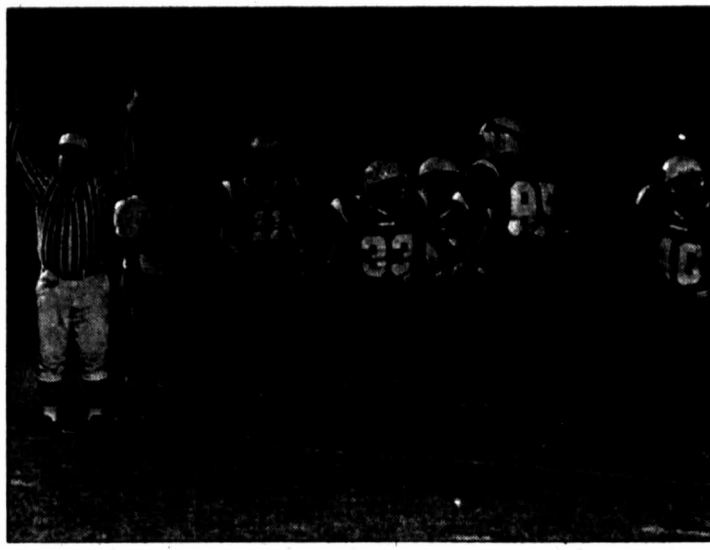
Roby tried to gain the momentum early and take the crowd and a pumped up Buffalo team, which had celebrated their seniors prior to the kickoff, out of the game by getting the action going within the first minute of the game.

On the second play from scrimmage, Will Martin of the Lions picked off a Tye Baker pass that at first appeared to fall incomplete. But the officials ruled it a pick and Martin returned the ball to the Forsan 20-yard line.

One play later, Roby quarterback Phillip Williams found Martin in the end zone as he got behind the Buffalo defense for a 7-0 lead at the 10:58 mark of the first.

Both teams traded turnovers as the first quarter ran down, but neither could establish a real threat.

Early in the second, the Buffs had forced the



Members of the Forsan football team celebrate a touchdown by senior Josh Paradez Friday during the Buffaloes' two-point loss to rival Roby. Forsan trailed 21-6 at halftime, but made a game of it late before falling 27-25.

Lions to punt at their own 45-yard line. Catching its first break of the game, Forsan saw the deep snap sail over the punters head and land them the ball at the Lion 15.

Junior Wesley Newcomb made short work of the Roby defense as he scampered in on the next play. However, the extra point was blocked, leaving the Buffs down 7-6.

Again, neither team could get things going until late in the half when Roby took over at the Buffalo 30-yard line.

Three straight running plays resulted in a touchdown as Kasey Williamson punched it in from 8 yards out to go up 14-6 with 1:11 left in the half.

Forsan took over on its own 39-yard line, but after a sack and two incompletions left themselves with terrible field position, the

Buffaloes were forced to punt the ball away.

Having pinned the Buffs inside the 20, the Lions broke through the line and managed to block Seth Johnson's kick. The ball rolled out of bounds just shy of the goal line with one second on the clock.

Williams kept the ball on a quarterback keeper and dove across for the score as time expired. The extra point was blocked, but Roby went into the locker room with a 20-6 lead.

Midway through the third quarter, senior Josh Paradez breathed some life back into the Forsan squad as he jumped in front of a Williams pass and out ran the Lions to the end zone for a 24-yard interception return.

The Buffs lined up to go for two, but the try was unsuccessful leaving the score 20-12.

Forsan seemed to really be gaining momentum as Justin Wilson broke up a pass showing some nice closure to the ball and preventing a sure TD for the Lions.

On second and 10, Roby was flagged for a personal foul moving them backwards and setting up a third and 24 at the Buffalo 41-yard line.

However, Williams dropped back to pass and found Stetson Raspberry for a 41-yard score.

The pass was thrown where only Raspberry could catch it as he was blanketed in coverage by Justin Forshee. The score put the Lions up 27-12 after a successful 2-point conversion.

But, as they have all year, Forsan continued to fight back and refused to go quietly into the night.

Facing a second and short on the Lion 49-yard line, Baker dropped back to pass and found Paradez, who beat his defender and raced 51 yards for his second score of the night, pulling the Buffs to within nine points with 3:09 left in the third quarter.

Roby was unable to move the ball on its next series and the Buffs took over on the Lion 47-yard line as the fourth quarter was underway.

Forsan moved to the 35 on a nice one-handed grab by Adam Bailey, setting up a Buffalo first down.

After an incompletion, Baker rolled right and then looked cross field to

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Frenship's offense and establish its own.

The Steers finished with just 121 yards on offense and recorded seven first downs. They were often backed up on their side of the field as Frenship won the battle of field position most of the night.

The Tigers' first possession resulted in a 30-yard field goal by Frank Luija. Frenship used Brinker's 53-yard catch to set up the kick as they took the early advantage.

Big Spring came right back downfield, however, on its first possession as a big return by senior Matt Hilario gave the Steers good field position to work with. The Steers converted two fourth down plays on the drive, but two sacks on quarterback Ryan Tannehill by Frenship stalled the drive as Big Spring settled for a 40-yard kick by junior Scott Fankhauser.

Connor, who has rushed for more than 1,000 yards this season for Frenship, came right back for the Tigers and gave his team good field position inside Big Spring territory.

Frenship needed just seven plays after that to take back the lead as Jabari Parker finished off the Tigers' drive after he caught a 10-yard touchdown pass from Lyons.

Big Spring went three and out on its next possession, but didn't get hurt too much as Frenship fumbled the ball back over to the Steers four plays later.

The Steers started with the ball on their own 26 and got to the 48 quickly after Hilario rolled off a 22-yard run, but a failed fake punt later resulted in no points for the home team.

The two teams exchanged punts on back-to-back possessions, but Frenship dented the scoreboard two more times before halftime.

The first scoring drive covered 39 yards in six plays as Connor scored from 1 yard out with 2:23 to play in the second quarter. The Tigers forced Big Spring into another three-and-out and started with the ball at the Steer 22. They needed just three plays to extend

the lead to 24-3 as Nick Evans caught a 5-yard touchdown pass from Lyons with just less than 42 seconds left until the break.

Frenship's defense — which collected five sacks on Tannehill in the first half and seven in the game — continued to shut down Big Spring's attack. The Tigers forced a punt on three of Big Spring's four possessions in the second half. The other possession ended after time expired in the game.

The Tigers added seven points each in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. Their first

possession covered 53 yards in nine plays and ended with an Evans 21-yard touchdown catch from Lyons.

Frenship's final scoring drive came in the fourth quarter and it covered 48 yards as the Tigers marched down the field in eight plays. Clay West recorded two big first down gains on receptions and Connor capped off the drive with a 10-yard touchdown run with 9:48 to play in the game.

Tannehill finished the game 3-of-10 for 20 yards. He was also sacked seven times. Junior Caleb Choate caught one pass for 17 yards and led the rushing attack with 29 yards on eight carries. Hilario finished with 26 yards on seven carries.

Connor rushed 19 times for 89 yards and two scores.

The Steers will end their regular season against district leading Plainview Friday.

The loss to Frenship sets up a possible playoff matchup with Pampa later this season.

'Cats keep hopes alive with big win

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

GRADY — The Wildcats of Grady made short work of winless Klondike Friday as a balanced offensive attack led to 47-0 win in a game which ended at halftime due to the mercy-rule.

The Wildcats wasted no time to get on the board as Roy Rodriguez started the onslaught with a 40-yard run from midfield with 8:37 to play in the first quarter.

Grady struck three more times in the first quarter, twice through the air and once on another run by Rodriguez. The first touchdown completion was thrown by Tommy Lee Rivas and caught by Justin Tubb from 27 yards out. Clay Mitchell threw the second touchdown to Taylor Fields from 35 yards out. Rodriguez's second touch-



down run covered 14 yards and came with no time left on the clock in the first frame.

