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Increased aid a boost for Howard College, SWCID

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees will start crafting a new budget for the district when they hold a workshop and their regular monthly meeting Monday at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf's Maddux Student Center.

The workshop will begin at 10 a.m. and the regular meeting will be held at 12:30 p.m.

The district will receive increased aid from the state this year — almost $900,000 for

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HERALD Photo/Thomas Jenkins

Captain Ed Cheshire cooks hot dogs during Friday afternoon's lunch at the local Salvation Army's Boys and Girls Club. Children participating in the summer program and their parents were treated to a lunch of chili dogs and lemonade.

City Council opens budget sessions Monday evening

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council will begin the arduous process of putting its 2009-2010 budget together beginning Monday evening with plans for the government body to work throughout the week, if necessary.

According to city officials, the annual budget work sessions will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

Tuesday, the council will hold its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m., followed by a budget session.

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INSIDE



Shared services

County to ponder pact with city of Big Spring

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

An agreement between Howard County and the city of Big Spring to trade much-needed services — including animal control, crime scene investigations and jail space — could be a step in the right direction, according to officials, as county commissioners prepare to discuss the issue Monday morning.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the agreement would call for the county to provide jail services to the city, and in return the city would provide animal control and crime scene investigative services.

"We have a serious dog problem out in the county. That's certainly no secret," said Barr. "And right now we don't have anyone to provide forensic work at crime scenes. The way this agreement would work, we would

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NewsWest 9 coming to Coahoma

NewsWest 9 will be at Coahoma City Park for broadcasts at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Monday.

According to organizers, there will be a hot dog eating contest, an ice cream eating contest, possibly an ugly dog contest and other games, food and activities.

The community is invited to participate.

Cocaine bust was in drug-free zone

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A drug bust Wednesday evening at a home in the 1500 block of Cherokee netted narcotics investigators a half-pound of powder cocaine and three arrests, according to local law enforcement officials.

Victor Castillo, 36, of 1504 E. Cherokee, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone; Henry Castillo, 40, of New Mexico, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone; and Kimberly Marie Castillo, 24, also 1504 E. Cherokee, was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone.

Kimberly Castillo was later transferred to the Howard County jail, where she was also charged with violation of a promise to appear (two counts), allowing a child age 4-17 to ride unsecured, no driver's license, driving while license invalid and a local warrant.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, the drug bust was the result of a long-running investigation.

"Investigators with the BSPD Narcotics Unit executed a search warrant at 1504 E. Cherokee, resulting in the three arrests," said Everett.

"A half-pound of powder cocaine was recovered from the residence. The search warrant was executed as a result of a lengthy investigation."

Everett said all three suspects were eventually booked into the Howard County Jail, where bond was set at $5,000 for Kimberly Castillo, and $25,000 for Henry and Victor Castillo.

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Rangers pitcher Padilla diagnosed with swine flu

JOHN MARSHALL
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Texas Rangers pitcher Vicente Padilla tested positive for swine flu, though his symptoms are subsiding and he's expected to make his next start.

Padilla was scratched from his start Wednesday against Boston due to flu-like symptoms, and lab reports Friday indicated he had H1N1 influenza A. He is thought to be the first athlete in U.S. major pro sports to be diagnosed with swine flu.

"He was as surprised as anyone when we told him this was the case," Rangers assistant general manager Thad Levine said. "From everything we've been told, this is certainly a different strain of the normal flu and by nature might be deemed more serious, but you really wouldn't treat it any differently."

Several Rangers players have been hit with the flu this week, including Eddie Guardado, Omar Vizquel and David Murphy. Catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia was scratched from Friday night's game against Kansas City due to the flu.

The team held a meeting Wednesday advising everyone to take necessary hygiene precautions, and the Rangers' flight to Kansas City was delayed until Friday morning in order to provide additional recovery time. Cultures have been sent away to determine if any other players have

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New age of Wade

'Camp Cupcake' no longer exists

JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Forget the image of Wade Phillips as the smiling, joking coach of the Dallas Cowboys. Instead, picture him as a snarling, in-your-face kind of guy.

Bradie James couldn't do it.

It was the morning after the Cowboys' 2008 season ended in disgrace. Phillips announced at a news conference that although there was not going to be a change in head coaches, there would be a change in the head coach. No more Mr. Nice Guy, he intimated.

James, a defensive captain last season, got the word from reporters. His unfiltered reaction: a smile, followed by a giggle, then another smile.

Seven months later, James is still smiling — but for a different reason. He insists the grin is in appreciation of how Phillips has managed to get tougher while still remaining good ol' Wade.

"He's been more involved, more vocal," James said. "There are some things he's been firm about. That's what you need. You need to see him getting in and getting hands-on with us, and that's what he's been doing lately."

The Dallas Cowboys open training camp in San Antonio on Wednesday

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AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

Dallas Cowboys head coach Wade Phillips, top, looks on as his team runs drills during NFL football minicamp in Carrollton June 17. Forget the image of Coach Phillips as the smiling, joking coach of the Dallas Cowboys. Instead, picture him as a snarling, in-your-face kind of guy. Camp Cupcake is gone.

Feldman outduels Greinke

Rangers shut down Kansas City, 2-0

JOHN MARSHALL
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Decimated by illness, unable to generate much of anything against Royals ace Zack Greinke, the Texas Rangers got just what they needed from Scott Feldman.

Feldman outpitched Greinke with eight scoreless innings and the Rangers extended their winning streak to five games with a 2-0 victory over the slumping Kansas City Royals on Friday night

The illness-depleted Rangers learned before the game that pitcher Vicente Padilla has swine flu and didn't put up much of a fight against the Royals, managing four hits. They didn't need more the way Feldman (9-3) was pitching.

The right-hander pitched beyond the seventh inning for the first time, allowing four hits for his career-high ninth win. Marlon Byrd's homer in the fourth inning and Hank Blalock's run-scoring single in the eighth was all Feldman needed.

"He outpitched the best pitcher in baseball," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

Hit hard by the flu this week, the Rangers pushed their flight to Kansas City back a day to give everyone extra time to recover. Padilla, who missed his start on Wednesday, tested positive for swine flu earlier in the day and catcher Jarrod Saltamacchia was scratched because of flulike symptoms.

The Royals proved to be the weaker team, though, managing just five hits for their ninth shutout loss. The

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Jerry Jones: Cowboys not interested in Michael Vick

ARLINGTON (AP) — Even if Michael Vick is available, Jerry Jones says the Dallas Cowboys have no plans to sign the suspended quarterback.

The Cowboys owner has repeatedly said since Vick was released by the Atlanta Falcons last year that his team won't sign Vick.

Vick was freed from federal custody this week for dogfighting charges and is awaiting word from NFL commissioner Roger Goodell about if and when he will be reinstated.

Responding to a question Friday about Vick, Jones said his stance hasn't changed.

"It hasn't," Jones said, emphasizing that by repeating that phrase twice more in a matter of seconds.

Sports in brief

Two-a-days practice schedule for BSHS volleyball and football announced

Two-a-days for all Big Spring High School volleyball and football players — from incoming freshmen to seniors — is set to begin Aug. 3.

Volleyball practices will last through Aug. 6 and will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day.

All practices will be in the Big Spring Junior High gyms.

The week will end in the Lady Steers first scrimmage Aug. 7 in Big Spring. First game of the season is Aug. 11 at Sweetwater.

The first week of football two-a-days will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from Aug. 3 through Aug. 7 at the Athletic Training Center. The schedule for the second week of practices is to be determined.

The Steers play their first scrimmage Aug. 15 against Monahans in Big Spring.

Any student entering the ninth or 11th grades must have a new physical to participate in any sports at BSHS.

BSHS football season tickets going on sale Monday at ATC

Season tickets for the upcoming 2009 Big Spring High School football season go on sale for previous season ticket holders Monday and will remain available through Aug. 6.

The general public can then begin purchasing season tickets Aug. 3 through Aug. 12.

Cost is $30 for a total of six home games. Tickets can be purchased from Kay Cook at the Athletic Training Center from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday during the dates alotted for sales.

For more information, call Kay Cook at 264-3661.

Big Spring Quarterback Club having first meeting of year

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Center.

Parents of Big Spring Junior High or High School football players are encouraged to attend.

Also, anyone interested in placing an ad in the 2009 Football Program may pick up a form at the ATC or contact Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Deadline to place ads in the program is Aug. 7.

Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association's weekly results

In Monday's Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday, two teams tied atop the leaderboard with an even par, forcing a scorecard playoff. Benefitting from the tiebreaker was the team of Patsy Sharpnack, Daury Cockrell and Joann Hillger, while Dee Jenkins, Betty Murphy and Linda DeWaters settled for second.

In Thursday's couples play, a score of 3-under was shot by two team, forcing another scorecard playoff. The team of Jerry Roach, Annie Ward and Chick and Carol Madry came out on top with Jimmy and Deanna Foresythe and Howard and Trish Gabbard taking second.

Nick DeWaters was closest to the pin of Hole 6.

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FAMILY FEATURES

Summer calls for light meals that are full of flavor and can be tossed together in no time.

To take advantage of summer's fresh produce, award winning cookbook author and teacher Joanne Weir teamed up with Lindsay Olives to create simple and delicious signature recipes for summer eating.

Quick and easy to prepare, these tosses can be made in advance and enjoyed in multiple ways throughout the week.

Fresh-From-the-Garden Olive Toss: Fresh chives, parsley, lively lemon zest and savory olives bring summer to any dish.

Mediterranean Olive Toss: All the flavors of the Mediterranean come together in a tasty, sun-kissed marriage of tomatoes, olives, garbanzo beans, capers, garlic, herbs and balsamic vinegar.

Santa Fe Olive Toss: The taste of the Southwest comes alive with tangy olives, black beans, corn, cumin and fresh cilantro to create this Southwestern confetti.

Toss any of these with just-picked lettuces or cabbage, mix with hot or cold cooked rice or pasta, or serve on top of grilled chicken breast, skirt steak, or a barbecued turkey burger. At approximately 100 calories per serving, each Lindsay Olive Toss recipe is a tasty, healthy way to enjoy summer dining.

For more easy summer recipes, visit www.lindsayolives.com.

Fresh-From-the-Garden Olive Toss adds a fresh, savory taste to grilled chicken breasts.



Mediterranean Olive Toss transforms rotini — whether served hot or at room temperature.

Mediterranean Olive Toss

Prep time: 30 minutes
Servings: 10
Serving size: 1/2 cup

- **1 jar (5.75 ounces) Lindsay Pimiento Stuffed Spanish Manzanilla Olives, drained, coarsely chopped or 1 jar (4.5 ounces) Lindsay Garlic Stuffed Queen Olives or 1 jar (6 ounces) Lindsay Greek Kalamata Pitted Olives**
- **12 cherry tomatoes, halved**
- **1 small red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and diced**
- **1/2 red onion, peeled, and diced**
- **1 cup canned garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed (about 5 ounces)**
- **3 tablespoons drained capers**
- **2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar or red wine vinegar**
- **4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**
- **1 clove garlic, minced**
- **3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil**
- **2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano**
- **Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste**
- **4 ounces feta cheese, coarsely crumbled**

In medium bowl combine olives, tomatoes, peppers, onions, beans and capers.

In small bowl, whisk together vinegar, olive oil and garlic. Add to olive mixture with basil and oregano; mix well. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Add feta and very gently toss together.

Do ahead: Can be made in advance and will keep for 7 days in your refrigerator.

Nutrients per serving: 147 calories, 99 calories from fat, 11g total fat, 6g monounsaturated fat, 10mg cholesterol, 588mg sodium, 8g total carbohydrates, 2g dietary fiber, 4g protein

Fresh-From-the-Garden Olive Toss

Prep time: 30 minutes
Servings: 10
Serving size: 1/2 cup

- **1/2 cup Lindsay Black Ripe Pitted Olives, drained, coarsely chopped**
- **1/2 cup Lindsay Naturals Green Ripe California Pitted Olives, drained, coarsely chopped**
- **1 small celery stalk, diced**
- **1 medium carrot, diced**
- **1/4 Maui or other sweet onion, diced**
- **1/2 cucumber, peeled, seeded, and diced**
- **1 small green zucchini, unpeeled and diced**
- **1 small yellow squash, unpeeled and diced**
- **12 cherry tomatoes, halved**
- **2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley**
- **2 tablespoons fresh chives, thinly sliced or 2 tablespoons dried chives**
- **1 tablespoon finely shredded lemon peel**
- **2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lemon juice**
- **4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**
- **Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste**

In a medium bowl combine olives, celery, carrot, onion, cucumber, zucchini, yellow squash, cherry tomatoes, parsley and chives. Add lemon peel, lemon juice and extra virgin olive oil to bowl; mix well. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Do ahead: Can be made in advance and will keep for 7 days in the refrigerator.

Nutrients per serving: 89 calories, 72 calories from fat, 8g total fat, 6g monounsaturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 136mg sodium, 4g total carbohydrates, 2g dietary fiber, 1g protein



The taste of the Southwest comes alive when Santa Fe Olive Toss is served on slaw.

Santa Fe Olive Toss

Prep time: 30 minutes
Servings: 10
Serving size: 1/2 cup

- **1 1/2 jars (4.5 ounces) Lindsay Spicy Jalapeño Flavor-full Queen Olives, drained, coarsely chopped (about 1 1/2 cups) or 1 can (6 ounces) Lindsay Black Ripe Pitted Olives or about 1 1/2 cups Lindsay Naturals Green Ripe California Pitted Olives, drained, coarsely chopped**
- **1 ear cooked corn, cooled and kernels cut off the cob or 4 ounces canned sweet corn**
- **1 small red bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and diced**
- **1 small yellow bell pepper, stemmed, seeded, and diced**
- **5 green onions, thinly sliced**
- **3/4 cup canned black beans, rinsed and drained**
- **2 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice**
- **4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil**
- **1 teaspoon ground cumin**
- **1 teaspoon chili powder**
- **1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro**
- **Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste**

Combine olives, corn, peppers, green onions and black beans. In small bowl, whisk together lime juice and olive oil. Add cumin, chili powder and cilantro to olive mixture; mix well. Taste and season with salt and pepper as needed.

Do ahead: Can be made in advance and will keep for seven days in the refrigerator.

Nutrients per serving: 115 calories, 79 calories from fat, 9g total fat, 6g monounsaturated fat, 0mg cholesterol, 153mg sodium, 8g total carbohydrates, 2g dietary fiber, 2g protein

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Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

• DANIEL RIOS, 23, 905 E. 16th, was arrested on five local warrants.

• DAVID RIOS, 23, 905 E. 16th, was arrested on a local warrant.

• CONSUELO SALAZAR GARCIA, 31, 1300 Blackmon, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention, driving while intoxicated and duty on striking a fixture or landscape.

• ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 45, 423 Westover, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 1900 block of Highway 87 and the 1200 block of Mulberry.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported on Craigmont.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1200 block of 19th and the 1100 block of Lancaster.

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED was reported in the 2500 block of Monticello.

• DUTY ON STRIKING FIXTURE OR LANDSCAPE was reported in the 2600 block of Wasson.

• EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 500 block of Martin Luther King.

• FAILURE TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY was reported in the 500 block of Sixth and the 200 block of Third.

Take Note

• A benefit fund for stroke victim Rocky Dunlap has been established at Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton St. Dunlap has been employed for the past several years as a principal with Big Spring Independent School District.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities funds through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. West Texas Opportunities will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

Obituaries

Alma Long

Alma Long, 84, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 24, 2009 at her residence. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Bobby England

Bobby England, 81, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 24, 2009 at his residence. His services are pending with Edwards Funeral Home of Ranger.

Everett Booker

Everett Booker, 43, of Big Spring, died Friday, July 24, 2009 in a local hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Helen Howton Thweatt



Helen Howton Thweatt, 97, formerly of Luxora, Ark., died Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at a local nursing facility in Abilene. Visitation will be at the First Baptist Church in Luxora, Ark., at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 26, followed by the funeral at 3 p.m. Officiating will be the pastor, Rev. Jackie Wood. Burial will be at Violet Cemetery in Osceola, Ark.

Helen was born in Osceola, Ark., July 26, 1911, to Dr. Oleander and Edith Howton. She graduated from Luxora High School, William Woods College and Northwestern University, followed by a short career as an English teacher. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Luxora since 1925 and a Sunday School teacher there for nearly 80 years. She was a charter member of the Luxora Book Club, the Mississippi County Historical and Genealogical Society and the Progressive Club.

Helen is survived by her son, William and wife Wanda Thweatt of Midland; daughter-in-law, Mary Elizabeth Thweatt of Clarksville, Tenn.; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and six great-great granchildren.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, William Edward Howton; her husband, John Henry Thweatt; a son, John Howton Thweatt; and a great-grandson, Bennet William Huston.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Luxora, Ark., 72358, The American Cancer Society, March of Dimes or a charity of your choice.

Paid obituary

R.J. 'June' Cate



R.J. "June" Cate, 85, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 23, 2009, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 27, 2009, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born March 7, 1924, in Spur and married Gladene Fields.

He had worked for Olden Independent School as a maintenance man and then for Lester Humphrey Pest Control as an exterminator. June enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding on his scooter, picking up cans. He served three years in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Gladene Fields Cate of Big Spring, one daughter and son-in-law, Laverne and Bobby Boyett of Olden; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Terri Cate of Big Spring; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jerrell Cate of Eastland; and two sisters, Billie Dupuy of Snyder and Gwinn Collins of Azle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Betty Cate; one son, Glenn Cate; one sister; and six brothers.

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

Dora Lee Tindol



Dora Lee Lendermon Tindol, 87, of Big Spring, died Thursday, July 23, 2009, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, pastor of Salem Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born June 15, 1922, in Searcy, Ark. and married Waldo Lee Tindol Nov. 20, 1938 in Coahoma. He preceded her in death July 25, 1990.

Dora had worked six years at Golden Plains Care Center and for seven years at Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a nurse's aide. She had also worked as an inspector at Walls Factory Outlet for 3 1/2 years. She was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Tindol and wife, Shirley of Evergreen, Ala., and Larry Tindol of Big Spring; one daughter, Linda Ray of Midland; a sister, Lorena Stull of Odessa; a half-brother, Wayne Denton of Michigan; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Kenneth Tindol, in 1989; a grandson, Jonathan Tindol, in 1992; her twin brother, Sam Lendermon and another brother, Jack Lendermon; and one sister, Thelma Moran.

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Contador holds onto yellow jersey heading into Tour's final stages

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press Writer

AUBENAS, France — After three weeks and thousands of miles of riding, it all comes down to this: a soaring bald mountain in Provence where the Tour de France can be won or lost.

The fabled and dreaded Mont Ventoux on Saturday provides a dramatic climax to Lance Armstrong's comeback Tour — and teammate Alberto Contador is expected to keep the yellow jersey.

The main question in the 103.8-mile Stage 20 from Montelimar to the ascent that Armstrong calls the toughest in France is whether he'll be on the podium with the Spaniard when the race finishes Sunday on the Champs-Elysees in Paris.

Friday's relatively flat stage from Bourgoin-Jallieu to Aubenas did little to change the race standings, though an ever-opportunistic Armstrong shaved off four seconds to his deficit to Andy Schleck in second — making up for what he lacks in physical strength with guile.

Britain's Mark Cavendish won the stage in a sprint, collecting his fifth stage victory at this race — the most by a rider in a single Tour since ... Armstrong in 2004.

Contador, like the Armstrong of yesteryear, has been positively dominant at the Tour this year, winning a mountain stage and a time trial — phases of the race that count so much toward overall victory.

Armstrong, returning to cycling's main event at age 37 and as one of the oldest men in the peloton, has far more than held his own this year: he trails the Spaniard by 5 minutes, 21 seconds. Schleck, of Luxembourg, is 4:11 off the leader's pace.

While he has an outside — if unlikely — shot at overtaking Schleck, Armstrong's big concern are those behind him: Bradley Wiggins of Britain is only 15 seconds behind him, and Schleck's older brother Frank is 38 seconds back of the Texan.

Contador, whom Armstrong and other Astana riders have at times criticized for an apparent lack of teamwork, says his first job is to win the race — but he'll lend a hand to Armstrong if he can.

With only one big climb left in the race, the 26-year-old Spaniard is all but a lock for a second Tour victory. He also won in 2007.

"My priority is to protect the jersey up to Paris, but if it's compatible that I help someone from the team — for example, Lance — I'll do it without question," Contador said.

For all his prowess over the years, the seven-time Tour champion has never won at Mont Ventoux. If his performances in the Pyrenees and the Alps are any indicator, he's unlikely to do it this time, either. While solid in the mountains, he has not been among the very best.

Armstrong has a streak on the line: he won at least one stage in each of his run of

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Alberto Contador of Spain, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, reacts as he crosses the finish during the 20th stage of the Tour de France cycling race Saturday. Rear left is American seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong.

COWBOYS

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and the juiciest story lines stem from the departure of Terrell Owens, whether Tony Romo will flourish or flounder without him, and whether Roy Williams can step up as the lead receiver.

But don't forget about Phillips and his vow to crack a sharper whip. His future might depend on it.

Phillips is going into his third season running the Cowboys and his eighth full season as an NFL head coach, yet he's still seeking his first career playoff victory. He has the second-most regular-season wins without a playoff win in NFL history, 70 compared to Jim Mora's 125.

If Phillips can't break through this season, it's hard to imagine team owner Jerry Jones giving him another chance. And if he's cut loose, the 62-year-old Phillips may not find a fourth franchise willing to put him in charge.

Jones has plenty of reasons to be impatient, from the $1.1 billion he's invested in a new stadium that opens this season to the roughly $3 million he's paying Jason Garrett to be the offensive coordinator. Garrett is the highest-paid assistant in NFL history and widely viewed as the head coach in waiting.

Yet the biggest source of impatience — for Jones and all Cowboys fans — is "The Drought," a stretch between playoff victories that has reached capital-letter status.

Dallas' last playoff win was in 1996, making this the longest dry spell in franchise history. The club also has matched its longest gap between Super Bowl titles; anything shy of a championship this season will set that dubious mark.

The Cowboys seemed poised for a breakthrough in Phillips' first season, going 13-3 and grabbing the No. 1 seed in the NFC. Then they lost at home to the New York Giants, a wild-card team that went on to win the Super Bowl.

Dallas started strong again last season, only to finish 1-3 and miss the playoffs. Romo blew fourth-quarter leads in the first two losses, then everything fell apart in the finale, a 44-6 drubbing by Philadelphia when a win still would've put the Cowboys into the playoffs.

While Jones kept Phillips, he made a bunch of other changes.

Out went perceived troublemakers Owens, Adam "Pacman" Jones and Tank Johnson, plus linebacker Greg Ellis, who'd been griping about his status for several years.

Jones also dumped defensive coordinator Brian Stewart, essentially making him the fall guy for the defense's problems late last season, even though Phillips was calling the plays by then.

Stewart's replacement? Phillips, making him the only coach in the NFL whose business card reads head coach/defensive coordinator.

Phillips' forte over 30-plus NFL seasons is running a defense. But it's a lot of work, so Phillips tried easing his burden by bringing in Dan Reeves, his former boss and a former Cowboys player and assistant coach, as sort of a right-hand man. Reeves set up shop at team headquarters, then moved out a few days later when Jones insisted he work a set amount of hours.

So Phillips is doing double duty without pals like Stewart or Reeves. He's also going into the third and final year of the contract he signed when he replaced Bill Parcells. Those factors alone could bring out a new, tougher Phillips even as he has the leeway to be hands-on more often.

"I'm not going to change my personality," Phillips said. "I think one of my strengths is getting players to do what I want done. That's what leadership is — getting what you want done, however you have to do it."

Phillips seems to be pushing players harder without being harsher. Makes sense. He's never been into playing mind games like Parcells or threatening anyone with being sent to "the asthma field," a la Jimmy Johnson.

"People are going to feel I'm laid back whether I am or not," Phillips said. "But what you demand of players and what you ask them to do, there are two different things there. Some things you can demand more and other things you can ask them to do, and if it's not done then you correct it. Some of those things, what I demand, might be different."

One wrinkle is an emphasis on his authority, which is tough to claim in an organization where Jones wields much power. Phillips is reminding folks he's the boss by being strict about the rules. Even little ones.

Consider this scene from an offseason practice: A horn sounded, ending a drill and starting a break. A backup quarterback knew what drill was next, so he lined up folks and started throwing the ball around. Phillips hustled over, blew his whistle and hollered, "Don't start until we start!"

Trivial as it might seem, cornerback Terence Newman brought that up as an example of the "new" Phillips."He just lets everybody know he's going to hold them more accountable than he did last year," Newman said. "Not that he didn't hold people accountable, but that's an emphasis for him. ... He's just letting everybody know that this is the year. This has to be the year."

Phillips' previous training camps were chided as "Camp Cupcake" because of how easy he made things for veterans. Don't expect him to go soft this time around. That message came through loud and clear on the final day of a June minicamp.

After 2½ days of workouts in scorching heat, players were hoping Phillips would reward them by scrubbing the final practice.

Nope.

"If he wouldn't have had all those headlines about him not being tough, then we would've been off," James said, smiling and laughing once again. "He's tough. Believe me!"

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Weddings

Kloppenburg and Adkins

April 18, 2009



Sara Elizabeth Kloppenburg and Landon James Adkins were united in marriage Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 6 p.m. at the Sara Ellen and Samuel Weisfeld Center in Dallas. The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Zack Randles and music was provided by Chenoweth Chamber Music string instruments and vocalists, Steve Moses, Patti Adams and Lana Piercefield.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Kloppenburg of Spring. She is the granddaughter of Robert H. Kloppenburg of Hallettsville, the late Rose Marie Kloppenburg and the late C.H. and Elsie Kelly of Hallettsville.

The groom is the son of Lila Adkins and the late Larry Adkins of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Evelyn Adkins and the late Lawrence Adkins and the late Floyd and Ima Dell Williams of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father the bride wore an ivory gown by Pronovias.

Megan Culpepper of Houston, the bride's sister, served as matron of honor. Emily Kloppenburg of Houston served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Amy Scott, Angela Grisham, Kelly Tuttle, Karen Balaze, Shannon Radford and Larissa Adkins, sister of the groom. The flower girl was Lily Kate Woytek, cousin of the bride.

Serving as best man was the groom's brother, Les Adkins of Houston. Groomsmen included Zach Turpin, Ryan Moses, Ryan Vassar, Bobby Caivano, Brian Hale, Kyle Piercefield and Austin Adams.

The ring bearers were Ben and Jack Woytek, cousins of the bride. The ushers were Cliff Wood, Michael Tate and Ragan Phillips.

