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Commissioners agenda filled with routine business

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

The Howard County Commissioners will meet Monday morning to discuss several items.

County Auditor Jackie Olson will present the commissioners with invoices and purchase requests, as well as bids for a dump truck and budget amendments.

Teresa Thomas, county treasurer, will make a presentation

to the commissioner's court concerning personnel considerations and a payroll report.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present the court with pipeline crossings and a report on county road maintenance.

Phil Furqueron, construction administrator, is also expected to make a report concerning ongoing renovations at the courthouse and the County Library, as well as other county

facilities.

Commissioner Bill Crooker is expected to discuss a resolution to consider transfer of title to a house and lot, including the north half of Lot 8 and the south 40 feet of Lot 9, Block 8, North Belvue Addition.

If approved, the property would be transferred to the Crossroads Housing Development Corporation for its Fresh Start Program, which renovates dilapidated homes

using labor from a Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf trade program.

County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater is also expected to attend, presenting bids for a new truck, while Brenda Rue, District

Administrator, will present a request for the courts approval to announce 4-H and FCS (family and consumer sciences) positions.

County Judge Ben Lockhart is

also expected to entertain approval of the county's annual holiday schedule, as well as changes in county fees.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the County Courthouse.

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Remembering our veterans



Those who served honored during ceremonies Friday at VAMC, Vietnam Memorial

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces — and World War II veterans in particular — received the red carpet treatment Friday at the local VA Medical Center.

In honor of Veterans Day and the 60th anniversary of the end of World War II, hospital officials hosted a large contingent of veterans at a ceremony full of pomp and patriotism Friday morning.

"Our greatest honor is to stand before these men and women who have so honorably served their country," said Lou Ann Atkins, director of the hospital. "It is because of you that we can stand here today ... So, we extend a heartfelt thanks and welcome to the veterans. Thank you for your service and your sacrifice."

Featured speaker at the event was Fred Campbell, who served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and spent several months in a German prisoner of war camp after being shot down over Holland in

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Herald photos/Steve Reagan and Thomas Jenkins
Veterans Day was again a big event for Big Spring residents. In photo above, a member of the Goodfellow Air Force Base color guard plays Taps during the Veterans Day Celebration at the West Texas VA Health Care Center Friday morning. Earlier, (photo above right) two veterans, John Perez, retired from the Army, left, and Air National Guard Maj. Robert Finn talk over current events during the presentation at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial. And at right, a soldier stands guard over a wreath during the ceremony VA Health hospital.

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TEXAS MUSIC



Thomas Jenkins who admits to being a Texas music junky. He's got Drowning Pool albums, and a poster of Dave Williams draped in an American flag on the wall by his computer. He's met C.J. Pierce and talked shop. And he's seen Edgewater perform live. His review is in today's Diversions entertainment section.

'SNOOPY' ON STAGE



Howard College theatre department is producing "Snoopy." Show times are 8 p.m. Saturday, Monday and Tuesday and a special 2:30 p.m. matinee Sunday. All shows will be in the Practical Arts Building Room 105 on campus. The play is a family musical based on the Charles Schulz characters such as Peppermint Patty, Snoopy, Linus, Lucy, Charlie Brown and, of course, the Great Pumpkin. There is no charge, but donations are accepted.

A BUSH COMEBACK?



Other presidents have recovered from ratings slumps like the one George W. Bush is in right now: Dwight Eisenhower came back after the Sherman Adams scandal; Ronald Reagan rebounded after Iran-Contra; Bill Clinton triumphed after Monica Lewinsky. Republican strategists say Bush, too, has time to snap out of a three-month run of bad luck and setbacks. Page 6A

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Obituaries

Joseph Duke Pickle



Joseph Duke Pickle, 94, died Nov. 8, 2005, at St. David's South Austin Hospital.

Mr. Pickle, the long-time editor of the Big Spring Herald, was a legend in his hometown of Big Spring and throughout his native West Texas.

Through his work in the community, the church, journalism, the Boy Scouts and the Colorado River Municipal Water District, he touched thousands of lives in millions of ways. He was above all a gentle and kind person who lived to help people.

Joe Pickle was born Nov. 28, 1910, in Roscoe, the son of J.B. and Mary Pickle. He was the middle of five children — Janice, Jeanette, Joe, Jake and Judith — and the vitality and closeness of that family unit became the beacon by which he lived.

The family moved to Big Spring in 1920, where Mr. Pickle remained until moving to Austin in 1998. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1928 and from Baylor University in 1932.

He started his newspaper career with the Big Spring Herald after leaving Baylor and remained there for 43 years until his retirement in 1975. He served as a reporter, editor and, for most of his career, as the paper's managing editor.

He was president of the West Texas Press Association, president of the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors and the author of two books, "Gettin' Started," a historical record of the beginnings of Howard County and "Water in a Dry and Thirsty Land," an account of the formation and early history of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

He also wrote the text for an album of paintings by pioneer artist H.W. Caylor. The Headliners Foundation of Texas honored him with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his extended and exemplary service in the field of journalism.

In accepting that award, he reflected that he always felt it his responsibility as a journalist to work for a world in which young people are fed, sheltered, educated and nurtured.

His devotion to the community was reflected in countless ways, but none greater than his support for the Boy Scouts and his commitment to meeting the long-term water needs of ever-dry West Texas.

Mr. Pickle joined the Boy Scouts in 1922 and was continuously registered until his death. He served as a scoutmaster for 10 years, was Lone Star District chairman and vice president of the Buffalo Trail Council.

He was honored with the Silver Beaver and Good Shepherd Awards, two of Scouting's highest honors.

He was present at the founding of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in 1949 and served that body as secretary-treasurer until 1995, when he retired at the age of 84.

A resolution in his honor, adopted by the Texas House of Representatives, noted that he produced "more than 11 volumes of minutes during his long tenure, which convey the full history of the district in lively and accurate detail."

In his 46 years of service, the CRMWD constructed lakes Thomas, Spence and Ivie. Those reservoirs today

meet water needs from San Angelo to Odessa to Snyder.

Other service to Big Spring and West Texas was extensive. Mr. Pickle was president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and its Man of the Year for 1976.

He was also president of the U.S. Highway 87 Association; a founding director of the Big Spring YMCA (and later its president); a founding director of the Friends of the Library; and a founding director and later president of Big Spring's Heritage Museum.

He also served on a steering committee that campaigned successfully for the establishment of Howard College in 1946. He was a member of the Malone and Hogan Foundation Hospital and Scenic Mountain Medical Center boards and was president of the Permian Historical Society, which honored him with its highest award in 1993.

He was a 60-year member of the Downtown Lions Club of Big Spring, where he served as president.

Mr. Pickle was a devoted Southern Baptist. He taught Sunday school at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring for 61 years and served as a deacon there for 59.

He served on two building committees and various pulpit committees. After moving to Austin in 1998, he resumed teaching Sunday school at First Baptist Church of Austin and continued doing so until his death.

He married Lucille Rix in 1937. She died Oct. 15, 1975. They were parents of three sons, Thomas Rix of Dryden, N.Y., Joseph Gary of Austin and Paul David of Indianapolis.

He was known as "Bepaw" to his immediate family and as "Uncle Joe" to his many nieces and nephews and other members of the extended family.

He is survived by his sons; his sister, Judith Lancaster of Austin and her husband, Jonathan; daughters-in-law, Sherry, Jan and Linda Pickle; grandchildren, Ben Pickle and wife, Dorie, Lori Pickle and Melissa Mulhall; and great-grandchildren, Anna and Ashley Mulhall. A great-grandson is expected in February of 2006.

A memorial service for Mr. Pickle is planned for 2:30 p.m., today, Nov. 11, 2005, at First Baptist Church of Austin.

In Big Spring, he will lie in state at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005. There will be a family visitation at the funeral home from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring. The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Patrick, retired Baptist minister, will officiate.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

Those wishing to memorialize the life of Joe Pickle are encouraged to contribute to the Joe Pickle Memorial Fund at the Heritage Museum of Big Spring, 510 Scurry Street, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Eula Mae "Sis" Buzbee

Eula Mae "Sis" Buzbee, 85, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Nov. 11, 2005, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Pat Ray, pastor of Prairie View Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born Jan. 15, 1920, in Plains and married Delvin R. Buzbee on Oct. 13, 1940, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death in 1978.

Mrs. Buzbee moved to Big Spring in 1938 from Arizona. She loved oil painting, collecting dolls and making miniature doll houses. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Marian Buzbee of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Rosemary and Bobby Joe Edens of Big Spring; a brother, Glen Forqus of Gardendale; three grandchildren; four great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by one brother, C. H. Forqus.

The family suggests memorials be made to Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh Street Suite A, Big Spring 79720.

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

Charles W. Prichard

Charles W. Prichard, 88, died Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Big Spring. Military graveside services will be 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2005, at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio with Rev. Charlie Cooper, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in San Antonio, officiating.

Charles was born Jan. 31, 1917 in Twin Branch, W.V., to Kenaz and Margaret Prichard. He married Anna Marie Van Ducker in 1944. She preceded him in death in 1997. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Air Force, serving from 1936 until 1963. He served with the 82nd Airborne during World War II and had been stationed in Italy and France.

He lived in San Antonio from 1945 until 2005, moving to Big Spring to be with his niece six months ago. He was a member of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in San Antonio.

He is survived by three sons, Charles Van Prichard of Austin, and William Prichard and Jack Prichard, both of Portsmouth, Va.; a sister, Lucille McDonald of Ocala, Fla.; a brother, Roy Prichard of Blue Ridge, Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Gerald Marie Wallace



Gerald Marie Wallace, 83, of the Morgan Community in Howard County, died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2005, at a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14, 2005, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with Rev. Donita Lee, Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Coahoma, officiating.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. The family will receive relatives and friends for a visitation at the funeral home on Sunday, Nov. 13, 2005, from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

She was born on June 6, 1922, three miles north of Coahoma to Cassie and Jerry Buchanan and married Leland Wallace on April 14, 1940, in Big Spring.

She attended Morgan School and completed her education at Coahoma. Gerald Marie and her husband ranched all of their lives and raised registered Herefords that were sold all over the United States. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and a Sunday School teacher. She was also a member of the Cowbells and the Texas Hereford Association.

Survivors include her husband, Leland Wallace of the Morgan Community in Howard County; a sister-in-law, Edith Haney of Luther; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

She was lovingly cared for during her recent illness by her cousin, Annette Miller.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

The family suggest memorials be sent to the First United Methodist Church of Coahoma.

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

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Police blotter

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

- CYNTHIA LEE RIOS, 21, of 415 Tucson, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- DEVON LEE BUTLER, 20, of 1429 E. Sixth Street Apt. 16, was arrested Friday on charges of driving while license invalid and burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault.
- BEATRIZ BURTON, 65, of 1513 Kentucky Way, was arrested Friday on a charge of disobeying a police officer.
- KARL BURTON, 29, of 2310.5 Runnels, was arrested Friday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transportation and terroristic threat against a public servant.
- GERONIMO CALDERON, 23, of 1302 Wren, was arrested Saturday on a charge of evading arrest with a vehicle.
- ADRIANNE SAIGADO, 20, of 1701 Alabama, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DIMAS ANGUIANO, 46, of 1102 Lloyd, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- COURTNEY FRANKLIN, 20, of 604 N.E. Ninth Street, was arrested Saturday on a Howard County warrant.
- REBECCA COMSTOCK, 21, of 1700 Runnels, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JASON DIAZ, 25, of 605.5 N. Scurry, was arrested Saturday on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia.
- TERRORISTIC THREAT was reported in the 700 block of Kenney.
- RESISTING ARREST, SEARCH OR TRANSPORTATION was reported in the 700 block of Kenney.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.

Weather

Sunday — Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.
 Sunday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 40s. East winds around 10 mph.
 Monday — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph.
 Monday night — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Lottery

Results of the Mega Millions drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 9-14-34-50-51 Mega Ball 40 Megaplier: 4
 Number matching five of five plus Mega Ball: None.
 Estimated jackpot for Tuesday's drawing: \$310 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 25-28-32-33-35.
 Number matching five of five: 1.
 Prize per winner: \$34,984.
 Winning tickets sold in: Fort Worth.
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Monday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night, in order: 9-9-2

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon, in order: 9-5-6

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Community Foundation now soliciting grant applications

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Community Foundation of Big Spring is soliciting grant applications from agencies interested in community development projects. The foundation, which began operations three

years ago, was formed to raise money to establish a permanent endowment for Big Spring development projects, said Drew Mouton, a local attorney and foundation member. This will mark the second year that the foundation will issue grants to local agencies. Last year,

it gave grants totaling \$1,500 to the Festival of Lights, Big Spring Symphony and Keep Big Spring Beautiful, Mouton said. The grants only go to non-profit agencies, and cannot be used to supplement general budgetary needs.

"We're looking for area agencies that have a particular project ongoing that enhances the community, but they need a little money," he said. In addition, the foundation annually funds four scholarships for Howard County high school students.

Agencies interested in receiving grants should submit a written request to the Community Foundation, 401 Austin St., Big Spring 79720. Mouton said applicants should describe the project they're seeking grant funds for, and confirm their non-profit status.

Deadline to request grants is Nov. 23, he added. For more information, contact Mouton at 263-7676. Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com.

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December 1944. "We feel fortunate to be veterans, and to be here today," Campbell told the crowd. "We remember all too well those who are not with us today."

Service came naturally to Campbell — one of his ancestors lost a leg fighting in the Revolutionary War and another was captured by "those damned Yankees" during the Civil War, he said.

Campbell discounts being considered a hero because of his service. "What we are, are survivors," he told the audience.

And he thanked hospital personnel for hosting Friday's event.

"We thank God for our families and for the VA personnel for being here for us," he said.

The Goliad Middle School Choir provided patriotic music during the program, which also featured a fly-over by two World War II-era planes, the placing of a wreath and a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps by the Goodfellow Air Force Base honor guard.

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



The Goliad Middle School choir performs a medley of patriotic songs during the West Texas VA Health Care System's annual Veterans Day Celebration Friday morning.

E-mails show link between Cornyn, lobbyist under investigation

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Former Christian Coalition director Ralph Reed claimed in a 2001 e-mail to a lobbyist that he choreographed John Cornyn's efforts as Texas attorney general to shut down an East Texas Indian tribe's casino.

The lobbyist was Jack Abramoff, who is under federal investigation, along with his partner Michael Scanlon, on allegations of defrauding six Indian tribes of about \$80 million between 2001 and 2004. The e-mail, along with about a dozen others, were released last week as part of the investigation.

In 2001, Abramoff was working as a lobbyist for the Louisiana Coushatta tribe to prevent rival gaming casinos from siphoning off its Texas customers. He paid Reed as a consultant, and Reed lobbied to get the Alabama-Coushatta and Tigua casinos closed in Texas.

In the Nov. 30, 2001, e-mail, Reed told Abramoff that 50 pastors led by Ed Young, of Second Baptist Church in Houston, would meet with Cornyn to urge him to shut down the Alabama-Coushatta tribe's casino near Livingston, Texas. He said Young would back up the request in writing.

"We have also choreographed Cornyn's response. The AG will state that the law is clear, talk about how much he wants to avoid repetition of El Paso and pledge to

take swift action to enforce the law," Reed wrote. "He will also personally hand Ed Young a letter that commits him to take action in Livingston."

Cornyn, now a Republican U.S. senator, had filed a lawsuit in 1999 to shut down a casino operated by the Tigua tribe in El Paso, saying it violated the state's limited gambling laws. In 2002, federal courts shuttered the Tiguas' casino and Cornyn used that ruling to shut down the Alabama-Coushattas' casino.

Cornyn, who has not been accused of any wrongdoing, has denied knowing Abramoff. He also has said he was unaware of Reed's work with Abramoff. He said he did not remember receiving a letter from Young or Reed, or providing a letter to Young, although he acknowledged meeting with the minister.

"Their efforts were irrelevant to what I was doing," said Cornyn. "It's kind of eye-opening to me that apparently people make money claiming credit for something I decided to do under the law."

The Senate Indian Affairs Committee, led by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., blocked out references to Cornyn in the e-mails it released last week. But, in previous Reed e-mails released by the committee, Cornyn's name was not removed.

The previously released e-mails that showed in 2002 Abramoff and

Scanlon secretly funneled millions to Reed to help fund the campaign to get the Tigua casino shut down. The lobbyists then persuaded the Tiguas to hire them to reopen it.

A Reed spokeswoman refused to respond directly to questions about whether Reed had copies of or had seen Young's letter, or details about how he "choreographed" a response from Cornyn.

"No one should take credit for state Attorney General John Cornyn's actions and the faith community's support," Reed's spokeswoman Lisa Baron said. "Ralph Reed never has and never will."

She said Reed did not learn the Louisiana Coushattas were Abramoff's clients until 2002, and he was not aware that the tribe contributed to "our efforts" until 2004.

But Reed's e-mails suggest Cornyn's work was instrumental to Abramoff in fending off competition for his client.

Members of the

Louisiana Coushatta tribal leadership testified last week that Abramoff used the threat of the Alabama-Coushatta casino in Texas to get more lobbying business from the tribe.

Young said he met Cornyn for the first time at the pastors' meeting in late November 2001 and Cornyn spoke to about 15 to 20 pastors. He also said he did not remember any exchange of letters occurring at the meeting as Reed said in the e-mail.

Cornyn "told us the situation. We said we support you" because of the pastors' concern about gambling, Young said.

Young dismissed Reed's suggestion that Cornyn needed him for support in the 2002 Senate race. He said he stays neutral politically because his church attracts Democrats and Republicans, including Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

DeLay, the former House Majority leader, has been charged with money laundering and

conspiracy in a campaign finance scheme related to the 2002 elections. Investigators are looking into donations and an all-expense paid golf trip to Scotland that DeLay received after his office helped Abramoff get a high-level Bush administration meeting for Indian clients.

When the Alabama-Coushatta casino finally closed, Reed summed up the political rewards in an e-mail to Abramoff.

"This is total victory and should lead friends in TX to now want to launch the grassroots effort to insure that those elected officials who stood up for

families and against the casino gambling have support this fall," Reed said.

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OUR VIEWS

Very little time left to register parade entries

Five days ... that's all the time that's left for registering entries for the 20th annual Big Spring Herald Community Christmas Parade — the event that officially kicks off the Yuletide in Howard County.

The parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 3, but the deadline for entries is 5 p.m. Friday.

Registration forms have come in from individuals, businesses, and church, civic and school groups who are planning their entries in keeping with this year's theme — "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

The parade, which first wound its way down Gregg Street in 1986, will again be a lighted parade. But entries will be judged in slightly different categories this year. First-place plaques will be awarded to winners in four categories — individual or family entries; those from churches, civic groups or schools; commercial entries; and those from industries. Second- and third-place finishers will receive certificates.

And as was the case last year, the entry judged "Best of Show" will receive a \$100 cash prize. The Mayor's Trophy for best use of lighting will earn one entrant \$75 and the Grand Marshall's Award for best costuming will receive \$50.

In addition, for the first time ever, the Herald will present a trophy to the best mounted entry from a sheriff's posse or riding club.

But you have to get your entries registered by the Friday, Nov. 18, deadline which is less than two weeks away.

The parade is again set to begin at 5:30 p.m. that Saturday and we here at the Herald want to encourage everyone to come out and help us in getting the Christmas season off to a rousing start.

It's important to remember that a parade this size takes time to plan and coordinate. That's why we need those entries turned in no later than Friday afternoon.

And that's why we are again reminding our readers about the need to get those entries submitted.

Entry forms are available at the Herald's offices located at 710 Scurry, and you can also download them from our Website at www.bigspringherald.com.

So, if you are involved in any of the many organizations or businesses that annually take part in the Christmas Parade, and you haven't yet registered, get your entries filled in as soon as possible and let us know what you're planning to do.

Entry forms should be mailed to the Herald at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721-1431. For additional information concerning the parade, contact parade coordinator Elizabeth Flores at 263-7331, ext. 246.

As always, we're asking the community to help us make this the best Christmas parade Big Spring has ever had.

So come on, get those entries turned in, and join us in kicking off what we all hope will be another magical holiday season.

HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions. In order that we might better serve your needs, we offer several ways in which you may contact us:

- In person at 710 Scurry St.
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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we be persistent in prayer and systematic in giving for You, Lord.

Amen

Weather, Red Raiders, cats and jokes

Random thoughts while playing video games: Now that we've made Texas safe for traditional marriages, who are we going to blame if the divorce rate keeps climbing? Now that gays are out of the picture as a threat, maybe we can blame it on Osama Bin Laden.

I admit to being a skeptic in the past, but I'm coming around on this global-warming argument. When it's almost Thanksgiving, and I'm still running the air conditioner, something's screwy.

I'm not complaining too much — after all, skinny people need all the warm weather they can get their hands on — but does anyone remember the last really cold day we had?

Wasn't it last January? Of course, we'll probably have the mother of all cold spells in the next few days.

Football fans will notice that my beloved Texas Tech Red Raiders, while not exactly in the running for the national college football championship, are still having a heck of a season.

My co-workers can attest to that, too, for no other reason than they have to listen to me go on and on and on and on and on and on and on ...

Me? A pest? Pshaw.

Quick serious note: Thank you to everyone who had kind words about my recent column on my dearly departed cat Keyko.

After writing the column, I worried that people might think me a bit strange for going on and on about a cat. But it seems I touched a sympathetic nerve.

So, to all of you who had kind words or sent cards: Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Speaking of cats, the surviving member of my world-famous mouse-catching duo is doing quite well, thank you very much.

I was worried that Sylvester would miss his old running mate, but it seems that he's enjoying his newfound role of Alpha Cat just fine.

The first night after Keyko died, Sylvester ran around the house a few times, as if he was looking for him.

Since that time, however, my black cat has discovered the joys of not having the share the food, sleeping space or litter box, and is getting a kick out of having my undivided attention.

For the first time in 15 years, Sylvester is king of all he surveys. Long live the king.

Anyone who has an Internet connection has, at 20 times or another, received e-mailed jokes from friends.

Most of these are absolute groaners or too risqué to re-print in this space, but I thought I'd share this

one:
A couple of hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing, his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: "My friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator, in a calm, soothing voice says: "Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a shot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on the line. He says: "OK, now what?"

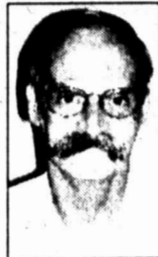
Hey, I liked it. In an attempt to cull the wheat from the chaff, as far as e-mailed jokes are concerned, I am inviting faithful readers to send me their favorite examples of Internet humor.

Those jokes that pass the Steve-meister's muster will appear from time to time in this space, and full credit and recognition will be given to the sender.

Simply e-mail your favorite joke to reporter@bigspringherald.com. Sorry, no cash prizes will be awarded. I may have a sense of humor, but I'm also cheap, OK?

Just remember that this is a family newspaper, OK? I might find Aggie jokes amusing, but that doesn't necessarily mean this paper can reprint them.

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



STEVE REAGAN



YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Monday evening the Coahoma Elementary PTA continued its commitment to raise funds for playground equipment. They served a spaghetti supper and auctioned cakes made by women in the community.

The elementary teachers and Principal Patricia Bennett performed in a "talent show" which was great fun.

These parents and teachers are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to the students at Coahoma Elementary. I'm very proud to call Coahoma "my town."

BO FRYAR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm sure most of you have heard how we were treated by some of the Plainview crowd at the game on Nov. 4. The band was taunted and cursed at. Our chaperones were also treated very disrespectfully.

Without going into more details, I just want the community of Big Spring to know that our band students, cheerleaders and fans acted appropriately. We acted with dignity and we represented our community with pride.

We should be very proud of our BSISD students. Not once did they respond to the negative comments. The band went on playing, the cheerleaders kept cheering and the fans went on supporting the Steers.

I want to say that it was not all of Plainview's fans. Those on the home side were very cordial and even gave the band a standing ovation. It was a small group who took it upon themselves to sit on the visitor's side of the stadium. This small, but very vocal group gave Plainview a very negative reflection.

When we asked for assistance

from the Plainview security and their local law enforcement, we received little to no help at all.

I'm proud to be in a school district where our principals attend every football game and where dependable security is provided on both sides. It is also reassuring to know that if we ask our local law enforcement for assistance it will be provided.

I still cannot believe how some of us were treated by some of the Plainview fans and how they got away with it. I do, however, believe that we have an awesome group of BSISD students and personnel that represent our community in a way that we should all be proud of.

PATSY SANCHEZ
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Recently my grandson and I were cleaning out my garage. We could tell something had been living in there for a while, as cat food was being eaten and water drunk.

I live in housing at the bottom of Scenic Mountain and wildlife visits now and then. We spotted a skunk behind a loose panel in the garage and my grandson called the police department dispatcher.

Within minutes a nice fellow named Hodges came, brought in a stick with a needle and put the skunk into a deep, deep sleep.

I want to praise the police department and Mr. Hodges for a job well done. Thank you.

JIM MONTGOMERY
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! More than \$1,000 was raised at the bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 5, which was held by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League at St. Paul Lutheran Church to benefit

the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan Bible classes.

Another \$483 will be added by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

There was so much cooperation given for this project. We want to thank the Big Spring Herald, Cox Communications, KBBG and KBYG for their excellent coverage.

Our thanks go to Barbara Brumley for designing our posters, to Dolline Budke for our church sign, and to the businesses that not only donated the paper for the posters but those who allowed us to place them in their businesses. We also thank all those who distributed them.

We especially want to thank the Rev. and Mrs. Carroll Kohl for speaking on the radio and giving such wonderful history of the Bible classes.

To all the donors and purchasers of baked goods and the personal donations of food and checks, we send big "bear hugs!" The saying "It takes a village" was certainly in evidence.

PHYLLIS GRAUMANN
WML PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank everybody who donated items and helped put together our Marcy Fall Festival.

We would like to thank all the businesses for their donations, as well as all the parents and staff of Marcy Elementary for their hard work and effort.

I want to give a big thank you to Lisa Valencia for all of her hard work and for helping the PTO out a great deal. If there was anyone that I left out, I apologize and we thank you.

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Woman says Fort Worth pastor raped her during cleansing ceremony

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Fort Worth pastor was arrested on a sexual assault warrant after a church member said he raped her under the guise of casting out demons.

Leonard Ray Owens, 63, was arrested Friday after he went to police to give a voluntary statement. Owens, the pastor of Prayer House of Faith, has denied having sexual contact with the woman, police said.

The 22-year-old woman told authorities Owens raped her in July when she went to his home for counseling. According to an affidavit, the pastor told the woman she was afflicted by demons and instructed her to lie on the floor so he could cast them out of her body. She attempted to get up when he began removing her clothing, but he pinned her down, ignored her pleas to stop and assaulted her, the affidavit said.

After the alleged incident, the woman said Owens told her to wash her face and read a Bible passage.

She told police Owens raped her again about a month later and attempted to assault her in October for a third time.

According to the affidavit, the alleged victim told police that Owens "wants to know her every move and has told her that no one will believe anything she says about him as he is a minister."

Authorities said the woman also interpreted several of the pastor's statements as threats, including one in which he called her a witch and said the Bible mandates that witches be killed.

Owens was booked into jail Friday with bail set at \$25,000.

Architect killed in New Braunfels crash of experimental aircraft he designed

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An experimental aircraft flipped over as it tried to land at New Braunfels Municipal Airport, killing the architect pilot who designed it.

Ken Rehler, of New Braunfels, died Friday in the crash. He had designed the award-winning aircraft in 1999.

"He was coming in for a landing and it rolled to the right and hit upside down," said airport manager Andy Spinks, adding that Rehler flew the autogyro at least once a week.

"He was very proud of it," he said. "Ken was a very cautious and responsible pilot."

The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating the crash, New Braunfels Fire Department Battalion Chief John Robinson said Friday.

An autogyro, also known as an autoplane or gyro-

copter, resembles a helicopter but cannot hover and flies more like an airplane. Rehler's aircraft was powered by a 100-horsepower engine and weighed about 800 pounds with a pilot and full load of fuel.

It had been featured on the cover of Rotorcraft Magazine in September 2002 and had won numerous awards.

Rehler was a principal of the San Antonio-based architecture firm Rehler Vaughn & Koone, which has designed dozens of corporate projects, government buildings and churches. The firm has won the Architect of the Year Award — given by the San Antonio Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America — six times since 1993.

San Antonio man charged in shooting death of 22-year-old University of Texas student

AUSTIN (AP) — A San Antonio man has been charged with capital murder in the death of a 22-year-old University of Texas student found fatally shot in his apartment, authorities said.

Jason Chacon, 21, was arrested early Friday in connection with the death of William Ehrhardt III, police said. Officers found the student fatally shot in his West Campus apartment Oct. 31 while responding to his 911 call reporting an attempted break-in.

Chacon's arrest came a day after police raided his home and charged his mother and brother with marijuana possession. Diana Chacon and Dominic Chacon were released on bond Friday morning.

Authorities believe Ehrhardt's death may have been drug-related, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Austin police homicide Sgt. Jessica Robledo told the newspaper that investigators believe the student "had associations with other people who are involved with drugs," adding that the San Antonio Police Department's drug trafficking, surveillance and narcotics units had been involved in the investigation.

Authorities did not say what led them to Chacon as a suspect.

Ehrhardt, a San Antonio native, called 911 minutes before the shooting to report the attempted break-in but then told an operator that the burglar had apparently left. Officers were responding to his call when they received a second 911 call about a possible shooting and found him wounded, police said. He was hospitalized and died a day later.

Dallas district attorney Bill Hill announces he won't be seeking re-election to post

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas County District Attorney Bill Hill, whose office handled a fake-drug police scandal among other high-profile cases, said he will not seek re-election.

Hill, a Republican elected in November 1998, said

Friday that will not seek a third term because he had accomplished his major goals since taking office.

Hill's office prosecuted six inmates who escaped from the Connally Unit in South Texas and were involved in the Christmas Eve 2000 shooting death of Irving police officer Aubrey Hawkins.

All six inmates were convicted and sent to death row.

Hill also said he set up new policies and procedure following the 2001 police fake-drug scandal, including requiring all drug evidence to be lab tested before indictment.

Hill also required all Dallas County police agencies to examine the personnel files and arrest records of officers for allegations of untruthfulness.

DPS trooper airlifted to hospital after being injured in high-speed chase

AUBREY (AP) — A Department of Public Safety trooper suffered multiple broken bones but was in stable condition Friday after crashing his patrol car into a tree during a high-speed chase, authorities said.

Michael Windham was pursuing a Denton County jailer when he drove over a hill, lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a tree, said Tom Reedy, a spokesman with the Denton County Sheriff's Office.

DPS spokesman Lonny Haschel said Windham broke bones in both his legs and was undergoing surgery at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. Windham was airlifted there following the crash.

Reedy said Windham's car caught fire and that an Aubrey police officer used a fire extinguisher to control the flames.

David B. Strickland, 19, of Denton, was traveling more than 100 mph on his motorcycle while being pursued by Windham, DPS spokeswoman Lisa Block said.

Reedy said Strickland was arrested and taken to the Denton County Jail on charges of evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

Father sentenced to life in prison for abusing his infant daughter

HOUSTON (AP) — A 23-year-old father convicted of beating his infant daughter nearly to death to stop her crying was sentenced to life in prison on Friday.

A jury deliberated for about three hours before it handing down its punishment against Ivan Emmanuel Castaneda.

Officials said the baby, whose injuries were discovered after she was hospitalized in February, had been sexually abused, had two fractured legs, a fractured arm, a fractured skull, a fractured vertebrae and a healing rib fracture. The infant, whose toddler sister had healing bone fractures, also had vaginal and anal tears from being sexually assaulted and her tongue was almost severed.

Volunteers, mock job fair help inmates prepare for release

THREE RIVERS (AP) — Retail consultant Tom White complimented the prospective employee on his letter and demeanor, praising his respectful attitude and impressive presentation.

The detailed feedback was unusual for a job interview, but the location was even more out of the ordinary; White conducted the interview at a federal penitentiary, and the jobseeker was an inmate.

Their exchange took place during a mock job fair at Three Rivers Federal Correctional Institution, which organizes the annual event as part of its prerelease program to more adequately prepare inmates for re-entry into the job market. White was one of nearly 50 volunteers from the community and local businesses who offered to conduct interviews and provide constructive criticism.

"When you're a taker in life, you end up in a place like this," Warden Joe Driver told the San

Antonio Express-News. "We want to turn these people into contributors."

Driver supervises 1,571 inmates at the medium-security facility and nearby minimum-security camp.

The job fair is open to all 300 inmates participating in the prison's prerelease program, which is run by the Inmate Transition Branch of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. The program focuses on preparing prisoners for the demands of a job and life in general, helping them earn college credits, vocational certificates or their General Educational Development diplomas — all with the goal of putting them on a normal path.

About 630,000 people across the country are released from prison each year, and statistics suggest that more than half will end up back in jail.

The prerelease program and job fair work to combat that trend, teaching inmates not only about community resources and money management but

also about subtler nuances of the job search process — from the production of resumes and cover letters to the importance of posture, speech and appearance in interviews.

The exercises especially focus on teaching inmates how to respond to questions about their incarceration.

Volunteer Peggy Kasper stressed the importance of honesty in response to such questions as she coached an inmate during the mock job fair.

"This is the time to be very honest and tell people that you've been incarcerated," Kasper said. "The next question I'll ask you, of course, is why."

The practice explaining their offenses and the exposure to other interview questions visibly helps inmates prepare for their release. Mock interviewer Zona Dargan, of Wright Resources, said she was initially nervous about entering the prison for the program but has seen how much inmates

benefit from learning the types of questions asked and appropriate responses.

"They've all worked hard, and it really shows," Dargan said.

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Bush's plight may look bleak, but others have made comebacks

By TOM RAUM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Other presidents have recovered from ratings slumps like the one George W. Bush is in right now: Dwight Eisenhower came back after the Sherman Adams scandal; Ronald Reagan rebounded after Iran-Contra; Bill Clinton triumphed after Monica Lewinsky.

Republican strategists say Bush, too, has time to snap out of a three-month run of bad luck and setbacks, including GOP losses Tuesday in gubernatorial races in Virginia and New Jersey.

Still, a comeback will be tough, and will get increasingly tougher the closer the 2006 midterm elections come, strategists in both parties agree.

Bush might want to look back to successful predecessors for pointers. He could shake up his White House staff, as Eisenhower and Reagan did in their troubled second terms. Or he could follow Clinton's lead and engage in a flurry of domestic and foreign policy initiatives.

But the clock is running. And Bush may already have passed the point of no return, suggested Paul C. Light, a professor of public policy at New York University.

"Unless Bush and his advisers do something dramatic to reposition the administration and stop the slide in public approval, they're going to find they have very few friends who want to come to the White House, let alone friends who want them to come to their districts," Light said. "And that's about the worst possible position for a president to be in."

Some presidents tried but failed to mount successful comebacks. Nixon wasn't able to recover from Watergate and was forced to resign in August 1974, a year and a half into the second term he won by a landslide. Presidents Ford, Carter and George H.W. Bush never recovered from their slumps — and were denied new terms by voters.

Democratic Presidents Truman and Lyndon Johnson, both hobbled by unpopular wars — Korea for Truman, Vietnam for Johnson — declined to seek re-election.

Bush has been buffeted by the war in Iraq, Hurricane Katrina, soaring fuel prices, a failed effort to revamp Social Security, the botched Supreme Court nomination of Harriet Miers, investigations of top Republican leaders and budget setbacks on Capitol Hill, and the indictment of Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff.

"Presidents always get in trouble in second terms. He's in more trouble than most," said Steffen Schmidt, professor of political science at Iowa State University.

"When bad luck comes along, you've got to have a lot of momentum and a lot of forward motion. But Bush didn't do a lot of things that would have gotten him through those moments," Schmidt said.

"When the hurricanes hit, when Katrina hit in particular, he already had lost momentum. And he slammed into a wall."

Bush's approval rating is at the lowest of his presidency — 37 percent in the most recent AP-Ipsos poll and at similar levels in comparable polls.

Johnson, Reagan and Clinton also slipped into the mid-to-high 30s at

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**Steffen Schmidt
Professor
Iowa State University**

some point during their terms. Truman, Nixon, Carter and George H.W. Bush saw their numbers slump into the 20s, with Truman's at one point dipping to 23 percent.

