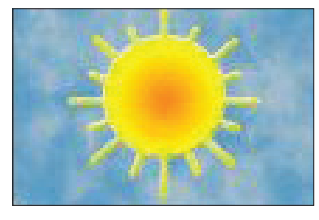
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Above and beyond the call of duty

Medal of Honor recipient's statue to be unveiled Tuesday at VAMC

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will honor this community's only Medal of Honor winner when it holds Veteran's Day ceremonies at 11 a.m. Tuesday.

A statue of George O'Brien, the Big Spring native who was awarded this nation's highest military honor for service "above and beyond the call of duty" in the Korean War, will be unveiled during the ceremonies, scheduled for the grounds in front of the hospital.

More than 50 friends and relatives of O'Brien, who died in 2005, will be on hand, said Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations director for the VAMC.

Funds for the statue were donated by Jerry and Louise Worthy, long-time friends of the O'Briens, Hanslik said.

"Jerry approached me one day and asked how I felt about having a statue of George O'Brien on the grounds," Hanslik said. "I said I thought the idea was awesome, but that I'd have to clear it with my bosses."

About a year after that initial conversation, Worthy's idea has become reality. Utah sculptor Matthew Glenn, who created the statue, will be on hand Tuesday to assist in the unveiling.

Military records show that then-2nd Lt. O'Brien was recognized for his bravery during a fierce attack on his Marine platoon in Korea.

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Area students readying for Veterans Day

By LYNDEL MOODY
Features Writer


Boling

It's a celebration of our veterans. Just a day early.

The staff and students of Moss Elementary will hold their annual salute to area veterans of the armed-forces at 9 a.m. Monday. Veterans Day is Tuesday.

"With so many activities planned for Veterans Day ... they decided to hold the program a day early to give veterans more time to get around," said Don Boling, who is helping with the event. "I want all the veterans to come. The kids need to see them."

Veterans are asked to arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. to sign in at the front office. Coffee and donuts will be available.

"The program will last between 30 to 40 minutes, maximum," he said. "It's a nice little program. We'll a show a video; the kids have some songs. We'll announce the winners of the poster contest. The kids have been drawing posters about Veteran's Day. We'll introduce the veterans in attendance, recognizing and honoring them."

Moss Elementary School, 3200 Fordham Ave., has conducted a Veterans Day salute for about 14 years, Bowling said.

On Tuesday, these events are scheduled at the following public schools to celebrate Veterans Day:

- Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wasson Road, will celebration National Freedom Week with a Freedom Walk at 8:30 a.m.

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E-WASTE COLLECTION



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring High School student Rudy Hernandez places old computer monitors on a pallet during the fourth annual e-waste collection day, sponsored by the city of Big Spring and Keep Big Spring Beautiful Saturday.

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Library fees, county vehicles on county agenda for Monday

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet for a fairly routine agenda Monday morning, with items of discussion ranging from library fees to the sale of county vehicles.

County Auditor Jackie Olson is expected to present commissioners with invoices and purchase requests, as well as ask the court's permission to sell several county vehicles. Olson will also ask commissioners for permission to buy vehicles for the county government.

"We're going to purchase two new cars for the sheriff's department," said County Judge Mark Barr.

"I've talked to Stan (Parker, sheriff-elect), and he has some safety concerns for the pickup trucks the sheriff's department is currently using. So these two new cars will replace the trucks, which will be used for work programs and that sort of thing."

Teresa Thomas, county treasurer, will meet with commissioners to discuss personnel considerations and payroll reports, while County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present the court any pipeline crossings and a report on road maintenance.

County Librarian Hollis McCright is also set to discuss library fees with commissioners.

Barr said the quiet nature of Monday's agenda is a nice break from the controversy-laden meetings held this time last year, when the court was still struggling to design and construct a new county jail.

"It's really quiet right now," said Barr with a laugh. "Construction on the new jail is going well, so we're happy with the progress that's been made."

The meeting is set for 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

AARP Drivers Safety Program slated Nov. 14

The AARP Drivers Safety Program offers "one very good deal" this month for its safety-conscious members.

Members can bring a friend or spouse to a driver's safety classroom course for $10.

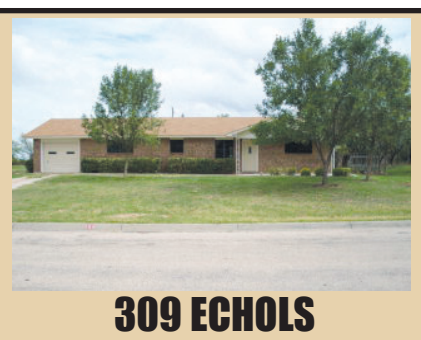
By bringing someone with them to the classes, both can attend for $10.

Both class attendees will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the course.