Mitchell started the second quarter with a 58-run as the Wildcats extended their lead to 32-0. Fields added another score, this time reaching the end zone on a 20-yard run with 4:09 to play until the break.

Grady's final points of the game came with 3:16 left in the second quarter as Aguedo Najera scored from 16 yards out.

The Wildcats gained 312 total yards in the game. They had a balanced

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# Wildcats cruise past Mustangs

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

WELLMAN — Wellman-Union continued to show the teams in District 5-Six-man who's boss Friday as the Wildcats captured another 45-point mercy rule win with a 52-0 win over rival Sands in Wellman. The game ended at halftime.

The Mustangs were held to just two first downs and 100 total yards on offense, while Wildcats' running back David Franco needed just seven

carries to reach 182 yards and he scored four times to lead Wellman-Union.

Franco scored the first two touchdowns of each quarter, but also got some help from Aaron Martin, who threw two touchdown passes on the night. The first one covered 14 yards to Hector Longong and the second was a 32-yard strike to Jacob Bures.

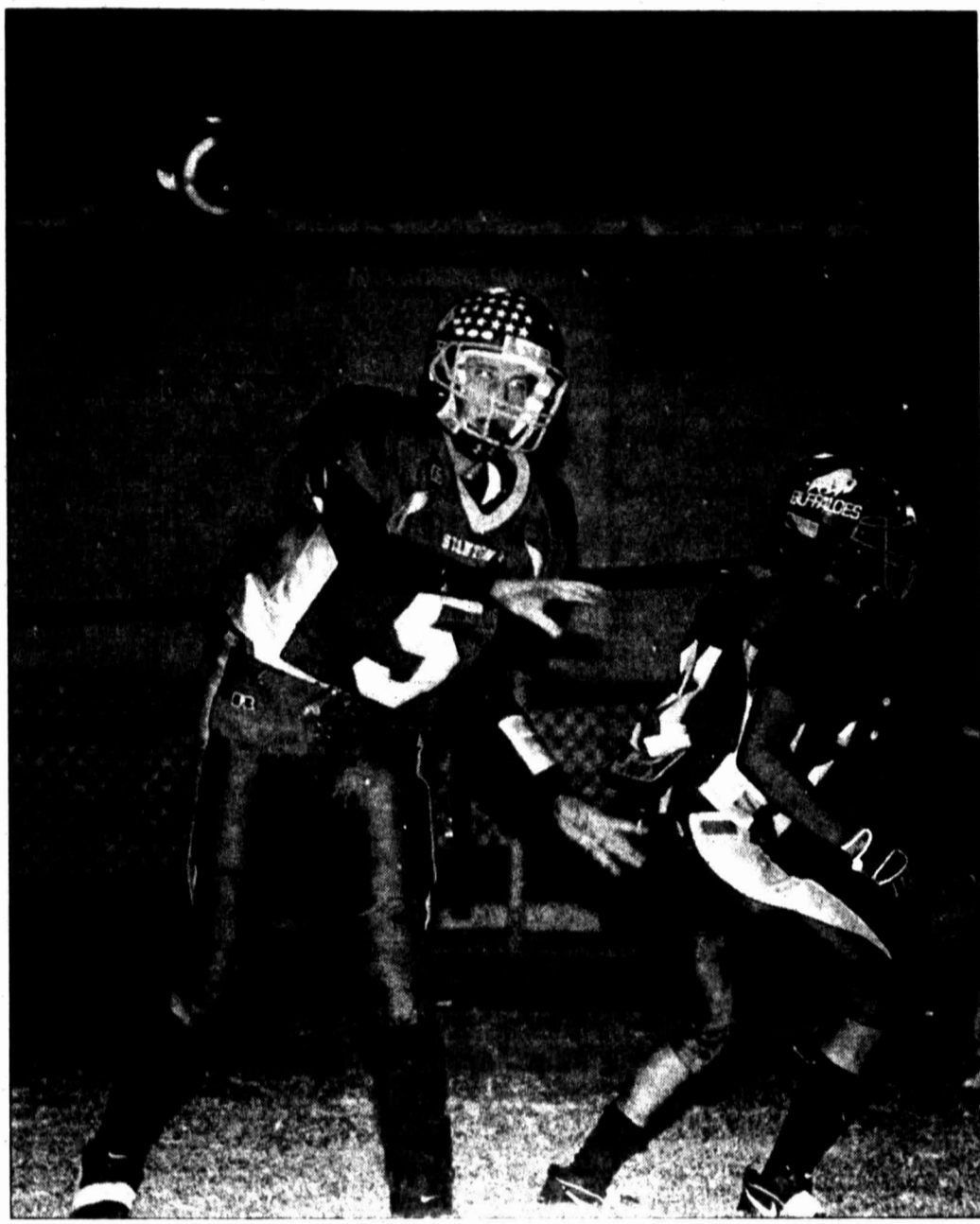
Wellman-Union did most of its damage on the ground as the Wildcats ran for 255 yards, while passing for 99. Martin

completed five-of-six passes on the night.

The Mustangs drop to 2-7 overall and 2-2 in district play, while Wellman-Union remains unbeaten in league play.

The loss eliminates Sands from postseason contention. The Mustangs host Grady Thursday in hopes of playing spoiler to a rival.

Grady can clinch a play-off berth with a win, but a loss and a Loop win over Wellman-Union would end the Wildcats' season.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler

Stanton sophomore quarterback Garrett Fulton throws to an open receiver during the Buffaloes' loss to Colorado City Friday. Stanton lost the game 28-7 at home. Fulton scored the team's only touchdown in the second quarter on a 1-yard run.

# C-City shuts down Stanton as Wolves cruise to victory

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

STANTON — Colorado City remained unbeaten in District 4-2A play Friday night and Stanton's football team continued to struggle on offense as the Wolves took down the Buffaloes 28-7 in Stanton.

The Wolves are 4-0 in district play and will meet rival Anson (4-0) next week to decide the title. The loss means Stanton needs to beat Hawley next week and get some help from Coahoma to clinch a playoff spot.

Colorado City's Brik McGuffin returned to the lineup this week, but showed no rust as he tossed three touchdown passes to lead the Wolves. He finished with 139 yards through the air and was 12-for-16. All four of his incomple-

tions were interceptions by Stanton.

The Wolves began the game with a touchdown pass from McGuffin to Chris Martinez from 18 yards out. C-City then went up 14-0 as McGuffin found Jake Marsh on a 42-yard bomb early in the second quarter.

Stanton cut the lead to seven in the second quarter on a 1-yard touchdown plunge by sophomore quarterback Garrett Fulton. The touchdown was set up by an 81-yard pass completion from Fulton to senior wide receiver Matthew Ruiz.

Fulton finished with 138 yards passing and one interception on the night.

Marsh added another touchdown pass from McGuffin in the third quarter and the final

touchdown of the game was scored on a 96-yard interception return by Cody Avalos.

Marsh led all C-City receivers with 80 yards on five catches and two touchdowns. Roland Rivera was the top runner in the game as he carried 17 times for 60 yards.

Stanton finished with 15 yards rushing on the night. Mike Carmona led the team with eight yards on 15 carries.

The game also featured 21 penalties for 165 yards total in the game between both sides.

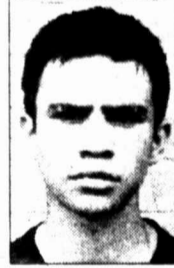
The Buffaloes game next week against the Bearcats will take place in Hawley. The Bearcats upset Coahoma at Bulldog Stadium Friday and a win against Stanton would clinch the final playoff spot out of District 4-2A.

Klondike was held to 20 rushing yards and 0 passing yards. It got one first down and turned the ball over three times.