Scripture reading was given by Jason Culpepper, brother-in-law of the bride. A reception followed in the Pegasus Ballroom at the Magnolia Hotel.

On the eve of the wedding, the groom's mother hosted a rehearsal dinner at Pappasita's. The day before the wedding, family friends Cindy Tenney and Katie Burleson hosted a bridal luncheon at Sambuco Restaurant.

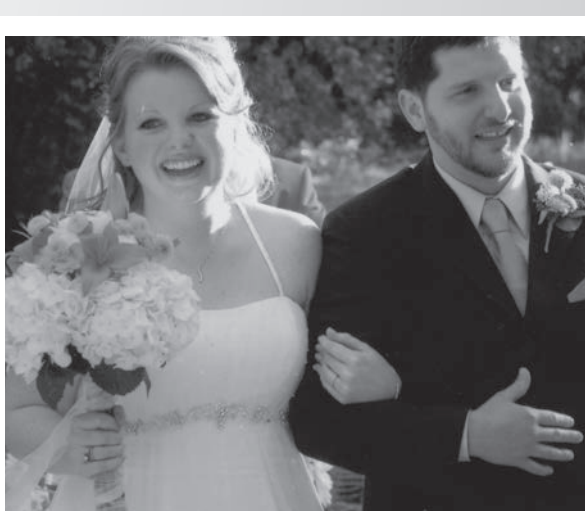
Sara is a 2001 graduate of Klein High School in Spring and a 2005 graduate of Texas A&M University where she earned a bachelor of science degree in finance.

Landon is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and in 2005 he obtained a bachelor of science degree in finance from Texas Tech University.

Following a honeymoon in St. Lucia, the couple will reside in Carrollton.

Bain and Garcia

April 14, 2009



Jamie Kate Bain and Eugenio (Gene) L. Garcia III, both of Austin, were united in marriage April 14, 2009, at the Umlauf Sculpture Garden in Austin.

The bride is the daughter of Howard and Gloria Bain and the granddaughter of Imogene Smith and Betty Bain of Big Spring and the late James J. Smith and William H. and Dena Kate Bain.

The groom is the son of Eugenio L. Garcia Jr. of Clute and Donna Lujan of Angleton.

Given away by her father, the bride wore an ivory, princess cut Vera Wang gown, adorned with crystals. She carried a bouquet of white hydrangeas and tiger lilies with her grandma Imogene's crystal broach in the middle.

Officiating the ceremony was Jeremy Torres of Austin, friend of the bride and groom. Ceremony music was provided by Kelly Knowles, friend of the couple.

Matron of honor was Joey Douglass Pinell of Flower Mound, cousin of the bride. Man of honor was Tony Bendinelli of New York City. Serving as bridesmaids were Kim Robertson Turnbow of New Braunfels, Lindsey Fletcher of Alpine, Sara Lusk Myers of Big Spring, Leslie Elrod of Big Spring, Kim McLellan Emerson of Fredericksburg and Ana Martinez of Lewisville.

Serving as the groom's best men were Michael Gray of Corning, N.Y., Jason Villarreal of Austin, Michael Holt of Austin, Tra' Slaughter of Houston, Mark Rosebud of Canyon Lake and Randy Rodriguez of Austin.

Jake Earl Myers, son of Justin and Sara Myers of Big Spring and A.J. Isais of Clute, nephew of the groom, served as ring bearers. Kayla Isais of Clute, niece of the groom, was the flower girl.

A reception and dinner were held immediately following the ceremony under the pavilion located in the garden. The bride's cake was a satellite cake featuring three flavors of red velvet, Italian Cream and white chocolate, all with vanilla butter and adorned with white daisies and ribbon. The groom's cake was a three-tier, dark chocolate cake with chocolate covered strawberries. Guest were entertained with music from Erin Ivey and Clay Nightingale, friends of the couple.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the father of the groom at Threadgill's in Austin. Verna Davis of Big Spring hosted the bride's maid luncheon at MoonShine Patio Bar & Grill in Austin. The bride's and bridesmaid's bouquets and flower arrangements were designed by Q.T. Coats of a Timeless Design of Big Spring.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School. She is employed by the Austin Symphony. The groom is a 1994 graduate of Brazos High School. He is employed by Gulf Coast Roofing & Contracting.

After honeymooning in the Bahamas, the couple resides in Austin.

Births

Brayden James Garrett



Brayden James Garrett, a boy, was born at 8:17 a.m. July 2, 2009 weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long.

He is the son of Timothy Garrett and Alyssa Rivas of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Jose and Margie Rivas of Big Spring and Jeanie Garrett of Colorado City.

He was welcomed home by siblings Christan and Connor Garrett.

Menus

Spring City

Senior Citizen's Menu

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Wednesday: Ham with pineapple, scalloped potatoes, baby carrots, cinnamon apple sauce, cornbread, milk.

Thursday: Taco salad, refried beans, guacamole salad, tortilla chips, salsa, line pineapple gelatin, peanut butter cookies, milk.

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

TUESDAY
• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY
• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.
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• Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY
• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
• Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY
• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at 1019 Nolan St. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
• Dance at the Senior Center, 1901 Simler, from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

COLLEGE

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Howard College alone — but that increase will be at least partially offset by an expected drop in property valuations, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

"We'll be working with new appropriation dollars that will include new money for SWCID as well as increased contact hour (compensation) and money from the state's Small College Supplement," Sparks said.

Unlike public K-12 school districts, which receive state aid based largely on attendance figures, contact hours — the number of hours students are physically in class or labs — determines how much state revenue upper-level institutions like Howard College receive.

And this marks the first year that Howard qualifies for state aid through the Small College Supplement, which funnels additional revenue to smaller Texas community colleges.

Together, state revenue from those two sources will equal more than $850,000, Sparks said.

In an additional bit of good financial news, SWCID, which receives almost all of its operating revenue from the state, will receive an additional $366,000 this year, she noted.

And college officials definitely have plans for the extra money.

"We've tried to consider the instructional needs of our students throughout the district when figuring in the extra revenue," Sparks said. "In particular, we are looking at targeting our dual-credit instruction (which allows high school students to take HC courses), our nursing program, developmental studies and tutorial services, which assist students having trouble with their college courses and our fine arts department, in particular the music program."

Because the small college allotment — just more than $537,000 in Howard's case — is subject to approval every two years, college officials are treating it as a one-time bonanza and not a permanent budget fixture. Therefore, they are hoping to aim that money toward technological purchases.

That good news, however, could be at least slightly offset by decreased property valuations in the district. Sparks said college officials will have a firmer idea on just how severe the decreased valuations will be by the time they meet with trustees Monday.

"All we know for sure right now is that those numbers will be less year's appraised values," Sparks said.

As things stand, Sparks does not contemplate major changes the district's budget.

"We have prepared the proposed budget for the board's consideration based on the same tax levy as last year," she said.

The district's budget and tax rate will be formally approved in August.

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provide the city with jail services and they would help us with the crime scene investigations and animal control issues in the county. This could be a really good deal for both agencies."

Barr said the issue is expected to be discussed during Monday morning's meeting, but a final decision on it may have to wait.

"The County Attorney, Joshua Hamby, has been out of the office, so he hasn't had a chance to look over the agreement yet," said Barr. "Unless he's able to look at it before commissioners court Monday and feels comfortable with it, we may have to table it until the next meeting."

The city of Big Spring won't be the only government agency vying for jail services during the meeting, however, as commissioners are expected to discuss and take action on a pair of contracts to house inmates from two nearby counties.

"The contracts we'll look at are with Sterling County and Dawson County," said Barr. "The contracts are the same as the contracts we currently have with Glasscock and Martin counties, so there shouldn't be any problem getting them approved."

Barr said the Howard County Jail is already housing a half-dozen out-of-county inmates at this time, and the results are encouraging.

"We have inmates from Martin, Glasscock, and I believe we already have one or two from Dawson County," said Barr. "The money those inmates are bringing in to the county is helping pay some of the bills. It's not a huge amount of money, mind you, but every little bit helps right now."

Barr said he expects more contracts to house out-of-county inmates in the future.

"As long as we have the room, we'll continue to do this," said Barr.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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"We'll do our best to keep the meeting short so we can make the most of the evening," City Manager Gary Fuqua recently told the council.

Fuqua said the work session is only expected to take two to three days to complete, but the city administration has set aside the entire week — also nightly at 5:30 p.m. — in case the council or staff runs into problems.

The council will have plenty to discuss during the budget sessions, according to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, with the fate of the municipal swimming pool most likely at the top of its list.

"Most of the budget items are pretty routine, but we do have some pretty big things to tackle this year," said Darden. "And the biggest, as most people would guess, is the situation surrounding the city swimming pool."

The council gave the order not to open the swimming pool at the end of the school year in May after city officials learned the facility failed to meet federal requirements.

"To comply with the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, and to comply with the other plumbing systems we have in and around the pool, would cost between $500,000 and $600,000," Darden told the council. "That's just to fix the plumbing and get the drainage system and other fixtures up to code."

During a recent work session on the matter, the council tentatively agreed to move forward with $3 million in renovations to the pool, with Mayor Russ McEwen calling for the funds to be financed through bonds that may not require an increase in the city's tax rate.

However, according to Darden, the original $3 million price tag may not be enough to finance a more modern swimming facility.

"We've been working with the consultants all week," said Darden. "Thursday they brought us three different concepts to look at. The city staff told them what they liked about each of the concepts and they will bring us back a final concept Tuesday. However, I think we're looking at closer to $4 million than the original $3 million we were shooting for."

Darden said the council will consider whether to move forward with the final concept during its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday evening.

The council is also expected to discuss $1.7 million in renovations to the current home of the Big Spring Police Department — the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement Center — during the budget work sessions, according to city staff.

Councilman Terry Hansen had encouraging remarks regarding the $1.7 million price tag for the renovation of the Law Enforcement Center.

"We're looking at spending $170 per square foot to renovate the building," said Hansen. "Renovation costs are very expensive these days, and you certainly can't build a new facility for $176 per square foot, so I feel like this is a viable option."

While the city may be able to protect its taxpayers from a tax increase to finance a new swimming pool, city water and sewer customers may not be as lucky.

Darden said the city staff is expected to present the council with increases in water and sanitation rates during the meetings. Similar increases have met with sharp scrutiny from the council in past years, but according to Darden, rising water prices from the city's provider is making the increases necessary.

"The preliminary numbers we've been given from CRMWD (Colorado River Municipal Water District) call for a 5 percent increase in the price of water," said Darden. "We haven't received a solid number from them yet, but at this point I expect it to be at least 5 percent."

Darden said he expects the cost increases to effect both water and sewer prices in Big Spring.

"When we compare our water and sewer rates to other nearby cities, we come out high on the water and too low in the sewer fees," said Darden. "So what we'll be looking at is spreading the cost increase across both services, so we don't end up too high on our water utility. However, this increase would simply be a pass-through increase to cover the rising cost CRMWD is charging us."

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seven victories from 1999 to 2005 — though he has repeatedly admitted he's not the same cycling force as he was then.

"Big day 2morrow..." Armstrong wrote on his Twitter account. "The 'Giant of Provence' Mt. Ventoux. Know it well, we're old friends but haven't always gotten along. Two times 2nd. Ugh."

The weather could be a factor: The forecast is for winds of 60 to 80 kph on the zigzagging roads to the moonscape-like peak, race organizers said.

Tour planners saddled competitors with Mont Ventoux to maintain race suspense until the next to last race day, featuring four extra-steep patches along a 13.11-mile ascent.

Armstrong is not alone in dreading it.

"L'Alpe d'Huez is a piece of cake against Ventoux," said Andy Schleck of another fabled climb also known as "hors categorie" — or so tough that it defies classification in cycling's ranking system.

The final stage Sunday is usually a ceremonial ride on the Champs-Elysees for the rider in the yellow jersey — at times with the champagne flowing even before the finish.

Despite four straight tough stages, the pack got off to a quick start in Friday's ride — notably chasing after 20 breakaway riders — and the pace accelerated in the second and third hours of racing.

Huge crowds lined bumpy roads in the early going along vast sunflower fields, some waving American flags or signs of goodwill toward Armstrong, whose has endeared himself to many French fans this year with his unlikely comeback.

Two remaining breakaway riders were caught with just 1.2 kilometers to go, and the main pack split with Cavendish, Armstrong and other sprinters in a 12-man front bunch.

The Texan thus trimmed 4 seconds off his deficit to Contador, but more importantly gave himself that much more breathing room in front of his immediate pursuers.

"Tomorrow is the big day, but that's what made the ride today hard because already we're a bit into the stage (mentally)," Andy Schleck said. "Tomorrow it's the legs that will do the talking."

Spurrier: Tebow's omission from All-SEC ballot mistake

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — Steve Spurrier cleared up the biggest mystery at Southeastern Conference media days: How Tim Tebow got left off a preseason All-SEC ballot.

Spurrier said Friday that South Carolina's director of football operations Jamie Speronis filled out the ballot in his stead and voted for Mississippi's Jevan Snead.

The other coaches picked Tebow, the Heisman Trophy winner two years ago.

"We screwed it up pretty badly," said Spurrier, who approved the ballot. "I'm embarrassed about it. I feel bad about it."

Spurrier said he has apologized to Tebow and that the SEC has let him amend the ballot to add Tebow. The vote totals have been changed on the league Web site.

The former Florida coach and quarterback — also a Heisman winner — called Tebow the best football player in the country. He said Tebow and ex-Gator Danny Wuerffel might go down as the two best quarterbacks in college football history.

Spurrier said he has never filled out a preseason All-SEC ballot.

"I haven't done that in 17 years," Spurrier said. "I usually look it over and I sign off on it. I did a poor job of looking it over this year."

Tracking down the lone coach to pick Mississippi's Jevan Snead was a weeklong question.

Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin even brought his ballot to the stage with him and showed it to an SEC staffer, who confirmed his Tebow pick. He said he had help filling out the ballot, "but I was obviously a big part of it."

Still, Spurrier's explanation raised questions about whether coaches fill out their own Top 25 ballots during the season. Spurrier said he looks over his "a lot more thoroughly" than preseason All-SEC teams.

He said he remains an advocate of coaches releasing their ballots publicly.

RANGERS

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Royals have lost 10 straight overall, their longest since dropping 12 in a row in May 2008, and have a seven-game home losing streak for the first time in two years.

"It's not so much scratching your head as it's pulling your hair out, really," Royals manager Trey Hillman said.

Feldman had something to do with it.

Coming off his first loss in five starts, the right-hander had little trouble against the AL's worst-hitting team.

Feldman allowed a single to Mark Teahen in the second, another to Yuniesky Betancourt in the third and little else the first five innings. Willie Bloomquist hit a double in the sixth inning and reached third on a wild pitch, but was stranded after Feldman got Teahen on a lazy fly to right.

Feldman allowed a single to lead off the eighth, but got Bloomquist to line out with a runner on third to end the inning. He didn't come out for the ninth and C.J. Wilson closed it out for his 10th save in 12 chances.

"You don't have much margin for error when you're throwing against those guys' (aces), but I didn't change anything I was doing," said Feldman, who's reached the fifth inning in all 17 starts this season. "I tried to do what I usually do. This time I was able to keep my pitch count lower and go a little deeper in the game."

Greinke (10-6) matched Feldman almost pitch for pitch. Almost.

He threw a first pitch strike the first 11 batters he faced and breezed through the first three innings. Greinke made one mistake in the fourth, leaving a curveball up to Byrd, who hit it out to left for a solo homer, his ninth.

Turned out to be his only mistake. The right-hander lasted seven innings, allowing one run and three hits to lower his major league-best ERA to 2.04. In other words, he was good enough to win.

"I thought for sure we'd get a couple," said Greinke, who had 10 strikeouts. "It really didn't cross my mind if one run wins it — that's pretty rare. You can't do anything about that really. I'm just trying to keep them down, so we can come back."

He should know better than to expect a comeback.

The Royals have scored three runs in his past four starts and he's 0-3 in July despite allowing seven runs in 26 innings. It's not too much of a surprise: Kansas City ranks last in the AL in runs and on-base percentage, and next to last in average, homers and slugging percentage.

At least the bullpen didn't blow up. Kansas City relievers had allowed 23 runs in 19 innings the previous five games of the homestand. This time, John Bale gave up Blalock's run-scoring single in the eighth and that was it.

"We're better than some of the teams we're facing, but we're just not getting it done," Greinke said.

NOTES: The Rangers are 12-4 on Friday. ... The Royals had two errors to raise their season total to 73, second-worst in the AL. ... Texas has 19 homers in 12 games.



AP photo

Texas Rangers outfielders Josh Hamilton (left), Marlon Byrd and Nelson Cruz celebrate following the Rangers' 2-0 win over the Kansas City Royals Friday in Kansas City. Texas has won five straight.

PADILLA

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swine flu.

"Without speculating, I think it is reasonable to expect that we may find some of our other guys have it," Levine said. "We've been medicating our players. We would use the same medication and the same kind program to rehabilitate them and they've all shown improvement. Those are the positive signs."

Padilla is already getting better. He ran in the outfield and threw a side session Friday in Kansas City and is expected to start Tuesday against Detroit, though the Rangers separated him from the team to avoid exposing others to the flu.

"As an extra precaution, we have encouraged him to go back to the hotel tonight and not sit in the dugout or the clubhouse. He's done that," Levine said. "I think we'll continue to take that level of precaution, and in addition (with) everyone else."

The news about Padilla's illness came on the same day that the San Diego Padres' Triple-A team postponed a trip to Utah because of a flu outbreak that has affected seven players.

The Pacific Coast League said the Portland Beavers asked to postpone Friday's game at Salt Lake because of the Influenza-A virus that has sickened several members of the club.

The PCL said none of the players has required hospitalization and the Beavers hoped to be able to travel in time for Saturday night's scheduled game at Utah.

Beavers vice president of baseball operations/communications Chris Metz said none of the players have been tested for the H1N1 flu virus and that the team delayed the trip as a precaution.

The Beavers played in Reno on Thursday and were scheduled to open a four-game series Friday at Salt Lake.

BRIEFS

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Big Spring Tennis Camp begins Aug. 3 at Figure 7

Big Spring High School Tennis Coach Dana Jones is teaming with Big Spring Junior High Tennis Coach Jason Fisher and Certified Tennis Instructor Ted Olesen to host the Big Spring Tennis Camp Aug. 3-7 at Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Instruction begins daily at 8 a.m. and concludes at noon. Cost is $65. Interested participants can register the first morning of the camp. All ability levels are welcome.

Coahoma Bulldogs Football Camp set for July 28-30

Bulldog Stadium is the site for the Coahoma Bulldogs Football Camp set for July 28-30 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. each day.

The camp is for ages 8 through incoming eighth graders. Cost is $25.

The camp will be coordinated by the Coahoma football coaching staff.

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Coggin and Wade

June 9, 2009

Toni Jo Lynn Coggin and Kelly Jay Wade of Midland were married at 6 p.m. June 6, 2009, at the Cuthbert Mansion in Midland. Father Mike Harris of Stanton officiated the ceremony.

The bride, known as T.J., is the daughter of Bill (Chipper) and Jo Coggin of Stanton. She is the granddaughter of Bill Coggin, the late Roxy Coggin and Ouida Coggin of Stanton and the late Evelyn Lankford of Stanton.

The groom is the son of Kirk Wade of Midland and DeLisa Wade of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Dana and Steve Turner of Big Spring, DeWayne and Nancy Wagner of Big Spring, Patsy and Joe Sharpnack of Big Spring, and Jim Wade of Tucson, Ariz.

The bride was attended by her maid of honor, Kelsey Coggin, sister of the bride, and bridesmaid Monica Coggin, sister-in-law of the bride. The flower girls were Roxy and Cypress McKinney, cousins of the bride.

The groom was attended by his best man, Tyler Wade, brother of the groom, and groomsman Ryan Coggin, brother-in-law of the groom. The ring bearer was Jagger McKinney, a cousin of the bride.

T.J. graduated from Stanton High School in 2003. She earned her cosmetology license from Midland College and near completion of her associate's degree. She is employed with Midland College in the Technical Studies Division and intends to continue school, majoring in business or education.

In 2002, while attending high school, Kelly began his career in the oil and gas industry working on drilling rigs. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 2003. He is employed with J.B. Hunt Gas and Oil Drilling as a daylight driller.

After the wedding, the couple honeymooned in Paris, France. The couple resides in Midland. Visit their blog at www.kellytj6-6-9.blogspot.com.

Fox and Garcia

July 11, 2009



Shelleyn Dinay Fox and Abel Moraida Garcia, both of Arlington, were united in holy matrimony at 5 p.m. July 11, 2009, in the ClayDesta Atrium in Midland with the Rev. Ken McMeans officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dwain and Diane Fox of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Kenneth and April Boothe, Clifford Fox and Tena Fox, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Diane Fernandez and Abel and Annette Garcia Sr. He is the grandson of Manuel and Virginia Sosa, Tony and Anna Rodriguez, Felix Garcia and the late Esther Garcia.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride wore an elegant gown of charmeuse satin with a V-neck halter that crossed diagonally into a beautiful pleated bodice cascading into a beaded embroidered drop waist.

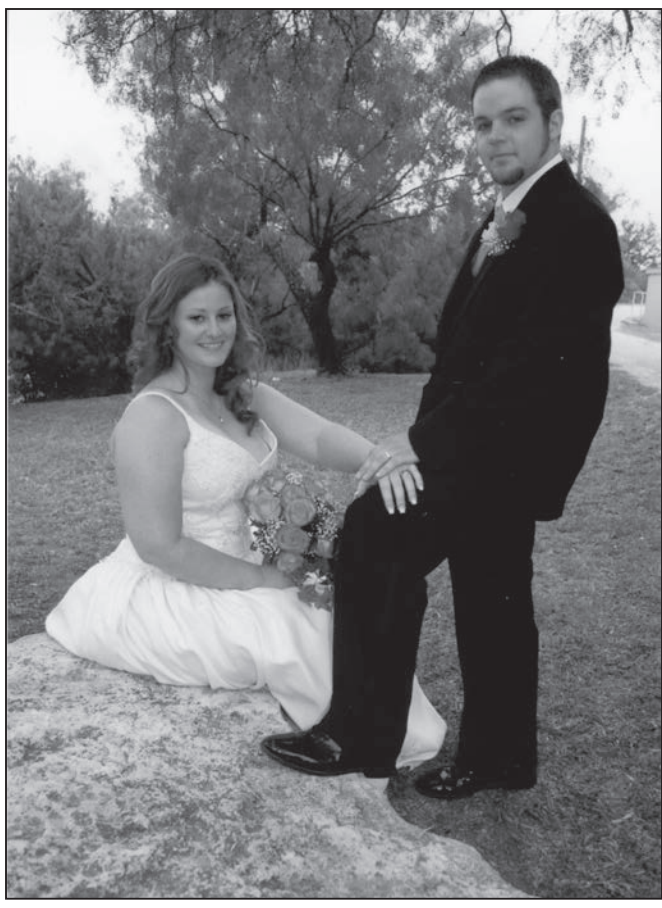
The waist swept into a godet chapel train which was also adorned with beaded embroidered appliqués.

Complementing her gown, Shelleyn wore a silver tiara of crystal rhinestones with a layered chapel length and a finger tip veil edged with sparkling rhinestones. She carried a hand-tied white bouquet of roses, daisies, stargazer lilies and rhinestone studded stephanotis.

Attending the bride was matron of honor Maegan Lloyd, sister of the bride, and maid of honor Kristine Vassar, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Antoinette Garcia, sister of the groom, Kira Darby, Heather Vassar, Kami Carnell, Kenzi Carnell, cousins of the bride, and Valerie Lopez, friend of the bride. Flower girl was Alexia Edmondson, niece of the groom.

Serving as the groom's best man was Mark Edmondson, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Kolt Fox, brother of the bride; Joseph Lloyd, brother-in-law of the bride; Freddie Sosa, uncle of the groom; Andrew Ossorio, Chris Coffman, Kevin Koo and Shawn Jones, friends of the groom. The couple left in a white limousine, amid bubbles and rose petals.

Following the wedding, they honeymooned in the Caribbean and will then reside in Arlington.



Chandler and Whitehead

June 28, 2009

Family and friends celebrated the marriage of Lauren Renee Chandler and Brett David Whitehead on Sunday, June 28, 2009.

The ceremony was performed by Brett's grandfather, the Rev. Martin Spell, and held at Dora Roberts Community Center lakeside pavilion.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Wayne Chandler. The maid of honor was Karen Chandler, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Kim Nairn and Kayla Whitehead, sister of the groom.

Best man was Kevin Lederman and groomsmen were Spencer Pruitt and Dewayne Pruitt.

Flower girls were Julia and Talia Delgado, nieces of the bride.

Lauren is the daughter of Wayne and Linda Chandler of Big Spring. Brett is the son of Marta and Glenn Whitehead of Round Rock and Austin, respectively.

The bride is a 2003 graduate of Sands High School and is the manager of the Pizza Hutt call center in San Angelo. She plans to pursue a degree in cosmetology.

The groom is a 2005 graduate of Leander High School in Leander and is the assistant manager of San Angelo Pizza Hut. He plans to pursue a career in restaurant management.

Following a honeymoon in Orlando, Fla., the couple resides in San Angelo.

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OUR VIEW

Time to think about Steers' season tickets

It's almost football season. The Dallas Cowboys will training camp Wednesday in San Antonio and other professional teams are making their way to camps around the country, and here in West Texas, high school teams are getting ready for two-a-day practices.

That means it's time for Big Spring Steers fans to purchase season ticket packages.

As is always the case, season ticket holders from 2008 have the first opportunity to purchase tickets for the Steers' six home games in 2009.

Kay Cook, the Big Spring Independent School District Athletic Department's secretary, said previous season ticket holders have until Aug. 6 to purchase the same seats they had last year before sales closed. They will be open to the general public on Aug. 3. The final day of sales will be Aug. 12.

The six-game packages, are priced at $30 each, include tickets for the Steers' home opener Aug. 28 when they host Snyder's Tigers, as well as what will be perhaps Big Spring's biggest challenge of the season, when Denison's Yellow Jackets, which began the season ranked No. 4 in the Class 4A ranks by Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine, come calling on Sept. 4.

Homecoming will be Sept. 18 with Andrews' Mustangs, and the fourth non-district home game will be the following Friday, Sept. 25, when the Steers play host to Sweetwater's Mustangs.

The final two home games are Oct. 16, when the Steers hosts Plainview's Bulldogs, and Oct. 30, when San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs come to call.

Season tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

For more information, call Cook at 264-3662.

We encourage Big Spring residents to give serious thought of taking advantage of the savings season tickets provide — you've got some time to decide — but get behind the Steers this season.

We're hoping another run in the Class 4A playoffs is in store.