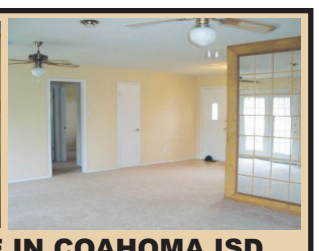
The course will be held Friday, Nov. 14, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Ave. in Big Spring.

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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP

Valle, Parker headed to state

Herald Staff Report

LUBBOCK — It wasn't a win, but even finishing second at regionals has a sweet reward.

Big Spring's Jordan Valle placed second at the Class 4A, Region I cross country meet Saturday, giving him the right to advance to the state meet at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock next week.

Valle will have some company at state as teammate Kade Parker placed 10th, making him the final qualifier.

Catherine Leubner's bid for state came up short as she placed 12th.

Full results of area teams and individuals competing at regional meets Saturday will be available in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

Area roundup

Garden City makes postseason

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

GARDEN CITY — The Garden City Bearkats (3-1, 8-2) knew if they wanted to make the Six-man Division I football playoffs, the formula was simple — Win and they're in. However, lose and it is going to be time to hit the hardwood.

Well the basketballs can stay in the equipment room for now as the Bearkats ripped off 30 unanswered points in the final quarter to win going away, 76-50, over their heated rivals the Rankin Red Devils.

In the process, the Bearkats secured the

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Crossroads area football playoffs schdule

Friday
Class A, Division I bi-district
Stanton vs. Van Horn, 7:30 p.m., Pecos

Six-man Division I bi-district
Garden City vs. Ira, 7:30 p.m., Lenorah

Six-man Division II bi-district
Sands vs. Dawson, 7:30 p.m., Lamesa

Saturday
Class 4A, Division II bi-district
Big Spring vs. Canyon, 5 p.m., Wolfforth

Sweet revenge

Steers' win puts them in playoffs, Hereford out

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

Forget all the tiebreakers and potential coin flips deciding playoff spots. The Big Spring Steers have no need of them.

The Steers took care of business Friday, clinching the top seed out of District 4-4A in the small school division of the Class 4A playoffs by shutting out Hereford, 31-0.

It was the first shut out a Steers defense has pitched since 2004.

"This defense deserves all the credit and recognition for this game," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "This defense has fought hard all season long without some key players at times. We've had some bad defensive games, but they really stepped up tonight against a very good offensive team that has been scoring points on everyone they've played, throwing the ball all over the field. To get a shut out is just unbelievable and for it to come against Hereford is even better for us."

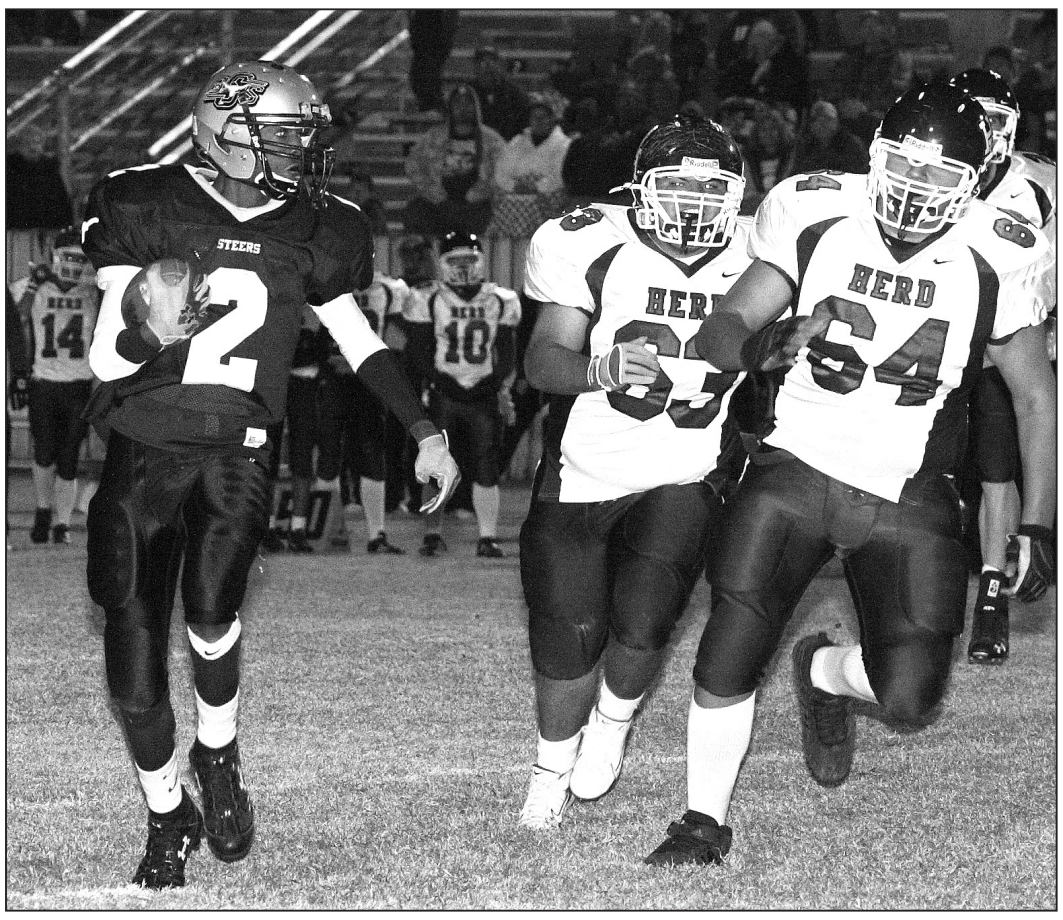
It's a change in roles for the Steers and Whitefaces in what has become the annual Cattle Battle. For the past two seasons, Hereford has eliminated Big Spring from the postseason in the bi-district round. It was the Steers doing the eliminating in 2008 as the loss kills any playoff hopes Hereford had.