Grady can clinch a spot in the six-man playoffs Friday with a win over arch rival Sands. The Mustangs lost to

Wellman-Union 52-0 this past week.

The game against Sands will be played in Ackerly at 7:30 p.m.



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# FORSAN

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an open Forshee who out ran the Lions to pay dirt for a 35-yard TD. Johnson's extra point was good drawing Forsan to within two, 27-25.

With time starting to become an issue, the Forsan defense gave the Buffs a chance as they stopped a fourth-and-three attempt by the Lions at the Buffalo 15-yard line.

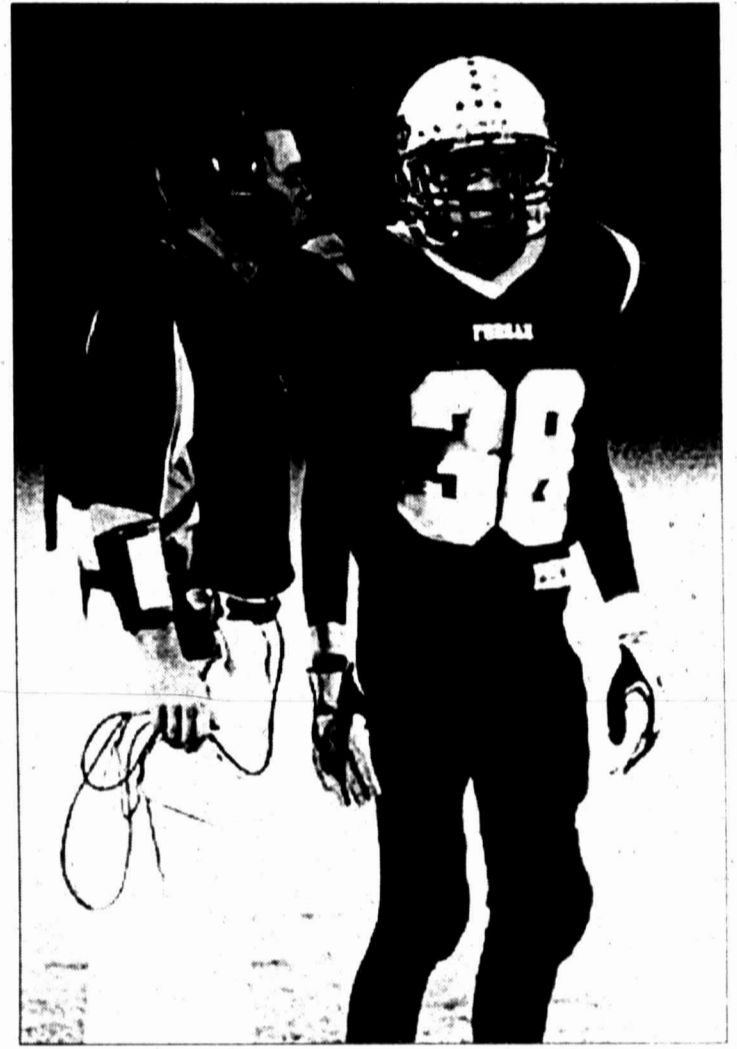
But the Buffs were unable to take advantage and punted on their next series.

With 2:39 left in the game, the Forsan defense came up with another huge stop and got the ball back after a Roby punt with 1:09 left.

The Buffs trying to get at least into field goal range were forced to throw the ball as Roby fell into a prevent defense.

Baker rolled out under huge pressure, tried to make a play for his team as he threw into coverage, but was picked off by Joe Posey, sealing the win for the Lions.

Forsan finishes the year with only two wins, but were virtually in every



Courtesy photo: Bob Fishback

Forsan head coach Tommy Thompson gives instructions to junior Mark McKiski during action at the Buffaloes football game with Roby Friday. Forsan lost the game 27-25.

game they played.

The Buffaloes bid farewell to 11 graduating seniors, who Thompson credits with leading the team in a positive nature and making them competitive all year.

# GRADY

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attack with 164 rushing yards and 128 passing yards. Grady got 11 first downs and had no turnovers.

# COAHOMA

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air with one interception. The Bulldogs were led by Kerby, who carried the ball 15 times for 46 yards and was 8-for-20 through the air for 156 yards. Freshman Donnie Garcia ran for 47 yards and had 74 yards receiving and senior Joe Holguin caught five passes for 82 yards.

To qualify for the post-season this year, the Bulldogs need to defeat Stamford Friday and hope rival Stanton can knock off Hawley. That scenario would create a three-way tie for first place, which would then trigger the district to look at total points as the tiebreaker.

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# Forsan's JV has trouble in finale

By JEFF LANE

Special to the Herald  
The Forsan Buffalo junior varsity football squad played the final game of the 2005 season at home against the Crane Golden Cranes Thursday.

In front of a big home crowd, head coach Brad Batla led his troops out into the chilly and damp Thursday night air ready to end the season on a high note, but the Buffs came away disappointed, losing 23-0.

In the first half of play, neither team could really get anything going as both defenses continually turned the others offense away.

"We played really tough defensively, we just came up a little short in the second half," said Batla. "Brandon Morrow played a great game at defensive end and Aaron Hughes

played well at line-backer."

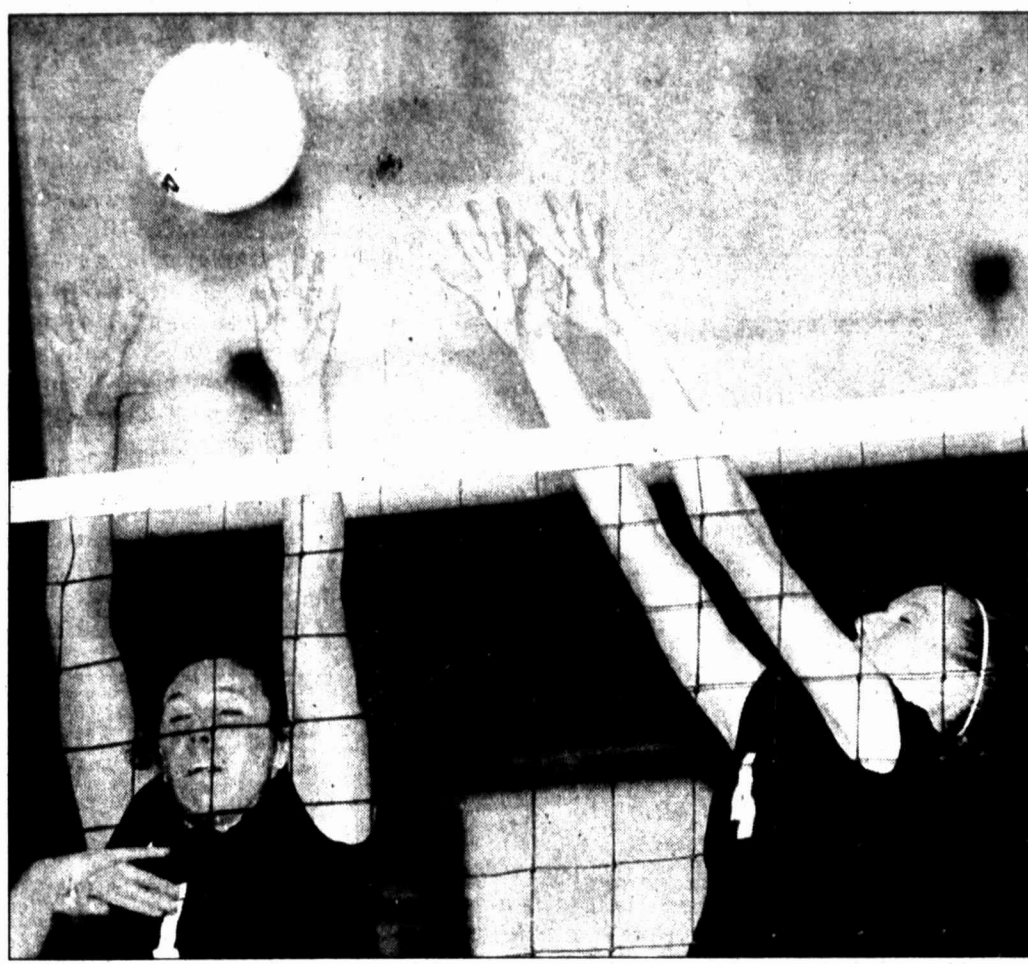
Batla also named Anthony Neighbors, who had a fumble recovery, and Curtis Gaston, who had two big pass deflections stopping Crane from big plays.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Buffs had some success running, but could not find the endzone.