We all lost a good, good friend

Big Spring lost a precious resource and a spiritual giant early Monday morning and I lost a dear friend. Everett Bender succumbed to the tumor that essentially left him unable to breathe, dashing the hopes of many who'd prayed for a miracle to be granted.



JOHN A. MOSELEY

I not only lost a friend last week, I lost a confidant and a spiritual advisor.

Everett and I'd crossed paths on several occasions over the years, but it wasn't until the *Herald* established its Readers Advisory Board a few years ago that we really got to know each other.

While trying to establish the Readers Advisory Board, I called Everett to ask if he'd be interested in serving, and he quickly asked if we could get together for lunch and discuss the matter. He added that he wanted to talk to me "about something."

During that lunch, Everett said he'd be honored to serve on our Readers Advisory Board and then surprised me by asking me if I'd be interested in being a part of the first Kingdom Leadership Group.

His idea for Kingdom Leadership, he explained, was to gather a small group of community leaders — clergymen, businessmen, law enforcement officials, educators and elected officials — and allow them to start one day each week in prayer for our community.

Such a simple idea, I thought, why hasn't anyone thought about doing it before?

During the next year, I realized that Everett Bender was a man of vision. He not only realized that getting us together in prayer would result in God's blessings for our community, but it would improve our individual prayer lives and band us together as Christian brothers.

And while Everett led our meetings, he always seemed to be taking a back seat. It was a role he was most comfortable with and the tack he took in organizing Big Spring's National Day of Prayer observance each year, and even when he felt the need for our community to have a Day of Thanksgiving following the Alon Refinery explosion last year.

I even had to spend considerable time convincing him that his, and wife Evelyn's story needed to be included in our 2008 Profiles section.

Today, I know that Everett and the Kingdom Leadership Group were an answer to prayer.

For months before that fateful lunch meeting, I'd been praying for something in my life. I didn't know what it was I needed, but I knew I needed something.

My spiritual growth had been progressing steadily for several years, as a result of my recovery in Narcotics Anonymous, but somehow, I knew something was missing.

As time progressed, Everett became an integral part of my life. When I was troubled, or just wanted to talk, all I had to do was call or go by and he'd put whatever he was doing on hold to counsel with me.

And a few years ago, when I'd found it impossible to control my weight, and all my doctor could recommend was to try and get me into the Duke Diet and Fitness Center, it was Everett and my Kingdom Leadership brothers who led the way in raising the $11,000 needed to send me to North Carolina. What's more, they did it in a little more than a week's time during the Christmas season.

Everett's tumor was diagnosed last year, while I was recovering in Dallas and Plano hospitals from injuries I'd received in an automobile accident on June 11.

It wasn't until I returned home to Big Spring last fall that I learned of his health problems.

We'd talked several times while I was in the hospital, but never once did he tell me about his health problems.

Once I'd returned home, he was the first person in Big Spring to visit me and immediately volunteered to go to the grocery store for me.

It was several days later that I learned of his condition, and immediately tried to take him to task for not letting me know what he was facing during the several telephone conversations we had while I was in the hospital.

"You didn't need to be worrying about me," he told me. "You needed to be concentrating on your own recovery."

That was just like Everett.

His focus was on my needs, not his. How many of us ever have a friend like that?

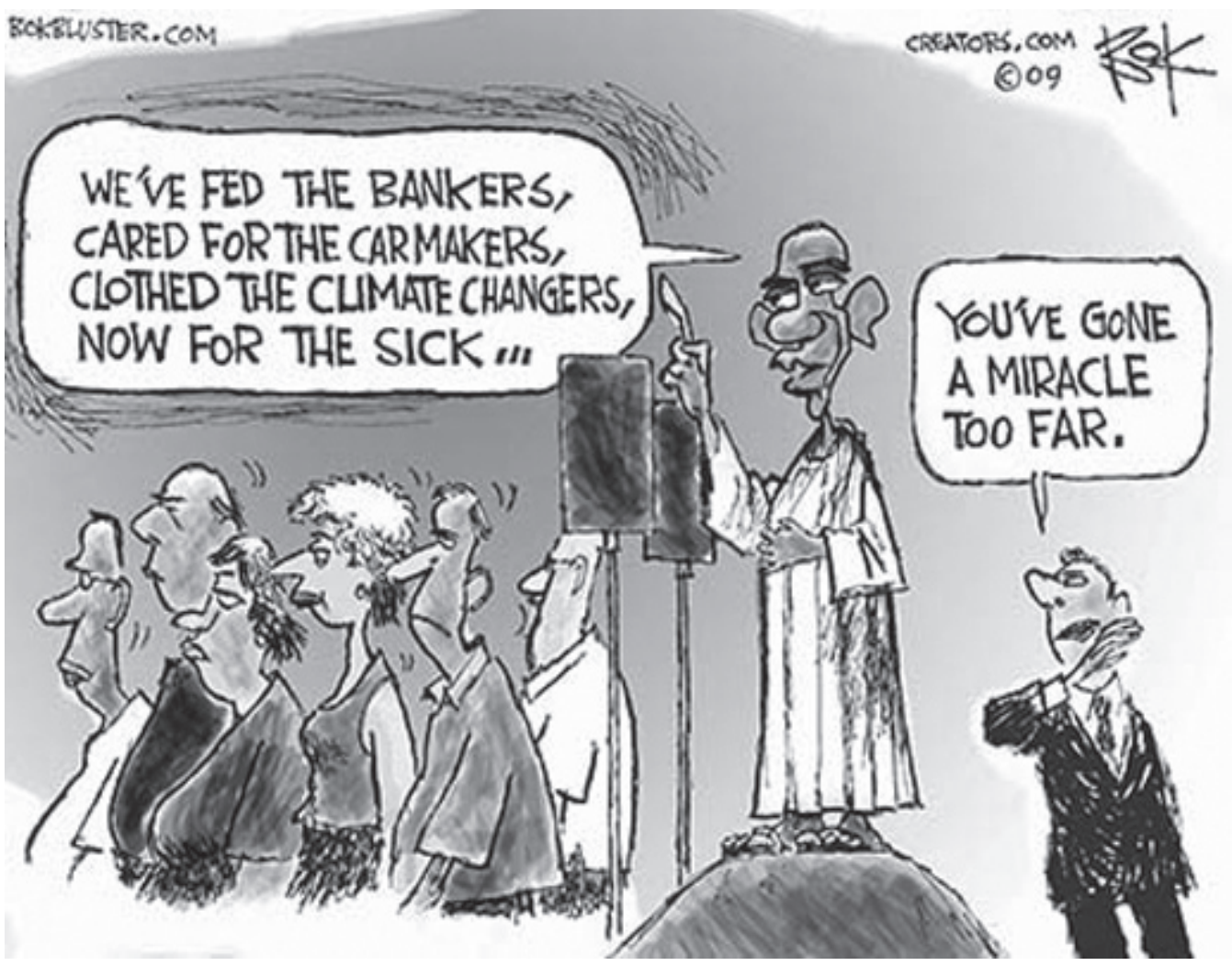
Everett's funeral services were held Friday morning, and I, like all the members of the Kingdom Leadership Group, was an honorary pallbearer. It was Everett's request.

Even in death he honored us.

I know I'll never have a friend like him, and I already miss him terribly.

Everett, I love you, man.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we walk with confidence.

Amen

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

The Pops in the Park Committee would like to thank the *Big Spring Herald* for being a presenter again for this year's July 3 celebration. The *Herald* does so much for our community and we appreciate that you choose to support Pops.

What can I say about the coverage Pops received in the *Herald*, except WOW! The outstanding job you did in reporting and promoting this event helped ensure its overall success. Please convey our thanks to the entire staff that helped in preparing for this year's celebration.

While the final figures are not in, the event was an obvious success and was well attended. We are now looking forward to Pops 2010.

JAN HANSEN
POPS CHAIRPERSON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am looking for work and have come across a shocking bit of information — the city as well as employers are now checking credit history of possible employees. If the person's credit is bad or too low, they will not be hired.

Has this state or country come to a new kind of thinking that a person who is qualified to work but has a low credit score is not worth hiring?

How can a person fix their bad credit or raise their credit score if they can't find work?

I am attending Howard College, finishing up my associate's degree in criminal law, and even though am retired from one job and living on my military disability, trying to make ends meet is very difficult.

That's even more the case now, since I have taken on raising my 4-year-old grandson and caring for his disabled grandmother.

Bills are getting high and the cost of living has gone through the roof in this economical crunch we are facing.

Turning away people because of credit scores is just another idiotic, lame excuse of rejecting future employees.

I can understand drug tests and criminal background checks, but come on people, credit scores?

I am highly qualified to operate heavy equipment, cook, investigative police work and even stock shelves, yet because of this credit score, I can't find work to fix my credit score problems, let alone feed my family.

Wake up and smell the coffee. Let's raise our voices against this new type of discrimination.

WILLARD M. ROBINSON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Last night I saw something that was very interesting and I'd like to share it.

My lady friend and I went to an Italian restaurant in Midland for supper. The wait time for a table was 30 minutes, so we sat on a bench to wait.

Next to me was a man and his wife, who wore a wedding ring, and they had a daughter, about 5 years old, with them. The couple, I'd say, was in their late 20s and dressed nicely.

The lady was absolutely gorgeous. She and her daughter visited the whole wait time. The husband had an electronic gadget in his hands and did nothing

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Have you noticed the last few years how the enemy has tried to separate us into many different groups? Together we stand, divided we fall. If he can get us to divide and resent or hate each other, he has weakened us, ready for the kill. "The enemy comes but for to steal, kill and destroy" — John 10:10.

See, this is not a war of man. It is a spiritual battle. If the devil can steal our heritage, kill our relationship and respect for each other, then he can destroy us as a nation. Years ago, our enemies said they would not have to make war on us, that they would destroy us from within. Yes, the devil uses people, but they are not the root of the problem. "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual host of wickedness in heavenly places." — Ephesians 6:12.

The battle is between good and evil. There is only two forces on earth, the force of good and the force of evil and you and I are operating in one of them at all times, in thought, word or deed.

If you and I, as Christians, feel ourselves moving into resentment, anger or hate toward another group of people, we can know the enemy is getting to us. We fight the spiritual battle with the spiritual weapons that God has given us. We have His Word, His Name and The Blood as our weapons. We can fast, and pray in the Spirit. "Behold, I give you authority over all power of the enemy." — Luke 10: 19.

God is not asking the unbelievers to do anything to save this nation. He said "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." — 2 Chronicles 7:14. Be humble, pray, seek His face and quit intentional sin — five things that real Christians should be doing anyway. That's all He asks.

You know, I believe I am seeing a shift in that direction with the body of Christ. The church is beginning to yield to the Holy Spirit like never before. There is a new wave coming and we are preparing ourselves for our Father's "grand finale." This is the most exciting time to live. God had enough confidence in you, to have you born in this generation.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a future and hope" — Jeremiah 29:11.

Wow!

Parent's Corner: Tell someone you love them



DARRELL RYAN

I read a story years ago that still pops into my memory from time to time that I would like to share with you. One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name.

Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers.

That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual. On Monday, she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling.

'Really?' she heard whispered. 'I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!' and, 'I didn't know others liked me so much," were most of the comments.

No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another. That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Vietnam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature. The church was packed with his friends. One by one, those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin.

The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin. As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her.

'Were you Mark's math teacher?' he asked.

She nodded yes.

Then he said: 'Mark talked about you a lot."

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates and others went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher.

"We want to show you something," his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket.

"They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it."

Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

"'Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "'As you can see, Mark treasured it."

All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home."

Chuck's wife said, "Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album."

"I have mine, too," Marilyn said. "It's in my diary."

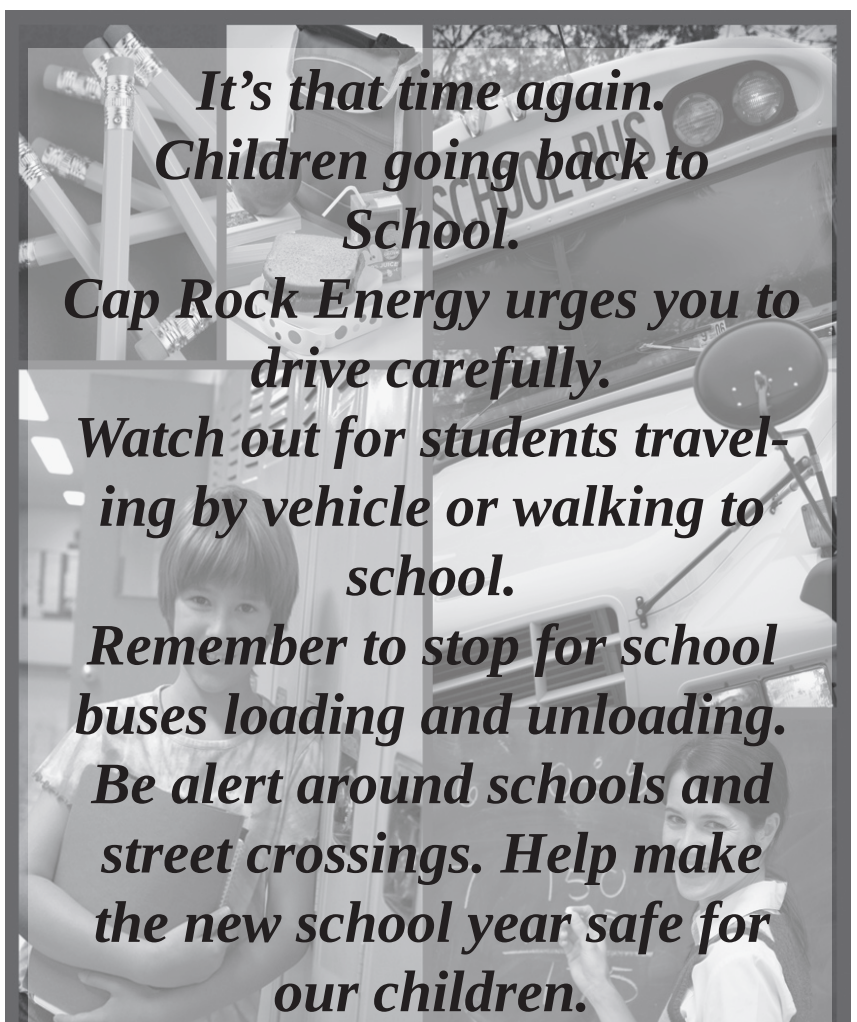
At that time, Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. "I carry this with me at all times," Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued, "I think we all saved our lists."

The teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be. So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

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Coahoma High School Reunion planned all day Saturday, Aug. 1

The Coahoma High School Alumni Reunion takes place Saturday, Aug. 1, at the Coahoma Elementary Building.

Donuts and coffee will be served as registration takes place from 9 a.m. through 10:30 a.m.

Don't let procrastination about preregistering stop you from coming out to visit and getting re-acquainted with old friends.

There are several individual class reunions scheduled Friday and Saturday nights, and a good crowd is anticipated Saturday, including alumni from all across Texas, plus Wyoming, Oklahoma and Arkansas. In keeping with this year's sports theme, former coaches Bernie Hagins, Norman Roberts and Jody Sory will be sharing some of their Coahoma memories.

Who's Who



Bright

Nicole Marie Bright of Fort Ashby, W.Va., has been appointed by Ray Lamora to be a princess in the Royal Court of the 73rd Mountain State Forest Festival. She is the daughter of Robert and Mary Jane Bright of Fort Ashby, W.Va., and the granddaughter of Frank and Isidora Morphis of Big Spring and Robert Sr. and Jacqueline Bright of Elkins, W.Va.

A 2009 graduate of Frankfurt High School and Mineral County Technical Center, Nicole carried a 4.125 GPA and graduated in the top 10 percent of her class. She was a member of the National Honor Society, Who's Who of NHS Members, NHS Student from the U.S. Achievement Academy, the Vocational Technical National Honor Society, RAZE and Students Making an Impact on the Lives of Everyone.

She was also a member of her high school's track team, marching band and concert band.

She will major in accounting while attending Marshall University. She is the recipient of the Promise Scholarship, Marshall University Presidential Scholarship and the Albert Yanni Scholarship. She is also a member of Marshall University's Alpha Theta.

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Rios

On May 15, 2009, Erica Rios graduated with honors magna cum laude from the Howard College Dental Hygiene Program. She was the recipient of the Golden Scaler Award sponsored by Hu-Friedy Instrument Company. The award is presented annually to a graduating sophomore of the Dental Hygiene Program. The recipient is selected on the basis of criteria which includes clinical and academic excellence, participation in school activities, and demonstrates professionalism in their association with faculty, clinical personnel, peers and patients. Erica and classmate Virginia Fish were awarded with Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student this past April at the Howard College 2009 Awards Convocation. She was also among seven students nominated for Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student in Texas.

LETTERS

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but Twitter the whole time, never talking to his wife and daughter.

The couple was called and seated at a table and the same interaction continued.

I told my lady friend what I had been observing and said that woman is going to put up with that marriage just a little longer and then some cowboy is going to ride up and put her on the back of his horse and ride off. She agreed.

Orand Carroll
Big Spring

To the Editor:

I do not know why the taxpayers of this community have to pay for a pro shop for a bunch of beer-drinking golfers with too much time on their hands.

Why don't they raise funds like all other people — bands, people with cancer or victims of other catastrophes — by getting off their duffs instead of leaning on the taxpayers.

Whether in a recession or not, teachers need raises and poor people need help.

If people have money to play golf, you'd think they have the money to maintain the golf course.

Timothy Knox Sr.
Big Spring

To the Editor:

I just wanted to drop you a quick note and let you know that I enjoy the editorial articles that are in the Herald. I read the paper daily and always wait to see what will be said next.

Thomas Jenkins is wonderful. He always has a point and I enjoy the way he makes it. He always make me think. The other writers are great, don't get me wrong, but Thomas catches my attention and keeps it no matter what he is discussing.

Anyway, I know that in these days and times you are probably bombarded with complaints and concerns, and I wanted to just say, way to go! Your staff is amazing and so is your paper!

Michelle Futrelle
Big Spring

To the Editor:

Recently a U.S. Air Force plane stopped at the Big Spring Airport for fuel. Big Spring is not a normal location for this sort of thing, but the crew included a Big Spring native and the rest of the crew wanted to meet his family.

We took them lunch and visited them in the terminal for nearly an hour before they had to be on their way.

We would like to thank Col. Jim Little (USAF ret.), the airpark manager, for taking time out of his Sunday to open the terminal up for us and for welcoming the crew.

Thanks also to Debbie Wegman of the Convention and Visitors Bureau for the bags of souvenirs that we presented to the guys. They remarked that they don't usually get this sort of thing at a fuel stop and, by the way, none of them left theirs behind. It may seem like a small thing to you and I, but those men appreciated the gesture.

And a special thank you to Amanda and Andy Rankin (Kaleb and Jakob, also) for doing the leg work to get things prepared and for helping with the clean up. We couldn't have done it without you. We will miss you.

It may not seem like much in the overall scheme of things, but those guys left feeling good about their experience at Big Spring and one never knows when that good feeling might cause some of them to want to stop again instead of just passing by.

Darrel and Nelda Reagan
Big Spring

To the Editor:

During the last two years we have experienced regular power "dips" or, in some cases, complete loss of power. These events occurred nearly daily some months, while two or three times weekly in others. Most of the interruptions involved total loss of power for a second or so, but some did not cause a complete loss of power, only a drop in voltage which caused a drop in lighting intensity and slowing of electric motors (air conditioner, refrigerator, clothes washer and dryer, etc.). The lighting sytem was probably minimally affected, but low voltage can have a profound effect on electric motors, especially on the higher horsepower units found in central air conditioning sytems. Larger electric motors also can have their effective lives shortened by experiencing a loss of power and then having the power returned before they stop rotation.

When Texas Electric Service Company was the prime supplier, these events were rare, occuring maybe two or three times in a year. The service that the present electrical supplier offers leaves a lot to be desired.

I would like to think that our home is not the only location having these problems. Hopefully, when a rate increase is requested, the city council will consider this poor service when making their decision.

Ardis McCasland Jr.
Big Spring

To the Editor:

Recently Pope Benedict XVI published the long-awaited encyclical letter entitled, Charity in Truth (Caritas in Veritate), which gives helpful moral and spiritual guidance for global economy, politics and environment. This papal letter deals with moral questions of the economic system in the contemporary world in search for truth.

The Pope's letter affirms the progress that has been made in world development, yet it notes that other challenges exist given newly emerging problems in global society. The letter offers sound reflections on the vocation of human development, as well as on the moral principles on which a global economy must be based. It challenges business enterprises, governments, unions and individuals to re-examine their economic responsibilities in the light of charity governed by truth.

In his message, Pope Benedict gives a call to see the relationship between human and environmental ecologies, and links charity and truth in the pursuit of justice, the common good and authentic human development. I doing so, the Pope points the responsibility and limitations of government and the private market, challenges traditional ideologies of right and left and calls on all men and women to think and act in a new approach to the economic crisis.

"The risk of our time is that the de facto interdependence of people and nations is not matched by ethical interactions of consciences and minds that would give rise to truly human development. Only in charity, illuminated by the light of reason and faith, is it possible to pursue development goals that possess a more humane and humanizing value," he wrote.

"The book of nature is one and indivisible. It takes in not only the environment, but also life, sexuality, marriage, the family, social relationships — in a word, integral human development."

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Oil prices rise to $68

NEW YORK (AP) — Crude prices rallied this week as the Dow Jones industrial average increased 11 percent in the last nine days and passed the 9,000 mark for the first time since January.

Benchmark crude for September increased Friday, adding 97 cents to $68.13 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil prices climbed $1.70 per barrel this week.

Crude futures moved higher this week as the stock market rallied and companies reported strong second-quarter earnings.

"We haven't seen demand increase yet, but all the good news about the economy seems to be adding fuel to the fire," said Gerard Rigby, an energy analyst with Fuel First Consulting in Sydney.

"Just the fact that things are improving is enough to change the sentiment of a lot of people."

Meanwhile, gasoline futures on Nymex have risen every day since July 13 and prices have jumped 28 cents in less than two weeks.

Most second-quarter corporate results have beaten analyst expectations, but reports late Thursday from Microsoft Corp., American Express Co. and Amazon.com disappointed investors, giving a mixed picture about a recovery.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries says it's concerned about the build in gasoline supplies in the U.S., and how that may eventually force crude prices lower than its members want.

The group was able to cinch production earlier this year and prices rebounded, but some members have losened the spigots for badly needed cash.

OPEC crude production increased in April, May and June, according to the organization's July report.

In that period, Angola leapfrogged Nigeria as Africa's largest oil producer.

Nigeria's production has been slowed as militants atack its energy infrstructure.

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for August deliverypo fell less than a penny to $1.9076 a gallon and heating oil added 1.16 cents to $1.776 a gallon.

Natural gas for August delivery jumped 11.9 cents to $3.669 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent prices rose 76 cents to $70.01 a barrel.

Cash for Clunkers Q&A

KEN THOMAS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Got an old gas guzzler in the garage? Car shoppers can take advantage of new government incentives worth $3,500 to $4,500. Owners can scrap their clunker in exchange for a new, more fuel-efficient vehicle, and lop off thousands of dollars from the sticker price. Congress approved the "Car Allowance Rebate System," or "CARS," program last month to boost auto sales and attempt to retire some inefficient cars and trucks. Here's a look at the program:

Q: Which vehicles qualify?

A: Cars and trucks must be 1984 models or newer to be eligible for a trade-in rebate. They must get 18 miles per gallon or less in combined highway/city rating — based on the "Estimated New EPA MPG" ratings available at www.fueleconomy.gov. The vehicle needs to be drivable, insured and licensed for at least a year — so forget about buying a clunker this summer for $500 and "flipping" it through the program. Violators face penalties if they submit false information.

Q: How do I qualify for the incentives?

A: For passenger cars, consumers can get $3,500 if the new vehicle gets at least 4 mpg more than the trade-in and $4,500 if the new vehicle gets at least 10 mpg more than the trade-in. For sport utility vehicles, pickup trucks or minivans, owners can get a $3,500 rebate if the new vehicle gets at least 2 mpg higher than the old vehicle. The rebate improves to $4,500 if the new vehicle gets at least 5 mpg higher than the trade-in. Large work trucks weighing at least 6,000 pounds can also qualify for rebates of $3,500 to $4,500.

Q: Can I buy any kind of vehicle through the program?

A: This won't subsidize a new Ferrari. The new vehicle needs to meet the fuel-efficiency requirements and have a manufacturer's suggested retail price of less than $45,000. Used car purchases are not allowed under the program.

Q: Can I get the clunker rebate plus the value of my trade-in?

A: No.

Q: My old car or truck is worth more than $4,500. Should I use this program?

A: Probably not. The program essentially guarantees a minimum trade-in for a vehicle. So someone with an old beater valued at $1,000 that meets the mileage requirements stands to gain the most. Any prospective buyer with an old car worth more than $4,500 should probably trade it in for a new one. But many automakers and dealerships are offering additional incentives, so it's worth talking to your dealer.

Q: What happens to my old vehicle?

A: The trade-in vehicle will be scrapped. Dealers are required to use a government-approved salvage facility for the vehicle disposal. Vehicles need to be shredded or crushed within six

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Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland office.



Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.

Well, after last week, how would you like to be a bear, or be short, or be sitting on too much cash? We feel that's the main reason the market continued its dramatic rally last week: So many have been caught on the wrong side of the market and couldn't stand the pain any longer.

This upward movement is an example of the bullish supply/demand ratio for stocks that we have discussed many times since our nine-week correction began and why we believed it was a normal time out and not a top out.

For its part, the media credits last week's rally to Nouriel Roubini, a New York University economic professor and a long time bear on the economy, stating that the recession will end this year.

It's good to see him on board, but we feel the main reason for the rally last week was the simple fact that the market was ready. However, it was touch and go for awhile, as we experienced some market churning which could have brought in some selling, but the opposite occurred, which supported our intermediate term optimism.

Most of last week's economic news was positive. Initial jobless claims came in better than expected as did continuing claims and confidence among U.S. homebuilders rose this month to the highest since September 2008.

However, the Philly Fed Index was weaker than expected but for the most part this was ignored, another good market sign. Better than expected corporate earnings and forward comments have helped lift the mood and we feel will continue to be a positive for the market the rest of the year.

A growing group of economists are actually starting to smile again about the economic outlook. Even Treasury Secretary Geithner said last week that he sees "durable signs of greater confidence in financial markets." OK, that's the good news.

The short term cautionary news is that the market has just had its best consecutive days since March. Last week, in only the first four days, the DJIA was up 7.5 percent from its lows and the S&P 500 was up 8 percent.