"It's huge for us to beat Hereford this way. This team really wanted this game," said senior wide receiver Sidney Parker. "We make our own destiny now. We'll go as far into the playoffs as we want to."

Before the game, senior defensive captain Cade Hollandsworth talked about how important beating Hereford was to the Steers.

"They're as bad as Sweetwater and Andrews for us," Hollandsworth said. "I hate Hereford so much. I'm so tired of them. Winning tonight would be the

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

Big Spring's Tyrone Clemons returns an interception in the third quarter as two Hereford players try to chase him down. The Steers secondary picked off Hereford quarterback Parker Bridwell five times at Memorial Stadium Friday night. The Steers won 31-0, clinching a postseason berth and a matchup with Canyon at 5 p.m. Saturday at Frenship's Tiger Stadium in Wolfforth.

District 4-4A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Frenship	5-0	10-0
Cooper	4-1	6-4
Big Spring	**3-2**	**6-4**
Lake View	2-3	5-5
Hereford	1-4	3-7
Plainview	0-5	2-8

Week 10 results: Big Spring 31, Hereford 0; Frenship 45, Lake View 23; Cooper 37, Plainview 13.

Bulldogs end season with 21-20 victory

Herald Staff Report

GRAPE CREEK — For the most part, close games haven't gone Coahoma's way this season. With the exception of a 21-20 victory over Forsan in Week 2, the Bulldogs haven't had much success in contests decided by narrow margins.

However, the Bulldogs finally had some good fortune turn their way as they held off Grape Creek for their second win by the score of 21-20.

The Bulldogs never trailed Friday and led by 9, 21-12, with 3:21 remaining in the game. However, Grape Creek cut the deficit to one less than two minutes later, courtesy of a 2-yard touchdown plunge by Kelton Gauwein and a successful 2-point conversion.

The Eagles kicked an onside kick following the play and successfully recovered it. Then, Coahoma finally got the type of play its been needing all season for its defense.

With less than 30 seconds remaining, Hunter Williams picked off Grape Creek quarterback Landon McCall, securing the win for the Bulldogs.

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District 7-2A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Ballinger	5-0	7-3
Jim Ned	4-0	6-4
Colorado	3-2	6-4
Coahoma	**1-4**	**5-5**
Grape Creek	1-4	4-6
Wall	1-4	3-7

Week 10 schedule: Coahoma 21, Grape Creek 20; Colorado City 26, Wall 6; Ballinger 49, Jim Ned 7.

Forsan closes on positive note

By JEFF LANE
Special to the Herald

FORSAN — What a difference a week makes.

After being on the losing end of a 20-12 score last week, the Forsan Buffaloes (2-8, 1-4), reversed their fortunes, beating the Tahoka Bulldogs by the exact same score.

Jace Sandridge rushed for 112 yards and a touchdown on 27 carries as he and 16 other senior players took the field for the last time at Buffalo Stadium.

Buffs Head Coach Tommy Thompson couldn't say enough about Sandridge and his fellow classmates and the way they have approached the entire season.

"It's hard to put into words how proud I am of these guys," said Thompson. "I am proud of the whole team, but right now those 16 seniors stand out. They have endured a lot in the last season of Forsan football, and they never stopped showing up to play. Tonight's game was evidence of what kind of young men they are."

The Buffs found themselves in an unfamiliar situation early on as it was they who built an early lead and held on in the end, despite a comeback bid.

They did so with great play on both sides of the ball.