"We ran well tonight and our line did a great job blocking," Batla said. "Vince (Pennick) and Curtis (Gaston) followed their blocks and gave us a great effort."

Batla spoke highly of his entire team and said he is looking forward to next year.

"The Buffs had a great season and everyone here is proud of the guys," he said. "We are all looking forward to the years to come."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Big Spring senior Brenn Swinney, left, and freshman Shelbi Stewart block an attack shot attempt by Plainview during volleyball action earlier this season. The Lady Steers traveled to Lubbock to take on No. 19 Hereford in the bi-district round of the Class 4A playoffs Saturday, but official results were unavailable at press time.

# Dallas hopes Dirk, defense can lead team to postseason

By JOHN McFARLAND

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks entered the offseason with some big plans: Get forward Dirk Nowitzki to be more aggressive around the basket and get everybody else to play tougher defense.

That was about it. No big trades and no crop of high-scoring free agents — a drastic departure from their routine of winning 50-plus games, then overhauling the roster.

The few moves they did make, though, illustrate the team's new philosophy as Avery Johnson begins his first full season as coach.

The biggest change this offseason was releasing swingman Michael Finley in a cost-saving move. With Steve Nash having left the previous year, Nowitzki is the last remaining member of the "Big Three" that took the Mavs from laughingstock to contender.

Although he's coming off his best season — career-high 26.1 points a game, first-team All-NBA, third in MVP voting — the 7-foot German needs to improve his post-up game and attack the basket more, Johnson said.

Those who struggle defensively will lose playing time, Johnson said, though that's not a hard-and-fast rule because he still wants to see some resemblance of the NBA's third-best offense last season.

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Low Putts: Annie Ward, 30, Comanche Trail Golf Course

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- 2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - White/Beige, Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/77,000 Miles. **SOLD**
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- 2001 Lincoln Navigator 4x4 - White, Leather, All Power, One Owner. **SOLD**

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- 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe LS - Black, All Power Dual Air/Heat, One Owner. **SOLD**
- 2002 GMC Yukon XL SLT 4x4 - Red, Leather, All Power or OnStar, Local One Owner. **SOLD**
- 2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Pewter w/Leather, Loaded, One Owner w/45,000 Miles. **SOLD**
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BSHS THEATRE PRESENTS

# THE HOUSE OF DRACULA

**M**adcap mayhem ensues as BSHS theater students take to the stage Monday for the last performance of "The House of Frankenstein" at 6:30 p.m. and "The House of Dracula" at 8 p.m. All tickets are \$1.

Riotous hijinx find the cast members running pell-mell through scenes, with sterling comedic performances by Julian Garcia, who portrays Ygor and Brandon Pierce as the Monster in "Frankenstein" and Cassandra Bazaldua who performs as the sinister Frau Lurker and Thad Loftis as the modern-day werewolf Harry Talbot in "Dracula."

In evidence throughout both performances is the talent, hard work and dedication of the entire cast and crew, nearly 50 students in all, who deserve applause for making these productions truly memorable.

### THE CAST

The cast for "The House of Dracula," right, includes Jason Worthington, back row left, as Ygor; Turner Churchwell as Baron Von Frankenstein; Matt Gonzales as Ka-Seet; Nathan Booth as The Doctor; Cassandra Bazaldua as Frau Lurker; Lara Breckenridge as Ethel; Jeremy Mills as Groat; Thad Loftis, front row, as Harry Talbot; Jessica Barker as Baroness Von Frankenstein; Jessi New as Countess Dracula; Blake Roach as Creature; LeAnn Brumley as Isabel Channing; and Josh Acuff as Count Dracula.



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# THE HOUSE OF FRANKENSTEIN



### THE CAST

The cast for "The House of Frankenstein," left, includes Brandon Pierce, back row left, as the Monster; Josh Wilson as Harry Talbot; Geoffrey Treece as Count Dracula; Logan Wright as Baron Victor Von Frankenstein; Julian Garcia as Ygor; Nick Ross as The Phantom of the Opera; Amber Sleight, front row left, as Countess Iлона Bathory; Loveita Raymond as Frau Lurker; Hollie Biemeret as Baroness Elisabeth Von Frankenstein; and Sydnie Robertson as Isabel Channing.

### THE CREW

Crew members for both shows include: stage manager for "The House of Frankenstein," Macee Gonzales; stage manager for "The House of Dracula," Laurel Kerr; sound technician, Justin Lara; lighting technicians, Lauren Bryant and Crystal Woodson; special effects, Michelle Morgan, Bernadette Flores, Jana Giles, Miguel Zermeno and Kady Knox; make-up, Jessica Stone, Samantha Diaz, Stacie Rios, Brittany Slalzar, Kris King, Brittany Horton, Rebekah Horton, Alicia Bess, Mariah Duenez and Niccolette Aruero; house crew, Chanel Burger, Stephanie Mims, Morgan Schumpert, Bailey Winters, Kristina Moorhead, Katie Tompkins, Brittany Huckabee and Samantha Whitehead.

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Anniversary

**Gilmores celebrate 50 years**

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gilmore of Coahoma will celebrate their 50th Anniversary, Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005, with a reception at First Baptist Church in Coahoma from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Their children and grandchildren will host the celebration. Richard and Jane were both born in Howard County and the couple first met at a football game in Coahoma. He asked his future wife if he could take her home following the game. The couple married Oct. 30, 1955, at Coahoma First Baptist Church and they have lived their entire life in Coahoma.

Richard and June have a son, Leslie Gilmore of Lubbock, a daughter and a son-in-law, Jana and Earnie Smith of Coahoma, along with five grandchildren. Richard is a retired chemical truck driver and service technician and June is a licensed vocational nurse. They attend Coahoma First Baptist. Their hobbies include fishing, gardening, sewing, handiwork and painting. Richard and June's comment about their 50-year marriage is "putting God first and being friends."



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gilmore today and in 1955.



**Walkers celebrate 50 years**

Ralph and Marian Walker will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, with a reception from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Claude Craven Annex of Trinity Baptist Church. All family and friends of the couple are invited to attend. Ralph Walker and the former Marian Murphy met while "dragging Main" in Big Spring during the summer of 1955. They were married Nov. 4, 1955, at West Side Baptist Church with the Rev. Cecil Rhodes officiating. He graduated from Flower Mound High School in Howard County. He was employed at Cosden Refinery from January 1955 until his retirement in June 1991. She is a graduate of Big Spring High School and attended Howard County Junior College. She was employed as a secretary and bookkeeper at the

Howard County Airport, Republic Supply Company, Forsan Well Service and American Well Service. The Walkers have traveled extensively during their marriage, visiting 45 states in their RV. They have also visited four islands and 11 countries including Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Luxembourg, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Greece, Italy and Turkey. The couple recently returned from a month-long anniversary trip to Vancouver Island. The Walkers are members of Trinity Baptist Church. He enjoys fishing, golfing and playing dominoes. She served as a church organist for many years and enjoys cooking, sewing and reading. They have one daughter, Tina Miller, and one granddaughter, Kristen Miller, both of San Angelo.



Ralph and Marian Walker today and in 1955.