Remember, in "normal" times, this type of movement is close to the average market move for a full year. After such a dramatic rally, we feel the market has become short-term extended.

On the commodity front, crude oil seemed to take the week off for the most part, but still finished respectably up. Prices, which have increased 37 percent this year, jumped 3.4 percent on Wednesday as U.S. crude inventories fell 2.81 million barrels.

The shining commodity star of the week was natural gas which was up an amazing 11 percent on Thursday, the biggest gain since March. This jump for the most part was due to shrinking surplus numbers from the Energy Department and we feel the positive economic data announced throughout the week. We also feel there is some truth to the fact that natural gas was trading so low that there really was no were else to go but up.

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Bad economy sheds light on unlicensed contractors

BRENDAN FARRINGTON
Associated Press Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — When custom homebuilder Bob Liddell started seeing the decline in the housing market more than three years ago, he decided to supplement his business with home remodeling. But he ran into a different problem — competing with unlicensed contractors.

He estimates he's lost about $200,000 in business over the last year and a half to people who can undercut him because working out of the spotlight of regulators costs a lot less. So he decided to take action, letting state investigators use an empty home he owns to set up a sting that recently caught 15 illegal contractors in two days.

"I just got fed up with it. I don't mind losing work, but I don't want to lose work where people are underbidding me because they don't pay insurances, they don't pay their taxes and so forth," Liddell said. "With the way the economy is now, there's just so many people out there that don't have jobs and so what they're doing is running a little ad in the paper saying they're remodelers."

It's hard to document if the problem has grown, or just become more noticeable as the pool of work shrinks, but the down economy has made unlicensed contracting a bigger headache for people trying to work honestly. And many, like Lidell, are fighting back.

"I've never seen a push like we have today," said Ed Miller, president of the Northeast Florida Air Conditioning Contractors Association.

Miller has been in the air conditioning business for 20 years, but it wasn't

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When your puppy becomes an aging dog

By ANN SANDERS
Special to the Herald

There are a number of factors that determine how old your dog really is.

Some of the factors are genes, stress, environmental, diet, temperature changes, hormones changes, immune system, atmosphere where they live, perhaps where owners argue constantly or where emotional care is inadequate.

The typical number of one year in humans to seven in dog years is really not correct.

It also depends on the breed and size of the dog and a number of other factors.

A few numbers to think about is one year in humans to 15 for small dogs and 12 in large dogs; two in humans to 24 in small dogs and 19 in large dogs; three in humans to 28 in small dogs and 26 in large dog;s four in humans to 32 in small dogs and 33 in large dogs; five in humans to 36 in small dogs and 40 in large dogs; six in humans, to 40 in small dogs and 40 in large dogs; seven in humans to 44 in small dogs and 54 in large dogs; and eight in humans to 48 in small dogs and 61 for large dogs.

There is a web site to get further info on aging dogs and the breed you have — http://en.wikeped.ord/wiki/aging in dogs.

Now, let's talk about some of the problems with our old friends.

Some effects of aging are loss of hearing, loss of vision, sleeping more, arthritis/joint problems, loss of teeth, gastrointestinal upset, urinary issues, mammary cysts, weakness of mental infirmity, heart murmurs and diabetes.

All of these can be very upsetting for the owner. I currently have some older dogs that have most of these problems. At this point, I just try to keep them comfortable.

I have a little dog that has had cancer since she was about 3 months old. I was using a net vet in Dallas that was fresh out of school and he was not sure what to do. We talked about it and decided to remove her ear.

She is now 16 and the Mass Cell Cancer is back. My main goal at this point is that she knows that she is loved and I will be there when she passes on.

I also have one that is blind and has heart problems I don't recommend moving any furniture; they get confused and might have an accident.

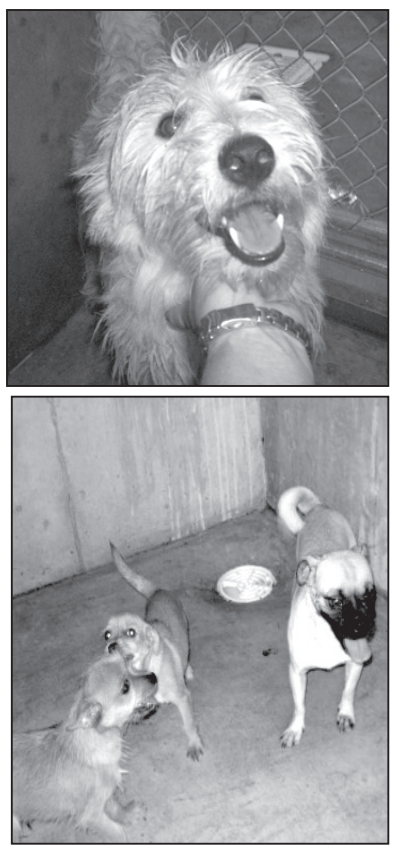
I also have one that has urinary issues — when she sleeps, she often will lose control of her bladder. I have started putting a pad under where she sleeps to help her from messing up her bed.

It is very hard dealing with the older ones, but when we take them on as puppies it is for life and they depend on us for care.

As for the teeth problem, it is so important to keep their teeth in good condition, because when all these other problems exist it is not wise to put them through teeth cleaning.

This care, like in humans, is something that needs to be kept up as a young child or puppy and throughout their life.

That is probably the most important thing you can do for your pet.



These are some of the animals available for adoption at the Big Spring Animal Shelter. For more information, call 264-2567.

I wish I would have known that 16 years ago. Like when we have children, they do not come with an instruction booklet but we all learn every day, and if this will help someone and some pets, that's what I'm here for and that is why our Animal Control Committee is trying to make people more aware of some issues.

Palin faces questions as she exits national stage

By MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press Writer

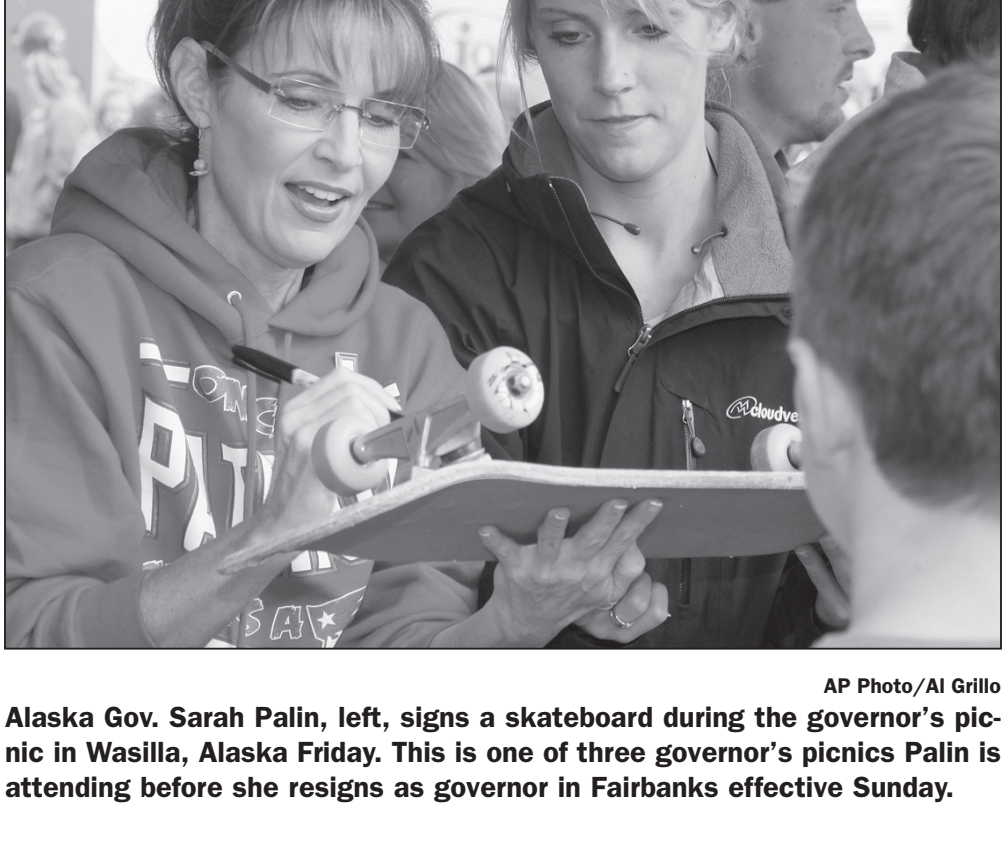
ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Gov. Sarah Palin gained fame — and to some infamy — since she embarked on a vice-presidential bid less than a year ago.

Her surprising departure from Alaska's top office is gaining her something else: questions over her motives and next big move.

She leaves office Sunday with her political future clouded by ethics probes, mounting legal bills and dwindling popularity. A new Washington Post-ABC poll puts her favorability rating at 40 percent, with 53 percent giving her an unfavorable rating.

The Republican governor also faces an array of queries about why she is quitting more than year before her term ends and what she plans to do after she steps down.

Palin has said little about any major moves, but has hinted that she has a bigger role in mind. She is scheduled to speak Aug. 8 at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California, and has said she plans to write a book, campaign for political candidates from coast to coast and build a right-of-center coalition.



AP Photo/Al Grillo

Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, left, signs a skateboard during the governor's picnic in Wasilla, Alaska Friday. This is one of three governor's picnics Palin is attending before she resigns as governor in Fairbanks effective Sunday.

Above all, Palin plans to continue speaking her mind on the social networking site Twitter.

"Ain't gonna shut my mouth / I know there's got to be a few hundred million more like me / just trying to keep it free," Palin said in a recent Tweet, quoting the song "Rollin'," by the country duo Big & Rich.

Such folksy offerings endear Palin to millions of fans, including more than 100,000 who follow her on Twitter. But are they enough to launch a political movement?

Political scientist Jerry McBeath said the answer isn't clear.

"In the context of 305 million Americans, 100,000 is not a lot of followers," he said.

McBeath, chairman of the political science department at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, said Palin "needs to do something beyond tweeting — or twittering, whatever it is — to establish a continuous national presence."

A more conventional politician would write a syndicated column or host a radio or TV show, McBeath said, but added: "I don't know if Sarah Palin wants that."

"I think she believes she has something to say that is of value to voters who share her views and believes that part of her calling is to continue" speaking out on Twitter, he said.

Spokeswoman Meghan Stapleton disputed the notion that Palin is running for president or has media deals lined up.

"I cannot express enough there is no plan after July 26. There is absolutely no plan," she told The Associated Press earlier this month. "The decision (to quit) was made in the vacuum of what was best for Alaska, and now I'm accepting all the options, but there is nothing planned," Stapleton said.

Palin's biggest legacy may be putting Alaska on the national stage, said Larry Persily, a former journalist and Palin staffer who now works for a Republican state legislator.

"Before if you played a word game and someone said Alaska, you might say oil or even whales," he said. "Now you say Alaska: 'Palin.'"

Alaska's first female governor arrived at the state Capitol in 2006 on an ethics reform platform after defeating two former governors in the primary and general elections. Her prior political experience consisted of terms as Wasilla's mayor and councilwoman and a stint as head of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

Unknown on the national stage until McCain tapped her as his running mate, Palin infused excitement into the Republican's presidential bid. But she also became the butt of talk-show jokes and Democratic criticism, targeted at news that the Republican Party had spent $150,000 or more on a designer wardrobe and what some considered poor performances by the Alaska governor in television interviews.

Now, 2 1/2 years later, former state Senate President Lyda Green, a one-time Palin ally who is now a leading critic, said Palin's tenure is likely to have a negative effect on the state.

"There are going be some things that the Legislature will have to go in and redo," she said, including the likely review of a ballyhooed deal to bring a natural gas pipeline to the state.

"I had high hopes going in and have been, like many other people, very disappointed in what the impact has been for the state, unfortunately," said Green, who like Palin is a Republican from Wasilla, 43 miles north of Anchorage.

Green called Palin a narcissist whose actions "are very much toward herself and her goals and what she sees for her future."

But Palin's future goals remain unclear.

"I think she's trying to figure out what her calling is," McBeath said. "Initially she wanted to be governor, and then vice president, and now who knows?"

Stapleton said the answer will emerge in coming weeks:

"On July 27, we'll sit down and say, 'OK, here are your options. How do you now want to effect that positive change for Alaska from outside the role as governor?'"

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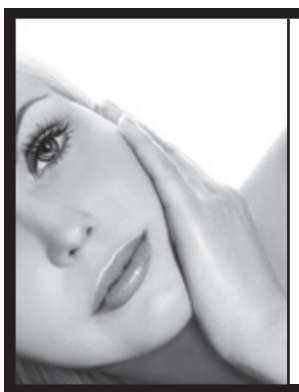
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Anastacia Garcia vs. Cheyenne Arguelo, protective order.

Lana Greenhill vs. James Greenhill, divorce.

Nannett Lee Sorton vs. Allen lewis Sorton, divorce.

Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC vs. Mary Ellen Phillips dba Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC, accounts, notes and contracts.

Marriage Licenses:

Alan Luther Johnson, 22, and Corrina Lara Gutierrez, 26, both of Big Spring.

David Tanner Hughes, 22, and Tania M. Bradley, 21, both of Big Spring.

Keith Alexander Vincent, 20, and Rosamaria R. Rodriguez, 21, both of Big Spring.

Allan Chance Gana, 22, and Tina Ann Hilario, 33, both of Big Spring.

James Henry Dunn, 45, and Jeana Loy Jackson, 53, both of Big Spring.

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months.

Q: What do I need to do to participate?

A: Go to your local car dealer. Dealer registration for the program began Friday. Owners need to bring their vehicle, title, proof of registration and proof of insurance.

Q: How will this program affect other dealer and manufacturer incentives?

A: Dealers must use the rebate in addition to — instead of as a substitute for — other rebates and discounts available to consumers. Many automakers are combining internal incentives with the government rebates to lure customers to showrooms. For example, Chrysler is offering $4,500 in cash toward the purchase of a new vehicle. Dealers are also required to disclose the best estimate of the salvage value of each vehicle.

Q: Does any money change hands?

A: No. If a consumer qualifies for a government rebate, the amount of the rebate is deducted from the vehicle's sticker price and the dealer is later reimbursed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Q: How many clunkers are expected to be traded in through the program and how much will it cost the government?

A: The program will cost $1 billion to remove about 250,000 vehicles from U.S. roads. It's unclear if Congress will seek more money later this year. Some lawmakers, led by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., have said if Congress provides more funding, the program should require consumers to buy vehicles with higher fuel-efficiency than the current program's requirements.

Q: How long does the program last?

A: It ends on November 1 or when the $1 billion in funding runs out. Jack Nerad, executive market analyst for Kelley Blue Book, makes this suggestion: "I would look to see if I qualify right away. A lot of people won't qualify" because of the specific requirements. Nerad said automakers may offer additional incentives before the program ends.

Q: Where can I find more information?

A: Visit the government's CARS Web site http://www.cars.gov/ or call the government hot line at (866) CAR-7891. Auto companies and Web sites such as Edmunds.com http://www.edmunds.com/cash-for-clunkers, Kelley Blue Book http://www.kbb.com/kbb/cash-for-clunkers/default.aspx and AutoTrader.com http://www.autotrader.com/cash-for-clunkers.jsp have compiled additional details and eligible vehicle lists for consumers.

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until recently that he started actively fighting unlicensed contracting. Now his association is teaming up with its counterparts in the electrical and plumbing industries to work with the state to stop unlicensed work.

Miller estimates his company has lost about 20 percent of its business to unlicensed competition over the past year. "Probably August of last year is when things really started getting bad and when we started noticing it."

Northeast Florida is a prime example of the problem. The state Department of Business & Professional Regulation's Jacksonville office saw a 24 percent increase in complaints about unlicensed contractors and a 106 percent increase in complaints about unlicensed electrical work over the last 12 months.

It's not just a Florida problem. Venus Stromberg, a spokeswoman for the California Contractors State License Board, said there's less work to go around because fewer homes are being built and fewer people are taking out home equity loans to make repairs. Her board is hearing from more angry contractors, including some who've had to lay off workers to stay afloat.

"We just hear complaints anecdotally — 'Hey look, I'm following all the rules. I'm paying workers comp, I'm bonded, I'm doing all of these and I'm getting underbid by these people that are unlicensed,'" Stromberg said.

Nevada authorities say they're hearing similar complaints. Even now that Nevada's housing explosion has stopped, unlicensed activity has stayed steady. The Nevada State Contractors Board issued 130 citations over the last six months of 2008, up from 123 over the same period the year before.

Department of Business & Professional Regulation Secretary Charles Drago went around the state to hear from licensees about what the department could do to improve its operations. But the top concern wasn't about how the department worked, but the threat from unlicensed competition.

"They were getting underbid, underbid on all their jobs. People were coming in and able to do the job for 20 percent cheaper," Drago said.

Drago said the combination of more unemployed people offering to do home repairs, and homeowners who may be in a tight financial position could be feeding the problem.

When people in a financial jam need to get something vital — like the air conditioner or a leaky roof — fixed, they might feel stuck. "And it's tempting, if someone is going to come in and do it 20 percent cheaper, to hire them," Drago said.

The savings come with risks, however. Drago points out cases where unlicensed contractors have taken a deposit for a job, then disappeared. Homeowners could also be liable if someone gets injured or killed on the job and the contractor doesn't have insurance. And poorly done electrical work or a badly repaired roof can pose life-threatening hazards.

According to statistics compiled by the University of Florida, building permits were down 55 percent statewide in the first four months of this year compared to the same period last year. Yet unlicensed activity hasn't had nearly the same drop — the number of unlicensed construction complaints was 1,906 for the fiscal year that ended June 30, compared to 2,154 for the year before, an 11 percent drop.

Unlicensed electrical complaints rose 12 percent this past fiscal year to 686 from 609 the previous 12 months.

Florida has always had a problem with unlicensed activity after hurricanes, when there's too much demand.

Now it's seeing a similar problem when there's less demand.

Edie Ousley, a spokeswoman for the Florida Home Builders Association, said Florida has seen a loss of 175,000 construction jobs over the past two years and many of those people are now working without a license. "When you've lost your job but you still have to find a way to put food on your table, unfortunately we see some unscrupulous activity."

Investigator Sandra Rentfrow warns that homeowners also don't realize that they may be letting criminals in the door.

"A lot of these people have records," said Rentfrow, who is in charge of business regulation in the state's Jacksonville office.

During the sting at Liddell's house, she had a schedule from early morning to late afternoon of appointments with people the department found on craigslist.com.

It was almost a matter of sitting and waiting as

sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

You Can Win But You Can't Lose

South dealer.
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NORTH
♠ 8 7 4
♥ K 9 3
♦ K 8 7 5 2
♣ 6 4

WEST
♠ 3 2
♥ Q 10 5 4
♦ J 10 3
♣ A 9 7 2

EAST
♠ A 9
♥ J 7 6
♦ A Q 9 4
♣ J 8 5 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 6 5
♥ A 8 2
♦ 6
♣ K Q 10

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

It is sometimes necessary for declarer to risk losing two tricks in a suit where he has only one loser. This may sound like a counterproductive maneuver, but if it provides the best or only means of making the contract, it is clearly the play of choice.

Take this case where South wound up in four spades and West led the jack of diamonds. After the jack held, West shifted to a trump. East took his ace and continued with a trump to South's king, West following suit.

Since he had already lost two tricks and was sure to lose another to the ace of clubs, declarer had to find a way to avoid losing a trick in hearts. The only practical possibility was to score an extra club trick. If this could be arranged, dummy's third heart could be discarded on South's third club, and the heart loser would be averted.

Accordingly, at trick three declarer played the king of clubs, taken by West with the ace. West exited with the ten of diamonds, ruffed by South, and a heart was led to dummy's king, bringing declarer to the moment of truth.

A club was led from dummy, and after East followed low, the ten was finessed. When it held, South cashed the queen, discarded a heart from dummy, and the game was home.

Of course South was fortunate to find East with the jack of clubs. But actually, the extra club loser he seemingly risked by finessing the ten — a card he could have ruffed in dummy — really involved no risk at all.

Even if the finesse had failed, he still would have been able to discard a heart on the queen of clubs to go down only one. Thus, nothing could be lost by taking the finesse. If the ten won the trick, declarer would show a substantial gain; if it lost, he would break even.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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News in brief

Gulf's 'dead zone' much smaller than predicted

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The Gulf of Mexico's "dead zone" — where there is too little oxygen in the water for anything to live — is less than half the size predicted earlier this year but also unusually severe, a scientist said Friday.

The hypoxic area forms every year in the Gulf, caused by bacteria feeding on algae blooms from the flow of farming runoff and other nutrients from the Mississippi River and others.

This year's area covers 3,000 square miles, but is also unusually thick, stretching from the bottom nearly to the surface, according to Nancy Rabalais, a researcher who specializes in the problem for the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium.

The 3,000 square miles is one of the smallest measurements of the zone since measurements began in 1985, according to a graph in a news release sent from a research vessel in the Gulf. Only those in 1987, 1988 and 2000 were smaller.

Other scientists had predicted that this year's dead zone would cover about 7,500 to 8,500 square miles.

Possible reasons for the difference include high winds and waves that helped mix more oxygen into some waters, she wrote.

"This was surprisingly small given the forecast to be among the largest ever and the expanse of the dead zone earlier this summer," she wrote.

SMU settles George W. Bush library land dispute

DALLAS (AP) — The dispute between Southern Methodist University and condominium owners over land for the George W. Bush presidential library is over.

SMU reached an agreement Friday with Gary Vodicka, who alleged that the university forced him out of his condominium to make way for the project and lied about its intentions. A settlement reached a day earlier with fellow condo owner Robert Tafel also was announced Friday. Terms were not released.

"SMU is pleased that the issues are resolved and looks forward to conducting the business of one of America's top universities!" SMU attorney Mark Lanier said in an e-mail.

Vodicka called it a fair settlement.

"The 70,000 confidential documents prove that everything that I have ever said from Day One in this case is absolutely true," said Vodicka, a lawyer who represented himself in the lawsuit.

SMU President Gerald Turner disagreed.

"Obviously we've never agreed with his assertions," said Turner, adding that no decision on the merits of the case were made in the settlement. "We've always been and continue to be very comfortable with where we were vis-a-vis the law."

The university maintains that it followed proper procedures in acquiring title to the condos.

Dell settles discrimination suit for $9.1M

AUSTIN (AP) — Dell Inc. said Friday it has agreed to settle a federal gender-discrimination class action lawsuit brought by former employees for $9.1 million.

Under the terms of the settlement agreement, Dell said $5.6 million will be used for payments to class members and for litigation costs.

According to a court filing, the class is defined as all women employed by Dell in the U.S. for at least one day in a C1 through D3 level position — job-level classifications used inside Dell — between Feb. 14, 2007, and Dec. 31, 2008. Employees who filed discrimination claims with state or federal agencies will be excluded.

The remaining $3.5 million will be used to raise current C1 to D3-level female employees' base pay to match the pay of their male counterparts. Dell said it will conduct a review of salaries first.

The Round Rock-based computer maker said it will also examine some of its employment practices and work with outside experts to recommend improvements.

The terms were laid out in a joint statement issued by Dell and the former employees. Dell did not admit any wrongdoing by agreeing to a settlement.

Jill Hubley, a former human resources manager at Dell, filed the discrimination lawsuit last October in U.S. District Court in Austin. Hubley said Dell showed a pattern of gender discrimination in the way it compensated and promoted female employees. A second former manager, Laura Guenther, later joined the suit.

Duncan approves Texas request for stimulus money

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan approved almost $2 billion in federal stimulus money Friday that had been requested by Gov. Rick Perry for Texas school districts.

The money will be used at least in part to fund a state-mandated $800 bonus to Texas teachers and other professional school employees. The money also is slated to help replenish the Permanent School Fund, an investment fund used to help pay for public schools in Texas.

"The $2 billion Texas will receive today is part of the single largest boost in education funding in recent history," Duncan said. "Texas can now utilize these funds to save jobs and lay the groundwork for a generation of education reform."

The state had asked for $3.2 billion, but more than $1 billion will not be available until later this year. A spokesman for U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco, said the state will have to reapply for that portion of the funds.

"It's designed to instill some accountability and ensure the recovery funds are being spent properly," spokesman Josh Taylor said.

Perry, who has accepted most of about $16 billion in federal stimulus dollars available to the state, has been a vocal opponent of the recovery act, which President Barack Obama signed in February. He rejected about $550 million in aid for unemployment benefits because he said it had too many federal strings attached.

"I'm pleased that the U.S. Department of Education has approved Texas' application for State Fiscal Stabilization Funds," Perry said.

The governor said the stimulus money will provide each school with an additional $120 minimum per student.

The federal infusion increases funding for school districts by 2 percent. The Texas Education Agency said the money can start flowing to schools Sept. 1.

"These funds will not only give Texas public school teachers a much-deserved pay raise, it will save jobs and help school districts budget for the upcoming school year," Edwards said in a statement.

Border Patrol sets South Texas pot seizure record

McALLEN (AP) — U.S. Border Patrol agents in the Rio Grande Valley sector have set an annual record for marijuana seizures.

A Border Patrol statement states that agents have confiscated more than 750,000 pounds of the drug since Oct. 1.

According to the statement, agents working the 17,000-square-mile deep South Texas region capitalized on increased manpower and more desperate drug traffickers to set the record with more than two months left in the fiscal year.

The Rio Grande Valley sector is second in the nation for marijuana seizures.

Texas soldier found unhurt charged with being AWOL

McALLEN (AP) — The Army has charged a soldier who disappeared for more than a week and was reported as a possible kidnap victim with being AWOL after he was found unharmed in a Texas border town.

Pfc. James Andrew Gonzalez, 24, a soldier based at Fort Hood in Texas, was taken into custody during a traffic stop in Laredo on Wednesday, more than a week after he was reported missing. The Army has said Gonzalez was not hurt and there are no indications that he was abducted.

He has since been charged with being AWOL. He was brought from Laredo on Thursday and booked into the Bell County Jail near Fort Hood early Friday. Base spokesman Bruce Zielsdorf said Gonzalez will be held at the county jail while awaiting trial because Fort Hood does not have a brig.

The jail said Gonzalez did not yet have a lawyer Friday.

Gonzalez's mother, Rose Gonzalez, said she spoke with her son by phone Thursday night. "He sounded tired but said he was doing OK," she said.

Asked if her son had offered any explanation for his disappearance, she said, "I don't think he was given a chance to. I only spoke to him for about two minutes."

Earlier this week, J.C. Gonzalez had said the FBI told the family that the Army received a ransom call on July 13 saying James Gonzalez had been abducted and that the caller demanded $100,000 and the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the border.