The offense got things going in the first quarter, eating up much of the game clock, but

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District 7-A Football Standings & Schedule

Team	Dist.	Overall
Sundown	5-0	8-2
Stanton	**4-1**	**5-5**
Seagraves	2-2	4-5
Plains	2-2	6-3
Forsan	**1-4**	**2-8**
Tahoka	1-4	2-8

Week 10 schedule: Sundown 42, Stanton 7; Forsan 20, Tahoka 12; Seagraves at Plains.



Courtesy photo/Bob Fishback

Forsan running back Jace Sandridge runs through the tackle of a Tahoka defender in the Buffs' 20-12 win at Buffalo Stadium Friday.

CROSSROADS FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

WEEK 10

Big Spring 31 Hereford 0	Sundown 42 Stanton 7	Coahoma 21 Grape Creek 20	Forsan 20 Tahoka 12	Grady 70 Spur 22	Garden City 76 Rankin 50	Sands 56 Grandfalls 0

Decision '08



Alex Franco's strategy to win the Red and Purple states partially paid off, but it was enough to secure his election to the presidency.

The Goliad six-grader was one of seven candidates from team four — the classrooms of Gloria Jimenez, Patsy Sanchez and Conchetta San Fillippo — who participated in a week-long race ending Tuesday, Nov. 4, Election Day.



PATSY SANCHEZ

"We decided on this project as a way of making our current election process real for the students," Sanchez said. "This way they will understand all that goes into electing the President of the United States."

The process began with nominations in each class. Each nominee had the option of accepting the candidacy. Then candidates chose a vice president nominee, an idea originating from the students, Sanchez said.

"I was surprised by their choices," she said. "They picked their vice-president from people who more closely represented them politically than from friendship."

Then the campaigning began in earnest.

"As soon as we began this process, the students started saying they were going to get their friends to vote. I said that is not how we are going to go about this," Sanchez said. "We divided the students into Red, Blue, White, Green and Purple states and each state had a certain amount of electoral votes. The candidates then had to win the popular vote in the states in order to win its electoral votes."

"We looked at a map of the United States, and I asked them if you were running for president, which state would you target. Right away they said California, Texas, New York — the ones with the biggest electoral votes," she said. "Once the students understood this, the campaign took a different turn. That's when the cupcakes started coming in and that's when the posters started going up. You'd see the candidates going around and telling the voters 'hey if you vote for me, this is what's going to happen.'"

And students representing states with more electoral votes began to receive far more attention, Sanchez said.

"You could tell the difference," she said. "I actually had some students say 'oh I didn't want to be in this state. I wanted to be in the one that had the most electoral votes.' They understood it. They were able to make the connection to what is really going on with 1vPresident-Elect Barack Obama and Senator John McCain. They were able to make it real. It's not about our friends voting for us. We have to actually work at it."

And that's why Franco said he targeted the Red, with 35 electoral votes, and the Purple states.

"That's how I thought I'd win," he said.

His strategic plan came to fruition, securing the presidency with wins in the Red and Blue states even though candidate Stevi Ward garnered the most popular votes overall.

"We were really surprised by the results, but it turned out just like real life," Sanchez said.

As part of the project, the students researched a number of current issues from energy independence, immigration, the war in Iraq and national security. They even became "registered voters," Sanchez said.

"In order to make it real for them we became registered to vote," she said. "We talked about how important it is and that when they get out there, this is their right. And they also need to know that voting is their voice in government."

"We also talked about how people complain about the political situation, and our response to that is if you don't vote, don't complain."

Campaign financing was another issue of interest to the students, Sanchez said.

"We talked about how much money goes into political campaigns and some of the students said 'I think I'm going to college first and then maybe think about politics because I'm not going to have any money to run for office.'"

"They were really amazed that some people pay $1,000 a plate to attend fund-raisers," she continued. "One student asked me do they get to take the plate home."

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Meet The Candidates



CHICO ALEJOS
VP - Ethan Rocha

pledged to tackle
• Increase spending in the classroom
• Increase variety of choices for lunch
• Institute snack bar
• Purchase new chairs

On National Issues
• Lower taxes



MARIAH MCINTOSH
VP - Julissa Gonzales

pledged to tackle
• Elimination of school lunch seating arrangment policy
• Increase Free Friday supplies
• Institute team sports

On National Issues
• Lower taxes on the middle class
• Pull U.S. troops from Iraq.



CHARLIE BOLING
VP - Tyler Bryan

pledged to tackle
• Elimination of school lunch seating arrangment policy
• Increase variety of choices for lunch

On National Issues
• Lower gas prices



MATTHEW YANEZ
VP - Tobyn Tannehill

pledged to tackle
• Elimination of school lunch seating arrangment policy
• More field trips
• Institute a snack bar

On National Issues
• Lower taxes on the middle class



STEVI WARD
VP - Erin Pollard

pledged to tackle
• Elimination of school lunch seating arrangment policy
• Increase variety of choices for lunch
• Increase number of field trips

On National Issues
• Increase spending on education and opportunites for high education for youth.
• Increase spending on agencies relating to the treament of animals.