**Births**



Sarah Claire Arenson

**H**annah Lynn Horton, a girl, was born Oct. 21, 2005, at 9:49 p.m., weighing 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. She is the daughter of Julianna and Thomas Horton of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Andrew and Judith Prince and Susan Gomez. Hannah was welcomed home by her siblings, McKenzie, Weldon and Jordan.

**S**arah Claire Arenson, a girl, was born Oct. 12, 2005, at 7:04 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Azure and Keith Arenson of Round Rock. Her grandparents are Robert and Mary Miller of Big Spring and Linda Miller of Fredricksburg.

**A**lexis Grace Villegas, a girl, was born Oct. 17,



Jeremiah Daniel Ybarra

2005, at 6:30 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. His parents are Melissa and Josh Villegas of Big Spring. His grandparents are Michael Rogers and Katherine Rogers, both of Big Spring, Vince Villegas of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Lupe Villegas of Abilene. He was welcomed home by siblings Nicole and Lily.

**J**eremiah Daniel Ybarra, a boy, was born Oct. 20, 2005, at 12:24 p.m., weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. He is the son of Jessica Lucio and Mathew Ybarra of Ackerly. His grandparents are Lisa and Sam Rodriguez and the late Ramiro Lucio and Adam and Sandra Hernandez.



Riley Chance Lancaster

**R**iley Chance Lancaster, a boy, was born Sept. 25, 2005, at 5:52 p.m., 5 pounds, 1.5 ounces and was 18 inches long. Born to parents Todd and Paige Lancaster of Granbury, Riley was welcomed by four generations of paternal relatives, Riley's dad Todd, grandfather Steve, great-grandmother Jean Lancaster and great-great grandmother Minnie Herrington. He is the grandson of Steve and Polly Lancaster of Big Spring, Howard Chance and the late Darla Chance of Sweetwater. His great-grandparents are Jean Lancaster and the late Jim Lancaster of Big Spring and the late Conny and Norma Wade of Big Spring. His great-great-grandmother is Minnie Herrington of Arp.

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# Wedding

## King, Hipp wed

Paige Nicole King and Travis Hipp, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, 2005, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham officiating.

Paige is the daughter of Annette and David Schofield and Billy and Ginger King. She is the granddaughter of Shirley Paige and the late Jerry O. Paige and Bill and Lucille King.

The groom is the son of Barbara Hipp and Gary

and Teresa Hipp. He is the grandson of Annie Ward and the late Jim Ward and Bill and Darlene Hipp.

Given away by her father and mother, the bride wore a Lady Roi fitted V-neck dress with a flare at the bottom. She carried a bouquet of long stem assortment of red and pink roses.

Annette Schofield, Gayla Padgett and Melissa Daniels served as vocalist/instrumentalist for the evening.

Amy Lowe and Vanessa Arista, sister of the bride, served as matrons of honor and bridesmaids were Krista Thomas, cousin of the bride, Carmen Hipp, sister of the groom and April Hipp, sister-in-law.

Ring bearer for the ceremony was Taylor Mendez.

Riley Hipp, brother of the groom, stood up as best man and groomsmen were Jeremy Collier, Spencer Roberts, Isaac King and Zack King, brothers of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held

in the reception hall of the church. The bride's cake was a three-tiered white cake adorned with red and pink roses.

Ushers for the evening were Chase Ward and Nolan Paige. Guestbook attendants were Tara Dickenson and Stevi Bingham.

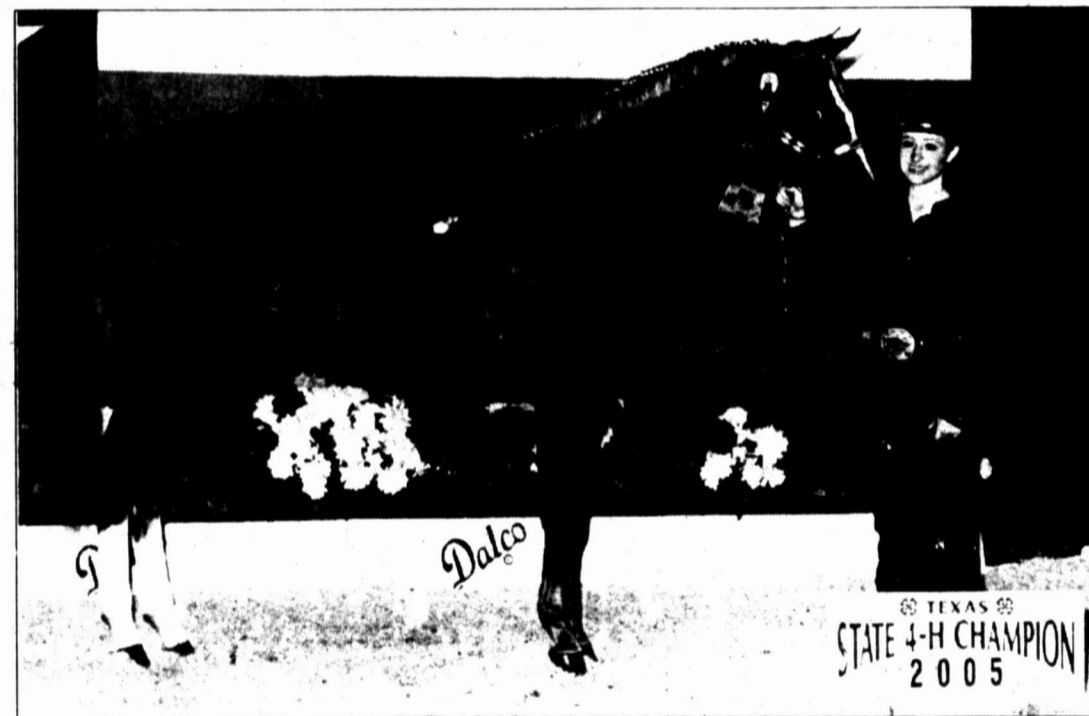
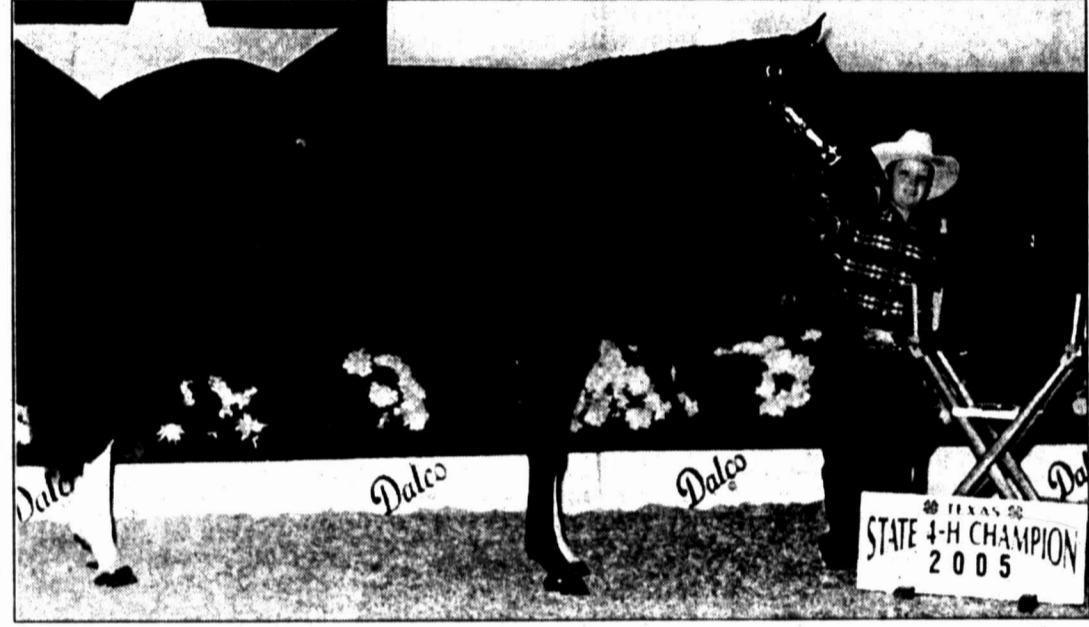
The couple have been in Hawaii where Travis works as a X-Ray technician at Maui Medical and Paige works as a stylist at Aloha Style Salon.