James Gonzalez was charged earlier this year with misdemeanor counts of assault and interfering with an emergency call for what his brother, J.C. Gonzalez, said was a dispute with his girlfriend. He said his brother was scheduled to go on trial for those charges in September.

Investigators: Woman, baby found shot dead at home

SUGAR LAND (AP) — Deputies say a suburban Houston man returned home Friday to find his wife and 18-month-old daughter shot dead.

Fort Bend County Sheriff's spokeswoman Terri Ann Carlson says the man called 911 about 2:30 p.m. Friday to report the grim discovery.

She says investigators haven't said whether a gun was found near the bodies in the house just outside Sugar Land.

Investigators haven't released the identities of the dead nor any other details on the shootings.

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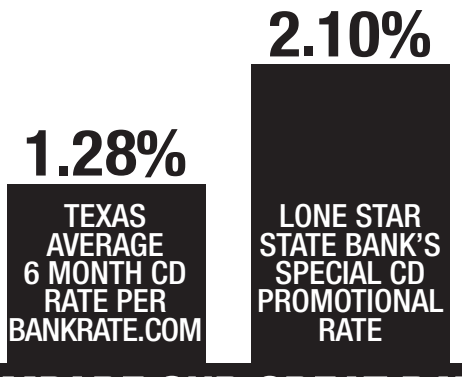
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Report: Bush considered sending U.S. troops to Buffalo to arrest terror suspects

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration in 2002 considered sending U.S. troops into a Buffalo, N.Y., suburb to arrest a group of terror suspects in what would have been a nearly unprecedented use of military power, *The New York Times* reported.

Vice President Dick Cheney and several other Bush advisers at the time strongly urged that the military be used to apprehend men who were suspected of plotting with al Qaida, who later became known as the Lackawanna Six, the Times reported on its Web site Friday night. It cited former administration officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The proposal advanced to at least one-high level administration meeting, before President George W. Bush decided against it.

Dispatching troops into the streets is virtually unheard of. The Constitution and various laws restrict the military from being used to conduct domestic raids and seize property.

According to the Times, Cheney and other Bush aides said an Oct. 23, 2001, Justice Department memo gave broad presidential authority that allowed Bush to use the domestic use of the military against al-Qaida if it was justified on the grounds of national security, rather than law enforcement.

After his comment about black professor's arrest, Obama seeks to dampen uproar

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama concedes his words — that a white police officer "acted stupidly" when he arrested a black university scholar in his own home — were ill-chosen. But, while he invited both men to visit him at the White House, Obama stopped short of publicly apologizing for his remark.

The president personally telephoned the two men, Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Cambridge, Mass., police Sgt. James Crowley, in an effort to end the rancorous back-and-forth over what had transpired and what Obama had said about it. Trying to lighten the situation, he even commiserated with Crowley about reporters on his lawn.

Hours earlier, a multiracial group of police officers had stood with Crowley in Massachusetts and called on Obama to say he's sorry.

It was a measure of the nation's keen sensitivities on matters of race that the fallout from a disorderly conduct charge in Massachusetts — and the remarks of America's first black president about it — had mushroomed to such an extent that he felt compelled to make a surprise appearance in the White House briefing room to try to put the matter to rest. The blowup had dominated national attention just as Obama was trying to marshal public pressure to get Congress to push through health care overhaul legislation — and as polls showed growing doubts about his performance.

"This has been ratcheting up, and I obviously helped to contribute ratcheting it up," Obama said of the racial controversy. "I want to make clear that in my choice of words, I think I unfortunately gave an impression that I was maligning the Cambridge Police Department and Sgt. Crowley specifically. And I could've calibrated those words differently."

Hillary Clinton's 'defense umbrella' remarks echo her campaign, think tanks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton set off tremors in the Middle East this week when she said a nuclear Iran could be contained by a U.S. "defense umbrella" — an off-hand remark that appears to have emerged from obscure Washington policy debates and her own presidential campaign rhetoric.

Clinton's comments raised eyebrows because they seemed to go beyond the Obama administration's current thinking on Iran, which has been strictly focused on preventing the country from acquiring nuclear weapons.

Since making the remark on a television chat show in Thailand, Clinton has backpedaled, saying she was only restating existing policy and not referring to any sort of formal guarantees of protection under an American "nuclear umbrella."

And when Israeli officials raised alarms that she seemed to suggest the U.S. was resigned to a nuclear-armed Iran, Clinton and senior State Department officials hastily insisted such a prospect was still unacceptable and that no policy had changed.

But her comments sounded uncannily like the harder-edged "nuclear umbrella" approach toward Iran that Clinton and several other top advisers to President Barack Obama had pushed before they joined his administration.

Dodd boasts about angering lobbyists but cashes in with their campaign checks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing the toughest re-election fight of his nearly 30 years in the Senate, Sen. Christopher Dodd boasts about snubbing lobbyists.

Yet even as he touts his independence, the embattled Connecticut Democrat is still cashing lobbyist campaign checks and rubbing shoulders with them at fundraisers and party gatherings.

Dodd, perhaps the most vulnerable Senate Democrat in 2010, has driven home his message in fundraising pitches and campaign videos.

"The lobbyists can't get meetings with Chris," Dodd's campaign manager Jay Howser said in a recent e-mail to supporters. "He won't return their phone calls ... Chris just isn't giving them the time of day."

The videos even suggest Dodd has been so hard on lobbyists that he's made them cry.

But the tough talk hasn't stopped Dodd from raking in tens of thousands of dollars in lobbyist campaign contributions this year. It hasn't prevented Dodd from letting lobbyists host his fundraising events. Or kept Dodd from schmoozing with lobbyists at places like Martha's Vineyard, a favorite summer getaway spot for the rich and famous off the Massachusetts coast.

Obama calls for end to disparity in health costs between small and big companies

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama, citing a new White House study suggesting that small businesses pay far more per employee for health insurance than big companies, said Saturday the disparity is "unsustainable — it's unacceptable."

"And it's going to change when I sign health insurance reform into law," the president said in his weekly Internet and radio address.

A new study by the White House Council of Economic Advisers said small businesses pay up to 18 percent more to provide health insurance for their employees. As a result, fewer of them do so and the number has been shrinking further in these hard economic times.

It was released Saturday as part of the administration's aggressive campaign to build public and congressional support for Obama's health care efforts

Investigators comb U.S.-Mexico border towns, hospitals in manhunt

CHULA VISTA, Calif. (AP) — Federal investigators are combing hospitals along the U.S.-Mexico border for at least two suspects who may have been injured in gunfire that killed a Border Patrol agent in Southern California.

Law enforcement agencies were pursuing "a number of leads" in the United States and in Mexico but no one had been arrested or charged with killing Agent Robert Rosas, the FBI said late Friday.

Investigators said they have notified hospitals on both sides of the border to be alert for patients with suspicious or unexplained injuries.

The Los Angeles Times reported that police in Tecate, Mexico, said Friday they had arrested an injured man walking near the crime scene with a Border Patrol-issued weapon shortly after the shooting. The man, Ernesto Parra Valenzuela, 36, was taken to a hospital, according to a news release.

Trial begins for Wis. father charged with choosing prayer over medical care for dying daughter

WAUSAU, Wis. (AP) — Opening statements were set to begin Saturday in the trial of a father charged with second-degree reckless homicide for praying instead of seeking medical help for his gravely ill 11-year-old daughter.

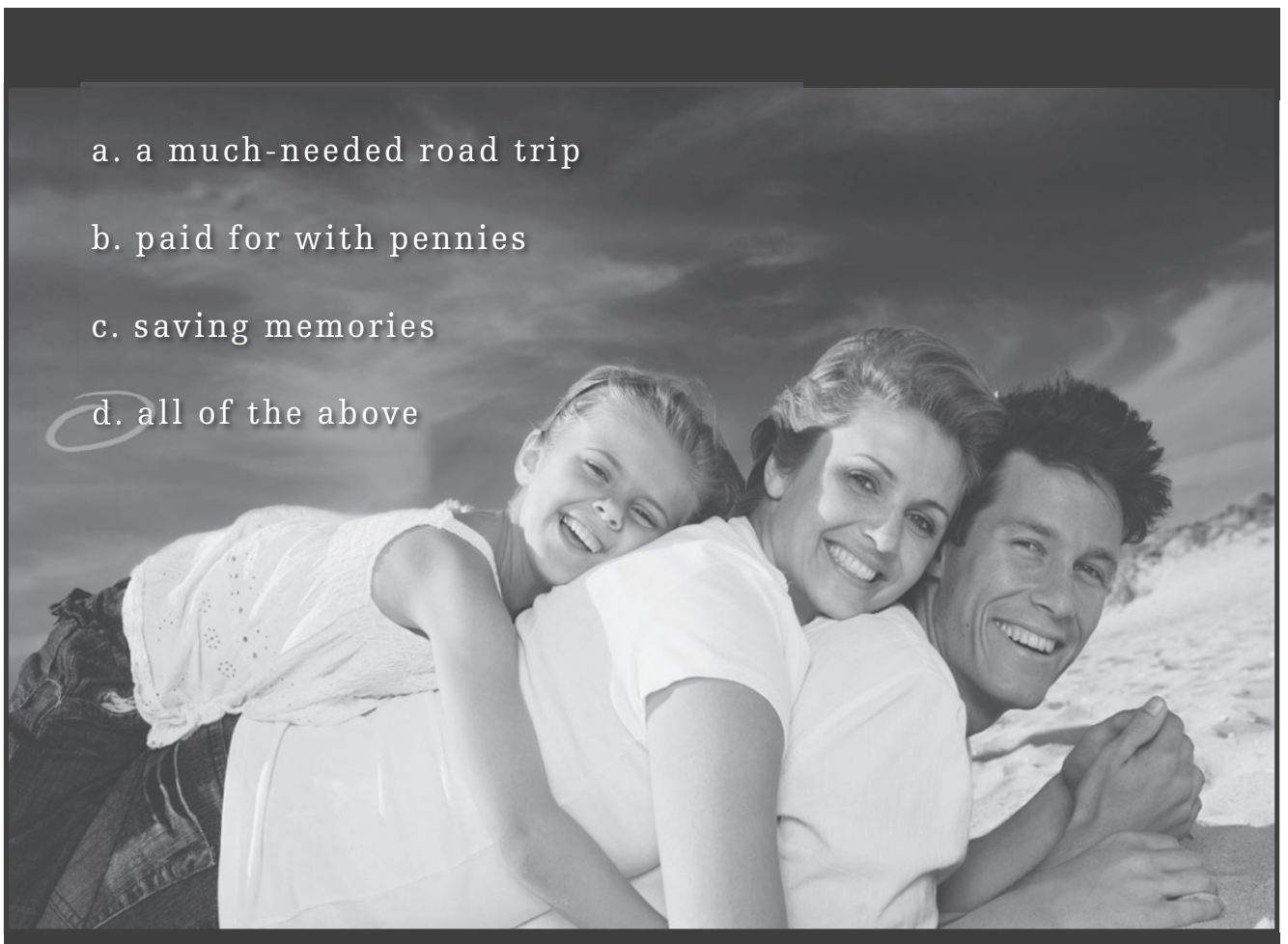
Dale Neumann's wife, Leilani, was convicted of the same charge this spring in the 2008 death of Madeline Neumann, called Kara by her parents.

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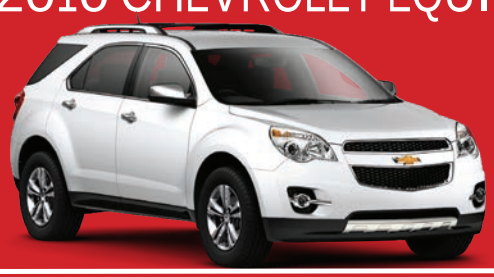
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You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the Plaintiff's Petition at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 10 of August, 2009 at or before 10 o'clock a.m., before the 118th District Court of Glasscock County, at the Courthouse in Garden City, Texas.
Said Plaintiff's Petition was filed on June 10, 2009 in this case, numbered 1500 on the docket of the 118th District court, and Styled GLASSCOCK COUNTY- PLAINTIFF VS SALLIE J. SPEARMAN A/K/A SALLIE J. FRISTOE, DOSHA SPEARMAN BEARD, NONA SPEARMAN EVERETT, CLEVELAND SPEARMAN, JOHN BELTON SPEARMAN, ABBIE SPEARMAN HOLDEN, SETH SPEARMAN, IZORA HOLLAND A/K/A IZADORA HOLLAND, FANNIE E. BEARD, SARAH PENROD AND H.C. SNODGRASS DEFENDANTS.
A brief statement of the nature of the suit is as follows, to-wit:
Ownership of Property Lots, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 24 in Block 24, Original Town of Garden City, Glasscock County, Texas
as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's Petition on file in this suit.
If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly served the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.
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Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council of Big Spring for award at a later date.
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Information for bidders, copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of the Assistant City Manager of the City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, Big Spring, Texas 79720.
Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages which have been established by the Secretary of Labor.
Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under this order are explained in the specifications.
Honorable Russ McEwen, Mayor
#6190 July 19 & 26, 2009

Legals

NOTICE:
THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES, PLUS OTHERS NOT LISTED, HAVE BEEN UNCLAIMED AND ARE SCHEDULED FOR AUCTION ON 08/05/2009 AT 10:00 AM AT 5715 WEST I-20.
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1977 TRLR HOMEMADE
1998 MITSUBISHI MONTERO
VIN#JA4LS31P0WP021333
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#6204 July 26, 2009

Legals

Pre-Kindergarten Notice
Coahoma ISD offers free Pre-Kindergarten classes for students at least four years of age by September 1 2009, if the following criteria are met:
1. Child is unable to speak or comprehend the English language and/or;
2. Child comes from an economically/educationally disadvantaged family according to standards set by the State Board of Education. (Qualify for food stamps or the Free or Reduced Lunch Program) and/or,
3. Child is homeless.
4. Child is under the care of Child Protective Resources and/or in Foster care.

If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call (432)394-4290.
A minimum of 15 qualified students is required before the class will be offered.
Coahoma ISD ofrece clases gratis de Pre-Kinder para estudiantes que cumplen los cuatro anos de la edad antes del primero de septiembre de 2009:
1. Nino incapaz de hablar o comprender el idioma ingles y/o;
2. Nino que vienen de una familia desventajada economicamente segun el onjunto de estandares por el Consejo de Educacion del Estado. (Si califica para la tarjeta de Lone Star o el Programa Libre or Reducido de Almuerzo) y/o,
3. Nino sin hogar.
4. El nino esta bajo cuidado de los Recursos Protectores y/o en case de cuidado.

Si usted sabe de un nino o ninos que califican para este programa por favor de llamar al numero (432)394-4290. Un minimo de 15 estudiantes calificados seran escogidos antes que la clase se ofrecera.
#6198 July 26, 2009

Legals

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VIN#1FTHX25M7JKB15514
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VIN#1FMCA11UXRZA82275
1991 TOYOTA TERCEL
VIN#JT2EL46BX0062467
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VIN#1GTDC14H1DJ514700
1985 LINCOLN MARK IV
VIN#1MRBP98FXFY752670
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VIN#1G8ZH127XSZ242528
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VIN#JN1HJ0P8KT204853
1984 HONDA PRELUDE
VIN#JHMAB5224EC012067
1981 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER
VIN#1C3BR57K9BA127687
#6203 July 26, 2009

Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING
PUBLIC NOTICE
February 11, 2008
THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AT A REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING AT 5:30 P.M., TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 307 EAST 4TH, BIG SPRING, TEXAS TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:
A ZONE CHANGE FOR 2112 W. 3RD ST. DESCRIBED AS 5.91 ACRES WITHIN SC 32, BLOCK 33-1-N, HOWARD COUNTY, BIG SPRING, TEXAS, FROM HEAVY COMMERCIAL (HC) TO GENERAL RESIDENTIAL (GR)
#6201 July 26 & August 2, 2009

Legals

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment:
1. Date/Time: Tuesday July 28, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., for the following
1. Prefabricated Pumping Station

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the City Council Chambers at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
#6189 July 19 & 26, 2009

Legals

Texas Education Agency
Division of Career
and Technical Education
FORMULARIO DE MUESTRA
Notificacion Publica de No Descriminacion en Programas Vocacionales
(Career and Technical Education Programs)
1. Coahoma ISD ofrece programas vocacionales en Industrial Technology, Home Economics, Business Education, and Agricultural Science and Technology Education. La admision a estos programas se basa en interes y aptitud, edad apropiada, y el espacio utilidad en clase.
2. En norma de Coahoma ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo requieren el Titulo VI de la ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.
3. Es norma de Coahoma ISD no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimmento o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, talcomo lo requieren el Titulo Vi de la Ley Derechos Civiles de 1964, segun enmienda; el Titulo IX de las Enmiendas en la Educacion, de 1972, la Ley de Discriminacion por Edad, de 1975, segun enmienda, y la Seccion 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitacion de 1973, segun enmienda.
4. Coahoma ISD tomara las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de habilidad en el uso de la lengua ingles no sea un obstaculo para la admision y participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.
5. Para informacion sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuniquese con el Coordinador del Titulo IX, Randy Brown), en P.O. Box 110, Coahoma, Texas 79511, (432)394-4290 y/o el Coordinador de la Seccion 504, Randy Brown, en P.O. Box 110 Coahoma TX 79511, (432)394-4290.

Texas Education Agency
Division of Career
and Technology Education
Public Notification of
Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Education Programs
1. Coahoma ISD Offers career and technology education programs in Industrial Technology, Home Economics, Business Education, Agricultural Science, and Technology Education. Admission to these programs is based on interest and aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available.
2. It is the policy of Coahoma ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended.
3. It is the policy of Coahoma ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.
4. Coahoma ISD will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.
5. For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator, Randy Brown, at PO Box 110, Coahoma, Texas 79511 (432)394-4290 and/or the Section 504 Corrdinator, (Randy Brown, at P.O. Box 110, Coahoma TX 79511, (432)394-4290.
#6199 July 26, 2009

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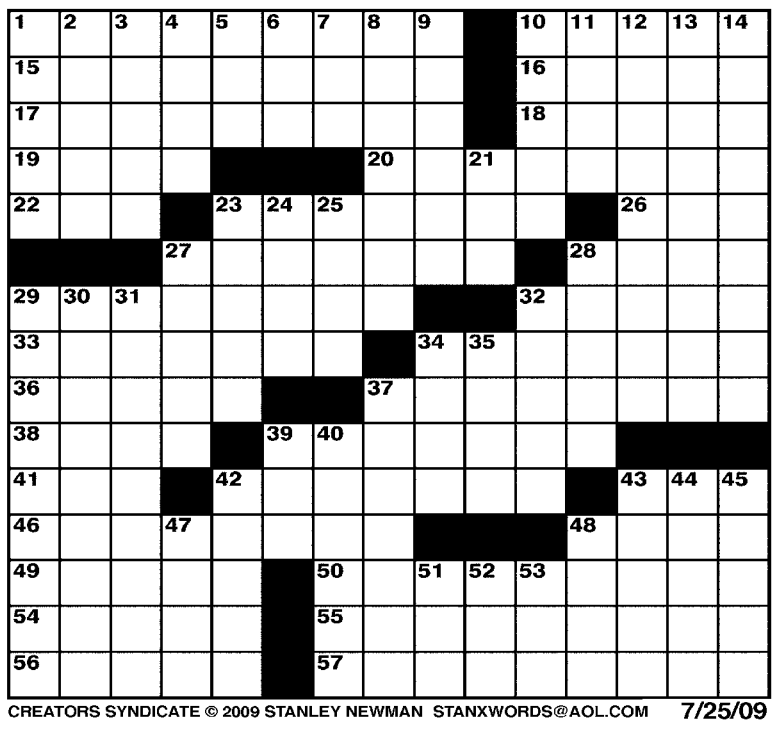
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of F.T. Carstensen, Deceased, were issued on July 16, 2009, in Cause No. P-380, pending in the County Court of Glasscock County, Texas, to: Nelda Carstensen.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
c/o: **Nelda Carstensen**
P.O. Box 274
Garden City, Texas 79739
DATED the 16th day of July, 2009.
GLYNNA MOUTON
Attorney for
Nelda Carstensen
State Bar No.: 14606500
200 West Third Street
Big Spring, TX 79720
Telephone: (432)263-7676
Facsimile: (432)263-8686
#6195 July 26, 2009

Newsday Crossword

SATURDAY STUMPER by Adam Cohen
Edited by Stanley Newman
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ACROSS
1 Piquant hodgepodge
10 Some spouses, slangily
15 Turkey home
16 1,000 kilogrammes
17 Exhausted
18 Shop device
19 Downs
20 Set right
22 Ticker symbol for Genentech
23 Where Marner lived
26 Hill, in some place names
27 Crow offspring
28 Novelist Picoult
29 Ruby, for one
32 Corner
33 Was rude, in a way
34 In a race, perhaps
36 Longtime Columbia Records owner
37 Certain hoops
38 Rescue team
39 Force
41 It may be measured in IUs
42 Formal wear accessories
43 Poorer than poor
46 Home to the Port of Los Angeles
48 __ gun
49 Totaling
50 Publisher of *enRoute*
54 Byte, in computer slang
55 *American Bandstand* sponsor
56 Calls for
57 2009 Grammy winner for "Swagga Like Us"

DOWN
1 Lacked gravity
2 Fictional talking lion
3 Japanese model since 1989
4 Recesses
5 French soul
6 Cover
7 "I'll take that as __"
8 Enthusiastic assent
9 Communal collectives
10 US Army Women's Museum site
11 Place setting for forks
12 Germ fighter
13 Careless
14 Young ones in a nursery
21 *The Godfather* hoodlum Green
23 Less-than-smooth
24 Where icons may be seen
25 Canceled
27 Cuts down
28 UN Refugee Agency goodwill ambassador
29 Something to cast
30 Punk-rock activity
31 Kingdom kin
32 Kites and coots
34 *CSI* character
35 Stagnant, with "in"
37 French-chef shout
39 Type of no.
40 Name from the Swahili for "blessed"
42 Manx, for example
43 Unimpressed
44 They have four-ring logos
45 Coped (with)
47 Made a case
48 Vex, with "at"
51 Cartoon canine
52 Atlas speck
53 Live



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Answer to previous puzzle

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Legals

Legal Notice
Effective immediately the County of Howard will sale surplus equipment and vehicles online. Any interested buyer may go to www.govdeals.com We will add equipment and vehicles as they become available. If you wish to bid online and need information, contact Jackie Olson at 432/264-2210 or at 300 Main Street, Room 202.
Jackie Olson
Howard Co. Auditor
#6192 July 25, 2009

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The Libra moon is like the DJ at a nightclub who plays a slow song for couples to dance to. Slow dancing solo is not unheard of, though just now it seems like one of the loneliest things one could do. So be on the lookout for a partner, whether you're dancing, adventuring or cleaning house. Two make everything easier, as long as it's the right two!



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Books and advice are somewhat helpful, but other people's experiences will only take you so far. You need the worldly knowledge that comes from firsthand experience. Get out there and mix it up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a period of great freedom and fun. A new influence affects you in unexpected ways. Your creativity is blossoming by the hour. Enjoy your personal renaissance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A silly "mistake" you made will change or slow a certain process, but that's OK. There's a reason this didn't go the way you thought it would. Accept where you are. Stay aware for the lesson.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are thinking of yourself in terms that are too limiting. Getting a little wild will put you in touch with your primal power. Let yourself go. And don't worry, you'll find your way back.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your environment is gradually shifting. You will notice the minor changes and find them both fascinating and beautiful. There are some things that will never change, though, and you'll enjoy getting back to those tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Again, that sneaking suspicion of yours will rear its curious head. "There's more to life than this," it says, and of course you know it's right. The universe is vast and glorious and you are ready to explore.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Group dynamics will highlight your leadership talents. You have a special charisma and the power to impact others. Make your mind up to bring magic and mystery to a tired scene.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your loyalty is a wonderful gift you give to others. Bestow it carefully with only those who can appreciate it fully. Your best match is with someone who is conscientious and takes pride in doing the right thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You usually prefer that your attachments are a source of contentment, not drama. However, a certain passionate relationship will be the source of much excitement and intrigue, and for now, it's kind of fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your feelings are a bit unpredictable now and your response to life will be atypical. Something sad might make you laugh, or something that's meant to be funny may seem tragic to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You feel you know what's right for a situation and your instincts are spot on. The other people involved, however, are likely to have their own ideas about how to proceed. Use diplomacy and pour on the charm.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Follow your thirst for excitement. Social situations perk up when you arrive. Your fresh approach will enliven an otherwise boring scene. An Aries or Gemini will find you especially enchanting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (JULY 26). Friends will help you rise in prominence. When you voice your intentions through the next 10 weeks, you will immediately attract a great deal of assistance. Hospitality is your thing through August and you'll impress others with your social graces. Family issues are healed in November. Unexpected money comes in May. Pisces and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 43, 26, 19 and 5.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: All the world is a stage under the Leo sun, and Libra moon gives a gorgeous glow to make the actors and scenery shimmer. Be on the lookout for kindred spirits Sunday through Tuesday. The Libra moon sets the tone for interesting hook-ups, supportive friends and inspired dialogue. There will be some relationship drama, but it's light and witty. Venus forms a favorable aspect with Jupiter and then with Neptune, opening a creative flow to our interactions. People are likely to communicate in order to fulfill their short-term needs and in the process the long-term dreams begin to take shape, too. Mercury opposes Jupiter on Thursday, which could cause a temporary stall in business-related matters. Tend to the emotional element of financial exchanges and you will understand, and perhaps even control, the current.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: She often plays the girl-next-door type of romantic lead, though Sandra Bullock's natal sun and Mercury in Leo indicate a talent that's anything but ordinary. Under these stars, Bullock was born to make an impression. Moon in Aquarius shows a drive to improve the world. Bullock uses her star power to answer a charitable calling this year, making a huge difference in the lives of others.

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Annie's Mailbox ®

Dear Annie: My 21-year-old stepson, "Sam," is smart, strong, healthy, good-looking — and lazy. He dropped out of college after two years, and his life's ambition appears to be never to work another day in his life.

He's had one job that lasted eight months and that's it. He intended to live at his mother's house, but his stepfather threatened to charge him rent, so he fled to our home instead.

Sam made straight A's in high school, but in college he got D's. He used to play football and basketball. Now he is up until the wee hours playing video games in our basement.

He comes and goes as he pleases, sometimes walking in at dawn. He sleeps odd hours and eats all our food. He's already asked if his girlfriend can move in. The implication is that he plans to live with us indefinitely.

My husband and I are on a tight budget, and our food bill has doubled. We already bought him a car and still pay for the insurance. We also pay for his cell phone.