KARLA CARRASCO
VP - Serena Payen

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• Elimination of school lunch seating arrangment policy
• Institute end of year dance

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Chicago's Field Museum exhibiting Aztec art

By F.N. D'ALESSIO
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — An ambitious new exhibition at the Field Museum reassembles some fragments of a world that was shattered forever on Aug. 31, 1521.

That was when the small Spanish army of conquistador Hernan Cortes and thousands of indigenous allies finally captured the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan, dooming its rulers and their civilization.

Even some of the Spanish troops realized, after the fact, that they had destroyed something strange and beautiful. One of the last of them, the tough and unsentimental Bernal Diaz del Castillo, looked back many years later when he was an old, blind man in Guatemala and remembered his first sight of the city in Lake Texcoco.

"It was all so wonderful that I do not know how to describe this first glimpse of things never heard of, seen or dreamed before," Diaz wrote. He went on to lament that so much of it was already lost.

The Spanish began the destruction of Tenochtitlan within months of the conquest, and its site is now buried deep beneath Mexico City.

But recent years have brought new excavations in the metropolis of 23 million, and some of the finds of long-buried Aztec art have been spectacular. Several of the most striking works from one of those digs, the "House of the Eagles" site, form the centerpiece of the Field exhibition "The Aztec World: A Unique View of a Mighty Empire."

The show features nearly 300 artifacts, many never before seen outside Mexico. Co-curator Gary Feinman said the works come from 10 major Mexican museums, as well as from the Field's own collection, and the exhibition took four years to assemble.

"That's quite a long time when you consider that the Aztec empire itself lasted only about 100 years," Feinman said.

He said the House of the Eagles appears to have been a building closely associated with the coronation of Aztec emperors, as well as their funerary rites. Two massive ceramic sculptures in the exhibition display both aspects of the site. One is of a mighty winged warrior, while the other is a ghastly image of Mictlantecuhtli, a god of death and the underworld.

Feinman said the winged figure may have been a "spirit warrior," the ascended soul of a soldier who fell in battle. Spirit warriors, he said, accompanied the sun god, Tonatiuh, on his triumphant rise into the sky each morning.

"The spirit warriors flew up with him until the zenith, and then the spirits of women who died in childbirth accompanied him on his way down to sunset," he said.

Sunset would have brought him into the realm of Mictlantecuhtli, who is depicted as a naked figure with a grinning skeleton head and his liver hanging out of his abdomen. In Aztec times, his statue would have been bathed from time to time with human blood.

Other Aztec gods also demanded human sacrifice, although Feinman said the early Spanish chroniclers may have exaggerated the number of such sacrifices to justify European brutality against the Aztecs. But Tonatiuh still needed the fuel of human hearts to make his flights across the sky, the war god Huitzilopochtli had a taste for human flesh, and another deity required his priests to wear the skins of flayed sacrificial victims.

The sacrifices were usually of enemy soldiers captured in battle or the losing players from the ritual ball game court. Feinman said the brutality of Aztec culture and their high-handed treatment of subject peoples may have been major reasons such a small band of Spaniards could defeat them.

"They had 10 million subjects at the time of the conquest, but many of them revolted to join the Spanish," he said.

The exhibition is not a chamber of horrors, though. Many of the displays show the quiet everyday side of Aztec life; its trades, crafts and agriculture. Some of the smaller works — particularly those in gold, greenstone and obsidian — have a serene beauty missing in some of the larger statues.

And there's even some whimsy in the artifacts.

Feinman pointed to one of his favorite pieces, a ceramic container for pulque, the fermented agave sap that was the Aztecs' favorite tipple. The container is in the form of a jackrabbit lying limply on his side with an oblivious expression on his face.

"The rabbit was an Aztec symbol of drunkenness," Feinman said.

"The Aztec World" runs through April 19, 2009. It is not scheduled to appear in any other museums.





(AP Photo/Field Museum)

At left is a life-size ceramic eagle sculpture that stood at the entrance to the House of Eagles and appears to have been a building closely associated with the coronation of Aztec emperors. Pictured right, is a sculpture depicting Tlaloc, the god of rain, recognizable by the fanged teeth and goggle eyes. The sculpture is part the exhibition "The Aztec World: A Unique View of the Mighty Empire," that on display at Chicago's Field Museum.

If You Go:

WHAT: The Field Museum has opened a new temporary exhibition called "The Aztec World." It includes nearly 300 artifacts from the Aztec empire, many of which have never before been seen outside Mexico.

WHERE: 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago.