Some Republican advisers have proposed a major shakeup of Bush's White House staff as part of any comeback plan. His top political adviser, Karl Rove, escaped charges from the federal grand jury that indicted Cheney aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. But Rove remains under investigation, and under a cloud — making him an easy target for Democrats.

Eisenhower was forced to accept the resignation of his top aide, Sherman Adams, in 1958 after Adams was accused of accepting gifts from a textile manufacturer in exchange for regulatory favors. Yet even with the



President George W. Bush waves to the crowd after delivering his "War on Terror" speech during the Veterans Day 2005 celebration Friday at the Tobyhanna Army Depot in Tobyhanna, Penn. (KRT photo/Ed Koskey Jr./Allentown Morning Call)

1960 U-2 spy plane controversy. Eisenhower's approval ratings snapped back into the 60s as he neared the end of his term.

Reagan replaced his chief of staff and his national security adviser in 1987 after his administration confirmed it had been selling weapons to Iran, with profits going to anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua. His approval rating when he left office rebounded to around 60 percent.

Clinton proposed an ambitious agenda in his 1998 State of the Union

address, a week after an investigation began into his relationship with White House intern Lewinsky. He traveled extensively. And his approval ratings rose to as high as 70 percent even as the Republican-controlled House voted to impeach him. He was acquitted in early 1999 by the Senate.

White House officials

disputed suggestions that Bush could prematurely become a lame-duck political liability for Republicans on next year's ballot. But GOP national chairman Ken Mehlman conceded that, while Bush loves to help congressional candidates, in some cases the candidates themselves "believe it's better if he didn't."

Former Nixon speech-

writer Stephen Hess cautioned it's always dangerous to write the obituary of prominent politicians, recalling Nixon's 1968 comeback after losing the presidency in 1960 and the California governorship in 1962.

Bush still has three years in office, "and three years in the life of a president is an eternity," Hess said.

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In schools nationwide, Katrina's kids struggle, improvise

By ERIN McCLAM

AP National Writer

HOUSTON — Hurricane Katrina catapulted teenager Charbresha Carmouche on a personal odyssey from her New Orleans home, where 8 feet of water poured through the roof, to the convention center — where yes, she says, it was that bad.

Finally, when the storm and all its chaos subsided, she landed at Westside High School, a sprawling red-brick expanse set on 50 acres among attractive gated communities.

Ask Charbresha what has been most difficult about moving to Houston, and the talkative senior offers a multiple-choice array of possibilities: Struggling to keep up in class. Putting off plans to graduate early. Dealing with stray snide remarks from local kids.

Then, in a voice that always sounds as if she is close to tears, she finds her answer.

"Two of my friends, I never heard from since the hurricane," she says. "And nobody that went to school with us, nobody that used to hang with us, they don't know where they are."

She falls briefly, uncharacteristically, silent. Then: "It's a question. I wonder sometimes whether they're dead, or where they at? Who's trying to keep in touch with us?"

Messages flung far by Katrina — or, more than two months later, just trying to find them — is but one of the head-spinning ways life has changed for the 370,000 schoolchildren displaced by the hurricane.

The adjustments they have had to make, and the ways they improvise in their new lives, seem as wide and as incomprehensible as the hurricane's diaspora itself.

They grope for a sense of home, of life before the storm, in small ways. They wear New Orleans class rings, or display fashions that are suddenly awkwardly out of place.

In classrooms already threatening to burst at the seams, they struggle to make up lost ground and grasp new material. Some of them excel, and vow to clutch diplomas, if only to make their parents proud. Some of them fail. A few shut down, or walk away.

They wear donated clothes, often in school colors, and hear taunts from the hometown students in inevitable turf wars. They look the other way, or seek out counselors, or drop their books and fight.

Principals and teachers

Katrina students in new schools across the country said for the most part their classmates had been welcoming, some of them even turning into quick friends. But quick friends are not old friends, and these new surroundings are not home.

and social workers, the unwitting first responders, will tell you this massive uprooting is probably easier for elementary school children, who can absorb change like sponges absorb water.

But for middle school and high school children, this personal earthquake comes at an already awkward time in life, when fitting in and finding true friends was hard enough at home, let alone in Rhode Island or Oklahoma.

Westside High alone swelled past 3,000 students with the addition of 300 teenage evacuees from Hurricane Katrina, about 200 of whom remain enrolled.

The natives and the newcomers have marked their turf. Paul Castro, the principal of Westside High, can walk through his gleaming cafeteria after the closing bell and point you to where the New Orleans kids hang out and where the Houston kids hang out.

"I don't think anyone has understood it," he says. "This would be a great sociology experiment."

No administrator or math teacher or 10th-grader has ever been through such a massive relocation before. There are no guidelines for anyone in this enormous Class of Katrina on how to get by. And so it is just that — an experiment.

Middle and high school are not lived grade to grade, or even test to test, but day to day, one bell to the next.

Members of the class of Katrina are intimately aware of the upheaval in their lives: It shows itself in the morning's decision of what to wear, of which potential new friends to embrace and which to eye warily.

At Montbello High School in Denver, which has five Katrina students floating in its 1,500-student population, and where the theme from "Rocky" blares in the halls to sound a three-minute warning for the next class, there are reminders in the shoes.

Terry Butler, a 17-year-old junior who left New Orleans with two days' worth of clothes, noticed his new classmates wear Reebok or Converse shoes he thought were out of style.

Some of the New Orleans students wear

shell-toed Adidas sneakers, prompting one native Montbello student to ask if they had all stayed in a shelter together and received free shoes.

Sophomore Geena Caronna, from Chalmette, La., has settled in at Pearl High School, just outside of Jackson, Miss. But her casual clothing and lack of make-up prompt disapproving looks from other girls.

"People ask me all the time, 'Why don't you dress up?' Because I don't want to. I think it's uncomfortable to wear tight jeans in class and walk up and down stairs in high school."

They dodge stray caustic remarks. At Westside, when Hurricane Rita was approaching Texas just weeks after Katrina, one junior girl heard someone say, "Oh, look. There's a hurricane coming to Texas. Where's OUR money?"

Scot Pillie, a bright sixth-grader who had never left New Orleans in his whole life and now attends Pin Oak Middle School in Houston, says he heard it from a teacher: "Oh, New Orleans really stinks. It really does stink."

He says he asked why she would say such a thing about his hometown. He says she answered: "Are you drunk? Because a lot of New Orleans people are drunk."

These are exceptions, of course. Katrina students in new schools across the country said for the most part their classmates had been welcoming, some of them even turning into quick friends.

But quick friends are not old friends, and these new surroundings are not home.

Vernard Henley, a senior who has moved to Westside High from New Orleans East, may return when classes start again in January. He wonders whether making new friends is worth it.

"You don't know who to trust when you're talking to somebody, so you kinda gotta keep to yourself," he says. "At your old school you knew who you could talk to. As soon as you get here you have to hold your tongue every now and then."

Soft-spoken and sincere, handsome and broad-shouldered, Vernard was an honor student in New Orleans. At Westside in Houston, he tried to enroll in advanced place-

ment classes, but his new school had started classes Aug. 15, long before his New Orleans school. He was four to five chapters behind, he figures, and was assigned to regular classes.

"My math class right now, the stuff that we're learning in the middle of the first semester, I already learned in the first semester at my old school," he says. "So if I go back to my old school in January, like we're planning on doing, I'm going to be so far behind it's going to be ridiculous, you know what I'm saying?"

And what of the college application process — particularly now, in the fall of senior year, a crucial time? Don't even ask.

"Most people right now, you know, they're trying to figure out what college they're going to," Vernard says. "I'm just trying to figure out what high school I'm trying to be in."

Some students from the Katrina region have shut down completely — lost in their new classes, not socially invested in their new homes, not sure when, if ever, they will return to their old schools.

But teachers and administrators say those cases are relatively rare, and most of the storm-tossed children are gamely trying to catch up to a difficult, even bewildering, new environment.

"School just started two months ago and I don't know nothing," says a downcast Ariana Dison, an eighth-grader whose Katrina odyssey took her from home in St. Bernard Parish to a shelter in Opelousas, La., to Beaumont, Texas, and then to Charlotte, N.C., as Rita took aim at Texas. "I have to get my education as good as I can."

To keep pace, the Katrina students meet with guidance counselors, try to wring a few extra minutes from a teacher after class. But these students are seeking help from teachers who are themselves struggling to adjust to the influx.

At Westside, a school administrator asked teachers to respond to a questionnaire that asked, "What challenges has your school experienced as a result of the hurricanes and increased student enrollment?"

Many of them mentioned the difficulty of packing additional students into classes that already had as many as 28 students in them and were now up to close to 40.

There are not enough books, lockers, computers, pencils, paper, teachers.

While many wrote that it was difficult to bring the New Orleans children up to speed with their own, their opinions of the students themselves varied from one classroom to the next.

From one teacher: "I have four students from New Orleans. Two left, went to another state. Two are still with me. They are well-behaved, nice kids. I enjoyed them very much."

From another: "The lack of respect and the disinterest from some of the students is not acceptable. It is a shame that we as a community have gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist and make them feel at home, and to be treated this way is a very sad statement."

Middle and high schools are nothing if not social battlefields. Class and race and turf — actual physical space in a hallway or study hall or cafeteria — are clearly delineated.

But in some schools, Katrina has added a new fault line — newcomers versus locals.

At Natchez High School, a predominantly black campus in a historic river town in southwest Mississippi, there have been two fights, one attributed to a New Orleans student moving in on the covert cigarette concession in the bathroom, the other to a Mississippi boy showing unwanted interest in a Louisiana girl.

"I guess cultural nuances went to the degree that it was our students' contention — as we looked into the situation — that 'We are not going

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Government says it will maintain higher testing for mad cow disease

By LIBBY QUAID

AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON — The government plans to maintain indefinitely its faster level of testing for mad cow disease, rather than scaling back testing in December as originally envisioned.

With the lucrative Japanese market poised to reopen to American cattle, Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns says he wants government scientists to continue testing about 1,000 cattle a day.

"I have just been very reluctant to even set a date as to when we would bring that to a close," Johanns said in an interview with The Associated Press. "It's safe to say the enhanced surveillance is going to extend beyond the end of December."

Johanns said his decision is not about Japan, which bought more American beef than any other foreign customer until the U.S. discovered its first case of mad cow disease. Johanns said he wants to make sure testing represents all regions of the country and that healthy animals are tested.

Still, critics of the department said higher testing levels are needed to reassure Japan and other trading partners.

"I've said time and time again, there is little risk of BSE in U.S. beef, but it is obvious that we have not yet convinced key trading partners of that," Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin, senior Democrat on the Senate Agriculture Committee, said Friday.

Harkin and other lawmakers have been pressuring the department to do at least 20,000 more tests on cows that are healthy before testing is scaled back.

The government has been testing only sick, injured or dead cows, those deemed to be at "high risk" of having mad cow disease. "High risk" means animals showing signs of mad cow disease, such as nervous system problems or emaciation, "downer" animals that can't walk or dead animals.

Tests are done on brain tissue from cows, so animals must be killed

before they can be tested. There is no test that can confirm the disease in a live animal.

Johanns' predecessor, Ann Veneman, promised to test healthy animals based on recommendations from a panel of international experts on mad cow disease. Johanns said he recently reread Veneman's comments on testing healthy animals in transcripts from a congressional hearing.

"Very clearly, she made a commitment to do it," Johanns said. "That's good enough for me. I intend to honor that commitment. So we've been working our way through 20,000 healthy animals."

The nation's first case of mad cow disease was confirmed in December 2003 in a Canadian-born cow in Washington state. In response, the Agriculture Department increased its testing in June 2004 from an average of about 55 daily to more than 1,000 a day.

Authorities have tested 516,496 animals and turned up a second case in a Texas-born cow that tested positive in June. The number of cows tested is about 1 percent of the 45 million adult cows in the United States. Texas is the nation's largest cattle producer.

As part of its campaign to protect against the spread of mad cow disease, the government also inspects processing and rendering plants and tests animal feed. The only way mad cow disease is known to spread is through feed containing certain tissue from infected cows. Adding animal protein to feed was common practice to speed growth until the U.S. banned it in 1997.

Most of the government's testing and inspection programs have drawn criticism from federal investigators, including:

- Authorities at first declared the infected Texas cow to be free of the disease, but the Agriculture Department's inspector general raised concerns about conflicting test results and ordered another round of tests, which confirmed the cow had mad cow disease. A

Ohio case could make politicians take closer look at fundraising

By DAVID HAMMER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The federal case against one of President Bush's boosters in Ohio is a signal to political campaigns that they will suffer more grief than usual if their biggest fundraisers run afoul of campaign finance laws.

Criminal provisions of the 2002 Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, also known as "McCain-Feingold," were invoked in the Oct. 27 arrest of coin dealer Tom Noe, a leading GOP fundraiser in the Toledo area. The Justice Department says it's the largest case of its kind under the law.

Noe pleaded innocent Oct. 31 in federal court in Toledo to charges that he illegally funneled \$45,400 to the Bush re-election campaign. He had pledged

to raise \$50,000 for the campaign at an event in Columbus on Oct. 30, 2003, but, according to the indictment, paid friends to contribute money when the event fell short of the goal.

In the past, schemes to launder campaign money were considered civil cases for the Federal Election Commission to handle or had to be prosecuted criminally in a roundabout way, under the guise of causing false statements to be made to the government.

McCain-Feingold provides for criminal penalties for the fundraiser and, consequently, greater embarrassment for the campaign. It might even open the door wider for court action against the campaigns themselves, said Larry Noble,

a former general counsel for the FEC.

"Criminally, I don't know if you can hold the campaign liable," said Noble, who runs the non-profit Center for Responsive Politics. "But civilly, if you can show the campaign had reckless disregard for the law, you could go after them for that."

More rules and regulations may be needed to protect politicians who can't keep tabs on their massive armies of solicitors, said Dan Hoffheimer, a Democratic National Committee member who served as a lawyer for John Kerry's 2004 presidential campaign in Ohio.


"Campaigns need to continue to take a more active role in supervising the activities of their peo-

ple in the field, but the problem is, how do we create a clear set of written rules for doing that?" Hoffheimer said.

Veteran Democratic campaign chief Craig Smith said fundraising rules have always been imperfect — and continue to be.

"Being sloppy has a damaging effect on campaigns, but because of the campaign finance laws in this country there always will be problems," said Smith, who ran the Democratic presidential campaigns of Al Gore and Joe Lieberman. "All you can do is make your best effort."

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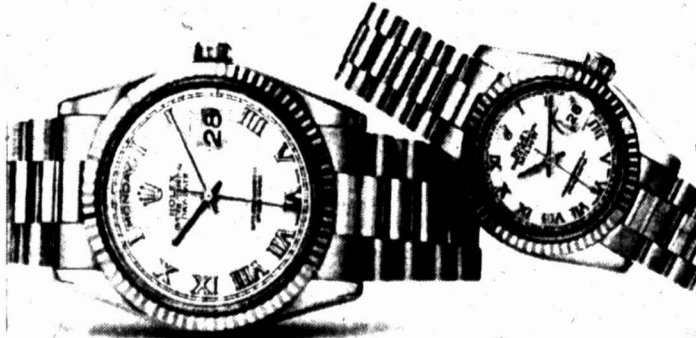
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Annan visits Baghdad; Web site says Saddam lieutenant dead

By **BASSEM MROUE**
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan made his first visit to Iraq since the American invasion, calling Saturday for reconciliation ahead of next month's elections. The visit was marred by a car bomb that exploded outside a public market in Baghdad, killing eight. Also, the highest-ranking official still at large from Saddam Hussein's regime, a man accused by the United States of playing a key role in organizing the insurgency against coalition forces, has died, a Baathist Web site reported. Saturday's posting on a Web site run by former Baath Party members appeared to confirm an e-

mail announcing the death of Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri that circulated Friday. He was believed to be at least 62. Annan arrived in Baghdad on Saturday for his first visit since the U.S. invasion and met with Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, Deputy Prime Minister Rowsh Shaways, former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi and U.N. staff, among others. "We have a clear mandate from the Security Council to do whatever we can to work with the government and the people of Iraq to make sure Iraq takes charge of its own future and develops a stable peaceful society," Annan said. The secretary-general expressed support for a national reconciliation

conference, proposed by the Arab League, to be held in Cairo, Egypt. "Reconciliation is absolutely vital in Iraq," Annan said. Annan's visit follows similar ones by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Friday and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw on Thursday. Both Rice and Straw publicly said they wanted to encourage participation in parliamentary elections set for Dec. 15. Haitham al-Husseini, a spokesman for the predominantly Shiite party Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, said Rice insisted that all groups participate in the upcoming election and to prepare for a national reconciliation conference. The leaders of Iraq's

predominantly Sunni insurgency have called for a boycott of the vote. But a Sunni Muslim politician who claims to have contacts with insurgent groups said Saturday some of its members will run next month and gave their demands and conditions to start peace talks with U.S. forces. Ayham al-Samarie refused to say how many insurgent groups were planning to have candidates. He did not give further details and insurgent groups in the past have denied he represents them. "The resistance should have an active role to help Iraq get out of its crisis," al-Samarie, a former electricity minister, told The Associated Press. Minutes before al-Samarie spoke, a state-

ment was distributed in his house that allegedly included the resistance's conditions for peace talks. Those conditions included an immediate end to all military operations, the release of all detainees, the withdrawal of foreign troops from cities and setting a timetable for the full withdrawal of foreign troops from Iraq. U.S. officials have patently rejected such conditions in the past. The statement about al-Douri's death appeared Saturday on a Web site believed run by Salah al-Mukhtar, who was Saddam's ambassador to India and head of the External Information Department. "In the pure land of Iraq, the soul of comrade Izzat Ibrahim returned to

God on Friday at dawn," the Web site statement said. It described al-Douri as the "field commander of the heroic resistance" and was signed by the Baath party's "political media and publishing office." Al-Douri relatives still living in Iraq refused Saturday to comment on the announcement, but some people close to Saddam outside the country were treating it as accurate. U.S. officials believed al-Douri, one of Saddam's oldest and closest associates, played a key role in organizing resistance that erupted in 2003 against the U.S.-led coalition and was instrumental in forging links between remnants of the ousted regime and Islamic extremists.