The worst part is that Sam doesn't treat us like parents. He talks to us as if we're his 20-something male friends, using cuss words liberally and trash-talking. I hate to make my husband choose between his son and me, but I can't take much more.

I don't believe it is healthy to enable Sam's deadbeat lifestyle, but my husband says I am blowing it all out of proportion. Am I? — *Stressed-Out Stepmom*

Dear Stressed-Out: It doesn't help Sam to indulge his worst habits, but your husband worries that setting rules will alienate his son — which could happen, but the current alternative is not an improvement. Sam should get a job and pay rent. If he wants to live with the girlfriend, they should find a place together somewhere else.

Because your husband cannot see the damage he is doing to his son, it will be difficult to convince him to change the dynamic. Suggest family counseling to work on the situation before it gets worse.

Dear Annie: I am 27 years old, and my mother is a raging alcoholic. I don't remember a day in my life when she wasn't drunk. My brother died 10 years ago, and this only made things worse. Now, she drinks a case and a half of beer a day.

My parents live an hour away from us, and it's getting harder and harder to visit them. She demeans my father, and I have pretty much lost all respect for her. I think she needs treatment in a facility, but she would never go. I have a 5-year-old son and don't want him around her. What do I do? — *Fed Up and Ticked Off*

See **ANNIE'S MAILBOX**, Page 12C

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

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Dear Fed Up: Sometimes an intervention can help a person understand how damaging their drinking has become. But we suspect there is a great deal of depression underlying your mother's drinking, and she might be more amenable to seeing a therapist about that rather than addressing the alcoholism.

In the meantime, please contact Al-Anon (al-anon-alateen.org), for relatives and friends of alcoholics at 1-888-4AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666).

Dear Annie: I have a follow-up question about "Not Interested, Never Was," who no longer wants sex. You said sex once a week is not excessive. I would like sex every day, but my husband thinks two or three times a week is enough. (I know the situation is usually the other way around.)



KATHY MITCHELL
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If once a week is not excessive, what is? What would be considered average? — *Wanting It More*

Dear Wanting: We were bombarded with responses to that letter and will be printing more on the subject soon.

As for your question, the national average is about twice a week (this incorporates couples who have sex twice a day and couples who have sex twice a year).

"Normal" is what works. If you want sex every day and your husband prefers twice a week, find a compromise you can both live with.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611.

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Dear Margo: Puh-leaze

Dear Margo: You did it again: projecting your unresolved family conflicts onto your readers — innocent young people looking for wisdom from someone who has little in this area.



MARGO HOWARD

I really don't want to shame you, Margo, but your level of consciousness is regrettably low. You sound like the Old Testament's "an eye for an eye."

I am referring to your advice to someone who asked whether or not to contact her father who abandoned the family years ago.

Naturally, based on your experience, which has to include unresolved issues, you encouraged her to continue the estrangement.

If you had any knowledge of family systems, you would know that estrangement in families is usually a factor in mental illness and is often at the core of depression.

This woman will never be at peace until she confronts her father and expresses how she feels about what happened in their family.

To tell her to continue the estrangement is just keeping her stuck in unresolved pain.

Margo, you really need to consider going to a 12-step program and discovering the importance of forgiveness. — *Margaret M.*

Dear Marg: Did you read a psychology book or something? You have in no way shamed me, and neither do I have unresolved issues, trust me.

The young woman who wrote is perfectly comfortable leaving things as they are — as are many people living with estrangement. I am all for forgiveness if there is a possibility of going forward with a good outcome, but some people really are better off writing finis to a destructive and harmful relationship.

You are operating under the assumption that any fracture necessarily equals "unresolved pain." It is a false assumption, and your note to me is spectacularly presumptuous. — *Margo, huffily*

This Is an Old Story, Hon

Dear Margo: I really need your help. I am trying to end a bad marriage (I think my husband needs to come out of the closet).

While trying to make the break (it's been 13 years and I am petrified of change), I have made friends and tried to make only "couple" friends — no single men yet because I don't need the headache.

This is my problem: The husbands of two of these "couple" friends have propositioned me. I really did not expect it. I now believe that my female friends (their wives) spilled too much of my personal information to their husbands without realizing that they have approached me!

Obviously, I can't tell the wives or I will have no friends at all to help me through my upcoming difficulties. But how can I socialize with them now? Are all men pigs? Is there a support group for me? — *Thinking of Becoming a Nun*

Dear Think: Not all men are pigs, and I know of no support group for the propositioned. I do know this: Some men think they are doing a divorcing woman a "favor" by offering their services.

Do not feel you are the only one this has happened to. It is really common and just another truism — like "People who travel never need to buy soap." I don't think you have to alter your social life at all. Just act as though nothing has happened in the invitation department, and if the guys on the make feel uncomfortable ... well, so? — *Margo, historically*

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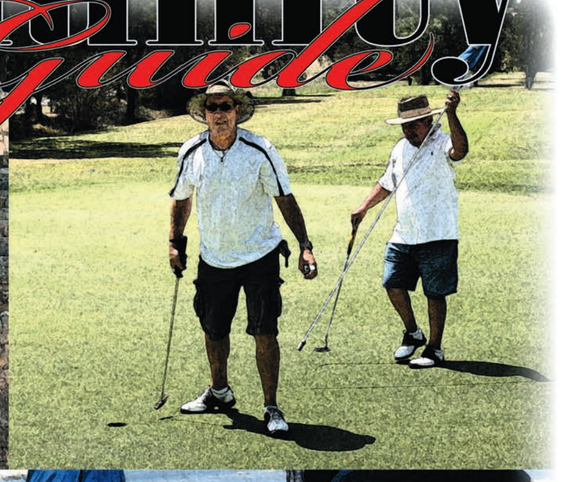
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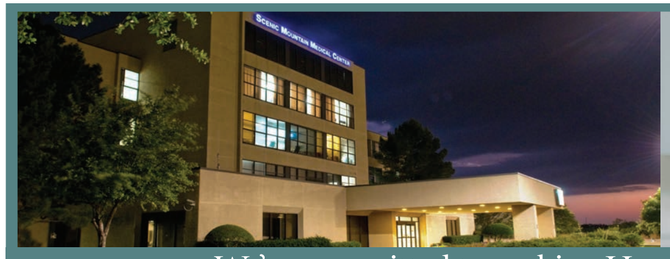
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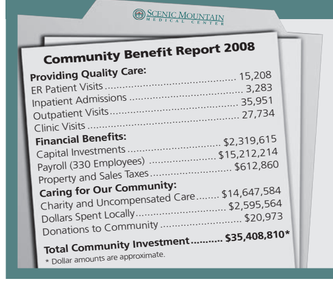
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Today, McMahon-Wrinkle Airport/Airpark serves both aviation and industry.

The airport has two runways — 17/35 which is 100 feet wide and 8.802 feet in length and 6/24 which is 75 feet wide and 4,601 feet in length.

A spur of Union Pacific Railroad provides rail access to the east side of the airpark. There are numerous sites available along the spur and elsewhere throughout the airpark for future development.

The airport terminal, more than 4,000 square feet, includes a conference room, pilots' lounge, passenger waiting area and office.

New runway lighting has been installed and other improvements made. Earlier this year, a multi-million-dollar project to upgrade the airport's major runway to an 11-inch thickness was completed, allowing larger planes to land.

Other activities at the airport include the Webb AFB Reunion, which draws hundreds of former service personnel stationed at Webb and citizens who were employed there. The next one is Oct. 9-11.

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Director of the airport/airpark is Jim Little. He can be reached at 264-2362.

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From the decorating and lighting contests to church pagentry, the *Big Spring Herald* Christmas Parade and the Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park, signs of the season are everywhere.

Typically, several dozen homes and businesses are entered in a lighting contest, which is sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. A map guiding visitors to lighted homes is also produced each year for those who want to take a tour.

The parade, which features many lighted entries and often extends for two dozen or more blocks, lasts more than an hour and a half and is viewed by thousands lining the streets. Marching bands, antique vehicles and intricately constructed floats join promenading horses, kids on roller skates and bikers on Harley-Davidsons. Floats often bear written messages such as "Peace on Earth" and celebrate causes, advertise businesses, clubs and churches.

The Festival of Lights is a huge lighted display in Comanche Trail Park that can be viewed via a driving or walking tour. Built by volunteers, the display features thousands and thousands of lights hung on trees and over holiday-themed frames. There is no charge to see the lights, which are turned on for several weeks during December, but donations are accepted to help defray the cost of electrical power and supplies.

Other highlights include the Living Christmas Tree, put on by the First United Methodist Church; a live, drive-through nativity, held by the First Church of the Nazarene; community caroling; and frequent musical performances, put on by a variety of sponsors, including the Downtown Revitalization Association and the Big Spring Symphony. All events are free to the public, though donations are accepted to help with expenses.

In addition, the Big Spring Mall always hosts Santa Claus to visit with children as the big day gets closer. Churches observe this season with special services that often include candlelight and special music.

Celebrating our nation's independence

While Independence Day celebrations are held all over the country, spectacles like parades and fireworks displays awaken feelings of pride and patriotism all over Howard County.

That's evident each year when Coahoma stages its annual Fourth of July parade and when residents of the Highland South neighborhood in Big Spring show their Independence Day spirit when they hold a parade for their youngsters and others in the community.



However, the focal points of local Independence Day celebrations each year are the "Pops in the Park" extravaganza at Comanche Trail Park and the Funtastic Fourth Festival in downtown Big Spring.

Always staged on July 3, "Pops in the Park" features the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus and a fireworks show at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

The celebration is actually the hard work and planning of a great many local residents who form the Fourth of July Foundation Committee.

While the *Herald*, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Symphony, the city of Big Spring and KBST, help take a leading role, numerous businesses and individuals contribute the money needed for the celebration.

Each year "Pops" not only includes the symphony and chorus' performance, but also includes an opening act that has varied from local artists to touring military bands to country music stars.

As the evening progressed this year, the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, under director Dr. Keith Graumann, began its concert of patriotic music.

By 10 p.m., the crowd that ranged in the thousands enjoyed the largest "Pops" fireworks display ever. People were also lined up along both sides of U.S. Highway 87 to watch the night sky light up in a dazzling array of colors.

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Compiled by the Herald staff, this guide is designed to be your companion throughout the year, offering you information on a variety of topics – from A to Z.

We hope you find it useful and beneficial as you live, work, play and shop in Big Spring, whether you're a newcomer to our community or a long time resident.

JOHN A. MOSELEY
MANAGING EDITOR

So you're a newcomer?

Well, now, if you're new to Big Spring, the question is, are you new to Texas?

There are a few rules and regulations you must follow, so here are some guidelines to help you along.

If you are moving here from elsewhere in Texas, simply take you valid driver's license to the Texas Department of Public Safety office, located at 5725 W. Interstate 20, on the south service road just west of Big Spring, to update your license.

You'll need your proof of insurance and your vehicle registration. If you hold a valid operator's license, you won't have to take a written test, but your vision will be checked and they'll take one of those driver's license photos that none of us like.

You also must register your vehicle in Howard County, if you're new to our state. You can do that by going to the County Tax Assessor's Office in the Courthouse Annex, located on the east side of the downtown square. While you are there, take the time to register to vote.

If you're new to West Texas, let us be the first to say, "Howdy!"

Get use to our friendliness, it's something West Texans are known for and proud of. That's especially true of Big Spring where our community's motto is "Big Heart, Big Sky, Big Spring!"

To stay out of trouble with the law enforcement folks, you have 30 days to register your vehicle and change your driver's license.

Here's what you have to do:

First, you must have your vehicle inspected.

Second, take that inspection receipt, your current registration papers and proof of automobile liability insurance to the County Tax Assessor's Office. There you will get your vehicle properly registered in Texas.

If you have school age children, you'll want to go by the Big Spring Independent School District's administration building at 708 E. 11th Place to get them registered.

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Information about the city, various civic groups and businesses can be obtained at the office, located at 215 W. Third.

The chamber boasts a membership of approximately 375 local businesses and groups, and with the help of its board of directors and many different committees, strives to improve the quality of life and business climate in the Big Spring area.

Debbye ValVerde, executive director, and Nancy Newell, executive assistant, encourage your participation.

Annually, the chamber hosts a banquet to recognize members for their hard work throughout the year, and presentation of the Man and Woman of the Year awards.

The chamber also sponsors such events as the annual Pops In The Park, Health Fair, the West Texas Ag Expo and Luncheon, Leadership Big Spring, Junior Leadership and Senior Leadership and co-sponsors the Big Spring Day in Austin event, which takes place every two years.

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Ron Midkiff serves is the *Herald's* publisher. The *Herald's* offices are located at 710 Scurry St. and are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The commander of the Big Spring division is Capt. Ed Chesire, along with his wife, Capt. Terrie Chesire. The Cheshires transferred to the Big Spring corps in 2008.

The Salvation Army is one of Big Spring's largest and longest-operating community and social service organizations. The agency has provided help to the area needy in many forms, including spiritual, emotional and physical — for more than 70 years.

Most people think of the Salvation Army as the transient lodge, which offers overnight stays and meals to the homeless. Or they associate the agency only with the truck that picks up donated clothing and other items for the thrift store.

Those are some of the most well-used programs in the community, but they are far from all that is offered.

The Salvation Army operates the local Boys and Girls Clubs of America program, and is in the process of conducting a capital campaign to raise the money necessary to build a new Boys and Girls Club building adjacent to the current corps building.

Rent and utility assistance are available for those in need. To aid families and the elderly, the group also collects fans during the first part of the summer.

Fire victims are offered clothing, meals and temporary shelter. A crisis center for families is operated at an undisclosed location.

One of the Army's most visible times of the year is the Christmas holiday season, when bell ringers collect donations at the group's kettles. Thanksgiving meals are cooked, served or delivered to thousands each year. Christmas gifts are provided for needy children through the Angel Tree program.

Every year the Salvation Army has a Back to School program that helps the families of school children, grades K-8.

Worship is available through the week. The Home League provides women's prayer from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. every Wednesday.

The captains hold worship service for the youth at 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Thursday and a men's worship from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday. Music and camps are available for youth.

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Scouting: Building future leaders

Boy Scouts

The Boys Scouts of America turns 100 next year, but it's surprisingly spry for its age.

The BSA, which teaches millions of youth — and not just boys, either — valuable life lessons in an educational and fun way, celebrates its centennial in 2010.

Joining in that celebration will be one of the oldest Boy Scout Troops — Troop No. 1 — in Big Spring.

The local troop, under the direction of Greg Hartman, is part of the Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council, which serves more than 5,000 youth in 18 West Texas counties.

Currently, there are between 100 and 150 Howard County youth active in Scouting.

Scouting can be a fun way for youth to learn values that will serve them well throughout their lives, said Warren Wallace, a longtime Scouting advisor.

"Scouting is a structured, value-based program that teaches traditional principles in an environment where the kids can still have fun," said Wallace, who was active in the BSA for more than 18 years. "They also learn valuable leadership skills."

There are several scout troops that meet weekly (with certain exceptions) in Howard County.

They include:

• Troop 1, one of the oldest scout troops west of the Mississippi River, meets at First United Methodist Church in Big Spring. The Scoutmaster is Dwain Fox.

• Troop 5 meets at First Baptist Church in Big Spring. Scoutmaster is Don Whittenberg.

• Troop 7 meets at First Presbyterian Church. Scoutmaster is Franklin Weber.

• Troop 16 represents the Elbow/Forsan area. Scoutmaster is Charlie Purcell.

• Troop 187 meets at the local LDS church. Chuck Breyman is the Scoutmaster.

In addition, each troop contains several Cub Scout and Explorer groups, Wallace said.

"Scouting's been amazingly strong here for a number of years," he said.

For more information, contact District Director Hartman at 263-3407.



Girl Scouts

The Girl Scouts' self-proclaimed mission is to "build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place." The organization was created for girls ages 5 to 17, or kindergarten all the way through high school. On a local level, there are several troops available to girls in Howard County interested in developing lifelong qualities they will carry through their life — "like strong values, social conscience, and conviction about their own potential and self-worth."

All of the troops in Big Spring are part of the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest which covers the area from Deming, N.M. all the way to Ozona. Membership fees for the entire year are only $12.

There are six different levels in Girl Scouts which are based off of grade levels. Kindergarten and first graders are Girl Scout Daisies; grades 2-3 are Girl Scout Brownies; Girl Scout Juniors are fourth and fifth graders; grades 6-8 are Girl Scout Cadettes; Girl Scout Seniors are ninth and tenth graders; and juniors and seniors are Girl Scout Ambassadors.

According to Brenda Medlock, the community services director out of Odessa, the Girl Scouts in Howard County have participated in some outstanding activities in the past, including a project called "Thinking Day" which has a different theme each year that requires the girls to do research and try to raise awareness about various issues.

Any adults who want to volunteer to help with Girl Scouts are encouraged to contact Medlock as well. She said they do run background and history checks on interested individuals, and the forms are located online.

"Girl Scouts is a wonderful organization, and I think it's a great program for all girls," said Medlock.

For more information, call Brenda Medlock at (432) 550-2688 ext. 311 or (800) 594-5677, e-mail her at b.medlock@gspb.org or visit www.gspb.org.

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Named for Volney E. Howard, a U.S. Congressman from Texas, Howard County is made up of 904 square miles. As of the 2000 Census, there were 33,627 people, 11,389 households and 7,949 families residing in the county, providing a population density of 37 people per square mile.

The census also reported 13,589 housing units at an average density of 15 per square mile. The racial makeup of the county at that time was 80.14 percent White — which includes 37.46 percent Hispanic or Latino — 4.13 percent Black or African American, 0.59 percent Native American, 0.59 percent Asian, 0.01 percent Pacific Islander, 12.43 percent from other races, and 2.10 percent from two or more races.

According to the Census Bureau, the median income for a household in the county was $30,805, and the median income for a family was $37,262. Males had a median income of $28,971 versus $21,390 for females. The per capita income for the county was $15,027. About 14.5 percent of families and 18.6 percent of the population were below the poverty line, including 24.7 percent of those under age 18 and 15.5 percent of those age 65 or over.

Big Spring is the county seat. The cities of Forsan and Coahoma are also located within Howard County's borders. Other communities located within the county include Elbow, Knott, Lomax, Luther, Sand Springs, Vealmoor and Vincent.

Howard County is bordered on the north by Borden County, the northwest by Dawson County, on the west by Martin County, to the south by Glasscock County, on the southeast by Sterling County and to the east by Mitchell County. It lies at the eastern tip of the Permian Basin and at the foot of the escarpment marking the beginning of the Edwards Plateau, which extends 200 miles to the south.

Howard County officials

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Incorporated in 1907, the City of Big Spring currently encompasses 18.89 square miles.

The 2000 census placed the population of Big Spring at 25,233 an increase of 2,140 since the 1990 tally.

Big Spring has a 2 percent sales tax along with 6.25 percent levied by the state for a total of 8.25 percent.

The city tax rate is $1.02 dollars per $100 valuation.

The city council is made up of Mayor Russ McEwen, Councilwoman Stephanie Horton, District 1; Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., District 2; Councilwoman JoAnn Staulcup, District 3; Councilwoman Gloria McDonald, District 4; Councilman Troy Tompkins, District 5; and Councilman Terry Hansen, District 6. Horton serves as the city's mayor pro-tem.

Regular meetings of the city council are held each second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

Gary Fuqua is the city manager and supervises all municipal employees, either directly or through department heads. Todd Darden serves as the assistant city manager and director of public works.

Big Spring has five fire stations which employ 64 people, including firefighters, emergency medical service staff and administrative staff. The police station employs 66 people, including many civilians.

In all, the city employs 289 people — 282 full-time and seven part-time employees — including 15 who have acquired bachelor degrees and 33 associates degrees. Five have post graduate degrees.

In addition to providing its citizens with necessary services such as water and wastewater treatment, street upkeep, and a landfill, the city also maintains a number of recreational facilities.

These include Moss Creek Lake east of the city, Comanche Trail Park, which includes Dora Roberts Community Center, a small lake, amphitheater, and golf course, as well as other smaller parks in the

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City phone numbers

City Manager - 264-2401
Assistant City Manager - 264-2345
City Secretary - 264-2513
Code Enforcement - 264-2505
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Dr. Keith Graumann is artistic director for the symphony.

Two local groups oversee and support the symphony: The Symphony Board and the Symphony Guild.

The Symphony Board oversees contracting with musicians and conductors, obtaining guest musicians and conductors and setting the seasonal programs.

The board officers include: President Suzanne Markwell, First Vice President Bill Stiller, Second Vice President Jobeth Corwin, Secretary Joe Dawes and Treasurer Scott Mackenzie.

The Symphony Guild is a fundraising organization which supports the symphony. The group also participates in activities such as decorating for symphony concerts.

Season and individual performance tickets can be purchased at the symphony office, 808 Scurry, and through a number of community businesses. For more information, call 264-7223.

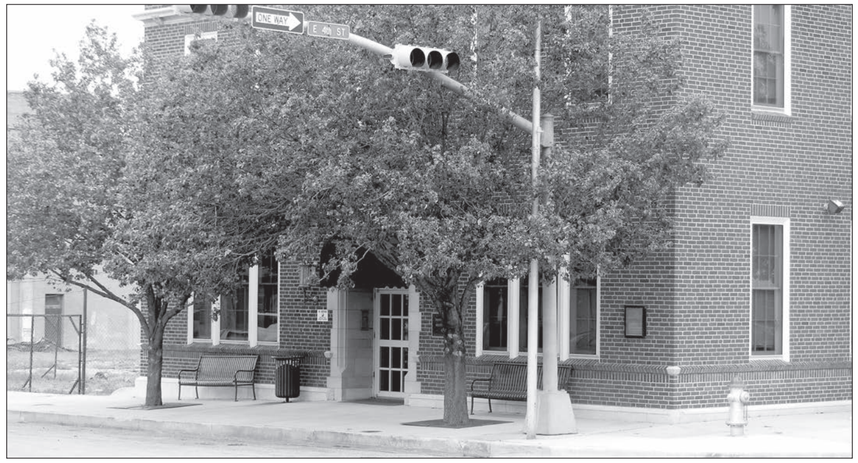
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The Center began operations on March 1, 1997, and continues to serve as the designated local authority for mental health and mental retardation through a contractual relationship with the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Care is provided at approximately 35 sites across the service area to a monthly average of 2,300 individuals through the dedication of approximately 450 staff. Although administrative offices are located at 319 Runnels, Big Spring, local offices are established throughout most of the catchment area.

West Texas Centers also operates a 24-hour Mental Health Crisis line for mental health emergencies. The number is 1-800-375-4357

In addition to services for people with mental illness and mental retardation, the Center hosts an Early Childhood Intervention program that is known as Little Lives ECI Program. This program serves children ages 0-3 years of age.

Administrative offices, including that of Chief Executive Officer Shelley Smith, LMSW, are located at 319 Runnels, Big Spring. Local offices are established throughout most of the catchment area. For more information, call 263-0007.

Local service clubs

Lions and Optimists and Rotarians, oh my.

If you are interested in joining a service club in Howard County, there are several for your choosing. They include:

• Big Spring Downtown Lions Club — Meets every Wednesday at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Contact Secretary Guy Teague at 263-4295.

• Big Spring Evening Lions Club — Meets every Monday at 6:46 p.m. in the Dragon China Buffet. Contact Bob Noyes at 267-5811.

• Coahoma Lions Club — Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month in the Coahoma Community Center. Contact Jim Lemarr at 394-4424.

• Sand Springs Lions Club — Meets the the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Lions Clubhouse. Contact Phillip Reid at 393-5545.

• AMBUCS — meets at noon Friday at La Posada Restaurant.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful meets at noon Monday at the Howard College Cactus Room. Contact Walter Ward at 935-6455.

• Big Spring Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. Wednesday at the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

• Kiwanis Club meets at noon Thursday in the Howard College Cactus Room. Contact Dr. Don McGonagill at 267-7601.

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon Tuesday at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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community and softball, soccer, youth football and baseball fields.

The city recently added a new sports facility, converting the Roy Anderson Softball Fields in to the Roy Anderson Sports Complex, which provides fields and services for a number of different sports.

The city's tax rate is $1.0132 per $100 valuation, consisting of 68.54 cents for the general fund; 8.07 cents to fund the Big Spring Police Department's Narcotics Task Force; 2.42 cents to refund obligation bonds from 2002; 22.53 cents for general obligation bonds for the Roy Anderson Sports Complex and streets project; and 0.69 cents for certificates of obligation for the rehabilitation of the northside water facility and the new annex for the municipal animal shelter.

For additional information about services provided by the City of Big Spring, call 432-264-2401.



City of Coahoma

The City of Coahoma's population is approximately 1,133 (approximately 440 families).

The city council is made up of Mayor Warren Wallace and five council members elected to at-large seats — Jay Holt, Brandon Atkins, Linda Luce, Ronnie Dodson and R.L. Coates.

The city's ad valorem tax rate is 46.7 cents per $100 valuation.

For more information about the City of Coahoma and the services it provides, call Coahoma City Hall at (432) 394-4287.

City of Forsan

The City of Forsan's population is approximately 256 — approximately 102 families call it home.

The city council is made up of Mayor Roger Hudgins and five council members elected to at-large seats — Jim Alexander, Dianna Walker, Allie Lansford, Mary Gressett and Fred Holguin.

The city's ad valorem tax rate is 13.69 cents per $100 valuation.

To contact Forsan City Hall, call (432) 457-2355.

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The center can take a maximum of 85 children, but currently only have 42. They also have a waiting list in case parents are interested but the class is full.

The nine staff members are all required to get 22 hours of training each year and remain certified in first aid and CPR. They strictly adhere to the teacher to student ratio, which is the reason certain students have to be put on the center's wait-list. Melinda Hernandez has been the director for of the center for approximately 30 years.

The center requires anyone picking children up to be on a list provided by the parents and show a photo identification for security purposes. They also have both fire and tornado drills periodically to ensure the safety of the children in case of an emergency.

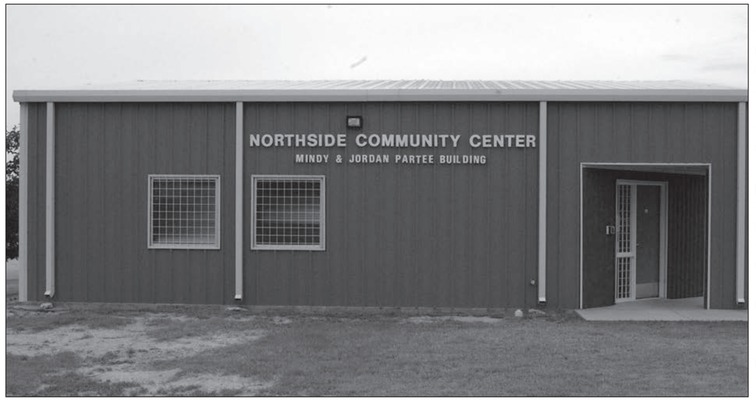
The day care is on a program that guarantees the children two hot meals and a snack every day, and each week the classes rotate between a movie day and a day of water play. Children attending the day care, depending on their age, also have lessons in preparation for pre-k or kindergarten. Children in the after-school program work on their homework in addition to whatever their teacher has planned.