The couple plans to return soon and make West Texas their home.



Mrs. Travis Hipp

## 4-H WINNERS



Kolt Fox, top photo, shows Concusive Babe and Maegan Fox, below, with Kids Cowgirl. They won first place at the District Six 4-H horse show and advanced to state, where Kolt won Reserve Grand Champion.

## Winning top honors at 4-H horse shows

**Special to the Herald**

Maegan and Kolt Fox took top honors at the District Six 4-H horse show.

Maegan, 17, and Kolt, 10, are both homeschooled. They are the children of Dwain and Diane Fox. Their grandfather, Kenneth Boothe, raises horses and the children have been working with horses their whole lives.

Maegan showed a 1-year-old filly named Kids Cowgirl in the futurity class. Kolt's mare, Concusive Babe, is a 2-year-old and placed first in mares 4 and under.

Both students won a first place ribbon and a district belt buckle. In order to qualify for state, a student must show in their district and win first or second place.

Maegan and Kolt then

traveled to Abilene for the state 4-H horse show. Maegan competed against 25 other students from across the state.

All three judges placed Maegan with Kids Cowgirl in first place. She received the state champion belt buckle.

Kolt competed in the 4 and under mare class against 24 other students from across Texas. He also received first in his class.

This win qualified Kolt to compete against the first and second place mares from other classes for Grand and Reserve

Grand Champion. He received the Reserve Grand Champion title for all classes of mares.

He won a state belt buckle for winning his class and a 4-H director's chair for winning Reserve Grand Champion.

Maegan was interviewed by a reporter working for a major horse journal. She said there is a never a dull moment while training and showing a young horse.

"You can never tell what they are going to do next. Young horses are very unpredictable," she said.

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A cotton field north of Big Spring Gln on Highway 87 awaits harvesting Friday morning. Good weather and moisture have officials expecting a crop much-improved from last year.

## Cotton crop looking good, says county extension agent

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Take some timely rains, add plenty of summer heat and you've got the makings for a pretty good cotton crop.

Howard County cotton producers began harvesting their crops earlier this month, ahead of the traditional "first freeze" date, because both the size and quality of the crop is exceeding expectations.

"It's looking real good," said Tommy Yeater, Howard County agriculture extension agent. "It looks like one of the better crops we've produced."

Yeater estimated that county dry-land cotton growers would realize a harvest of about 1.25 bales per acre this year, up from a half-bale per acre in 2004.

Despite record rainfalls in

*"It'll be a more expensive crop this year, but it sure looks good out there."*



Tommy Yeater, extension agent

Howard County last year, cooler-than-normal temperatures kept crops from realizing their full potential. But the ground moisture from those rains served as a good table-setter for this year's crop.

That, combined with normal summer temperatures, should result in improved yields for 2005, Yeater said.

"We've had some good weather this year," he said. "Last year, we just didn't have enough heat.

"This year, we had all that moisture in the ground — that kicked the crop off pretty good," Yeater added. "And we've had some timely rains, too."

Prices also are looking good, so far. As of Friday morning, cotton for December delivery was receiving 52.13 cents a pound on the New York Board of Trade.

The news is not all good, however. More rain and heat also brought more bugs, which increased production costs. Higher fuel costs, especially diesel prices, might also cut into producers' profit margins, Yeater said.

"It'll be a more expensive crop this year," he noted, "but it sure looks good out there."

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [reporter@bigspringherald.com](mailto:reporter@bigspringherald.com).

## Scenic Mountain hooks up with Discovery Hospital

Special to the Herald

Those who get on Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Web site will find a new tool to help them with their health care.

SMMC announced this week the launch of Discovery Hospital on its Web site. Discovery Communications, which owns the Discovery Channel, provides hospitals with online health information specifically designed to assist individuals in managing their own health care. In con-



sists of more than 7,500 pages of health-related articles and interactive tools.

"Scenic Mountain Medical Center is proud to offer this exciting educational tool in this area," said George Parsley, hospital CEO. "With Discovery Channel, we

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## Alon USA appoints independent board, committee member

Special to the Herald

Alon USA Energy, Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) today announced the election of Avraham Baiga Shochat to the company's board of directors as an independent director. Shochat will also serve on the board's audit committee, replacing Avraham Meron.



Shochat

Shochat has achieved a prominent career in finance and politics. Since 1988, he has served as a member of the Israeli Parliament, where he has chaired or was a member

of various committees including economics, finance, defense, foreign affairs and education. From 1992 to 1996 and 1999 to 2001, Shochat served as Israel's Minister of Finance and from October 2000 to March 2001 as the country's Minister of National Infrastructure.

Alon USA Energy, Inc., headquartered in Dallas, is an independent refiner and marketer of petroleum products. The company owns and operates a sophisticated sour crude oil refinery in Big Spring, which has a crude oil throughput capacity of

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## Wild mustang adoption heading to Odessa Nov. 3-5

Special to the Herald

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a wild mustang adoption in Odessa Nov. 3-5.

The three-day event at the Ector County Coliseum & Expo Center will feature approximately 80 animals available for adoption — adult and weanling horses, including a few that have been halter trained. There will be no burros available at this adoption.

Preview of all animals

available for adoption begins Thursday, Nov. 3, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Doors open again Friday, Nov. 4, at 8 a.m., with a competitive bid adoption beginning at 10 a.m. Those interested in taking part in the oral bidding are encouraged to come Thursday or early Friday to complete their adoption applications in time. Following the competitive bid adoption Friday morning, walkup adoptions will continue

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## Pesticide license expiration dates change

Producers should have received word this past week that there are changes to the Texas Department of Agriculture's license expiration procedures.

"In the past, we have had set expiration dates and have prorated license fees accordingly," said Susan Combs, agriculture commissioner. "We expect that changing to an anniversary expiration date for new licenses will increase our efficiency in getting licenses in the hands of the people who need them."

Effective Oct. 1, 2005, new pesticide applicator licenses will expire on the anniversary date they were

issued. A pesticide dealer license will expire on the last date of the month of the second anniversary it was issued.

For licenses renewed before Oct. 1, pesticide applicator licenses will continue to expire on Feb. 28 of each year for commercial and non-commercial applicators and Feb. 28 five years after they were issued for private applicators. Dealer licenses expire on Dec. 31 of odd numbered years.

"License holders will receive a renewal form about a month before their license expires," Combs said. "It is important for pesticide applicators to be aware of their expira-

tion date so they can get the required continuing education units before their license expires."

While the majority of pesticide applicator renewals will still fall on the Feb. 28 date, Combs said she hopes the new system will eventually distribute the workload throughout the year so that licenses can be issued quicker.

New licenses for nursery/floral, rose grading, vegetable seed, grain warehouse and eggs also will expire on the anniversary date they were issued.

If you need additional information, contact TDA at (800) TELL-TDA.

## Census Bureau: Internet use up, users' trust down

By STEPHEN OHLEMACHER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Computer and Internet use is up, but so are concerns about identity theft and other online dangers.

Fifty-five percent of American households had access to the Internet at home in 2003, more than triple the percentage in 1997, according to a report released by the Census Bureau.

Internet usage increased with education, income and the presence of school-age children at home, the report found. It was lowest among adults who have not graduated from high school.

School-age children are most likely to use home computers to play games or do school work. Adults are most likely to use home computers for e-mail, to

search for information about products and services, and to read news, weather and sports information.