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to let anyone come in and claim what is ours," Natchez High principal James Loftin says.

The students were disciplined with short suspensions.

At Westside in Houston, a fight in late October started with two students bumping into each other in the hallway.

"All the sudden it became a Texas-Louisiana thing," Castro, the principal, says. "It got defined as something bigger. We have a group of kids who feel displaced and disconnected, and we have another group that's not all that excited they're here."

It was in mid-October, more than a month after Katrina struck and the first evacuees began trickling into Westside, before everyone realized that the Katrina students were not going anywhere, Castro says. There was new competition for spots on sports teams, and for dates.

"So you have a fight, and kids who aren't even

involved want to jump in because they're mad," the principal says. "They're mad at the system, they're mad at perceived insults, and — boom — you have a problem."

Suspended between a horror-movie past and a profoundly uncertain future, the students displaced by Katrina cope by reaching for what is familiar — a relative, a once-lost friend found again, the sports they loved back home.

"I have six apartments in my apartment complex that have my family in them," says Raven Duncan, a new Westside sophomore. "So I just go over there and see what they're doing."

Raven, after countless attempts on her cell phone, only recently found her best friend. "She's staying right beside me, like two blocks from my house," she says with a shy smile.

Those who played sports are trying to fit in with new teams, grateful for the familiar rhythms of their games.

Deville Williams, 17, longs for Cajun cooking

from New Orleans but is finding success as a defensive back for the Tigers of Broken Arrow Senior High, just outside Tulsa, Okla.

He still wears his senior ring from St. Augustine High. "The one thing they really preached there was pride," he says.

In the Class of Katrina, the students' minds are never far from home and the schools they left. Shantell Duplessis, a shy 17-year-old from New Orleans' West Bank who now attends Westside, declares her senior year "ruined" by the hurricane.

"I was — out there I was looking forward to everything," she says. A senior trip to Philadelphia with

the black student group. The senior dance, the prom. "Definitely my prom."

She complained to her mother, who said she

would just have to deal with it.

Shantell told her mother: "I'm going to try to deal with it, but it's not going to be the same."

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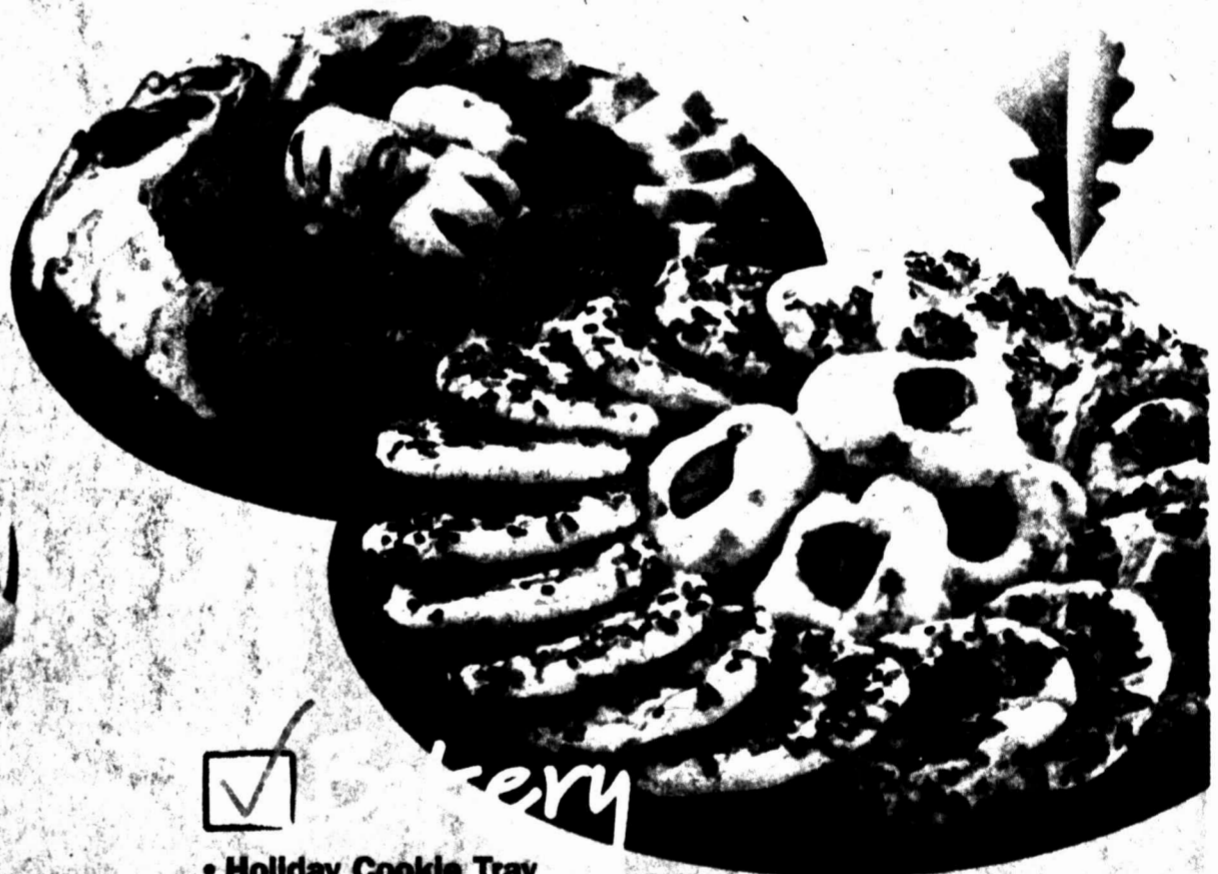
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IN BRIEF

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.

Sign ups for YMCA basketball underway

Registration for the Big Spring YMCA youth basketball league is taking place now until Dec. 3. The league is for boys and girls ages 5-12. Some 13-year-olds may play depending on their date of birth.

Practices are scheduled to begin Dec. 19. Kids who played last season may play on the same team from last year.

All games are scheduled to be played Saturdays beginning Jan. 7.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

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 has begun and will continue for three weeks on Tuesdays. It goes from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each night.

For more information, contact Olesen at 806-236-8901.

Palmeiro won't be charged with perjury

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Baltimore Orioles star Rafael Palmeiro will not be prosecuted on perjury charges after lawmakers said there isn't enough evidence to prove he lied when he told a congressional panel under oath that he had "never used steroids" — six weeks before failing a steroid test.

Committee Chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., released the House Government Reform Committee's 44-page report in the same hearing room where Palmeiro sat March 17 alongside Jose Canseco, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa and vehemently denied using steroids. In May, Palmeiro tested positive for the anabolic steroid stanozolol, leading to a 10-day ban from Major League Baseball.

Davis said stanozolol — which sprinter Ben Johnson tested positive for at the 1988 Olympics, costing him a gold medal and world record — is detectable for three to four weeks. Because of the gap between Palmeiro's Capitol Hill appearance and the failed test in May, Davis said, the steroid "could not have been in his system the day he testified."

Garden City passes tough first round test

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

KLONDIKE — Garden City's football team used a big third quarter and some strong running from sophomore Bo Eggemeyer Friday to get past the first round of the six-man playoffs.

The Bearkats scored 19 points in the third frame and Eggemeyer finished with 252 yards on 16 carries and four touchdowns as No. 11 Garden City blew out No. 14 Borden County in Klondike, 54-28.

The game was much closer than that in the first half as Borden County scored first and only trailed 21-14 at half-time. But, a goal line stand at the end of the half for the Bearkats proved to shift momentum into their favor as the final two quarters were all Garden City.

"The goal line stand was huge for our team," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "That kind of gave us some momentum heading into the locker room and in the second half."

"If they were able to score on that play things might have gone differently."

The Bearkat defense — led Friday by seniors Cory Multer and Cade Doss and junior Colton Schwartz — stopped another fourth down and one earlier in the game.

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Garden City sophomore Bo Eggemeyer breaks a tackle during one of his big runs Friday night in Klondike during the Bearkats' bi-district playoff win over Borden County. Eggemeyer finished with 252 yards on 16 carries and four touchdowns. He scored back-to-back touchdowns to start the third quarter and put the game away for Garden City.

Hawk women earn first win of season

• Pressure defense too much for LCU JV

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Howard College women's basketball team gave its first home crowd of the season something to cheer about Friday afternoon at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as the Hawk women took down the Lubbock Christian University JV, 69-31.

It was Howard's first win of the season, after playing some tough competition early and starting the season 0-3.

"I feel pretty good about the win," said Howard women's head coach Earl Diddle. "I don't think the

game was ever in question, but you still have to figure out a way to get better and I think we did that."

The Howard defensive pressure on the ball in the first half was the biggest reason for the win. The Lady Chaps did not reach double figures in points until the final minutes of the first half and trailed Howard (1-3) at halftime 42-11.

The Hawks gave up some jump shots in the second half, but Diddle was happy with the defense overall.

"We changed it up in the second half and went to a zone because we hadn't used it in a game yet," said Diddle. "They hit some 3-pointers, but it was good. We played really good pressure defense in the first half."

Sophomore Latoya Fairley, who finished with 14 points, got 12 points inside in the first half as Howard built a big lead. LCU battled in the second half and nearly won the final 20 minutes, falling 27-20.

"We didn't get out of our offensive scheme," said Diddle, "but I thought we struggled offensively tonight. I think the girls need to be more aggressive with the basketball. We need to penetrate to the basket and move the ball around the perimeter more. If we don't move the ball teams are going to double down on Latoya. We need to try to get her isolated in a one-on-one situation."

Freshman Chanel Jones-Delas hit a jumper just under 16 minutes to go in the first half to put the Hawks up 10-3. Then Howard went on a



Howard College freshman Tomisha Martin gets fouled in the lane during the Hawk women's win over the LCU JV Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Martin finished with eight points.

13-0 run — led by six points from Fairley — to go up 23-3.

The Hawks pushed the advantage to 33-6 late in the first half as freshman Felicia Kohli had back-to-back layups.

Sophomore Jennifer Pena and Jones-Delas each added 3-pointers before the end of the first 20 minutes and Howard took a 31-point lead into the locker room.

Fairley, Jones-Delas and Pena started the second half with baskets and freshman Tomisha Martin got into the act with a layup as Howard led 51-16.

Starting guard Kim Gilyard, who missed last Tuesday's game against

Weatherford to attend a funeral, got back-to-back buckets midway through the second half and pushed the Hawk lead to 61-23.

Jones-Delas and freshman Chrystle Childs each had nine points for Howard, while Pena and Martin finished with eight points apiece.

The Hawks took on Panola College in Odessa Saturday, but final results were unavailable at press time. The Howard women get back to its tough non-conference schedule Tuesday with a trip to Trinity Valley. The next home game will be Nov. 21 against the Hardin Simmons University JV team.

Abner, Stewart earn top district honors

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Seven members of Big Spring's volleyball team earned some kind of all-district honor recently as postseason awards were given out by 4-4A coaches.

Leading the way for the Lady Steers was junior Katy Abner and freshman Shelby Stewart. Abner was voted as co-libero of the year, while Stewart was awarded co-newcomer of the year.

Making the first team for Big Spring were seniors Raegan Ritchey and Carmen Lewis, while senior Brenn Swinney earned second team honors.

Senior Krista Chesworth and junior Mallory Dunn were honorable mention selections.

The two top awards went to representatives from district champion Andrews. Hollie Nitsch won Coach of the Year, while Ina McQueen, an outside hitter, took home Player of the Year honors.

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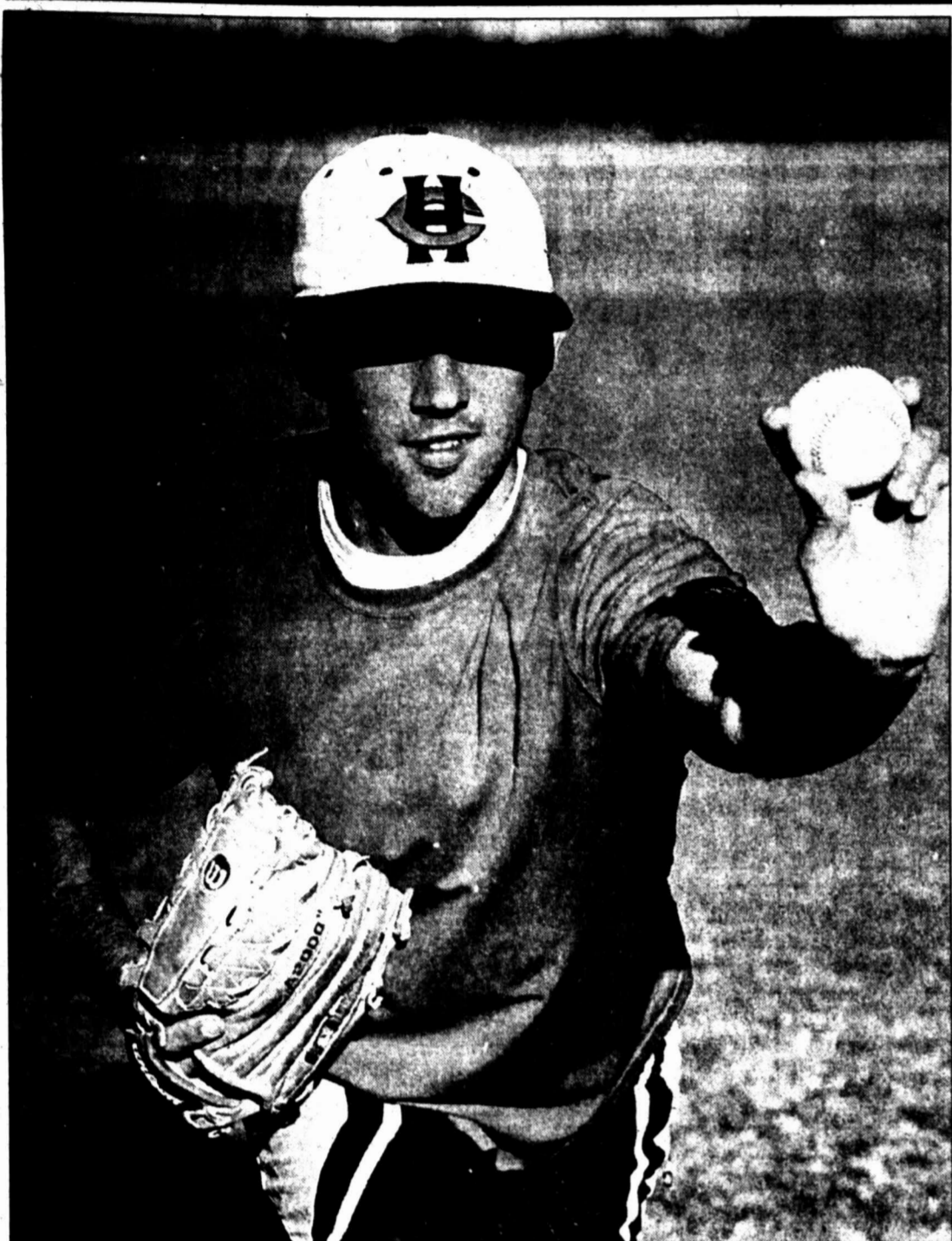
Howard freshman Sara Rondeau puts up a jumper during the Hawk women's win Friday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The win improved Howard's record to 1-3.



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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Howard College sophomore pitcher Eamonn Donovan plans to help the Hawks baseball team reach the World Series this year. After Howard, he will play for the University of Texas Arlington as he signed a letter of intent last week.

Hawk hurlers sign with rivals

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Unlike teammate Darby Brown, two Howard College pitchers' ultimate goal is to play professional baseball.

Sophomores Matthew Shepherd and Eamonn Donovan hope to begin the process of getting drafted into the majors in Division I baseball schools after Howard as both signed letters of intent Wednesday.

Shepherd will play for the University of Texas-Pan American, while Donovan takes the mound at the University of Texas-Arlington. The two schools are conference rivals, but, for now, the two starting pitchers will concentrate on being teammates.

"I don't want to think about being rivals yet, but when we play my team is definitely going to win," said Donovan.

Shepherd's comment was similar only his school was the one who would come out on top.

Shepherd, a right-hander, chose UT-Pan American over McMurry University. He also got some interest from Hardin Simmons, Oklahoma State and Ole Mississippi.

"I chose Pan American because of the competition I am going to play," said Shepherd. "The con-

ference has some pretty good teams. The weather is also nice and academics played a role, too."

Howard head baseball coach Britt Smith says Shepherd is liked more than anything because of his tremendous upside.

"He was our best guy at the end of the year last season," he said. "What makes him appealing is his upside."

He is starting to throw good now and has nowhere near reached his potential. If he progresses enough this year he may not even go to Pan American next year."

Donovan, a left-hander, didn't get any other scholarship offers, but had interest from UT-San Antonio, Tennessee and UT-Pan American before ultimately choosing to play ball in his hometown of Arlington.

"I am from there so that always helps with the decision," said Donovan. "I really didn't want to go back home and wanted to stay about two hours away, but it won't be bad. I have a lot of friends still around there."

Smith said Arlington should be a good fit for Donovan.

"UT-Arlington is going to be good for him," said Smith. "He is from there and he will get a chance to pitch. And he will also get a chance to go on to the next level, but he needs to be more consistent."

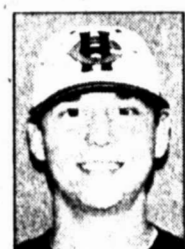
Both players reach nearly 90 mph on the radar gun and will pursue a degree in business. Donovan also has some interest in communication, especially photography.

Shepherd pitched for Howard last year and came on during his final three or four starts on the season. Donovan signed with Howard this past off-season after he, like Brown, was released by Midland College.

Both hurlers have goals of making it to the College World Series this year, want to work on the mental part of the game and seek a career in the major leagues.

"I need to work myself into a starting role this year, but I know it will be tough because the arms we have here are really good this season," said Shepherd, who grew up in Leander and is a big Houston Astros fan. "I'd like to go pro after my junior year at Pan American."

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Sharing the co-libero honor with Abner was Andrews' Jacy Welborn and the district's best setter was given to Charlie Mitchell of Andrews. Andrews' Danielle Kelton also won the honor of the district's best hitter.