For more information or to schedule a tour, West Side Community Center can be reached at 263-7841.

West Side Community Center
2300 Simler and 1211 W. 4th St.
263-7841



A helping hand available at Northside Center



Northside Community Center is committed to meeting the needs of Big Spring and Howard County's less fortunate citizens. Primarily, the center helps individuals improve their opportunities and abilities.

To do this, the center offers GED classes, educational counseling and assistance, employment counseling and helps in establishing career goals.

Financial assistance as needed and indicated is available, as is limited pharmaceutical and medical needs.

Northside personnel are also able to assist in helping with management and preparation of financial budgets.

Children's tutoring classes are available.

In addition, the Center hosts Legal Aid of Northwest Texas which accepts appointments from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call (800) 926-5630 or (888) 529-5277.

In short, Northside Community Center — a United Way agency — serves a variety of needs to enhance the quality of life for both individuals and families.

Northside is located at 110 NE Eighth St. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bobby R. Armstrong is the administrative assistant. For more information, call 263-2673.

Northside Community Center
110 N.E. Eighth St.
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Rodeo: A Howard County tradition



It's one of this community's longest-standing traditions and one thousands flock to each and every year.

Like death and taxes, the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo is a sure bet to take place every June. That's how it's been for 76 years.

The first rodeo was held in the Cold Strayhorn Addition, southeast of Big Spring, in 1934. It was moved to 11th Place, west of where the Howard College campus is located today, for a few years.

In 1950, the association purchased land and constructed what was at the time, and still is today, one of the most interesting rodeo complexes anywhere. Taking advantage of a natural canyon, the association built the concrete and steel Rodeo Bowl, where the event has been held ever since.

Each year's festivities are kicked off with the traditional rodeo parade. Also in conjunction with the rodeo, the four-man Cowboy Scramble Golf Tournament benefitting the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund takes place on Friday morning of each year's event.

"Rodeo is a truly western American sport. They do the sport in the east, but it was popularized in the west," said board member Harry Middleton. "They don't do rodeo like we do in other countries. It's the biggest deal that comes to Big Spring every year. We probably have the oldest continuous rodeo in the state of Texas."

In this past year's event, more than 253 cowboys and cowgirls made up the field in various events such as bull riding, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, tie-down roping, team roping and steer wrestling.

This year's installment drew some of the nation's top performers in multiple events. Brothers Cody and Heith DeMoss of Heflin, La., were each ranked in the top six in the world when they attended the Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo in June. There was also former world champion Mickey Gee, who took part in the steer wrestling. Five of the world's top 25 barrel racers were also in the field, including Big Spring native Stephanie Fryar.

Gee wasn't the only former world champion in attendance as six-time title holder Cody Ohl took part in the tie-down roping.

Since 2005, the rodeo's stock has been provided by Carr Pro Rodeo, which was established by Pete Carr of Dallas and Malakoff. Each year, several animals from Carr's stock is slated to attend the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

"Pete Carr's stock is just getting better and better," said Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo Board President Skipper Driver. "We're fortunate to have him providing this. Several of his animals are used in the national finals."

For Driver and the rest of the board members, it's important that the Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo continues to be a mainstay in Big Spring.

"The rodeo provides the area with good, clean family entertainment," said Driver. "The event is great for the community as well as the county. It draws people in from all over the area. Very few events in this day and time last 74 years. I have a strong desire to make sure that this continues for as long as possible."

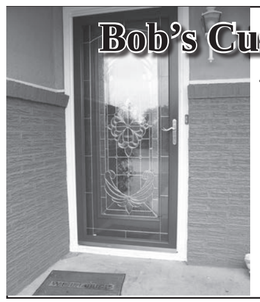
Other board members are Jack Buchanan, Cash Berry, Richard Atkins, Dr. Robert Patterson, John Anderson, Ace Berry, Carey Burchett, Coley Dobbs, Jessie Louis Overton, Greg Cline, Steve Fryan, Jimmy Johnson, Eddie Blassingame, Stanley Knight, Pete Hofacket, Tommy Yeaer, Shane Ward, Wayland Wolf, Wacey Cathey, Steve Osburn, Judge Mark Barr and Michael Brooks.

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In May 1990, Big Spring citizens called for spending through a 1/2-cent hike to city sales tax to promote economic development activities in the community.

On Sept. 4 of the same year, the Secretary of State issued the certificate of incorporation for Big Spring EDC — known then as Moore Development for the city of Big Spring Inc. Operations began that October with an executive director employed shortly thereafter.

In April 2008 — at the recommendation of current Executive Director Terry Wegman — the board voted 3-1 to change the name of the agency to Big Spring Economic Development Corporation in an effort to streamline identification of the agency on the World Wide Web and abroad.

Overseeing the corporation is a five-member board of directors appointed by Big Spring City Council. Current board members include President Dr. Keith Ledford, Vice President Larry McLellan, Glenn Fillingim, Glynna Mouton and Rodney Bomar, who was appointed to fill the unexpired term of former board member Frank Parker.

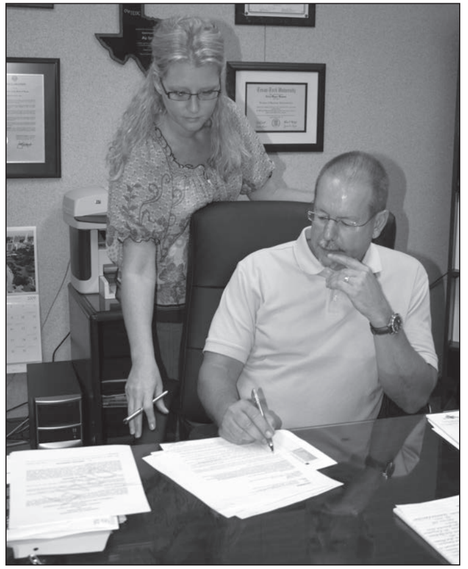
There are three standing committees involved in the workings of the Big Spring EDC Board: The Business Retention and Expansion Committee; the New Business Attraction and Recruitment Committee; and the Agriculture Committee. Each committee is chaired by a board member. At present, between 20 and 30 citizens are actively serving on the committees.

One of the highlights for Wegman and the Big Spring EDC in 2008 was wind energy, as numerous companies looked to jump into the renewable energy market by setting up wind turbines in and around the Crossroads area.

Wegman said the initial economic development jolt brought by the projects has subsided, but the real prize in the mix is beginning to develop.

"There's always that initial jolt of construction when projects like this pop up," said Wegman. "However, that's really not where the big benefits for a city

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like Big Spring and the Howard County area are. The real benefits come when businesses begin setting up to maintain and supply these types of operations, and we're beginning to se that now."

Wegman said the most recent evidence of this shift in economic development is illustrated by the arrival of Moventas to the Big Spring area.

"They repair the gear boxes on the turbines. The gears and bearings on these turbines are just huge, and they require a great deal of maintenance," said Wegman. "We're hoping Moventas moving here will spur more businesses that deal with the wind turbine maintenance industry to move here. There are a lot of different aspects of the business, and the jobs they bring to the area are vital."

The Big Spring EDC participates in and funds numerous local activities, including the Big Spring Day in Austin procession to the Capitol Building every two years. Wegman led the charge in 2009, heralding the day-long event as an excellent way to not only learn about the state legislature, but to let lawmakers know Big Spring's residents are very interested in how their work in Austin impacts West Texas.

For more information on Big Spring EDC, visit www.bigspringtx.com on the Internet or call 264-6032.

Industry is strong locally

Ask just about any industrial manager in Big Spring and they'll quickly provide reasons for locating their businesses in the Big Spring area. They usually revolve around four primary themes — location, a reasonable cost of living, a skilled employee base, and reasonable costs of operation, thanks to affordable property and labor rates.

Chief among the area's manufacturers and solid corporate citizens are ALON USA, A&M Composites, American Limestone, Delta Lightning Arrestors, Fibercom, Freecom, Sid Richardson Carbon Black and Western Container Corp.

Those industries produce everything from fuels and carbon black, to limestone for construction projects, paints and pipe coatings, lightning arrestors, sucker rods for the oil industry and even soft drink bottles. Not surprisingly, most of them have to do with petrochemicals in some form or another.

Perhaps the best known of the community's industries is the Big Spring Refinery.

Originally constructed in 1928 by owner Joshua Cosden, the Big Spring Refinery expanded significantly during World War II. The chemicals complex was constructed in the '50s and '60s and was purchased by Fina in 1963. It was then restructured in the '80s and '90s to become an efficient stable refinery. Fina sold the Big Spring Refinery to Alon USA in 2000.

Alon USA primarily produces regular mid and premium grades of gasoline, and low sulfur diesel fuel. In addition, jet fuel, kerosene, benzene, propane, propylene and aromatic solvents are produced. Various grades of asphalt are produced. Sulfur is a by-product.



The Big Spring Refinery processes 64,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

Once refined, Alon's products are shipped by truck, rail car, and pipeline.

The Big Spring Refinery employs 220 company workers and 10 to 300 contract personnel depending on construction and maintenance requirements. Salary and wages for the Alon USA Refinery are approximately $15 million per year.

And soft drink bottles?

Yes, Western Container Corp. was established in 1979 by a group of Coca-Cola bottlers who saw a long-term need for a central distribution point and a reliable source of high quality, low cost plastic bottle.

The company established its initial site in Big Spring in July 1980 and the plant here continues to be Western Container's central distribution point. The plant is located in an enterprise zone at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

During the first 12 months of operation, the Big Spring facility shipped 29.6 million bottles. Total company-wide shipments for 1996 were more than 2 billion bottles.

In 1985, construction was completed on the first of two additions to the Big Spring facility which increased warehouse space by 50,000 square feet. In 1994, a second addition of 70,000 square feet was also added for warehousing.

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park grounds is the Municipal Golf Course, an 18-hole course that recently underwent a $2 million renovation.

"We lengthened the course by 281 yards from the back tees," said club pro Jack Birdwell. "We added two brand new holes and took out two holes, and changed a Par 4 to a Par 5, which is our new No. 18. It was 399 yards, and now it's 502 yards. That also changed our par from a 71 to a 72.

"I really feel like the normal golfer — the annual golfer we've had here for years — will find this course not necessarily a lot more challenging, but they will find it's a lot more fun. The greens are all larger and have more undulation than the old ones had, so I feel like they are easier to hit, but you're going to have longer putts. I think you'll see a three to four stroke difference between this course and the old one."

Golf isn't the only sport the city of Big Spring has helped along over the years, as the municipality recently put the finishing touches on a new, multi-million dollar sports complex. The Roy Anderson Sports Complex, located in west Big Spring near Interstate Highway 20, provides playing surfaces for baseball, softball, soccer and youth football.

For more on city parks and recreation, contact Jesse Baker 264-2376.

Big Spring also boasts a 381-acre state park facility, located around and atop Scenic Mountain. Dramatic views off of the 200-foot bluff and from the loop road is one of the featured attractions of the 382-acre park. Early morning or sunset, joggers, walkers, and cyclists circle the loop, enjoying these views as they exercise.

Facilities include restrooms with no showers; a lighted, open, group picnic pavilion, which can accommodate up to 50 persons for group outings and may be reserved; and playground facilities. Combined scenic drive and walking route — paved road surface — measures 2.4 miles. There is also a 2/3-mile nature trail, a .65-mile round-trip hike. A seasonal interpretive center displays area Indian artifacts and fossils. The rustic pavilion is ideal for weddings or church, company or graduation picnics.



Howard County and Big Spring State Park are located in an area where three ecological regions merge. To the north and east are the western Rolling Plains; to the south is the Edwards Plateau; and to the west are the southern High Plains (also known as the Llano Estacado or the Staked Plains). The mixing of ecological regions results in a variety of plant and animal life since representatives from each region are often found overlapping in a relatively small area.

Domestic livestock have not grazed the park land since the 1920s, and, as a consequence, vegetation typical for the semiarid region blankets the park. Large woody plant species include mesquite, shin oak, skunkbush sumac and redberry juniper. Prickly pear and other cacti are common on the rocky slopes of the park.

Common wildlife such as cottontails, jackrabbits, ground squirrels and roadrunners can often be seen, particularly early or late in the day. Many of the area's numerous and varied bird species can also be observed.

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Parks offer plenty to do in Crossroads area



Centered around the historic Comanche Trail Lake, the city of Big Spring's Comanche Trail Park is the municipality's largest and most-used recreational facility.

Located near U.S. Highway 87 in the southern part of the city, the 136-acre facility provides family-oriented recreation and is home to numerous annual events, including the Pops in the Park Fourth of July celebration and the Trail of Lights Christmas display.

The park has undergone some rather radical changes in the past year, however, as an arson attack on the Kid's Zone playground in late December 2008 destroyed the southwestern portion of the playground. Also, federal requirements forced the city to close the municipal swimming pool for the 2009 season, a subject the Big Spring City Council is expected to discuss during fiscal planning sessions in the coming months.

The playground — which was first erected in 1996 with the help of about 200 volunteers — was renovated and repaired in May 2009, much of which was made possible through donations and fundraising efforts in and around the city. Funds were also allocated to install surveillance cameras in and around the Kid's Zone area to discourage future attacks on the facility.

And while efforts to reopen the Kid's Zone playground flourished, the fate of the Municipal Swimming Pool remains up in the air for the time being. The Big Spring City Council tentatively agreed to move forward with $3 million in renovations to the Municipal Swimming Pool during a special work session earlier this year.

Also situated within Comanche Trail Park are the historic spring which the city derives its name from and the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

Also part of the sprawling

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think if you go someplace where there are old people, you're going to get old people food, and that's just not the case here.

"We have good food and we have good company. There's always lots of different things going on, and just like anything else in life, you come and go as you please. You're not required to do anything."

And there's plenty to do.

Mondays, Home Hospice provides blood pressure checks from 10:30 a.m. until noon. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the center hosts bingo at 12:45 p.m., with prizes provided for 20 winners each session. Cards are 25 cents each. Also on Tuesdays and Thursdays, A ceramics class is hosted by Barbara Hulsey from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays, the center hosts a special Bible study, led by volunteer Betty Franklin. According to Jones, the study is a lot of fun and a definite indication of the growth possibilities for the facility.

"One of the things that God laid on my heart when i came to the center was to start a Bible study," said Jones. "But you have to be very careful with that because we're government funded. And a volunteer went out and found us a history book called '52 Greatest Characters of the Bible,' so it's more of a history study than anything else. So we decided to try it, and we started out with just five people. Now we have more than 30 people in the study group. It's a 52-week study, and we look at a different character every week. That's just one of the new things we've started since the city took over the center."

Also Wednesdays, intermediate line dancing classes are hosted by Anna Lou Bradberry and Mary Ann Fincher at 12:45 p.m.

For area seniors that like a little nightlife in their weekly plans, the center hosts a country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. each Friday for a $6 fee per person.

In addition, the Senior Center offers darts, dominoes and board games — ranging from chess and checkers to backgammon — as well as jigsaw puzzles. Regulation-size pool tables are also available, and all the necessities, such as cues and balls, are provided.

Jones said there are also pianos available for practice and entertainment.

"There are just so many different things to do here. Or, if they prefer, they don't have to do any of it," she said with a laugh. "It's completely up to them. We just want to make sure they get a good meal and a chance to socialize.

The social part of what we do is so important. So many seniors just want to sit at home and watch television, and it's like watching them wither on the vine and just die. There's so much more out there."

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Cotton is king

Say agriculture in Howard County and for all intents and purposes, you're talking about cotton farming. In West Texas' dry climate, that can be a hit-or-miss proposition. While 2008 was a somewhat poor season, the area's farmers had outstanding crops the two previous years and 2009 looks good.



On average dryland cotton farmers can expect to get between a half-bale to a bale per acre.

And good cotton crops mean good things for the rest of Howard County, because those farmers spend their money here at home for the most part.

So it shouldn't come as a surprise to anyone that Crossroads area residents, regardless of their business, are always praying for timely rains and good growing weather.

While cotton dominates, there is some limited truck farming of fruits and vegetables in the area. Much of that produce finds its way to the Big Spring Farmers Market from its opening in early July through its close at the end of October each year.

The Farmers Market is held each Tuesday and Saturday during the season at Heart of the City Park in downtown Big Spring.

Services you can bank on

Sound financial advice is available through numerous banks and credit unions in Howard County.

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201 W. Marcy (Wal-Mart) - 466-0100





History is important to Big Spring

Preserving the past

The Heritage Museum, located at 510 Scurry St., is a non-profit organization dedicated to the history of Howard County and West Texas and has been part of the community since 1971.

Heritage Museum
510 Scurry St.
267-8255
www.bigspringmuseum.com



Even the building is a piece of local history. Originally Dora Roberts' townhouse that was eventually expanded in 1991 into what is seen today, the Heritage Museum uses its 13,000 square feet of space to display exhibits and store and research artifacts. The museum also has the Gerald-Marie Wallace Pavilion and an outdoor patio for different events it hosts during the year.

Also under the direction of the Heritage Museum since the early 1980s is the historical Potton House, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and located five blocks to the north of the museum at 200 Gregg St.

The Heritage Museum is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for children and seniors. The admission fee also admits visitors into the Potton House.

The museum's director is Nancy Raney and its curator is Tammy Schrecengost. Raney has been at the museum for 15 years and after about three years, Schrecengost joined her and they've worked together ever since.

Some of the different displays are the Texas Longhorn exhibit, the Texas and Pacific Railway Company exhibit, an exhibit on the history of the Big Spring Refinery, a doll exhibit (originally part of the Doll Museum formerly located on the corner of Gregg and Third Street), an exhibit featuring lady bullfighter Patricia McCormick, a phonograph exhibit and indian artifacts from the area. The museum also features a wide variety of temporary exhibits that are changed quarterly in the downstairs entrance area.

The museum has a gift shop that features local artists and authors as well as regional books and cookbooks. It also boasts a children's section with hard-to-find items. In the past, the gift shop hosted book signings for Tumbleweed Smith and Marj Carpenter.

The gift shop can be accessed online along with the museum's calendar of events and quarterly newspaper.

For more information, the museum can be reached at (432) 267-8255 or by e-mail at heritage@crcom.net. The Heritage Museum Web site is at www.bigspringmuseum.com.

Taking to the skies

A large part of Big Spring's history is tied closely to airplanes and air power and the Hanger 25 Air Museum has been dedicated to preserving that history for the

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Senior Center offers more than just a good meal

Approximately a year ago, the Big Spring Senior Center was handed over by Howard County — which had operated the facility for many years — to the city of Big Spring. Since that time, according to Center Director Nancy Jones, the facility has gone through a number of changes.

"The city of Big Spring took over the center in June of 2008," said Jones. "There's a real challenge here, because regardless of who's running it, there are 230 meals that have to go out every day. You have paperwork, meetings and all of these things to do, but you can't do them until the meals are done.

Senior Citizens Center
1901 Simler Ave.
267-1628
www.mybigspring.com



"One of the biggest changes at the center is we've been able to buy some new equipment. The city has been awfully good to us. We've gotten new stoves, a new freezer and ice maker, and the city has been so good to support us and understand this is a very old building. There was a lot of updating that had to be done when they took it over, and we're still in that process. We're still trying to buy new things as we get the funds, as well as refurbish the cabinets and a number of other projects this facility needs."

Meals are served at the center Monday through Friday at noon. There is no charge for the meal to seniors over the age of 60, although a $2.50 donation is suggested. There is a $5 charge to those under the age of 60. Transportation to and from the center can be secured with a reservation 24 hours in advance by calling 267-1628.

Jones said she would like to see more local seniors come in and check the facility out, especially those that have never been there and are unsure if they would like it.

"Just give it a try," said Jones with a determined look. "The center really isn't what a lot of people think it is. Personally, I'd put our food up against any restaurant. It's not 'old people food.' Most people

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Dolores Schaedel, left, Joyce Hill, Harvey Harris and Joyce Harris enjoy a game of dominoes at the Big Spring Senior Center. The facility, which offers balanced meals for area seniors, also provides a number of entertaining activities throughout the year.

Caring hands offer assistance to elderly and disabled

Big Spring offers a program for almost every need to the elderly and disabled in the community.

The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran Home is a state-funded facility available to veterans, their spouses and Gold Star parents. The center offers a secure Alzheimer's unit. Located at 1809 North U.S. Highway 87, the veterans home was completed in 2001. For more information, call 268-8387.

Twenty-four hour care for those with chronic or disabling illnesses can be found at two locations in Big Spring.

Comanche Trail Nursing Home Center, 3200 Parkway, can be reached by calling 263-4041; Mountain View Lodge is located at 2009 Virginia and can be reached at 263-1271.

Assisted-living centers offering varying degrees of care include: Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th Street, 267-1353, and Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road, 268-9041. Both facilities offer private apartments, regular meals and medical care as needed.

Two retirement centers that serve those on a limited income, without nursing care include St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc. known locally as Canterbury North, 401 W. 17th Street, 263-1238, and Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster, 263-1265.

The Canterbury buildings offer residents such services as a store on the premises, dances, games and activities, along with transportation to doctor's appointments and shopping.



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at 432-263-7361, ext. 7175 or 1-800-472-1365, ext. 7175.

In addition to expanding services to female veterans, Marsh announced the Big Spring facility will also be establishing a Home-Based Primary Care Program (HBPC). This program will consist of an interdisciplinary team that will provide primary care in the homes of Veterans that are home-bound and cannot travel to a VA facility.

This team will travel throughout the primary service area providing "house calls" to eligible veterans, those who are home-bound and unable to access health care outside their homes. The leadership at the Big Spring VA facility is in the process of interviewing staff for this program and are hopeful to implement the services by Oct. 1.

Individuals interested in this program may contact Social Services at 432-263-7361, ext. 7041 or 1-800-472-1365, ext. 7041.

Also coming to the West Texas VA Health Care System in August is an urologist. Dr. Candido Otero, interim chief of staff, successfully contracted with a Lubbock facility to provide urology services to veterans beginning Aug. 6.

Initially the contract allows an urologist to be at the Big Spring facility on Thursdays and Fridays bi-weekly.

Marsh also announced the appointments of Dr. Martin Schnier as chief of staff and Douglas Paxton as associate medical center director.

Dr. Schnier's appointment date was effective July 19. He is transferring from the Orlando, Fla. VA Medical Center. Paxton will arrive at the Big Spring facility Aug. 2. Paxton is relocating from the Baton Rouge, La. area, where he served as clinic director for the VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic.

On June 15, the Department of Veterans Affairs expanded enrollment criteria for Priority Group 8 veterans by 10 percent. If any veteran applied for health care on or after Jan. 18, 2003 and was deferred due to the means test, these veterans are encouraged to reapply or contact the VAMC to determine if they might qualify for health care today.

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nurses, social workers, dietitians and physical and occupational therapists are complemented by an administrative team well-versed in the financial operations of running a hospital and a support staff committed to working in a hospital setting.

Big Spring State Hospital has been cited as one of the leaders in mental health care in the state of Texas and has received many best practice awards from the Department of State Health Services for its innovative care.

Presently the emphasis is placed on quality treatment to shorten the period of illness, to rehabilitate, and to return the patient to the community as quickly as possible. In order to do this, treatment modalities have expanded to include a full range of rehabilitation therapies, education, individual and group psychotherapy, and family intervention as an adjunct to medication. Patients who come to the hospital are treated not only for their psychiatric problems, but also for any problem needing medical attention.

Big Spring State Hospital has been certified as a Mother-Friendly Worksite and boasts an active workforce who immerses themselves in charitable organizations, such as the highly popular American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raiser.

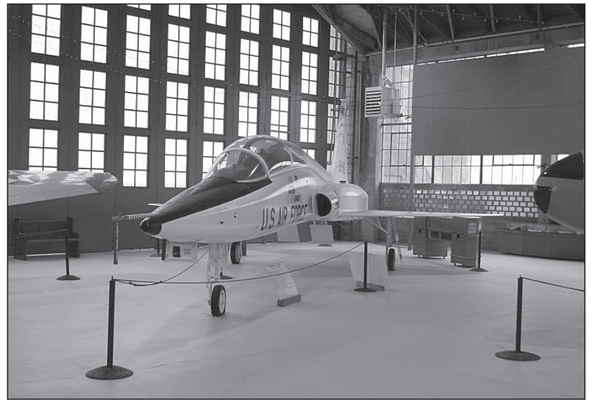
The 100-member strong Volunteer Services Council provides tens of thousands of dollars in volunteer-generated income to the patients from sources ranging from the highly successful Chalet Resale Shop, which collects, sorts and sells used clothing and gently used household items to the social event of the spring season – the Cars, Stars and Handlebars fund-raiser at the Big Spring Country Club.

Also, many members of the community, including the Lions Club and area businesses, such as ALON USA help the patients celebrate the holiday season by donating time, finances and resources to ring in the holidays for patients who are away from family members during the season.

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past 10 years.

Located in a fully restored World War II era hangar, the stated mission of Hangar 25 is to "promote education through collection, preservation and exhibition of the history of the Big Spring Army Air Force Bombardier School and Webb Air Force Base, while honoring all veterans, past and present."

After the closure of Webb Air Force Base in 1977, Hangar 25 lay vacant and in an increasingly dilapidated state until the mid 1990s, when a group of area citizens took action to restore and preserve the facility. Primary movers behind the development of the museum in its formative stages were former assistant city manager Tom Decell, Nelda Reagan, secretary of the airport and industrial park and air park board member Bobby McDonald.

A $453,000 grant to help fund the refurbishment of the hangar was obtained in 1996 and the museum opened three years later.

Hangar 25 Air Museum
1911 Apron Dr.
264-1999
www.hangar25airmuseum.com

Meghan Bias is the sixth administrator of the museum since its inception, while Vicki Nutter serves as museum assistant and Sandra Silva is in charge of maintenance. Current board members include President Emma Bogard, Vice President Skip Burcham, Secretary Lora Wofford and Treasurer Bob Miller, along with Jerry Worthy, Gloria McDonald, Jan Foresyth, Shirley Lee, Clarance Hartfield Jr., Charlie Lewis, Marc Marchesseault, Col. Harry Spannaus and Myron Gwin. Col. Jim Little is an ex-officio board member.