The report is based on data from the bureau's October 2003 Current Population Survey, the country's primary source of labor statistics. It is the bureau's latest information on computer and Internet use, though it is two years old and experts say Americans' computer habits are quickly evolving.

"We actually think the (Internet) penetration in households is higher," said Greg Stuart, president and CEO of the Internet Advertising Bureau, which helps online companies increase revenue.

A report this year by the Pew Internet and American Life Project found that 68 percent of adults use the Internet, up from

**Advertisers are taking advantage of increased Internet use, said Greg Stuart, who expects online advertising revenue to reach nearly \$12 billion this year, more than double the amount from five years ago.**

63 percent last year. It found that 22 percent of American adults have never used the Internet.

Susannah Fox, who worked on the Pew report, said age and education were the strongest

predictors of whether someone uses the Internet. Young adults were the most likely to use the Internet, with a big drop-off among people 70 and older.

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But even as Internet access increases, computer users are being more careful about sharing personal information online.

A survey released this week by Consumer Reports Webwatch found that 86 percent of computer users have changed their online behavior in some way because of concerns about identity theft. A little more than half stopped giv-

ing out personal information on the Web, while 25 percent said they stopped making online purchases.

The Consumer Reports survey of 1,501 adult Internet users was done in May and June and has a margin of sampling error of 3 percentage points.

"The consumers are becoming more educated," said Clint Kreitner, president and CEO of the Center for Internet Security. "At the same time, the nature of the criminal activity on the Internet is increasing."

The Census report found that 32 percent of adult Internet users purchased products or services online, up from 2 percent in 1997.

Kreitner said it is safe for

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Jacob Unger, Co. Rd. 402, Seminole  
Kristi Oden Womack, 710 Bell, Sweetwater  
Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg St., Big Spring  
County Court Decisions:  
Probated Judgment: Victor Manuel Castillo, evading arrest or detnion, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Randy Hernandez, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less in a drug free zone, \$750 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Cynthia Marie Mier, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$316 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Jose Alfredo Melendez, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$381 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Pablo Moreno, driving while intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$381 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Probated Judgment: Sonya Lanette Hall, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$266 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).  
Judgment and Sentence: Israel Alvarez, resisting arrest, \$500 fine, \$266 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
Marriage Licenses:  
William Dale McMurray, 44, and Donna Kay Davis, 42, both of Big Spring  
Travis Allen Melton III, 25, and Ashley Nicole Hodnett, 21, both of Big Spring  
Aaron A. Hendricks, 22, and

Amber Doss, 25, both of Big Spring.  
Russell Michael Crain, 46, and Jacquie Kirkendall Waters, 50, both of Big Spring.  
Vicente Avila Rodriguez, 26, and Maria Concepcion Flores, 22, both of Stanton.  
Warranty deeds:  
Grantor: Vada Mae Haile  
Grantee: Matthew Gary Keyser  
Property: A tract out of Section 44 - further information not provided  
Date Filed: Oct. 19, 2005  
Grantor: Jack Turner and Maureen Turner  
Grantee: Matthew Gary Keyser  
Property: A tract out of Section 44, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Oct. 19, 2005  
Grantor: John Covarubias  
Grantee: Juan Antonio Aguinaga  
Property: A tract of land out of Section 19, Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Oct. 20, 2005  
Grantor: Jose Lujan and Tammy Lujan  
Grantee: Young Family Revocable Living Trust  
Property: Lot 3, Block 5, Western Hills  
Date Filed: Oct. 20, 2005  
Grantor: Valerie Middleton  
Grantee: Michael Middleton  
Property: Lot 5, Block 2, LaLoma Addition  
Date Filed: Oct. 25, 2005  
Grantor: Michael Middleton  
Grantee: Michael Hall and Barbara Hall  
Property: Lot 5, Block 2, LaLoma Addition  
Date Filed: Oct. 25, 2005  
Warranty deeds with vendors:  
Grantor: Michael H. Hall and Barbara Hall

Grantee: Ray M. Smith and Evelyn Smith  
Property: Lot 2 and a tract out of Lot 1, Block 6, Washington Place  
Date Filed: Oct. 20, 2005  
Grantor: Derwood Blagrave  
Grantee: Wylie Stokes and Veronica Stokes  
Property: Lot 23, Block 2, Capehart Addition  
Date Filed: Oct. 21, 2005  
Grantor: Donna C. Ashley Bennett and Jerry Bennett  
Grantee: Mike D. Towne  
Property: Lot 37, Block 6, Monticello Addition  
Date Filed: Oct. 21, 2005  
Grantor: Phillip Bridge and Christi Bridge  
Grantee: Cody Wells and Marie Wells  
Property: Lot 4, Block 2, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
Date Filed: Oct. 21, 2005  
Grantor: Martha Dean Fielder  
Grantee: Gregory L. Moore  
Property: Lot 8, Block 13, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
Date Filed: Oct. 21, 2005  
Grantor: Lanny Hamby  
Grantee: Joshua Hamby  
Property: Two tracts out of Lots 1 and 2, Block 22, Original town of Big Spring  
Date Filed: Oct. 25, 2005  
Grantor: Wendell Stasey, Patricia Aylor and Maribeth Scott  
Grantee: John R. Middleton and Cynthia Middleton  
Property: The N/2 of Section 21, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: Oct. 25, 2005  
Grantor: Troy Koenig  
Grantee: Michael McClinton and Shawna McClinton  
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Cole and Strayhorn Addition  
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The service is provided to SMMC through an agreement with Relegant, a healthcare marketing firm based in Nashville, Tenn. Relegant is the exclusive marketer of the Discovery Hospital content.

HORSES

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until 6 p.m., then resume Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8 a.m. until noon. The minimum adoption fee is \$125 per animal to qualified adopters.

All of the adult horses available for adoption were gathered from herds on public lands in the West. The weanling horses were born in captivity on BLM-contracted pastures in Wyoming.

Wild Horse and Burro Program Manager Bob Mitchell observed, "These animals are noted for their endurance, sure-footedness, and strong sense of loyalty to their

caretaker. These qualities make them excellent for both recreation and work."

To qualify to adopt, bidders must be at least 18, with no record of animal abuse. In addition, adopters must have specific facilities and can adopt no more than four animals. All animals must be loaded in a covered trailer with solid walls and floors - no drop ramp trailers.

This event presents an opportunity for the public to participate in the adoption process and share in their American heritage. Since 1973, the BLM has placed more than 210,000 horses in approved homes across the country. For more information,

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INTERNET

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online shoppers to provide companies with their credit card numbers, as long as the site is protected by encryption software.

"Putting your credit card number on an encrypted site is much safer than giving it to a waiter and letting it out of your sight," Kreitner said.

Among the Census Bureau's findings on computer and Internet use: -Since 2000, rates of computer use have become more uniform across the country. Computers are most prevalent in the West, where 59 percent of

households have them. They are least prevalent in the South, where 52 percent of households have them.

-Alaska, New Hampshire and Colorado have the highest rates of Internet use; Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana have the lowest.

-Women are slightly more likely than men to use a computer at home, reversing a historical trend.

-Fifty-six percent of working adults used a computer at work, and 42 percent used the Internet on the job.

-Among those without access to the Internet, 39 percent said they don't need it or are not interested, while 23 percent said the costs are too high.