Sharing the newcomer of the year award with Stewart was sophomore middle blocker Alexis

Rice of Frenship. The other superlative award went to Haley Hill of Lake View, who won top blocker honors.

Frenship landed three players on the first team and one on the second team.

Michelle Ruiz and Makenzie Owen were Lake View's only other all-district members to make the first or second team.

Coach of the Year: Hollie Nitsch, Andrews.
Player of the Year: Ina McQueen, senior, Andrews.

Newcomers of the Year: Shelby Stewart, freshman, Big Spring; Alexis Rice, sophomore, Frenship.
Outstanding Hitter: Danielle Kelton, senior, Andrews.
Liberos of the Year: Katy Abner, junior, Big Spring; Jacy Welborn, senior, Andrews.

Top Blocker: Haley Hill, juniors, Lake View.
Top Setter: Charlie Mitchell, senior, Andrews.

First Team:
Hayley Gafford, junior, Frenship; Tonya Hopkins, senior, Lubbock; Estacado; Carmen Lewis, senior, Big Spring; Erin Rains, junior, Andrews; Raegan Ritchey, senior, Big Spring; Michelle Ruiz, junior, Lake View; Kenzie Sports, senior, Frenship; Nicole Weber, senior, Frenship.

Second Team:
Nicole Alanz, senior, Andrews; Stefanie Flammig, senior, Andrews; Karen Grant, sophomore, Lubbock; Estacado; Makenzie Owen, senior, Lake View; Jessica Poole, sophomore, Plainview; Erika Raymond, sophomore, Plainview; Katie Saunders, senior, Frenship; Brenn Swinney, senior, Big Spring.

Honorable Mention:
Krista Chesworth, senior, Big Spring; Mallory Dunn, junior, Big Spring.

High School football scores from Friday night

Bi-district round of playoffs

Garden City 54, Borden County 28

Fort Davis 37, Wellman-Union 34

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Highland 42, Robert Lee 32

Stanton pushes mark to 2-0 after easy win

• Carr, Kendall lead Lady Buffaloes to 29-point victory over Class A Dawson

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

STANTON — The Lady Buffaloes basketball team improved to 2-0 on the season Friday after taking down 0-2 Dawson, 55-26.

Stanton jumped out to a 15-7 lead after the first quarter and pushed the advantage to 32-13 at halftime.

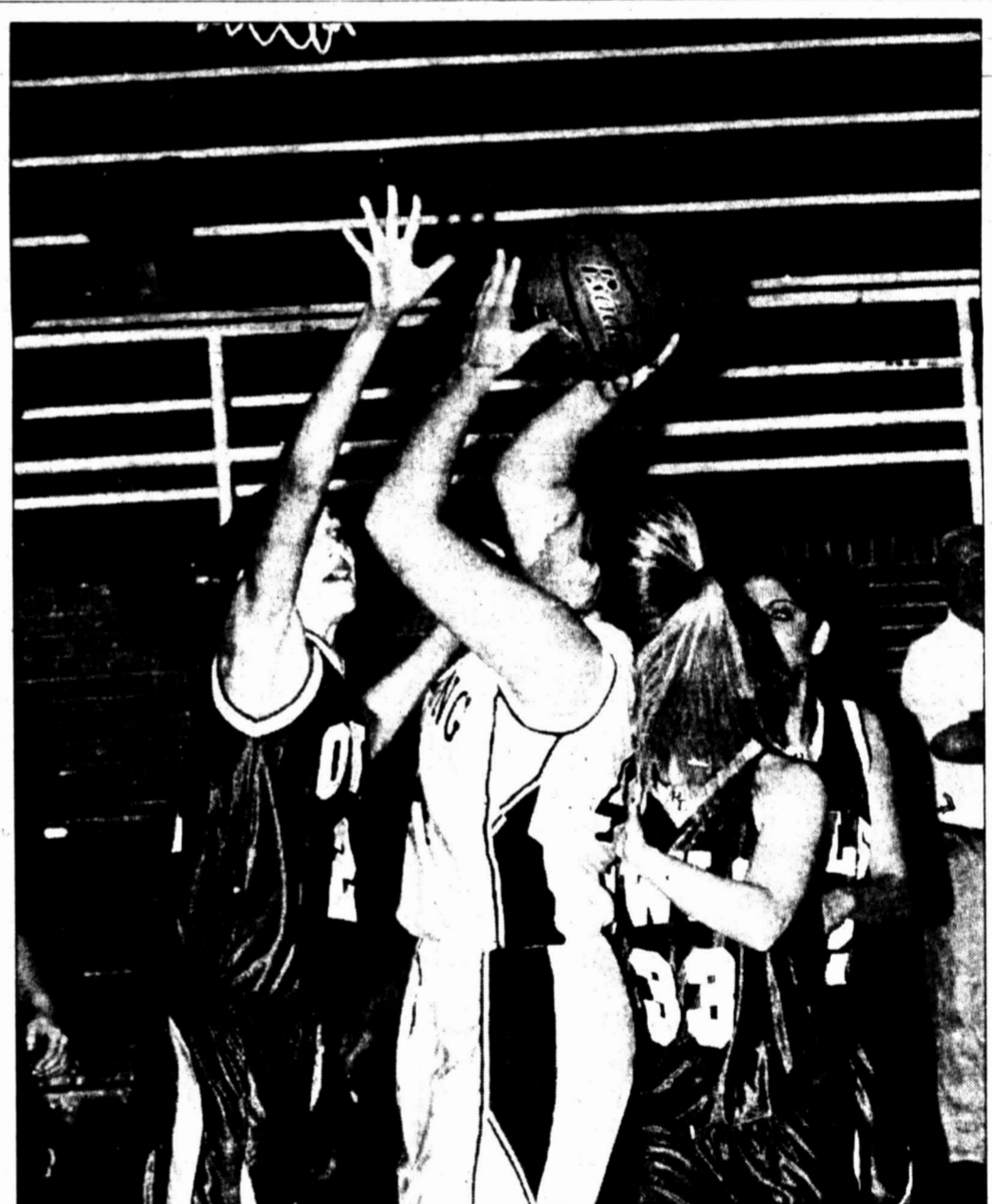
The second half was not

much better for the Lady Dragons as Stanton continued to score points. The Lady Buffaloes outscored Dawson 10-6 in the third quarter and 13-7 in the final period to win by 29 points.

Stanton's undefeated record will get a test Tuesday against Garden City, which started off its season with a win last week behind 31 points from Erin Hirt.

Traci Carr led Stanton with 18 points and hit two 3-pointers.

Senior Bonnie Kendall added 12 points for the winners.



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Big Spring junior Brenna Phernetton goes up for a shot Friday night during the Lady Steers' game with Big Lake Friday the Steer Gym.

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as well. That stop allowed the Bearkats to punch in the go-ahead touchdown just before the end of the first quarter. The Bearkats never trailed again.

Garden City improved to 10-1 on the season with the win, and will now take on No. 5 Grandfalls-Royalty in Big Lake Friday in a rematch of a Week 0 matchup won by the Cowboys.

However, the Bearkats lost the game on the final play of the game and committed four turnovers inside their red zone in the loss.

The Coyotes used an opening kickoff Friday to get on the board first as Brad Tatum lunged over the goal line from 1-yard out.

Garden City fumbled a pitch on its next possession and turned the ball over to the Coyotes, but got it right back on defense as Schwartz recovered a Borden County fumble. Three plays later the Bearkats would tie the score as junior Jared Bradford scored on a 2-yard run with 3:27 to play in the first quarter.

Multer flew through the line on fourth down for Garden City on Borden County's next possession and stopped the Coyote runner behind the line of scrimmage.

After a 13-yard run and an 8-yard catch by Eggemeyer, Multer added a 5-yard catch before junior Alex Halfmann scored the game-winning touchdown from 19 yards out.

"We were rusty early, but the kids played hard and did what they had to do to win the game," said Hoskins.

After Borden County turned the ball over on downs, Garden City got the ball back looking for more points. The Bearkats lost 13 yards on their first three plays, but Schwartz came through with a big 31-yard catch on fourth down to put Garden City in scoring position with a first down.

Eggemeyer did the rest as he reached paydirt from 13 yards out to push the Bearkats' advantage to 21-8.

Borden County would cut the deficit to seven later in the period as the teams went into the locker room with Garden City up 21-14 at the half.

The second half belonged to Eggemeyer for Garden City. He scored on the first play of the third quarter from 60 yards out as he appeared to be tackled after a 20-yard gain, but broke free and took it to the end zone to put the Bearkats up 27-14 after the failed PAT.

Garden City stopped Borden County on fourth down and one again on its next possession. And two

plays later, Eggemeyer scored from 43 yards out — breaking another tackle — and putting his team up 33-14. He appeared to be tackled again, but somehow broke loose and didn't stop until he scored.

The Bearkats scored another touchdown later in the quarter as Halfmann hit Schwartz from 13 yards out.

Tatum added a score for Borden County just before the third quarter buzzer as he reached the end zone on a 29-yard run.

The Bearkats put the game out of reach early in the fourth quarter as Multer caught a 26-yard touchdown pass from Halfmann to put Garden City up 48-22.

Garden City added another touchdown in the period as Eggemeyer scored from 20 yards out with 9:27 to play in the game.

The touchdown came immediately following a Borden County turnover. The Coyotes added one more score before the final horn to make it 54-28.

"Borden County had a good gameplan and is well coached," said Hoskins. "I give them credit for playing a good game."

The win was Garden City's first playoff victory since 1991.

"Our line blocked extremely well," said Hoskins. "Anytime you have two backs average over 16 yards a carry you are doing something right."

Halfmann finished with 85 yards passing and two touchdowns and 65 yards on four carries rushing and one touchdown.

Bradford carried the



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Garden City junior Alex Halfmann scrambles to find a receiver downfield during the Bearkats' win over Borden County Friday in Klondike. Halfmann ran for a 20-yard touchdown and threw for two more scores as the Bearkats won the game 54-28.

ball 11 times for 78 yards and scored once.

The leading receiver was Multer, who caught three passes for 44 yards and one touchdown. Schwartz caught two passes for 40 yards and scored once.

The defense was led by Doss' 13 tackles and one forced fumble. Blaine Walker added 12 tackles,

while Halfmann and Multer added 11 and 10 tackles, respectively. Multer also had four tackles for loss.

"The defense bent a little bit, but the most important thing was we limited their times in the end zone," said Hoskins.

Grandfalls-Royalty is next up for Garden City and Hoskins said the kids

kind of wanted it that way.

"We just wanted to get this first one out of the way," said Hoskins. "The kids wanted this matchup against Grandfalls though after losing to them earlier this year."

"I guess if we get beat twice by the same team we'll know we are not better than they are."

Wrightsil wins top newcomer award

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Former Big Spring standout LeKenya Wrightsil was named TransSouth Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year recently as she helped Martin Methodist College's volleyball team to a 20-8 regular season and first-ever conference championship this year.

Martin Methodist head coach Rose Magers-Powell was named conference Coach of the Year. Powell led her team to a 9-1 conference record.

Wrightsil was also named to the league's first team along with teammates Fabianna Lima and Sofia Zuluaga.

Martin Methodist College won its first match at the conference tournament, defeating Union University in three games Thursday afternoon. Wrightsil had 16

kills, three behind Lima's game-high 19.

MMC followed Thursday's performance with two more wins Friday as the RedHawks captured their first-ever conference tournament title after taking down Freed-Hardeman University twice.

The RedHawks defeated the Lady Lions in four games the first match after losing the opening frame. Lima led MCC with 31 kills, but Wrightsil added 25.

Lima led the RedHawks again in the second match with 22 kills, while Wrightsil collected 14 kills and 19 digs. Zuluaga had 45 set assists.

Wrightsil, Zuluaga and Lima were named to the All-Tournament Team, with Lima being named the Tournament Most Valuable Player.

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Texas Rangers, which is another reason why he wanted to return to Arlington. He also wants to start next year and he seeks a pro contract as soon as it is an option.

"My mom wants me to finish school because she is an educator back home, so that might be a reason why I would stay in school," said Donovan.



DONOVAN

"I also want something to be able to fall back on, but I will most likely go pro if I get the chance. Money will play a role in my decision I am sure."

"The mental game in baseball is often overlooked by fans. Donovan and Shepherd both say they are kind of "head cases" on the mound and that is something both guys want to get away from.

"We both just think of two many things on the mound, but we need to just pitch and stop thinking about it so much," said Shepherd.

Smith says it is more a focus thing than a mental thing.

"Baseball is a game of failure and you just have to learn how to deal with

it," said Smith. Donovan's case with Midland College is similar to that of Brown's in that no one at Howard knows why he was released.

"He's got good stuff," said Smith. "We'll work with his release a bit, but I think he has the chance to be really good."

Both players are excited about the upcoming season. Last year, the Hawks were one of the best hitting and fielding teams in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, but often struggled to get hitters out at the plate. That should change this year as six or seven hurlers are battling for four starting spots, according to Smith.

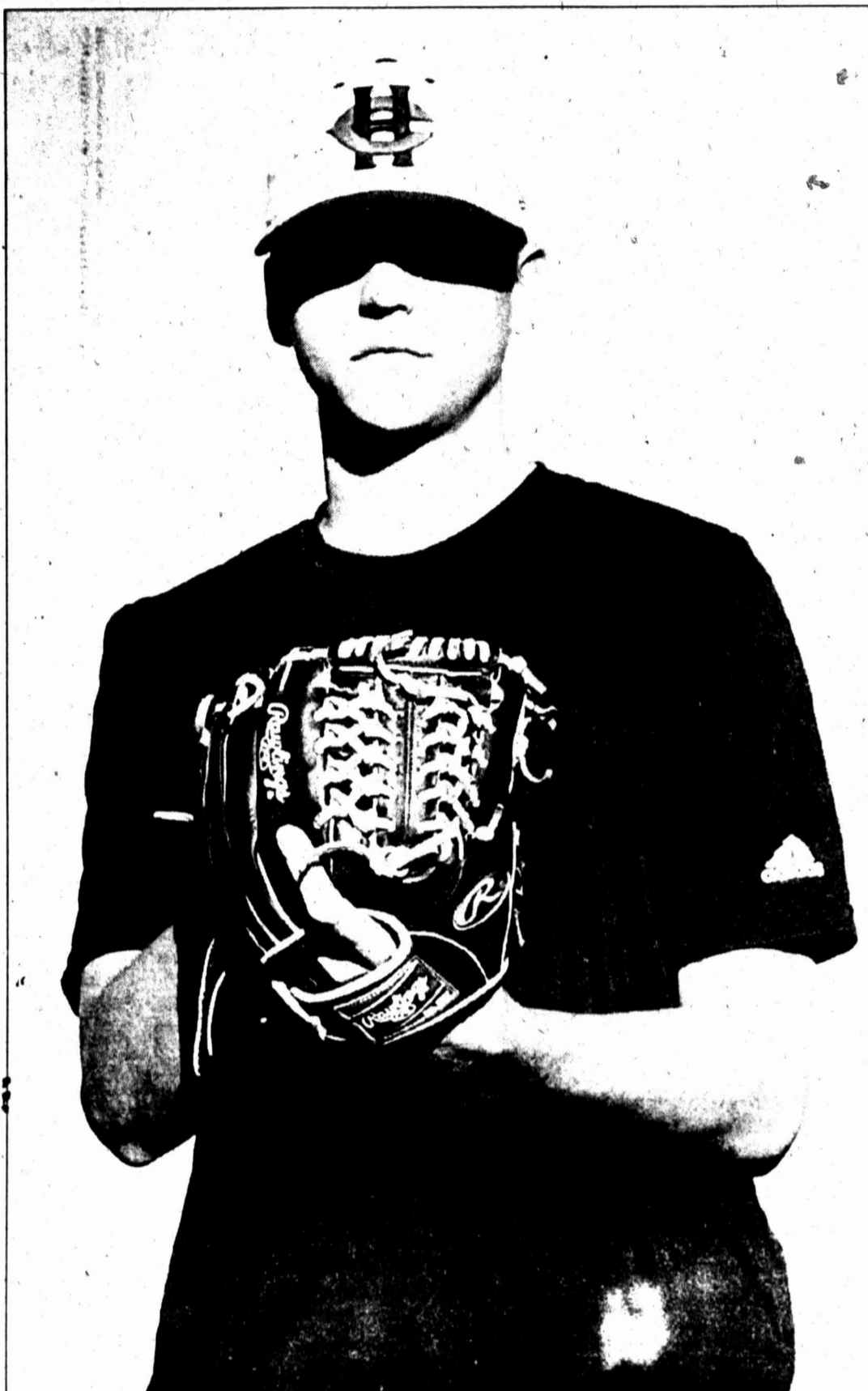
"The pitching staff will be better without a doubt," said Shepherd.

Donovan says the reason why he is optimistic about the season is because not only is the team loaded with talent, they all get along.

"We have great chemistry this year and we get along well off the field," said Donovan.

For now, the duo will try to help Howard get back to the postseason. But next year they could end up facing each other on the mound. Who wins that battle is still to be determined, but Donovan already knows the result.

"Oh yeah, my team is going to win," he said.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Howard College sophomore Matthew Shepherd signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play baseball at Division I UT-Pan American. He will pitch this year for Howard and help the Hawks get to the NJCAA College World Series.

Dallas gets win at home against Bobcats

Nowitzki's big game erases doubt about "serious" back injury

By JENNA FRYER
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki looked nothing like a guy with a back so sore he wasn't sure he could play a mere 90 minutes before tipoff.

Nowitzki lit up the Charlotte Bobcats Friday night with 23 points and 16 rebounds in the Dallas Mavericks' 98-88 victory.

"The back felt a lot better than I thought it would," he said.

Nowitzki was a game-time decision for the Mavericks because of a lower back strain that sidelined him for the second half of Wednesday night's loss at Philadelphia. Even during the pregame warmup he said he wasn't positive he would play because it wasn't worth "risking anything" this early in the season.

Yet he was on the floor at the opening tip and didn't appear to be in any pain during his 40 minutes on the floor.

"We didn't want him to

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play 40, but he felt pretty good and he looked OK," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said.

Although Dallas owner Mark Cuban said after the game that Nowitzki's playing status was never in doubt, Nowitzki said he needed a strong pregame warmup to ensure he could go.