WHEN: "The Aztec World" runs through April 19, 2009. The Field Museum is open every day except Christmas. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, with the last admission at 4 p.m.

COST: Tickets to "The Aztec World" include general museum admission. They are $22 for adults, $19 for seniors and students, and $12 for children 4-11. Discounts are available for Chicago residents.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Visit www.fieldmuseum.org or call 312-922-9410.

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MONDAY

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

• Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

• The Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library. For more information, call 264-6116.

• Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information.

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

• Big Spring Society of the Order of Beacieants meets at 6:30 p.m. for a meal with meeting that begins at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• Big Spring Commandry meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

• The Christian Motorcyclists Association meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Dragon Restaurant, 1300 S. Gregg. Everyone is welcome. Call 263-3869 for more information.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• The American Cancer Society meets at noon at the Home Hospice office for lunch and its monthly meeting. For more information, call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church annex, 809 Scurry, or the fellowship hall at 810 Scurry. Call Robert Downing at 263-3255 for information.

WEDNESDAY

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1000 block of 12th.

• CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD ABUSE was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.

• CRUELTY TO ANIMALS was reported in the 1300 block of Ridgeroad.

• DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATE3D was reported in the 400 block of FM 700.

• POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA was reported in the 3200 block of Highway 80.

• THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg.

• THEFT OF FIREARM was reported in the 400 block of Fourth.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Grief share, sponsored by Home Hospice and the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (north end door), meets at 6 p.m.. Drop-ins are welcome. For more information, contact Sherry Hodne3tt at 264-7599.

•The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministeries, 1209 Wright St.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

THURSDAY

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Abilene 20, North Crowley 10
Alief Taylor 38, Alief Elsik 31
Allen 31, Wylie 28
Amarillo 49, Lubbock 0
Amarillo Tascosa 36, San Angelo Central 21
Arlington Bowie 35, Mansfield Summit 14
Arlington Martin 48, Arlington Lamar 28
Austin Bowie 42, Bastrop 21
Austin Westlake 39, Austin Akins 3
Belton 31, Bryan 21
Brazoswood 24, Galveston Ball 10
Burleson 41, Weatherford 7
Cedar Park 26, Leander 10
Clear Brook 24, Alvin 10
Colleyville Heritage 41, Grapevine 10
Converse Judson 32, CC Carroll 21
Converse Wagner 38, SA Highlands 0
Coppell 51, Flower Mound 28
Copperas Cove 38, Harker Heights 6
Cypress Ridge 48, Houston Langham Creek 41
Cypress-Fairbanks 20, Houston Jersey Village 10
Deer Park 35, Pasadena Memorial 28
Del Rio 30, Laredo Martin 6
DeSoto 21, Tyler 17
Eagle Pass 50, Laredo United South 16
Edinburg North 23, Edinburg 0
EP Bel Air 13, EP Eastwood 7
EP El Dorado 25, EP Americas 0
Galena Park North Shore 42, Beaumont West Brook 13
Garland Naaman Forest 38, South Garland 0
Georgetown 24, Round Rock McNeil 0
Harlingen 54, Harlingen South 6
Houston Clear Lake 21, League City Clear Creek 10
Houston Madison 24, Houston Lamar 21
Houston Memorial 37, Houston Spring Woods 6
Houston Strake Jesuit 21, Houston Stratford 13
Humble 28, Aldine Nimitz 21
Irving 31, Irving MacArthur 28
Justin Northwest 27, Keller Central 18
Katy Mayde Creek 28, Katy Morton Ranch 21
Keller 21, Keller Fossil Ridge 13
Klein Forest 20, Klein Collins 17
Lake Highlands 61, Dallas Molina 0
Lewisville Hebron 35, Flower Mound Marcus 21
Los Fresnos 52, Brownsville Porter 14
Lufkin 50, Conroe Oak Ridge 19
Mansfield 42, Arlington High School 35
McAllen 77, McAllen Rowe 21
Mesquite Horn 28, Mesquite 19
Midland Lee 17, Odessa 14
Mission Sharyland 49, La Joya Palmview 28
N. Richland Hills 34, Haltom City 14
New Braunfels 15, SA MacArthur 10
North Garland 14, Garland Lakeview Centennial 6
Odessa Permian 28, Midland 21
Pearland 42, Pasadena Dobie 3
Plano 45, Dallas Jesuit 21
Plano East 49, McKinney Boyd 27
PSJA 25, PSJA North 15
Richardson 22, Carrollton Creekview 21
Richardson Berkner 37, Dallas White 0
Round Rock Stony Point 28, Round Rock 13
Round Rock Westwood 45, Cedar Park Vista Ridge 39
SA Clark 49, SA Holmes 13
SA South San 41, CC King 40
SA Warren 48, SA Brandeis 7
South Grand Prairie 31, Grand Prairie 13
Southlake Carroll 45, Lewisville 10
Spring 17, Spring Westfield 16
Temple 42, Killeen Shoemaker 14
The Woodlands 42, New Caney 0
The Woodlands College Park 38, Conroe 35
Tyler Lee 63, North Mesquite 10
Victoria Memorial 38, SA East Central 28
Weslaco 56, Brownsville Lopez 28