The museum hosts several special events through the year, including the Silver Wings Ball, the museum's annual fund-raiser in November, a free hot dog lunch for veterans every Memorial Day and Young Eagles free airplane rides for children in May and the Kid's Club workshop in June.

In addition, the museum has its regular Veteran of the Month ceremony.

In conjunction with the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations, the museum will host the second Webb Air Force Base Reunion this October.

"This is a chance for people who trained or worked at the base or are affiliated with it in some other way, to reunite with old friends and enjoy Big Spring," Bias said.

Annual membership fees range from $30 to $1,000 and entitle persons to a 10 percent discount in the museum gift shop, a subscription to the museum's newsletter and an invitation to the annual members' dinner.

Admission for visitors is free, although donations are gladly accepted, Bias said. Museum hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

The museum is located at 1911 Apron Dr. For more information, call 264-1999.

Have fun exploring the county library

A wealth of information is available at Howard County Library where visitors can learn how to plant a garden, research their family history or explore the open seas with Blackbeard the pirate. And with movies, computers and meeting rooms for groups available, there isn't much that can't be accomplished with a little effort.

Howard County Library
500 S. Main
264-2260
www.howard-county.lib.tx.us

The library's check-out policy is: Books, three weeks; books on tape or compact disc, two weeks; inter-library loan items, per lending institution; and videos and DVDs, three days, with an overall limit of one DVD, two videos. There is a 15-item limit on all resources.

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Honoring those who sacrificed for our freedom

The Big Spring Vietnam Memorial, like many others like it throughout the country, was constructed as a labor of love to ensure that those who made sacrifices during the Vietnam War — those who didn't return from Southeast Asia, as well as those who survived yet still carry scars, both seen and unseen, will never be forgotten.

Very much a work in progress, the memorial's grounds have changed a great deal since members of the community decided to permanently commemorate the site of a 1987 visit to Big Spring by the Moving Wall — a replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The most recent additions to the memorial site — a six-sided granite "All Services and All Veterans" Monument and a multi-generational "Fallen Soldier" Monument — were unveiled during 2008 Memorial Day ceremonies on May 26.

"We're not though yet I don't imagine," said Gene Wilson, who serves as president of the Vietnam Memorial Committee of Big Spring.

Big Spring Vietnam Memorial
Rackley Street and Swords Avenue
www.thebigspringvietnammemorial.org

"While we don't have any plans for major additions to the grounds at this time, it's pretty clear we've been interested in making additions whenever the opportunities have presented themselves."

Indeed, from fairly humble plans at the outset, the memorial is now an absolute "must see" attraction for visitors to Big Spring.



In 1996, a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter was acquired from the Army and committee members and volunteers spent hundreds of hours cosmetically restoring the chopper and painting it like Vietnam era medievac helicpoters. The Huey was dedicated on Memorial Day 1997.

An F-4 Phantom II jet was acquired from the U.S. Air Force in December 1997 and transported from "Wichita Falls to Big Spring. Five months later, it was completely restored and mounted next to the Huey, its dedication ceremonies held on Memorial Day 1998. Later an M-60 tank would be added to the military hardware permanently displayed on the memorial grounds and the final addition came a few years later when an AH-1 "Cobra" helicpoter was acquired, refurbished and mounted.

The memorial also continued to expand with addition of the Gold Star Mothers Chapel, honoring fallen soldiers from all wars.

"This memorial ... what people see today ... wasn't done in a day. It took a lot of time and effort by a lot of different people," Wilson noted. "It's been accomplished in phases, and every time we've added another feature, the community has always responded by meeting our needs. "





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and fines will keep accruing until lost or damaged items are paid for. Patron checkout and renewal privileges will be blocked if the patron has one or more overdue reserves; one or more items 15 days overdue; or $5 or more in fines.

Operations at the library are overseen by Librarian Hollis McCright. A reference librarian is on duty to help patrons find information. The reference librarian can research the answer to a specific question; locate information contained within the library; and instruct the patron on using the computer card catalogue, the microfilm reader and online databases, such as TexShare.

The reference librarian can perform an inter-library loan search when a patron requires a book or an article not found within the library, and also has knowledge of newspaper clippping files and other items stored in the library's vertical file system.



An adult literacy program is provided at the Howard County Library. It is conducted by Paul Smith. For complete information on this program, call 268-1270.

The library conducts a summer reading program, as well as a storytime, which is held every Wednesday at 10:15 a.m. For additional information on storytime, call the library.

Howard County Library hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The facility is open Saturdays during the school year. The Internet/Video room closes one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St. Call 264-2260 for more information.

Big Spring VAMC: Serving our nation's heroes

With nearly 18 percent of today's Veterans serving in Armed Forces being women, the Big Spring VA Medical Center is committed to providing health care to all veterans.

Last October, registered nurse Sharon Settles was named as the West Texas VA Health Care System's Women's Veteran Program Manager. Since that time, Settles has devoted 100 percent of her time outreaching to female veterans and providing the personal contact to assist with their health care needs.

Big Spring VA Medical Center
300 Veterans Blvd
263-7361

"If the VA does not have the facilities to address the needs of the young returning female veterans, we utilize local facilities to provide their care," Settles said.

At this time, mammography and obstetrics are the two services that are being provided by community facilities; however, VAMC Director Daniel Marsh reported those services will be addressed in the near future.

Primary care providers are addressing other women's health care needs. Female veterans are encouraged to contact Settles

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State Hospital commited to serving patients in a wide region

Big Spring State Hospital – a state-owned and managed hospital operating since 1939 – continued its commitment in 2009 to providing high-quality care for people with mental illness in a 58-county area in West Texas and the Texas South Plains.

The 200-bed hospital is one of 11 state hospitals in the state of Texas operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The hospital's workforce grew to more than 640 people and a payroll of nearly $21 million during the 2009 year to accommodate the need of caring for a large geographic region spanning from the Texas Panhandle down to San Angelo, west to El Paso and east to Abilene.

The hospital is run by a professional staff who have immeasurable experience treating patients in a psychiatric setting and possess a longstanding commitment to the region's patients and their care.

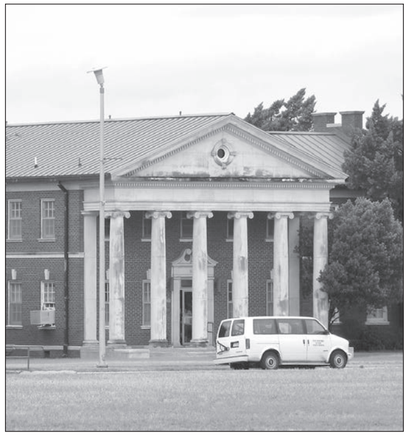
Many of the members of the professional staff are long-time employees – they found psychiatric care at an early age and stayed with it, nurturing their knowledge and education, often attending conferences and training sessions emphasizing cutting-edge ideas to keep up with the best and latest in psychiatric care.

Big Spring State Hospital
1901 N. Highway 87
267-8216

The staff is long-standing because of the commitment the hospital and its administration shows to its workforce, cultivating entry-level workers and guiding them to careers in nursing or other specializations. Many employees have applied and received stipends, grants, and incentives to continue their education and return to the hospital to share their knowledge with patients who benefit from their expanded base of understanding of their disease.

The professional team of physicians,

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neonatal resuscitation and advanced fetal monitoring. Ever mindful of security, a newly-installed infant monitoring system helps provide peace of mind. Certified childbirth educators are available to provide training for the parents-to-be.

Scenic Mountain's continued efforts to attract and retain experienced, talented medical staff members result in new physicians joining the team of professionals serving this community.

In July, general surgeon Dr. John Lang joined Drs. Alan Abel and Ladd Hoffman on the SMMC surgical team. Dr. Carlos Ricaldi, anesthesiologist, also joined the medical staff at that time.

In October 2008, board certified family physician Dr. Scott Barclay joined the medical staff with an office in the Malone & Hogan Clinic, Cornerstone Family and Sports Medicine.

Since 2005, the hospital has added 14 new physicians and retained seven existing doctors. Specialties represented include anesthesiology, cardiology, family practice, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, internal medicine, obstetrics, orthopedics, pediatrics, pulmonology, radiology and urology.

Among the medical services offered at SMMC are: 24-hour emergency department, cardiac catheterization laboratory, day surgery, endoscopic suite, intensive care unit, MRI/MRA, mammography, bone density testing, nuclear medicine, occupational therapy, orthopedics, outpatient care, physical therapy, radiology, speech therapy and urology.

Kicked-off in January, the Healthy Woman program is a free community resource designed to empower women with information to maintain a healthy body, mind and spirit for themselves and their loved ones. Already boasting more than 600 members, free monthly Healthy Woman events are designed to be educational, fun and support a woman's unique role as the family healthcare manager.

With 800 members, SMMC's Senior Circle chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary in April. Senior Circle is a national organization committed to enriching the lives of adults age 50 and over.

Joining Senior Circle costs $15 and the rewards are priceless, officials said. An annual membership provides a selection of discounts, activities and events, exercise and wellness classes, a chapter newsletter and national publication subscription, in-hospital privileges, reciprocal privileges and more.

For more information about SMMC, visit its website at www.smmccares.com or call 263-1211.

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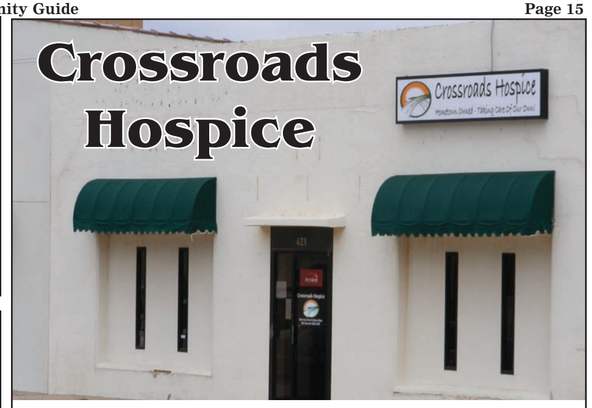
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Places of worship

There are more than 70 churches in the immediate Big Spring area. We invite you to worship at the one of your choice.

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First Assembly of God, Fourth and Lancaster, 267-7971
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Central Baptist, 5108 Nichols Road, 398-5469
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Primera Bautista Mission, 701 NW Fifth, 263-1139
Primitive Baptist, 201 E. 24th
Salem Baptist, Old Colo. City Hwy.-Salem Rd.
Spring Creek Fellowship, 501 Birdwell, 714-4584
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Catholic
Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, 610 S. Main, 714-4930

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First Christian, 911 Goliad, 517-4821
Anderson Street Church of Christ, Green and Anderson, 263-2075
Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th Place
Church of Christ, 14th and Main
Coahoma Church of Christ, 311 N. Second
Sand Springs Church of Christ, Thomas Road
West Highway 80 Church of Christ, 3900 W. Hwy. 80, 267-6483
Church of God of Prophecy, 15th and Dixie
First Church of God, 2009 Main, 267-6607

Church of God in Christ
Holy Mission, 302 E. 11 Place, 270-1566
McGee Memorial Church of God in Christ, 1000 NW Third, 267-6605
New Life, 204 NW 10th, 264-0771
Powerhouse of God in Christ, 1311 Goliad

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 1803 Wasson, 263-4411

Episcopal
St. Mary's Episcopal, 1001 Goliad, 267-8201

Gospel
Spring Tabernacle, 1209 Wright St.

Jehovah Witness
Kingdom Hall Jehovah's Witness, 1500 Wasson Rd.

Lutheran
Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, LCMS, 2805 Lynn, 267-2594
St. Paul Lutheran, 810 Scurry, 267-7163

Methodist
Baker's Chapel AME Methodist 911 N. Lancaster, 267-7158
Coahoma United Methodist, Main and Central
First United Methodist, 400 Scurry, 267-6394
North Birdwell Lane United Methodist, 2702 N. Birdwell, 263-2536

Nazarene
First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster

Non-Denominational
Christ Community Fellowship, 1008 Birdwell Lane, 263-5683
Circuit Rider Cowboy Church, 500 N. Birdwell
Cornerstone/Covenant, 706 E. 12th, 264-0015
Family Faith Victory Center Int., 3401 E. 11th Place, 267-6001
Lighthouse Restoration Center, 604 E. 13th, 264-0043
Life Church, 600 E. FM 700, 263-7714
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Pentecostal
The Pentecostals of Big Spring Jesus Name UPC, 1004 Locust, 263-0050

Presbyterian
First Presbyterian, 701 Runnels, 263-4211
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Other
The Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth, 267-8239
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Friends of Unity, 100 S. Main (east boxcar)
Templo Centro De Alabanza, 900 Magnolia
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SMMC serves more than 18,000 patients annually



Scenic Mountain Medical Center's mission is to provide compassionate, high-quality and safe patient care that exceeds the expectations of patients, physicians, employees and volunteers, and to preserve and strengthen the tradition of community service.

SMMC, located on Martin Luther King Boulevard, admits approximately 3,000 patients to the 150-bed hospital each year, while the emergency department serves more than 15,000 people annually.

The hospital hosts a staff of more than 300 employees, delivers an annual payroll of $15 million and is involved in several community non-profit efforts. Notably, in 2008 the SMMC team raised over $17,000 to contribute to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life. In 2008, the facility provided nearly $15 million in care to patients unable to pay their hospital bills.

2008 was a successful year for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, officials said. In just the last 12 months, SMMC invested more than $2 million updating equipment and improving facilities to better meet the healthcare needs of Big Spring and the surrounding communities.

The hospital now has new high-definition orthopedic and laparoscopic scopes for the operating rooms, new beds in the intensive care unit, on-site lithotripsy equipment to quickly and safely treat kidney stones and a new maternal/fetal monitor.

A recent upgrade to the hospital's magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) equipment allows for magnetic resonance angiography which provides a detailed view of the blood vessels. This is extremely useful in detecting stroke and blood vessel diseases.

In February, the new Scenic Mountain Sleep Center began performing sleep studies to assist physicians in diagnosing sleep apnea here in Big Spring. According to Chief Financial Officer Mike Ruff, "SMMC spends about $1 million annually on capital equipment upgrades to keep abreast of the ever-changing technology in the marketplace."

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 W. 11th Place
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The emphasis isn't exclusively on equipment, however. The staff strives to ensure that each patient is satisfied with the service and care received during a visit at SMMC, officials said. One way this is done is by making hourly visits—called "rounds"—to patient rooms.

By anticipating patient needs and meeting them in a timely manner, the SMMC staff hopes to enhance well-being so they can focus on your recovery. Chief Nursing Officer, Judy Roever expands on that idea: "We are creating a great place for people to work, physicians to practice medicine and, most importantly, for patients to receive great care."

A Level IV Trauma Center designation, first earned in 2005 and valid until 2011, certifies that the Emergency Department at SMMC provides the equipment and resources to care for patients with traumatic injuries and illness.

"This designation was given after SMMC underwent an extensive survey process by the Texas Department of State Health Services to demonstrate its commitment to high quality trauma care for the residents of Howard County and the surrounding area" Roever states. "We will continue to work to set new standards of excellence in providing emergency care."

The Women's Services department features a comfortable, fully-equipped labor and delivery unit. The nursing staff is trained in

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All of the information below is based on the 2008-2009 season. Cost might vary for the 2009-2010 season.

Crossroads Youth Football Association

Sign-ups for the generally begin in early August and last throughout that month. There are three leagues — Flag, Division I and Division II — with each team also having a group of cheerleaders.

Cost to sign up in 2008 was $40 for flag football and $100 for Division I and II football. Cheerleading cost is $100 if a new uniform is required and $35 if not.

Find more information at www.freewebs.com/cyfa

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association

In the middle of August, boys and girls ranging from age 5 to 12 have the opportunity to sign up for the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association.

There are four co-ed leagues delegated by age. Last season, the BSYSA had around 315 kids sign up to play. Cost to play is estimated at about $75.

For more information, visit www.bigspringsoccer.org

Big Spring Little League Baseball

The Big Spring Little League Baseball Association has five leagues — Majors, Minors, Pee Wee, Pony and Tee Ball — available for different age groups.

The Majors are for ages 11 and 12 with some 10-year-olds sprinkled in. The Minors are made up of



mostly 9- and 10-year-olds with some 8- and 11-year-olds also taking the field.

In the Pee Wee League, 7- and 8-year-olds take the field, while 5- and 6-year olds are generally delegated to Tee Ball.

The Pony Leagues are for junior high players with 13- and 14-year-olds playing in one league and a 15-year-old team also being fielded.

The BSLL had around 450 kids sign up last season. Sign-ups begin in March with a cost of $35 to register. The season ends with the City Tournament in early June, while an All-Star tournament takes place later that month and into early July.

Contact information for the BSLL can be found at www.bsllbaseball.com

Big Spring Girls Softball Association

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association begins sign-ups in late February or early March. There are five leagues — 6 & Under, 8 & Under, 10 & Under, 12 & Under and 14 & Under — serving girls ages 4-14.

Cost to sign up was $65 in 2009.

For more information, visit www.bsgsa.webs.com

The YMCA also offers a wide variety of sports and activities including girls and boys basketball, volleyball, swimming and gymnastics. For information on any of those leagues, call the Y at 267-8234.

SWCID

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technology and construction and building technology.

The interpreter training program and paraprofessional for the deaf and hard of hearing programs remain popular with those individuals who choose to work within the deaf community.

SWCID has been established on approximately 57 acres at the site of the former Webb Air Force Base. This property contains buildings and improvements including the 66,000-square-foot administration/classroom complex, dormitories for men and women, a student union building, an activity center with gymnasium, racquetball court and weight room and a residential maintenance building.

The Burke-Mehan Residence complex can house 92 students in a dormitory setting and 18 students in apartments.

At the Diagnostic Center, a full-time audiologist as well as rehabilitation counselors for deaf and hard of hearing students will pave the way for securing diagnostic services and educational assistance.

The Maddux Student Center has a cafeteria, game room, auditorium, student mail boxes, and meeting rooms for student events and activities.

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Camping, fishing, swmming and boating are available at CRMWD lakes. A daily vehicle pass is $5. Annual passes are $60. An annual senior citizen pass is $10. Individual and boat permits are not required. Passes are available at drop boxes, marinas and concession facilities.

Public pavilions are also available at various locations around the lakes, and can be reserved for fees ranging from $25 to $35.

— Lake J.B. Thomas is 35 miles north of Big Spring and 20 miles southwest of Snyder. Facilities include rest rooms, picnic tables, camping areas and boat ramps.



— E.V. Spence Reservoir is at Robert Lee on U.S. Highway 158. Facilities include boat ramps, picnic tables, rest rooms and campsites. Concession locations include Wildcat Creek Marina, (325) 453-2801 and Paint Creek Marina, (325) 453-2982.

— O.H. Ivie Reservoir is located on FM 1929 and FM 503. Facilities include boat ramps, picnic tables, rest rooms and campsites. Concession locations include Concho Park and Marina (southwest side), 325 357-4466, Kennedy Park (southeast side), (325) 357-4776, and Padgitt Park (north side), no phone available.

In addition, CRMWD controls the water level at Moss Creek Lake, though the park is owned and operated by the city of Big Spring. Moss Creek Lake is located east of Big Spring and can be accessed on Moss Creek Lake Road off Interstate 20. For more information, contact facility caretaker Rick Boiles at (432) 393-5246.

Entry to Moss Creek is $3 per vehicle plus 50 cents per person, not to exceed $5. Children 12 and younger and adults 65 and older are exempt from the 50-cent fee. There are additional fees for camping, RV hookups and boating permits. An annual permit for immediate family is available for $100 and includes entry, camping and boat permits.

Moss Creek is also home to a dirt bike course.

Permits are $5 per vehicle, in addition to entry permits for riders and non-riders. The course is open from 7 a.m. until dusk, Monday through Sunday.

No riding of ATV, Motor Cross or Enduro style vehicles is allowed outside of the designated course at any time.

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SWCID: More than meets the eye

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, located at 3200 Ave. C in Big Spring, is the largest community college dedicated to deaf and hard of hearing students in the world.

Funded almost entirely through state appropriations, SWCID was created as part of the Howard County Junior College District in 1980. The first classes at SWCID were offered in 1980; and on May 14, 1981, the Governor of Texas signed into law the bill which established SWCID as a state-supported institution within the Howard County Junior College District.

SWCID provides educational programs that serve the deaf and hard of hearing as well as providing education for paraprofessionals for the deaf and hearing impaired.

SWCID offers a variety of academic and workforce-training courses.

New England native Mark Myers is in his second year as provost of the institution.

Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf
3200 Ave, C
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www.howardcollege.edu/swcid

Edward Tagge is dean of student services.

Among the programs having seen the most growth are graphic arts technology, dental laboratory

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SCHOOLS

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Gomez.

• Kentwood Elementary, 2500 Merrily, 264-4130. Principal is Dana Byrd.

• Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson, 264-4144. Principal is Brenda Dunlap.

• Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham, 264-4148. Principal is George Martin.

• Washington Elementary, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane, 264-4126. Principal is Oscar Aguera.

Schools begin Aug. 24.

Coahoma ISD

Coahoma Independent School District consists of a Class 2A high school, a junior high and an elementary school and serves approximately 820 students.

The school district is under the leadership of Superintendent Randy Brown.

Coahoma ISD
394-4290
www.coahomaisd.com

Serving on the school board are President Jody Reid, Vice President Sissy Franklin, Secretary Alan Wright and board members Lori Martinez, Patric Robinson, James White and Brian Moore.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

• Administrative office, 600 North Main, 394-4290.

• Coahoma High School, 700 North Main, 394-4535. Secondary principal is Jay Kennedy.

• Robert Ethridge Junior High, 411 High School Drive, 394-4615. The principal is Dean Richters.

• Coahoma Elementary School, 400 Ramsey Avenue, 394-4323. The principal is Patricia Bennett.

School resumes Aug. 24.

The Internet address for Coahoma ISD is www.coahomaisd.com.

Forsan ISD

Forsan Independent School District is composed of a Class A high school/junior high and an elementary school and serves more than 650 students.

Forsan ISD
263-6571
http://forsan.esc18.net

The district administration officers includes Superintendent Randy Johnson and Business Manager Dianna Walker.

School board trustees are Board President Tom Kuykendall, Vice President Lewis Boeker, Secretary/Treasurer Misty Rhoten and members Chris Evans, Tim Ballard, Beckie Wash and Glenn Graves

School addresses and phone numbers are:

• Administrative office can be reached by dialing 457-2223, ext. 222.

• Forsan High School-Junior High, 411 W. Sixth, 457-2223, ext. 321. The principal is Keith Stone and assistant principal is Madge Patterson.

• Elbow Elementary, Nichols Road, 398-5444. The principal is Steve Osborn.

School begins Aug. 24.

The Internet address for Forsan ISD is www.forsan.esc18.net.

Private schools

Big Spring is also home to two private Christian schools Maranatha Baptist Academy and New Hope Christian School.

• Maranatha, at 903 Johnson, 263-7696. The school is headed by Dr. Lillian Bohannon, serving students kindergarten through 12th grade since 1980. The school provides tutoring services through college and assists with home school programs. Maranatha is an Accelerated Christian Education accredited school.

Parents wishing to register their child need to bring copies of the student's transcripts, attendance records and immunization records.

• New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar, 263-0203, serving children ages newborn through 12. Vicki Parnell is director of the school.

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After more than 60 years, Howard College is getting a facelift.

The college, located on Birdwell Lane, offers a variety of associate degree plans and certified programs, from accounting to child development to nursing and theater.

Thanks to a $21 million bond approved by voters in 2007, much of the college's infrastructure — some of which dates back to the early 1950s — is being renovated to help the college better serve the more than 2,000 students currently enrolled at the Big Spring campus, officials said.

Among the specialty courses offered by the college include the dental hygiene clinic, ADN nursing program, LVN nursing program, cosmetology, criminal justice and agriculture.

Degreed programs include biology, business, chemistry, communications, drama/theater, education, intergenerational studies, economics, English, foreign language, general business, government, art, history, mathematics, music, office administration, psychology, sociology and speech.

Technological fields include kinesiology, computer information, emergency medical, data entry and more.

Student organizations are important at Howard College. They include the Mexican-American Student Organization, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Howard College Diplomats and Baptist Student Ministries.

Howard County voters approved a bond issue of more than $20 million in May that will allow the college to make numerous facilities improvements to the Big Spring campus.

Howard College also has campuses in San Angelo and Lamesa. The San Angelo campus, along with Angelo State University and San Angelo Independent School District, have come together in the West Texas Training Center.

President of Howard College is Dr. Cheryl Sparks. Other senior officials include Executive Vice President Terry Hansen; Dr. Amy Burchett, vice president for instruction; Javier Flores, vice president for student services; LeAnne Byrd, provost of the San Angelo Campus; and Mark Myers, provost of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

The board of trustees is chaired by Dr. John Freeman. Other members are Murray Murphy, vice chairman; Marie Ethridge, secretary; Michael Flores, Dr. Charles Warren, Larry McLellan and Maxwell Barr.

For more information, contact the college at 264-5000.

Elementary through high school

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Three school districts responsible for more than 5,000 students comprise the public education system in Howard County.

Big Spring ISD

The Big Spring Independent School District is composed of five elementaries, one fifth- and sixth-grade center, one junior high, and one Class 4A high school.

Serving more than 3,800 students, BSISD is the largest school district in Howard County and is under the direction of new superintendent Steven Saldivar.

His administrative staff includes Assistant Superintendent Danny Farrell, Executive Director for Personnel and Instruction Ann McClarty, Chief Financial Officer Sandra Waggoner, Business Manager Debra Green, Director of Federal Programs Darrell Ryan, Director of Technology Corey Wood, Director of Transportation and Maintenance Wayland Pierce, Special Education Director Valerie Dykstra, Director of Elementary Curriculum Donna Ammonett, Director of Secondary Curriculum Dalia Benevides and Director of Food Service Judy Grant.

Serving on the school trustees are President Mike Dawson, Vice President Irene Galan, Secretary Jeff Brorman and board members Alan Partee, Phil Furqueron, Maria Padilla and Tony Kennedy.

School addresses and phone numbers are:

• Administrative office, 708 11th Place, 264-3600.

• Big Spring High School, 707 E. 11th Place, 264-3641. Principal is Mike Ritchey and the assistant principals are Tanya Cartwright, George Bancroft and Charlie Thomas. Athletic Director is Phillip Ritchey.

• Big Spring Junior High School, 624 E. Sixth, 264-4135. Principal is Coby Norman and assistant principal is Yolanda Rollins.

• Goliad Intermediate, 2000 S. Goliad, 264-4111. Principal is Tim Tannehill and assistant principal Rosie Lain.

• Bauer Elementary, 108 NW Ninth, 264-4121. Principal is Fabian

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