"It felt great, it started in warmups," he said. "I got loose really good and told Avery I wanted to play and that was that."

Nowitzki helped Dallas open a 47-39 lead at halftime with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Dallas never trailed, led by 21 early in the fourth quarter and only let the Bobcats make it close in the final minutes.

Nowitzki wasn't Charlotte's only problem: The Bobcats were partially done in on by their own shooting woes.

"We were ashamed we came on the court like that," Charlotte forward Melvin Ely said. "We are a better team than we showed."

Charlotte shot just 35

percent for the game, and lacked much offensive power with leading scorer Gerald Wallace (16.2 points) out with a chipped bone in his right wrist. The bench also was short when Jumaine Jones had to return to Los Angeles when his pregnant wife went into unexpected labor.

It meant extended playing time for guard Bernard Robinson, who notched five fouls and a pair of turnovers in just over nine minutes of play.

Since opening the season 2-1 to notch their first winning record in franchise history, the Bobcats have lost three straight.

"We were lethargic as hell," Charlotte coach Bernie Bickerstaff said.

Devin Harris scored 21 points off the bench for Dallas. Keith Van Horn added 16 and Josh Howard had 12.

Ely led Charlotte with 14 points. Kareem Rush had 13 and Emeka Okafor finished with 11. Jake Voskuhl made his Charlotte debut after missing the first five games with a sprained ankle. He scored five points in 15 minutes.



Seattle's Reggie Evans (30) dunks against Washington in the second half of the Wizards victory Friday.

Bulldogs most common mascot in state of Texas

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer
HUNTSVILLE — They prowl all over the Lone Star State, most visibly on Friday nights in the fall.

Lions, Tigers and Bears. Blackcats, Bearcats, Bobcats, Tomcats and Wildcats. Even Bluecats and Wampus Cats.

They're Texas high school mascots, and a group of English graduate students at Sam Houston State University (home of the Bearcats) have published a book, "Mascot Mania, Spirit of Texas High Schools," detailing the history or anecdotes that make some of the team names unique.

"It seemed to us that a state as large and diverse as Texas, and with as many high schools as it has, deserved a book devoted to cataloging schools and their mascots," said Paul Ruffin, an English professor who coordinated the semester-long project for the 10 students in his editing and publishing class. The course teaches students how to publish a book, from coming up with an idea to getting it to the press.

"We considered a number of things," Ruffin said. "We had not run across a book on mascots. I said: Why not? Let's do it."

The students got a list of schools from the Texas Education Agency and wrote each school a note explaining their project. When that failed to produce many responses, they hit the phones.

"We contacted principals, librarians and asked them if they had any special stories about why their mascot is unique and why their school chose that mascot," said Betty Burdett, 59, a Houston student working on her English degree. "And we started getting stories back."

Their finished work includes a list of more than 1,000 schools from the Aggies of Poteet, about 30 miles south of San Antonio, to the Zebras of Grandview, about 35 miles south of Fort Worth.

According to their research, Bulldogs is the most common name, carried by 81 Texas high schools. Eagles is next, with 77. Other popular names are Tigers and Panthers.

But it's the single-name schools that attract the attention.

Like the Hutto Hippos, a name that goes back to 1915 when a hippo escaped from a circus train in Austin and finally was found in a creek near Hutto, about 25 miles to the northeast.

In the 1924 yearbook at Mason High School, the football team was referred to as the cow-punchers; another term for cowboy. As the years went by, the name got shortened to the Punchers and it survives. The school plays in the Puncher Dome.

Local economies factor into the many of the names. In the 1940s, the Rockcrushers of Knippa got their name when a rock-crushing plant moved there, and Rocksprings adopted the name the Angoras when it became "The Angora Goat Capital of the World."

Brazosport High School, along the Gulf Coast, has the Exporters.

Robstown has its Cottonpickers, and Port Isabel, at the southern tip of the state on the Gulf of Mexico, has the Fighting Tarpons.

Some were obvious. In Hamlin, Texas? The Pied Pipers. Muleshoe? The Mules. And in Winters? The Blizzards.

Other one-of-a-kinds include the Porcupines of Springtown.

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Philadelphia 76ers' Allen Iverson takes the ball to the basket as Los Angeles Lakers' Chris Mihm tries to defend Friday at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia, Penn.

Rodriguez headlines Texas Hall of Fame

HOUSTON (AP) — Former Texas Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez and former Houston Astros pitcher Joe Niekro headlined the list of seven inductees entered into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame on Friday night.

The group also included original Houston Colt .45s third baseman Bob Aspromonte, former National League umpire and Houston resident Satch Davidson, former Negro League star and Texas native Smokey Joe Williams, Houston Astros executive Rob Matwick and T.R. Sullivan, a Fort Worth Star-Telegram sports writer who heads the Major League Baseball Writers' Association.

A crowd of about 500 gathered at a Houston hotel for the induction ceremony.

Rodriguez was the most recognizable star, posing for pictures and signing autographs for children. Nicknamed "Pudge," the current Detroit Tiger played for the Rangers

from 1991-2003, making every All-Star team from 1992-2001.

Rodriguez, whose 35th birthday is Nov. 27, said he would like to finish his career in Texas.

"Who knows? I still have a long way to go," said Rodriguez, who was named the 1999 AL Most Valuable Player. "Every player's dream is to start and finish with the same team. I still have a couple of years left in me."

Niekro played for seven teams, but spent more than half his 22-year career in Houston.

Niekro won 144 games for the Astros between 1975-85 and remains the franchise's all-time winningest pitcher.

He was introduced at the ceremony by his son, Lance, who's now a first baseman with San Francisco.

"This is a great honor," said the elder Niekro. "I haven't played here in a long while. It's nice to know people still remember."

Duncan leads Spurs to easy win

By HOWARD ULMAN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Tim Duncan had 29 points and 12 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs pulled away in the third quarter for their 16th consecutive win over the Boston Celtics, 103-82 Friday night.

The Spurs led 47-44 at halftime then outscored Boston 34-15 for an 81-59 lead entering the fourth quarter. Bruce Bowen hit all three of his 3-point shots in the first seven minutes of the third quarter, leading the defending champions to a 73-51 lead with 4:15 left in the period.

Duncan has never lost to the Celtics since being drafted with the first pick in 1997. The Celtics' last win over the Spurs was on Jan. 8, 1997, in Boston, 107-83. Since then, 11 of San Antonio's 16 wins have been by at least 10 points.

It was the first lopsided outcome this season for the Celtics (2-3), who played in two overtime games and two games decided on baskets at the buzzer.

Tony Parker added 23

points and Bowen had 12 for the Spurs (5-1), who have Michael Finley and Brent Barry on their injured list.

The Celtics, who beat Memphis 99-98 on Ricky Davis' basket at the buzzer Wednesday night, were led by Paul Pierce with 20 points and 10 rebounds and Al Jefferson's 12 points.

San Antonio led 26-13 after one quarter, but Boston cut that to three points at halftime.

Then the Spurs needed just 1 1/2 minutes to open a 16-point lead to start the third quarter.

Bowen and Manu Ginobili began it with consecutive 3-pointers. After Mark Blount hit a free throw for Boston, Ginobili sank two free throws and Bowen hit another 3-pointer for a 58-45 lead with 9:14 left in the third.

Pierce followed with two free throws, then San Antonio got the next five points. Delonte West finally made Boston's first basket of the quarter with 7:19 to go before Pierce's layup cut the lead to 63-51.

Then the Spurs got the next 10 points for a 73-51 lead and stayed ahead.

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Texans seek to end Colts' undefeated streak in Indy

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer
INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy has the only NFL team ranked among the top five in offense, defense and turnover margin. No wonder the Indianapolis Colts are still unbeaten.

So why is he worried about struggling Houston? Because the Colts are coming off an emotional Monday night victory over New England, had a short week, and, yes, face the Texans.

"Everyone's telling them how easy the game will be, and everyone's talking about Cincinnati and Pittsburgh and almost discounting Houston," Dungy said. "Anybody that has played division games knows the second game is tougher because you make adjustments."

Outside the Colts' locker room, most people believe Sunday's rematch will be a cakewalk, and the numbers suggest that could happen.

Indianapolis leads the league in sacks (28), has allowed the NFL's fewest points (98), and its offense is scoring 36.4 points over the last five games.

Houston, in contrast, has allowed the league's most sacks (43), scored the second-fewest points (107), has only five takeaways and is 0-7 all-time against the Colts.

The differences are glaring, even to the players.

"They're 8-0, we're 1-7. They're playing well, we're not playing so

well," safety Marcus Coleman said. "It's like we're here and they're in Hong Kong or something as far as the gap between us."

But the Texans will look different from the team Indy saw last month.

Defensive lineman Gary Walker and Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson, who missed the first game, are both expected to play. Houston coach Dom Capers believes that will help his team, which challenged the Colts for a half three weeks ago.

"We've played for a number of weeks without, really, our No. 1 guy on defense and our No. 1 guy on offense," Capers said. "It does affect your team."

Houston's problem will be the replacements.

Texans right guard Zach Wiegert could miss his fourth straight game with a high ankle sprain and rookie Drew Hodgdon, who started the last three games at center, has been ruled out with a sprained arch.

Those holes could give Robert Mathis a chance to increase his NFL-leading sacks total, while Dwight Freeney may get matched up against converted guard Chester Pitts.

Worse yet is the possibility, Domanick Davis could miss the game with a knee injury. Davis has been a persistent pest for the Colts, and carried the load when David Carr threw nine passes against Indy in the first meeting.

Last week's replacement, Jonathan Wells, has rushed for only 81

yards this season. But the Colts figure Houston will treat this game as its own version of the Super Bowl.

"If we can pull this game off it will be the highlight of our season," linebacker Antwan Peek said.

Dungy isn't the only person in Indianapolis who is wary.

Two-time MVP Peyton Manning insisted several times this week that the Colts cannot afford a let-down, even with a three-game lead in the AFC South and a two-game lead in the chase for the conference's best record.

The Colts want to maintain their early advantage and their momentum.

Manning still reminds teammates it took 15 wins to clinch home-field advantage in the AFC last season, and teammates are echoing that sentiment.

"It's nice to be 8-0, undefeated and in first place," receiver Brandon Stokley said. "But we have to play another eight games well or all our hard work early in the season went for nothing."

Dungy is doing his part. After returning home Tuesday morning, he wasted little time getting ready for the Texans and reiterating the danger of looking past NFL teams. He's warned the Colts of the impending circus atmosphere that comes with being the league's last undefeated team.

And he's eager to see how the Colts respond Sunday.



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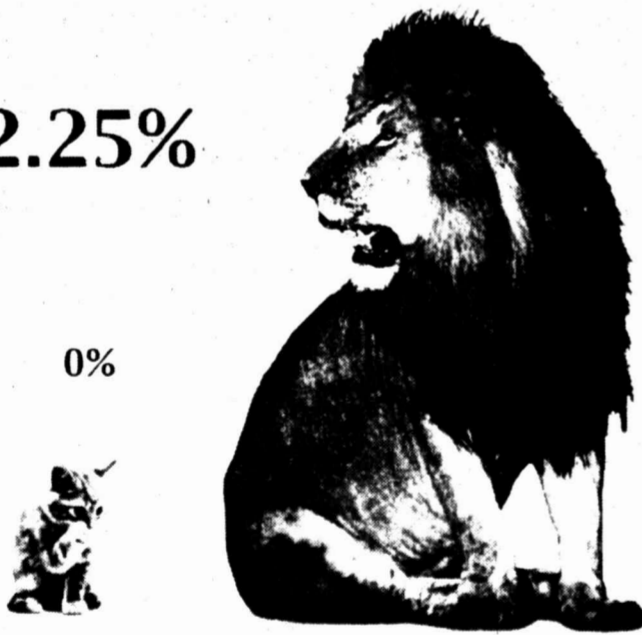


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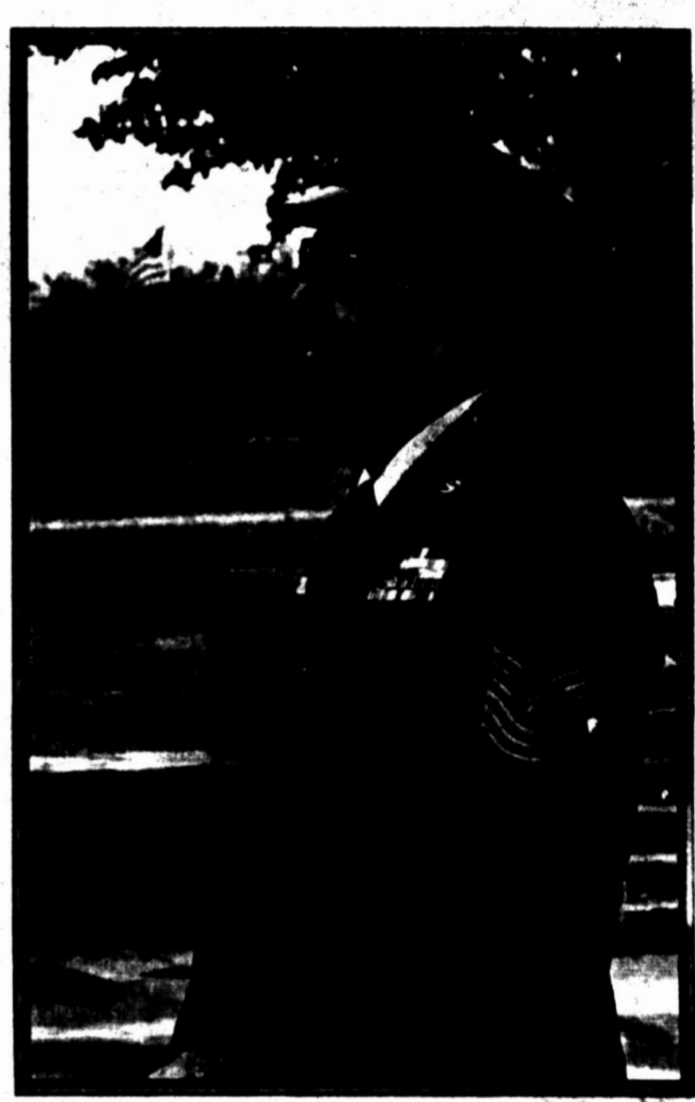
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Leo Welch, above and Don Boling



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Howard County celebrated Veterans Day with a celebration at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial and at the VA Medical Center, as well as several elementary school assemblies and a special reception at Howard College.



... above, ... at Kentwood Elementary



Births

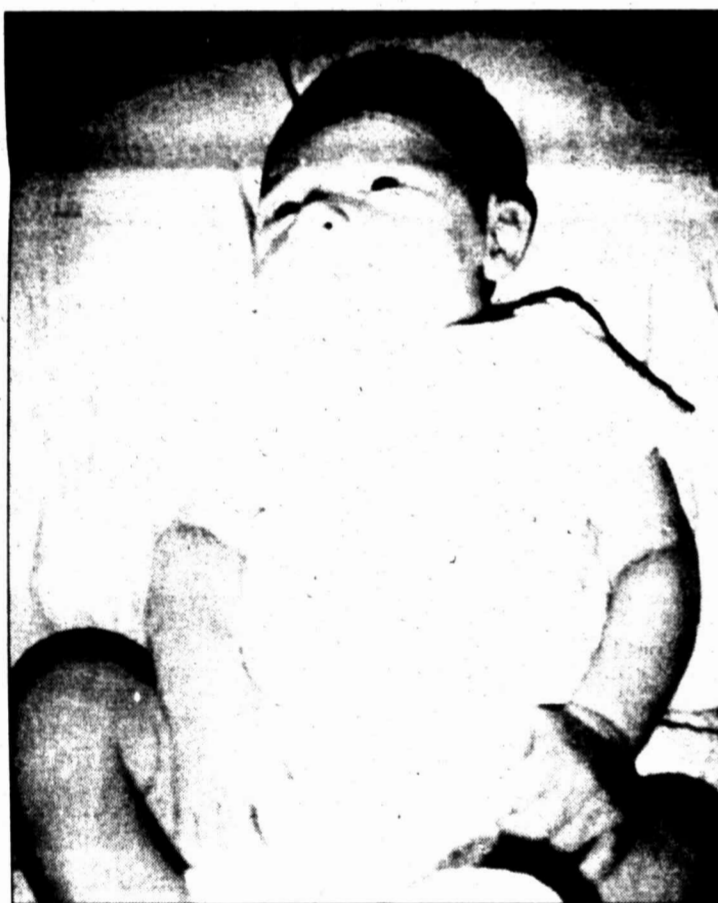


Kaegan Ky Baker

Gavin Blaze Padron, a boy, was born Oct. 25, 2005, at 1:44 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches in length. His parents are Philip Michael Padron and Jennifer LeeAnn Wells of Big Spring. His grandparents are Tina and Eddie Word, Jeff Wells, Lorri Hurst, all of Big Spring and Irma Padron, Lenora Padron and the late Pete Padron.

Michael Paul Perez, a boy, was born Nov. 4, 2005, at 2:43 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Ariel and Dianna Perez of Big Spring. His grandparents are Selestino and Maria Hernandez of Big Spring and Baltazar and Irma Perez of Eagle Pass. Michael was welcomed home by siblings Manuel, Nicholas and Roman.

Aeris Nicole Casey, a girl, was born Nov. 3, 2005, at 6:40 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and 21 inches. Her parents are Johnathan and Toni Casey of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Kenny and Kathy Barber and Marvin and Debra Casey, all of Big Spring. Aeris was welcomed home by sibling Cassidy.



Gavin Blaze Padron

Kaegan Ky Baker, a boy, was born at Midland Memorial West Campus Hospital Oct. 28, 2005, at 4:16 p.m., weighing 8 pounds, and was 20 inches long. He is the son of Khas and Amanda Baker of Big Spring. His grandparents are Jesse and Connie Baker of Big Spring, Paul and Mary Russell of Seminole and Jeff and Sadie Watkins of Ackerly.