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Abilene Cooper 37, Plainview 13
Aledo 42, N. Richland Hills Birdville 7
Alice 58, Laredo Johnson 0
Amarillo Palo Duro 58, Pampa 34
Amarillo Randall 38, Dumas 20
Angleton 49, Manvel 36
Arlington Seguin 38, Joshua 15
Austin Crockett 55, Austin Lanier 7
Austin McCallum 40, Austin Reagan 12
Barbers Hill 36, Galena Park 7
Beaumont Central 16, Port Neches-Groves 0
Beaumont Ozen 34, Little Cypress-Mauriceville 21
Beeville Jones 57, CC Moody 26
Big Spring 31, Hereford 0
Boerne 43, New Braunfels Canyon 42, OT
Bowie 47, Olney 16
Brazosport 17, Texas City 13
Brenham 49, Waller 24
Buda Hays 42, Kyle Lehman 7
Canutillo 38, EP Riverside 12
Canyon 35, Amarillo Caprock 34
Castroville Medina Valley 37, SA Southside 14
CC Calallen 41, Laredo Cigarroa 14
CC Flour Bluff 61, Kingsville King 18
CC Tuloso-Midway 28, Laredo Nixon 6
Corsicana 35, Cleburne 21
Dallas Adams 50, Dallas Conrad 6
Dallas Hillcrest 40, Dallas Samuell 0
Dallas South Oak Cliff 24, Dallas Pinkston 10
Dayton 41, Humble Kingwood 0
Denison 34, Sherman 17
Denton Guyer 42, Denton Ryan 28
Edcouch-Elsa 62, Roma 7
Elgin 32, Del Valle 21
Ennis 50, Waco University 13
EP Austin 49, El Paso High 7
EP Burges 38, EP Irvin 22
EP Chapin 26, EP Andress 20
EP Del Valle 42, Cling Mountain View 6
EP Jefferson 25, EP Bowie 14
EP Parkland 19, Clint Horizon 14
EP Ysleta 39, San Elizario 28
Everman 69, Granbury 3
Forney 44, Red Oak 30
Friendswood 69, La Marque 48
Frisco Centennial 17, Frisco 14
Frisco Liberty 56, McKinney 35
FW Brewer 46, FW Boswell 21
FW Dunbar 50, FW Arlington Heights 21
FW Eastern Hills 21, FW Southwest 19
Hewett Midway 34, Waxahachie 21
Houston Furr 57, Houston Scarborough 7
Houston King 39, Crosby 24
Houston Wheatley 32, Houston Washington 20
Houston Yates 26, Houston Waltrip 0
Huntsville 31, Willis 6
Hutto 54, Lampasas 7
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Lancaster 49, Terrell 0
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Montgomery 28, Conroe Caney Creek 21
Pearland Dawson 51, Santa Fe 14
Pflugerville Hendrickson 35, Killeen 21
Pleasanton 21, Floresville 14
Richardson Pearce 50, Carrollton Smith 39
Rockport-Fulton 12, CC Miller 0
Rockwall 20, Greenville 7
Rosenberg Lamar 24, El Campo 14
Royse City 48, Carrollton Turner 0
SA Burbank 42, SA Brackenridge 29
SA Kennedy 21, SA Memorial 12
SA McCollum 27, SA Harlandale 24
Schertz Steele 49, SA Alamo Heights 31
Seagoville 20, Dallas Adamson 6
Seguin 27, San Marcos 21
Springtown 41, Saginaw 35
Texarkana Texas 41, Longview Pine Tree 7
The Colony 34, Lake Dallas 33
Uvalde 49, Hondo 38
Waco 42, Midlothian 13
West Mesquite 52, Mabank 28
WF Rider 17, Wichita Falls 0
Whitehouse 56, Henderson 35
Wolfforth Frenship 45, San Angelo Lake View 23