ALON

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**TO: Henry M. Gutierrez**  
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:  
**E/50' N/50' of Lot 2, Blk 94, Original Town of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas (0.057 acres)**  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$4,756.05**, 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 **Henry M. Gutierrez**, as

Defendant(s), by petition filed on the **20 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. HENRY M. GUTIERREZ**, 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 **4994** 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 **12th day of December, 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.  
#4770 October 30 & November 6, 2005

Legals

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

**TO: Frances Miramontes Sawyers**  
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 7, Blk 2, Williams Addn, City of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas**  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$2,313.26**, 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 **Frances Miramontes Sawyers**, as Defendant(s), by

amended petition filed on the **20 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. FRANCES MIRAMONTES SAWYERS**, 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 **4801** 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 **12th day of December, 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.  
#4768 October 30 & November 6, 2005

Legals

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

**TO: L.C. Lawson**  
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 2, Rice Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas**  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$9,172.95**, 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 **L.C. Lawson**, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the **20 DAY OF OCTOBER,**

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 **12th day of December, 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.  
#4767 October 30 & November 6, 2005

Legals

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

**TO: Arnulfo F. Hernandez, Jr.**  
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 6, Block 4, Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas**  
Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: **\$3,658.87**, 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 **Arnulfo F. Hernandez, Jr.**, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the **20 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**, in a certain suit styled **HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ARNULFO F. HERNANDEZ, JR.**, 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 **4971** 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 **12th day of December, 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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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
Aesthetics and artistry are valued under the Libra moon.

You may find yourself giving more thought than usual to upcoming Halloween plans. If you won't dress up, at least add a spooky touch here or there.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

The entrance of Mercury into Sagittarius starts a fearless trend. New questions pop into your head. Adventure your way to the answers.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Tune into comic television, read the funny papers or talk to that goofball friend of yours who always cracks you up. Levity won't solve your problem, but at least you'll see it differently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are those around you who, no matter how many times you

warn them, need to make their own mistakes before they will understand. When the situation is out of your hands, admit it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Here's a hint for happy living: If you can do it alone, it's probably not a big enough goal. Is it too much to ask for an entire group of people to carry you along your quest? Not really. You're guided by your ruling planet, Mercury.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As far as that ailing relationship goes, you're still hoping for the best. Well, the energy of "hope" is getting too desperate. Forget "hope." Trade it in for "faith." Your relationship has already improved and gets better every day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Last week's work may be over, but you'll still spend some time coaching, managing and delegating -- and that's within your own family. There's much you plan to accomplish together.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Prepare well for your agenda. When you can

relax because you've taken care of everything you possibly can, an element of magic visits your plans. An Aries wants to be your "sugar daddy" or "sugar momma."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The only way you can get more into 24 hours is to enlist help from your friends. Share your responsibilities. Your action contributes to the success of others, and this makes you successful in their reflected light.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Domesticity is bliss -- when everything is working properly. Hint: That which shakes has lost its balance. Appliances and relationships equally need a going over. Do repairs now, and save a big expense later.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You understand what people say to you, but they don't understand you. Say little -- only the things you really need to say. Silence and space will ultimately help you communicate more clearly -- it's weird, but true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Renovations are in the stars. Get as much

information and as many quotes as you need, and then do what you always do -- the thing you consider sensible (and the rest of the world considers brilliant!).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've been scorched by extravagance, and now, you're finding ways to make up the difference between what you really have and what you thought you had. It's a blessing. You're quite ingenious under pressure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You give lots of help, but do you accept it? Instead of being individualistic, be collaborative. Make it easy for family and friends to come to you with their ideas and their help.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The meaning of holidays is often absorbed into the traditions and activities connected with the day so that we forget the point. This week features Halloween and the Day of the Dead. Both, in their own way, are celebrations that honor friends and family who have passed

ones that you consciously create in the next four weeks.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: California's first lady and Kennedy family kin Maria Shriver encompasses Scorpio's depth and compassion. As a journalist, humanitarian, mother and wife, Shriver somehow remains mysterious in spite of her high profile lifestyle. This is a Scorpio woman's forte! I predict many precious hours of privacy this year as Shriver focuses on her most beloved endeavor -- her family.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: Six months ago, my husband, "Vern," told me he didn't love me anymore and wanted me out of the house. We were living in Texas, so my son and I flew to Chicago with \$3 in our pockets. Luckily for me, I have wonderful parents who took us in.

A month later, I discovered Vern had been carrying on with a woman half his age. He is 53. She is 28. I confronted both of them and found out he'd told her that I had been dead for two years.

We are now divorced, and Vern is having problems with the girlfriend. He calls me constantly, talking for hours about how much he misses her and that she never has any time for him. They fight and argue a lot, and he isn't sure if she still wants to be with him. He wants my opinion and advice.

I've told Vern to find a counselor to talk to because I definitely am not the person he should be confiding in. He keeps saying that I am his best friend and he hasn't anyone else to talk to.

How can I get through to Vern that it upsets me to hear these things, and that I don't want him calling me unless it has something to do with our son? -- Two-Year-Old Corpse

Dear Corpse: We think Vern is going through a midlife crisis and the girlfriend is going to dump him. Then he may want to reconcile with you, so be prepared.

Some divorced couples maintain a friendship for the sake of their children, and are willing to discuss personal, non-child-related issues. However, if this is too much friendship for you, either hang up when he starts talking about the girlfriend, or screen his calls with an answering machine.

Dear Annie: I am writing in response to "Cleanliness Brings Comfort," who found it difficult to visit her daughter's messy house. I, too, am a professor with children, and my mother could have written that letter.

I work 60-hour weeks and do grading and reading at home. My husband works the same long hours, and we simply do not have time to manage everything, nor do we make enough money to hire help. I feel guilty about the mess, but sometimes a gritty floor is the price of getting tenure and keeping one's job.

It is difficult to succeed in this career while caring for a household. That daughter also may be depressed, but if she

thinks her mother is judging her, she is unlikely to confide her real concerns. A little understanding and support could go a long way. -- Busy Professor

Dear Prof: We wholeheartedly agree. Thanks for backing us up.

Dear Annie: Can I put in one more word about the guy who wore the same shirt 18 days in a row? Albert Einstein purposefully purchased numerous duplicate white shirts, brown jackets, black trousers, black socks and black shoes. He said with all the exciting and wonderful things to ponder in the universe, he didn't intend to waste one minute of his time thinking. "What shall I wear today?"

When I taught middle school P.E., I adopted the same philosophy and created a blue-pants-and-grey-polo-shirt "uniform." I figured if a smart guy like Einstein thought it was effective, it was good enough for me. I found it very liberating, and as a bonus, my students could always pick me out on the field. -- Milton, Fla.

Dear Milton: Perhaps  $E=mc^2$  really means "Einstein wears Doubles of Multiple Clothes." Thanks for writing.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

Dear Readers: Remember to change your clocks back one hour tonight and replace the batteries in your smoke alarms. Sweet (and safe) dreams.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to [anniesmailbox@comcast.net](mailto:anniesmailbox@comcast.net), or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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

TO: **Carlos Flores and Catalina Flores**

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:

A 50X150 ft tract out of the SE/4 of Sec. 42, Blk. 32, T-1-N, William B. Currie Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,486.95, 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 Carlos Flores and Catalina Flores, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 20 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. CARLOS FLORES, ET UX, 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 4669 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 intervenors, 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 12th day of December, 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.

#4772 October 30 & November 6, 2005

Legals

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

TO: **George D. Young**

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:

1 acre out of Section 29, Block 32, T-1-N, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on exhibit attached hereto.

Which property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,180.29, 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 George D. Young, as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 20 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. GEORGE D. YOUNG, 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 4894 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 intervenors, 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 12th day of December, 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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Legals

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

TO: **Denny Marsalis**

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:

All of Block 5, Mesa Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$1,022.67, 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 Denny Marsalis dba OK Rentals, Inc., as Defendant(s), by amended petition filed on the 20 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. DENNY MARSALIS dba OK RENTALS, INC., 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 4741 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 intervenors, 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 12th day of December, 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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Legals

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

TO: **Joe Angel Gonzales**

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:

Part of Lots 10-11, Block 3, Bauer Addn. City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: \$3,227.61, 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 Joe Angel Gonzales Estate, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on the 20 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JOE ANGEL GONZALES 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 5000 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 intervenors, 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 12th day of December, 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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