Pageant

Martinez-Mendoza receives first place in baby pageant

Nine-month-old Arianna Gabriella Martínez-Mendoza of Big Spring received a first place trophy for the photogenic category in the 7-to-9-month-old division at the 2005 West Texas Baby Pageant. The pageant took place in October at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Odessa. During the awards ceremony Oct. 30 at Deadrick Auditorium at Odessa College, Martínez-Mendoza also received a second place baby beauty ribbon along with a beauty certificate and a Miss Royal Supreme Duchess Award and trophy, along with a \$70 gift certificate from Toys-R-Us. She is the daughter of Leticia Martínez and Anthony Mendoza of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Ricky and Elaine Martínez, Victor and Yolanda Mendoza and Oscar and Eva García, all of Big Spring.



Arianna Gabriella Martínez-Mendoza

Menus

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal (one bread), sausage patty (one meat), grape juice, milk; Lunch, charmeatballs, new potatoes, broccoli w/cheese, apricots, wheat rolls (high school second choice, fish strips).
Tuesday: Breakfast, toaster pastry (one bread), apples, milk; Lunch, chicken strips, mashed potatoes, English peas, Jello w/fruit, rolls (high school second choice, steak sandwich).
Wednesday: Breakfast, tortilla (one bread), sausage link (one meat), fruit punch, milk; Lunch, Mexican jambaylia, salad, corn, oranges (high school second choice, corn dog).
Thursday: Breakfast, muffin (one bread), ham slice (one meat), pear, milk; Lunch, turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, pumpkin pie (high school second choice, hamburger).
Friday: Breakfast, super donut, (2 bread, 1/2 c. fruit), cheese bites, milk; Lunch, chili-cheese dog, potato rounds, border beans, pear halves (high school second choice, chicken quesadilla).

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, Nutrigrain bar, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, fruit cup, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, toast, peanut butter/jelly, juice, milk; Lunch, nacho grande, lettuce and tomato, apple, cornbread, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, sausage-on-a-stick, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, hot rolls, mixed fruit, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, baked potato

w/ham, broccoli w/ranch, Texas toast, pears, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, biscuits, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, corndog, waffle fries, baked beans, orange smiles, milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, bread sticks, juice, milk; Lunch, lasagna, salad, peas and carrots, fresh grapes and garlic bread, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, Nutri-bars; Lunch, carne guisada, refried beans, corn, orange slices and flour tortillas.
Wednesday: Breakfast, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches; Lunch, chicken spaghetti, green beans, peaches, Texas toast, yogurt.
Thursday: Breakfast, egg/potato burritos; Lunch, fish strips w/tarter sauce, salad, fresh fruit, macaroni and cheese and roll.
Friday: Breakfast, pancake and sausage; Lunch, hamburger, lettuce and tomato, pickles, French fries, baby carrots and pudding.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Breakfast, waffles, syrup, cereal buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, pizza cheese sticks, mixed vegetables, garden salad, pears, ranch dressing, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken wrap, beef wrap, western beans, lettuce and tomato salad, pineapple, salsa, American cheese, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon French toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, barbecue bun, peanut butter/jelly sandwiches, Cheetos, baked vegetarian beans, vegetable sticks, apples, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast,

cinnamon rolls, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, baked turkey, baked ham, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, hot rolls, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers, hamburgers, French fries, hamburger salad, orange slices, mustard, mayonnaise, milk.

Westbrook ISD

Monday: Breakfast, sausage "n" blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, peaches, sliced bread, milk.
Tuesday: Breakfast, PBandJ Uncrustables, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, tacos w/cheese and salsa, tossed salad, corn, pear halves, milk.
Wednesday: Breakfast, cinnamon rolls, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, nachos w/meat and cheese, peppers and salsa, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, milk.
Thursday: Breakfast, toast and jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch,

turkey and dressing, green beans, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, whipped topping, sliced bread, milk.
Friday: Breakfast, pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk; Lunch, cheeseburgers, salad fixings, French fries, fruit snack, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday: Lunch, smothered steak, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.
Tuesday: Lunch, chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, milk, cake.
Wednesday: Lunch, baked ham, sweet potatoes, spinach, salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.
Thursday: Lunch, cheese burger, French fries, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, milk, pudding.
Friday: Lunch, turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, milk, rolls, fruit salad.

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Engagement



Jose Gomez III and Yolanda Aguirre

Aguirre, Gomez to wed

Yolanda Aguirre and Jose Gomez III, both of Big Spring, announce their intention to exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. Dec. 3, 2005, at God's Church, 1905 Scurry.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Elias Daniel and Margarita Heredia of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Herminia Olivarez of Big Spring and the late Marcelino Olivarez and the late Aldifonso and Margarite Heredia.

The groom is the son of Lycia M. Gomez of Ackerly and the late Jose Gomez Jr. He is the grandson of the late Desiderio and Lycia Moreno and the late Jose and Josephina Gomez.

The bride-elect is a 1983

graduate from Sands High School and works for the Howard County Big Spring Humane Society.

The groom-to-be is a 1980 graduate of Sands High School and is employed by Hillside Properties.

Newcomers

Bobby Fuller, wife, Patricia, son, David, 8, formerly of Waxahachie.

He is a sales associate for Coldwell Bankers. She works in the accounting department of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Justin Duran, wife, Heddy, daughter, Harper, 8 months, formerly of Midland. He is a fluid specialist for Basic Energy Service.

Neil Conner, wife, Elvira, daughters, Vicki, 13, Danielle, 6, son, Nicholas, 9 formerly of Hereford. He is a plant engineer at Sid Richardson.

Chris Bishop, wife, Kelsey, formerly of Brownfield. He is employed by Jim Pherrnanten House & Construction. She is employed at Dakota's Flowers & Gifts.

Elizabeth Campbell, son, David, 18, formerly of Lubbock.

Alvis Maynard, wife, Irene, formerly of Rogers, Ark.

Maurice Africh Jr., wife, JoAnn, sons, Maurice III, 15, Mikhail, 12 1/2, daughter, Matthey, 14. He is a corrections officer at Cornell Corrections.

Gregory Bermea, wife, Yesenia, daughter, Kristen, 1 year old, formerly of Odessa.

Henrietta Bruno, formerly of Moorehead City, N.C.

Silvia Martinez, daughters, Ceci, 16, son, Johnny II, formerly of Colorado City. She is an licensed vocational nurse at Big Spring State Hospital.

Wedding

Sullivan, Smith wed

Shannon Elizabeth Sullivan and Bradley Lynn Smith were united in marriage Oct. 15, 2005, at First United Methodist Church in Midland with the Rev. Juan Helms officiating.

Shannon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Sullivan of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Lillian Sullivan of Andrews and the late S.F. Sullivan and the late George and Loretta Wilson.

Brad is the son of Greg Smith and Rose Smith, both of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Evangeline Sturm of Luther and the late Louis Sturm.

D'Ann Sullivan served as the bride's honor attendant. Bridesmaids were Ashley Smith, Meagan Sullivan, Courtnee Smith and Morgan Sullivan. Katie Phillips served as the flower girl.

Chris Smith served as the best man. Groomsmen were Nathan Smith, Danny Sullivan Jr., Jack Tonn and Glenn Harkins. Daniel Stickle served as the ring bearer.

Immediately following



Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Lynn Smith

the ceremony, a reception took place in the church parlor. The wedding cake was a three-tiered cake accented with precious moments figures. The groom's cake was a chocolate cake accented with chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride is a graduate

of Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in merchandising with minors in marketing and math. She is employed with Midland ISD as a first grade teacher at Burnett Elementary.

The groom attended Texas Tech University

and is a graduate of the University of Texas Permian Basin. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and minor in chemistry. He is employed as a mathematics teacher at Big Spring High School.

The couple will make their home in Midland.

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Brenda Stansel, above, owner of Brenda's Barbecue & More, stocks the shelves of her newest endeavor, The Basket Barn. The building itself, below, which is located next-door to her restaurant, is believed to have been one of the first rural post offices in the county.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Basket case

Brenda Stansel's gift shop caters to a wide assortment of tastes

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Brenda Stansel is a first-class basket case, and she'll be the first one to admit it.

Of course, what goes into that basket is what really makes the difference, as the local restaurateur recently opened The Basket Barn, a variety store that caters to just about every indulgence of the senses you can think of.

Featuring everything from homemade soaps, cookies, fudge, candles and an array of crosses, Stansel has a pretty good handle on the "variety market" concept. However, if you ask her it all got started, the answer might surprise you.

"Do you know what my real dream is?" asked Stansel with a gleam in her eye. "My real dream is to put people to work. I just love to put people to work. It's not necessarily for me or that I'm trying to make myself a millionaire, but I like to give people somewhere to work. I really don't know what else to say about it."

Walking around the business, which is situated on Third Street in a pair of

small buildings next-door to Stansel's other dream come alive, Brenda's Barbecue and More, it's obvious she has an eye for decorating.

"I like to decorate. I'm not an interior designer, mind you, but I really like it," said Stansel. "I'd like to have cookies all over Texas and plenty of people working. My daughter, Fayelyn (Clark) helps me with most of it and doesn't ask for much in return."

And while many entrepreneurs may be quick to liken their business to their dreams, in Stansel's case those dreams were quite literal in meaning.

"Some of this is just the result of dreams," said Stansel with a laugh. "Dreams that wake you up in the middle of the night telling you to make soap or something. I really can't tell you what it was because I don't know where it comes from."

And while it's almost impossible to pass up a taste of Stansel's fudge — which comes in so many flavors it's hard to choose — it's her crosses and candles that have people visiting The Basket Barn time after time.

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Oll execs: We're not gouging the public

It's supply and demand

By FRANK JAMES
Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — With the budgets of millions of Americans squeezed by soaring fuel prices, top executives from the nation's largest oil companies defended themselves last week before senators demanding explanations for the companies' record profits, which reached \$32.8 billion in the third quarter.

The executives said they weren't gouging consumers and that the reasons for the sharply higher prices had to do with the basic economics of supply and demand.

Even Republicans traditionally close to the energy industry took a tough-talking approach toward the leaders of ExxonMobil, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, BP America and Shell Oil Co.

"Americans have been experiencing painfully high prices at the pump," said Sen. Peter Domenici, R-N.M. "Whether you think so or not, they think so," he told the executives at a joint hearing of the Senate Commerce and Energy committees.

"Most Americans and most of the polls show



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The Senate Energy and Natural Resource Committee holds a hearing on energy pricing and profits. Lee Raymond, chairman and CEO, Exxon Mobil Corporation; David O'Reilly, chairman and CEO, Chevron Corporation; James Mulva, chairman and CEO, ConocoPhillips; Ross Pillari, president and CEO, BP America Inc. John Hofmeister, president and U.S. country chairman, Shell Oil Company testify in Washington, D.C.

that our people have a growing suspicion that the oil companies are taking unfair advantage of the current market conditions to line their coffers with excess profits," Domenici said.

Following Katrina and Rita, gas prices spiked to more than \$3 a gallon. Prices have since fallen but the national average

was still about \$2.38 a gallon for regular unleaded gasoline for the week ending Monday, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Meanwhile, energy analysts have warned that the global demand for natural gas, as well as the

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Ports to Plains elects board members at annual meeting

The Ports to Plains Corridor Coalition elected nine members to its board of directors at the organization's annual meeting this month in Amarillo. The new board members will serve two-year terms, and join eight other board members.

New to the board of directors are Max Howorth of Sonora, Robert Keys of Amarillo, Cardon Berry of Eads, Colo., and Robert Loew of Greeley, Colo. Re-elected board members are Don Bethel of Lamesa, Bill Crooker of Big Spring, John Bertsch of



Crooker

Plainview, Milton Pax of Dumas, Penny Peryatel of Raton, N.M. and Gaynelle Riffe of Stratford.

The Ports to Plains

Corridor Coalition consists of about 80 members who are working for transportation infrastructure improvements along the corridor from Laredo to Denver, Colo. The corridor is about 1,400 miles long with 550 currently four or six-lane divided highway and another 137

miles under design or construction. That leaves 775 miles to complete the corridor. Additionally the corridor will include 15 relief routes that will provide safer and more efficient transportation for communities along the corridor.

Once completed, the corridor will create about 40,000 new jobs with an economic impact of \$4.5 billion, according to a study recently completed by the departments of transportation from Texas, Colorado, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Older workers increasingly prized

By BOB MOOS

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Hank Mann of Austin hasn't thought about retirement.

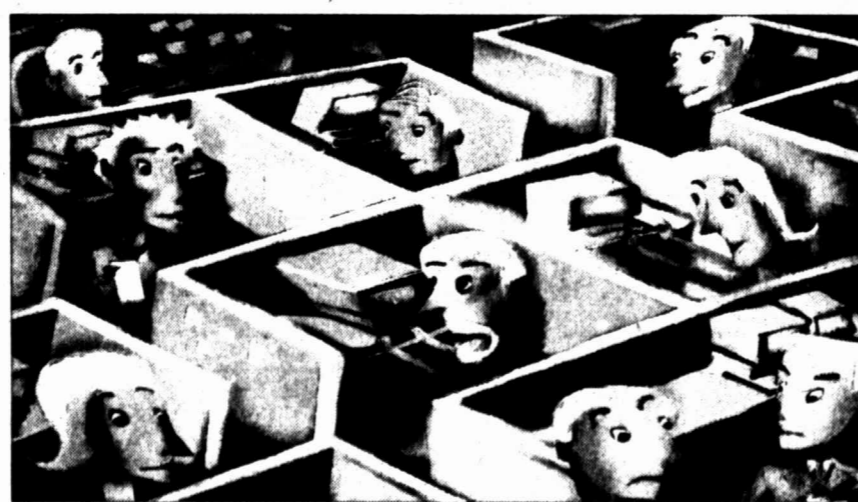
The 63-year-old engineer is too busy diving into murky waters to inspect locks and dams for Stanley Consultants.

"I'm having too much fun," he said. "As long as I've got the energy, I'm sticking with this." His bosses are glad he feels that way.

Iowa-based Stanley Consultants Inc., which designs buildings, highways and power plants around the world, tries to hold on to older employees as long as it can — a third of its workforce is over 50.

More companies are beginning to think like Stanley Consultants, which tops AARP's list this year of the 50 best employers for workers over 50.

These employers are devising flexible working arrangements, offering benefits such as long-



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term care insurance and allowing employees to phase into retirement over several years.

"Guys like Hank have a lifetime of engineering know-how," explained Bob Berg, Stanley Consultants' human resource manager. "We don't want that experience walking out the door."

Lorrie Foster, a research director for the Conference Board, says employers' atti-

tudes spring from corporate self-interest as much as altruism.

"Sixty-four million boomers are poised to retire over the next decade," she explained. "Depending on what they do, there may not be enough younger workers with the right skills to replace them."

Some labor analysts are predicting a shortage of as much as 10 million workers by the

end of the decade.

"That's quite a reversal from years of labor surpluses, when employers never had to worry about finding someone to replace the employee who just left," said Michael Zey, author of Ageless Society.

Because businesses have grown accustomed to a labor surplus, most corporate executives still haven't focused on the impending labor shortage and brain drain, Zey said.

Executives who have recognized the problem work in economic sectors such as health care, retail and utilities, where companies are already having trouble hiring enough workers, he said.

In 2001, when AARP published its first list of the top employers of mature workers, it got 14 entries.

This year, it fielded 145 applications — a clear sign to AARP senior research adviser Kathi Brown that more companies

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UPCOMING

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors will meet at noon Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the chamber board room. Those planning on eating should RSVP by noon Tuesday by calling 263-7641.

Western National Bank will sponsor Business Before Hours from 7:30 a.m. until 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. Business Before House is designed to encourage networking and to showcase sponsors and is put on by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. There is no charge to attend and breakfast will be served. The bank is located at 607 Scurry.

The public is invited to a ribbon cutting at the office of Dr. Joseph E. Chavez, M.D. at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. The office is at Malone & Hogan Clinic, Suite 205, 105 W. 11th Place.

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PUBLIC RECORDS

County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: David Christopher Petree, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Debra Denise Ausbie, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$361 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Debra Denise Ausbie, possession of a dangerous drug, \$311 court costs, 45 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Darren Heffington, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Stephanie Anne Yanez, theft of services - more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Ernesto Marquez Muniz, possession of marijuana - more than two ounces less than four ounces, \$1,500 fine, \$266 court costs, 180 days

in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: William Elgin Sneed, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$1,500 fine, \$266 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Gregory Lynn Cesna, possession of marijuana - more than two ounces less than four ounces, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Johnny Ray Payne Jr., criminal trespass of a habitation, \$250 fine, \$316 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Johnny Ray Payne Jr., theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Joseph Edward Olivera, consumption of alcohol by a minor - third offense enhanced, \$250 fine, \$270 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Johnny Payne Jr., criminal trespass of a habitation, \$250 fine, \$266 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Brant E. Headlee, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$750 fine, \$216 court costs.
Judgment and Sentence: Charlie Jak-

Turner, failure to identify - giving false information, \$311 court costs, 30 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Joe Ernest Valencia Sr., driving while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Steven Loyd Bateman, theft by check - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$361 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Pat Dewayne Savell, interfering with an emergency call, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Joe Valencia, resisting arrest, \$1,000 fine, \$266 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Joe Valencia, failure to identify - giving false information, \$1,000 fine, \$266 court costs, 90 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Gerald Carl Whitfield, possession of marijuana - two ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$266 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Latasha Lynn Anderson, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$381 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: George Vernon Gonzales, possession of marijuana - two

ounces or less, \$300 fine, \$266 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Jimmy Anthony Cantu, assault causing bodily injury, \$266 court costs, 90 days in jail.
District Filings:
 District Filings were not available at press time.
Marriage Licenses:
 Thurman E. Branning III, 24, and Sylvia Diana Villa, 41, both of Big Spring.
 Chad Allen Musgrove, 38, and Cynthia Gay Fryar, 42, both of Big Spring.
Warranty deeds:
 Grantor: Countrywide Home Loans Inc.
 Grantee: The Sec. of Housing and Urban Development
 Property: Lot 11, Block 23, College Park
 Date Filed: Nov. 4, 2005
 Grantor: Maribel Ortega Cervantes
 Grantee: Sergio Cervantes
 Property: Lot 21, Block 7, Stanford Park
 Date Filed: Nov. 7, 2005
 Grantor: Robert Woods
 Grantee: Nancy Salani

Property: A tract out of Section 39, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date Filed: Nov. 8, 2005
 Grantor: Robert Evert Sizenbach and Dorothy Sizenbach
 Grantee: Embroidery Shop Inc.
 Property: The S/50 feet of the NE/4 of Block 28, College Heights
 Date Filed: Nov. 8, 2005
Warranty deeds with vendors lien:
 Grantor: Tommy Jon Tompkins Inc.
 Grantee: Robert F. Jackman
 Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date Filed: Nov. 3, 2005
 Grantor: Leola Faye McCrea
 Grantee: Ronald Hale
 Property: Lot 11, Block 4, Middle Acres
 Date Filed: Nov. 3, 2005
 Grantor: Richard Perez and Lydia Perez
 Grantee: Sammy Aguilar Jr. and Lori Aguilar
 Property: Lot 52, Tract 4, Foster Subdivision
 Date Filed: Nov. 4, 2005
 Grantor: Leland Pierce
 Grantee: Clint Tanis and Dakan Tanis
 Property: The N/20 feet of Lot 30 and all of Lot 31 and the S/15 feet of Lot 32, Block 14, Washington Place

Date Filed: Nov. 4, 2005
 Grantor: Troy Koening
 Grantee: Donald R. Baker
 Property: Lot 10, Block 61, Original Town of Big Spring
 Date Filed: Nov. 4, 2005
 Grantor: Steve D. Eider and Domingo Eider
 Grantee: Colby Ditto
 Property: Lot 25, Block 5, College Park Estates
 Date Filed: Nov. 7, 2005
 Grantor: Betty Joan Thompson
 Grantee: Clifford R. Chalmers and Fonda Chalmers; Wendell Creech and Carolyn Creech; L. Bartlett Hotchkiss and Sharla Hotchkiss; Louis R. Dunnam and Nancy Dunnam; Gerald Stautzenberger, Tom N. Thompson and Karla Thompson
 Property: The N/2 of Section 48, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
 Date Filed: Nov. 8, 2005
 Grantor: Benjamin Edward Baucum and Kandace Baucum
 Grantee: Jeremy L. Wright and Samantha Wright
 Property: Lot 5, Block 27, Monticello
 Date Filed: Nov. 8, 2005

EXECS

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limited receiving facilities in the U.S. for foreign-produced natural gas, will result in shockingly higher heating costs for many consumers this winter.

Lee Raymond, chairman and chief executive officer of ExxonMobil, whose \$9.92

million third-quarter profit was more than any U.S. company has ever earned in a single quarter, acknowledged the burden higher energy prices have placed on consumers.

"The increases in energy prices following hurricanes Katrina and Rita have put a strain on Americans' household budgets, we recognize that," he told senators.

But in case anyone believed the industry was in a position

to soon bring down prices for consumers, Raymond indicated otherwise. "Given the scale and long-term nature of the energy industry, there are no quick fixes and there are no short-term solutions," he said.

Raymond met later with House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. Following that meeting, Hastert told reporters, "Basically, I said, you have huge profits. We need to invest some of that back in America."

Hastert, who would like to see a pipeline built from Alaska to the Midwest, said he told Raymond the industry could invest in pipelines and new refineries. Raymond didn't speak with reporters after his meeting with Hastert.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., displayed a large chart that showed the multi-million dollar bonuses collected by some of the oil executives at the hearing. They sat stone-faced as

Boxer cited the sums.

In 2004, Boxer said Raymond received a \$3.6 million bonus on top of his \$3.2 million salary. She said each of the executives' bonuses was more than 155 times the typical American's annual salary.

Given their high pay, she asked if the executives and their companies would contribute to a charity to assist consumers struggling to pay the sharply higher fuel prices.

OLDER

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want to be acknowledged as good places for workers over 50.

AARP is also collaborating with businesses interested in tapping into the mature workforce. The organization has signed up 24 "featured employers" committed to recruiting, hiring and retaining older workers.

"Companies are realizing that an aging workforce isn't a burden on health care and pension costs so much as it could be an opportunity to be leveraged," said Emily Allen, director of the AARP Foundation's workforce initiative.

A million seniors visited the AARP featured employers' Web site in its first year, checking on opportunities with companies such as Borders Group, MetLife Inc., Principal Financial Group and Walgreen Co.

Bill Corporon, 58, of Dallas used the site to find a part-time job at a Borders bookstore this

summer. The Exxon Mobil Corp. retiree wanted to supplement his pension and keep busy.

"I'm a freelance writer, so working in a bookstore is a good fit for me," he said.

Michigan-based Borders enjoys a reputation as an innovator in attracting older workers.

The bookseller studied the demographics of its market and discovered that half of all book buyers are over 45. It then set out to create a workforce that better reflected its customers.

Retailers have made some of the most aggressive pitches for mature workers.

Fort Worth-based RadioShack Corp. says it hires older workers because they know how to relate to customers, have a strong work ethic and are role models for younger employees. The retailer advertises on a seniors' employment Web site, seniors4hire.org.

"Older adults understand what it takes to get the job done," said company spokesman Charles Hodges.

RadioShack doesn't hesitate to give older workers key assignments. Cliff Forseth of Wylie retired from the military and managed a succession of Radio Shack stores. The 58-year-old now oversees a Mesquite store, often working 54 hours a week.

"Customers tend to

trust us older fellows," he said.

Yet not all mature workers want to put in long days. They prefer jobs that let them pursue other interests. Their goal is to ratchet back on responsibilities yet stay engaged in some way.

Employers are discover-

ing that flexible job arrangements are especially appealing to those workers.

The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, the only Texas employer on this year's AARP list of best employers, says it's been successful at recruit-

ing nurses over 50 because it builds work schedules around employees' personal needs.

"We do anything we can to accommodate them - that may mean letting them work fewer hours or fewer days," said Jim Dorn, vice president of human resources.

BASKET BARN

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"Crosses and candles are my biggest sellers right now," said Stansel, pointing to several rock-like crosses hanging on the wall. "I'm also working on letting people know I can deliver baskets for birthdays, anniversaries or even get well baskets."

"Back in the 1980s I was a clown, and I delivered baskets in clown make-up back then. I don't want to put on the clown make-up anymore, and none of the young entrepreneurs working along side me want to wear it either. So we're leaving that behind. But I still think a basket full of fudge, cookies, candles and something like a book is a great idea."

Depending on how long

you've lived in the Big Spring area, the building where The Basket Barn is located may elicit some memories of its own.

"I bought this building from Bonnie Bennett several years ago, before she passed away," said Stansel. "She was like a mom to me. She told me this building was one of the very first rural post offices in Big Spring. You can look at it and tell it's certainly old enough to have been a post office at some point."

"I keep having to tell people to watch their heads when they walk in the front door," she said with a laugh. "I guess people were a lot shorter back then."

The Basket Barn is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. For more information, call 264-9554.

20th annual
HERALD
 Community Christmas Parade
 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3
 Parade theme:
 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
 Entry deadline - Noon, Friday, Nov. 18
 The parade will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. and head north on Gregg Street toward downtown, arriving in time for the downtown Christmas celebration.

\$100 Herald's Best of Show Award: for best interpretation of theme.
\$75 Mayor's Trophy: for best use of lighting.
\$50 Grand Marshall's Award: for best costuming.

First-place plaques will be awarded in the following categories:
 1. Individual or family 2. Civic group, school or church
 3. Commercial 4. Industrial

In addition, certificates of commendation will be awarded to the second- and third-place entries in each of those categories. Also, a special award will be presented to the best sheriff's posse, riding club or other mounted entry.

PARADE RULES

- The parade's official Santa Claus will be provided by the Herald. No other Santa Claus will be permitted in the parade.
- Floats should not exceed 65 feet in length, 8 feet in width and 14 feet in height.
- Antique vehicles will be the only undecorated vehicles permitted without special permission from Parade Committee.
- Vehicles of a strictly commercial nature will not be permitted.
- Parade entries not in line by the start of the parade will be placed at the end of the parade and will not be eligible for awards.
- For safety, do not throw candy from your float. Small children run up under the tires. Please have someone walking beside your float if you want to throw candy.

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 - 15 Issue forth
 - 16 Grade-school project
 - 17 Extension
 - 18 Romance, for 14 Down
 - 19 1987 Peace Prize winner
 - 20 Relax, with "out"
 - 22 Bart's mother
 - 23 Object to
 - 24 Craze
 - 26 Roulette bet
 - 27 Islanders' surface
 - 28 Great numbers
 - 30 Name in Beatles' history
 - 31 Tumbled down
 - 33 Flower part
 - 35 At _____ (conflicting)
 - 36 Hit the water
 - 37 Mole's work
 - 40 Oater heroes
 - 44 *Feminino* suffix
 - 45 Some pro golfers
 - 47 Edge
 - 48 Telejournalist
 - 50 Overindulges
 - 51 News follower
- DOWN**
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 - 2 "Ventura Highway" band
 - 3 Four teeth
 - 4 Work clay
 - 5 Passed bills
 - 6 Depot info
 - 7 Fabric edges
 - 8 Ballet duet
 - 9 Austrian article
 - 10 Travel far and wide
 - 11 Bach instrument
 - 12 Saloon
 - 13 Think of
 - 14 *Terminator 2* director
 - 21 Camelot lady
 - 24 Interfered
 - 25 What some keys have
 - 28 Takes on cargo
 - 29 Moves a bit
 - 32 B'k
 - 34 End of Jack's boast
 - 36 Closet item
 - 37 Diatribes
 - 38 Public service
 - 39 You find them in your travels
 - 40 Place
 - 41 On the lam
 - 42 Get behind
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Mercury is a puckish trickster playing with our sense of normalcy this week as he reverses his path through Sagittarius. The things you take for granted, like the mail getting to its destination or the answering machine capturing the messages, may prove untrustworthy. But at least what comes out of the mess is much more interesting and fun!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whatever your ailment, the age-old remedies work. Here's an old-fashioned idea: Walk beside a friend and talk. No, not on your cell phone — in person. Your heart becomes full again.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't need all that stuff you think you

need. Take two things off that "need list" in your head, and watch your energy level rise. Also, spending time with a Sagittarius or a Leo causes an energetic surge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You hate when people say they're ready and then it turns out they're not ready at all. At least you can say you were on the ball. Try to have compassion for others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Loved ones present ideas to you that are so far out of your realm of comfort it's hard not to laugh. But be open-minded. See these thoughts as one possibility in a bouquet of possibilities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Lately, it seems that time has been a bully to you. But today, you're pushing time around — showing it who's boss. Getting back in control feels so terrific. There's not a moment to waste on mundane activities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's funny how a

harmless little informational tidbit can spin you down a winding road for hours. Try to keep your original intent in mind! The contact, you have with a Gemini or a Scorpio is soul refreshing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Consider if there's someone you should get to know better. People behind the scenes are a part of your life almost as much as the ones you deal with face to face. What happens after lunch is nothing short of miraculous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Make the rounds, wishing friends and family well. Feeling so connected to others lowers your stress levels. Take into account your own needs though. It's nice when something you want is no problem for someone else to give.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're tougher than usual. Pity anyone who snakes out of an agreement with you now! Confrontation can clear

the way to peace. Instead of doing your best to keep this monster at bay, invite it in for tea.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). New love flies into your tender heart. Unknowingly, you are the conduit for someone else's creative blossoming. You achieve this just by being yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The resistance you've encountered will disappear when you raise your energy. Jump into a project like you're the Tasmanian Devil. Obstacles in the path of your tornado are uprooted, and they never even see it coming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It shouldn't be so hard to drum up your enthusiasm for life. Perhaps you're focusing on pleasing someone besides yourself. You help others best when you figure out what makes you feel vital and continue doing that.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: A secret

talent is like an illicit love affair. It seems to occupy a place and time that's outside of place and time, not fitting into any kind of normal life at all except in fleeting thoughts and daydreams. But sooner or later, the passion must integrate into daily living, or it will fade away completely.

The solar transit through Scorpio wants to help us decide which of our passions are worth bringing to the fore and making part of our so-called "real" life. As we head toward the full moon in Taurus on Tuesday, much is unleashed. The information that comes out could be transformational, or at the very least, perspective-altering.

Mercury, who loves to prod and provoke us in the manner of a bored big brother, will be retrograde this week. Expect mishaps of the most delicious order. It's as though we're living out daily life for the amusement of a hidden camera. If you

can't laugh at yourself, it's really hard to find humor in anything at all. Loosen up, and have fun with the unpredictability of it all.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Danny DeVito is a Hollywood stalwart who expresses his Scorpio depth in many art forms: He acts, writes, directs and produces. He's also a dedicated husband to Rhea Perlman and a father to three children. I predict DeVito will draw on his "Taxi" comedic television roots to advise a major network on its 2006 lineup.

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Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife, "Jackie," and I are very happy together, except for one thing — my mother.

When I met Jackie, she was a single mom of a beautiful 3-year-old daughter, and had a past she is not proud of. However, her honesty, combined with the steps she took to make herself a better person, allowed me to see her as the loving, responsible person she has since become. I thought my mother would agree, but I was gravely wrong.

Mom treats Jackie horribly. She even admitted that she tried to "protect" me by making things so unbearable that Jackie would leave. It almost worked, but I promised Jackie I would no longer allow Mom to interfere, and I have kept my word. Despite all this, Jackie always has encouraged me to maintain a good relationship with my mother.

A few weeks ago, Mom invited herself to visit for Christmas. When I told her we still had some issues to resolve first, Mom began verbally trashing my wife. Jackie told Mom that if her nasty behavior didn't change, she could no longer see the kids. What ensued was a screaming match, followed by hundreds of pages of hurtful e-mails from Mom, insinuating that I was choosing my wife over her.

Annie, no matter how bad things get, we would never deprive our children of a grandmother's love. (Mom has indeed been a wonderful grandma.) Jackie has e-mailed Mom to explain, but it hasn't helped. Mom has since returned to me every item I've given her, including pictures of my wedding day and my baby girl being born. She insists Jackie is ruining my life and cried that she may as well kill herself.

I now think it might be in my children's best interest to have no contact with someone who hates their mother so deeply. I can't be sure Mom won't say vindictive things about Jackie to the kids. I am in counseling now, but please help. — Canada

Dear Canada: Let's clear up one thing first — you ARE choosing your wife over your mother, and that's the way it should be. Jackie and your children are your first priority, and Mom is going to have to learn to accept



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that Mom needs to know you mean what you say. Call her and make it clear, calmly, that either she respects your marriage, or she will see the children only under your supervision, if at all. Do not argue with her or raise your voice. If she says one bad word about Jackie, say goodbye and hang up the phone. Do not respond to her vitriolic e-mails. She will come around or she won't, but the choice will be hers.

Dear Annie: I work in an office of mostly women. One of the few men has a chronic snuffle and snort and makes these grotesque noises throughout the day, which makes eating lunch in the same room nauseating. Worse, he also picks at his nose constantly and "adjusts him-

self" without taking our presence into consideration.

We have pointed out these behaviors to him, and he says, "You'll get over it." Is there anything more we can do? — Grossed Out in Virginia

Dear Virginia: The chronic snuffle (and corresponding snort) is probably allergies. Suggest that he see his doctor. Since you've tried talking to him directly, the next step is complaining to human resources or to a supervisor about the "adjustments," which may fall under "sexual harassment." Avoid him at lunch, if possible. That's about it.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Lonely and Frustrated," the widow going with the 68-year-old man who wouldn't have sex without marriage but didn't want to get married. I had the same problem, so my pastor performed a "commitment ceremony." We said vows, and we feel we are married in the eyes of God, even though our marriage is not legally recognized. — Happy and Fulfilled

Dear Happy: Many readers suggested this helpful solution. (Be aware, however, that in many states, living together is considered common-law marriage.)

Dear Annie: My girlfriend and I are both 34 and have been dating for

three years. "Sheri" does not work and rarely gets up before 1 in the afternoon. She lives in a house that her family owns and receives child support from her ex-husband. She also has me to pay her bills. I am totally devoted to Sheri and love her son as my own.

The problem is for the past three years, I have been taken advantage of. My family and friends are sick of talking to me about Sheri. They think I am crazy for wanting to be with a woman who steps on me. Every time she hurts me, I swear I'll never go back, but I always do. It's like an addiction.

For example, several months ago, my grandfather died suddenly. Sheri refused to attend the funeral, and while I was at the service, she used my credit card to order \$5,000 worth of clothes online. I forgave her. She said she wanted to get married, so I bought our wedding rings. The day after booking the hall, Sheri picked a fight.

Now I find myself on the bottom of the roller coaster again, wondering why I want to be with someone who hurts me so much. What is wrong with me? — Loving and Hardheaded in Wyoming

Dear Hardheaded: You already know — you like being needed, you can't admit you made a mis-

take, and underneath it all, you don't think you deserve better. You are enabling Sheri's manipulative behavior. You want to be her knight in shining armor. She sees you as an easy mark. Consider counseling to learn why you think so little of yourself and how to form healthier relationships. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I have been friends with "Lindsey" for 30 years. She has seven children, and I have been invited to all of their weddings and showers, and have sent gifts whether I've attended or not.

My son recently married, and Lindsey attended the wedding but did not bring a gift. She also didn't give a shower gift. I know it's not the money. She can afford a nice present. Should I ask her about it? — Confused Neighbor

Dear Confused: No. It's still possible that Lindsey will send a wedding gift, but even if her behavior is ungenerous, you are not entitled to demand a gift or an explanation. A guest gives a wedding present because she wishes the couple well. We hope Lindsey will come through.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "No Name, No State," the 14-year-old girl with the alcoholic mother. My divorced mother started drinking when I

was 10. I grew up wondering if I would find her dead when I got home from school, and worrying what she might do to embarrass me in front of my friends (walking around naked in a drunken stupor was one of those things). I am so grateful for one of my mother's friends (a psychiatric nurse) who let me cry on her shoulder.

After 25 years of watching Mom drink, my siblings and I tried an intervention. Although she knew it meant she could no longer see her grandchildren, Mom refused help. One day, a few weeks after starting an antidepressant, she stopped drinking and never had another. I am grateful for the three sober years we had before she died.

I would like to encourage that girl to heed your advice and seek support, and also have Dad talk to Mom's physician. Lastly, I hope all adults will be kind and supportive to the children of known alcoholics. Their presence in a confused child's life could make a world of difference. — R.A.S. in Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear R.A.S.: We hope our readers will look out for these children, and also consider the possibility that depression may be the underlying problem. Thank you for your compassionate advice.

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