CLASS 3A
Abilene Wylie 14, Sweetwater 0
Alvarado 62, Venus 0
Bandera 53, Lytle 0
Bellville 42, Smithville 14
Bonham 34, Anna 23
Borger 23, Lubbock Estacado 21
Bridge City High School 42, Hamshire-Fannett 27
Bridgeport 56, Decatur 7
Brownfield 41, Andrews 20
Brownsboro 15, Athens 9
Burkburnett 55, WF Hirschi 0
Burnet 49, Fischer Canyon Lake 6
Caldwell 49, Cameron Yoe 28
Carrollton Ranchview 28, Lake Worth 12
Celina 35, Argyle 13
China Spring 33, Gatesville 7
Cleveland 51, Splendora 14
Coldspring Oakhurst 47, Liberty 20
Crockett 44, Fairfield 8
Cuero 54, Edna 14
Dalhart 21, Perryton 0
Dallas Madison 57, FW Diamond Hill-Jarvis 0
Devine 42, Carrizo Springs 0
Diboll 66, Rusk 19
Fabens 62, Tornillo 7
Farmersville 23, Princeton 7
Fort Stockton 49, Anthony 0
FW Castleberry 27, FW Carter-Riverside 0
Giddings 54, Columbus 27
Gilmer 48, Tatum 14
Glen Rose 42, Hillsboro 20
Gonzales 24, Palacios 17
Graham 30, Breckenridge 7
Hidalgo 33, Zapata 7
Huffman Hargrave 20, Cleveland 0
Tarkington 0
Ingleside 21, Robstown 20
Jasper 40, Center 25
Kaufman 31, Ferris 7
Kennedale 65, Crandall 20
La Grange 25, Sealy 22
La Vernia 41, Luling 28
Lake Travis 54, Marble Falls 14
Lamesa Klondike 62, Loop 44
Liberty Hill 28, Llano 17
Longview Spring Hill 41, Bullard 20
Lorena 20, Waco LaVega 13
Lubbock Cooper 28, Levelland 9
Lyford 14, Raymondville 10
Mathis 26, Falfurrias 14
Mexia 49, Groesbeck 35
Midland Greenwood 21, Monahans 14, OT
Navasota 54, Madisonville 21
Nevada Community 61, Quinlan Ford 40
New Boston 27, Texarkana Liberty-Eylau 19
Orange Grove 40, Aransas Pass 26
Palestine 47, Palestine Westwood 44
Paris North Lamar 13, Commerce 7
Pearsall 54, Crystal City 21
Pecos 42, Clint 21
Pittsburg 26, Texarkana Pleasant Grove 22
Port Isabel 17, Progreso 12
Poteet 41, Marion 40
Prosper 21, Gainesville 10
Rio Hondo 35, La Feria 17
Robinson 43, Waco Connally 31
Rockdale 42, Taylor 21
Sabine Pass 34, Burkeville 0
Sanger 28, Whitesboro 21
Silsbee 41, Hardin-Jefferson 8
Sinton 30, CC West Oso 27
Snyder 56, Brownwood 49
Somerset 24, SA Houston 14
Tyler Chapel Hill 28, Gladewater 20
Van 41, Eustace 0
Van Alstyne 55, Paris 21
Vernon 35, Iowa Park 27
West 34, Whitney 0
West Orange-Stark 67, Orangefield 0
Wills Point 16, Mineola 14
Wimberley 34, Fredericksburg 30
Yoakum 37, Goliad 28

CLASS 2A
Abernathy 35, Shallowater 7
Altair Rice 29, Wallis Brazos 14
Anahuac 28, Buna 21
Anson 14, Hawley 12
Arp 29, West Rusk 8
Ballinger 49, Tuscola Jim Ned 7
Bangs 30, Brady 18
Banquete 35, Taft 30
Big Sandy 20, Harleton 6
Bishop 43, Riviera Kaufer 12
Blooming Grove 56, Scurry-Rosser 35
Bogata Rivercrest 24, Hooks 23
Bushland 44, Amarillo Highland Park 0
Centerville 24, Groveton 0
Childress 30, Tulia 9
Cisco 42, Merkel 14
Clifton 27, Bruceville-Eddy 20
Clyde 59, Eastland 0
Coahoma 21, San Angelo Grape Creek 20
Coleman 20, San Saba 10
Colorado City 26, Wall 6
Comfort 49, Johnson City 13
Corrigan-Camden 49, Trinity 0
Corsicana Mildred 55, Rice 7
Cotulla 12, Natalia 7
Crane 58, Alpine 0
Daingerfield 69, Queen City 0
DallasLife Oak Cliff 17, Rio Vista 14
Danbury 14, Vanderbilt Industrial 0
Dilley 24, Jourdanton 0
Early 50, Dublin 0
East Bernard 41, Hallettsville 14
East Chambers 55, Warren 6
Floydada 47, Dimmitt 20
Franklin 35, Teague 32
Frankston 25, Elkhart 12
Gainesville Callisburg 49, S&S Consolidated 7
George West 28, Three Rivers 17
Godley 56, Palmer 23
Hamilton 34, Hico 21
Hardin 35, Deweyville 15
Harper 51, SA Brooks 0
Hearne 42, Rosebud-Lott 22
Hebbronville 63, Premont 6
Hemphill 62, Shelbyville 32
Hempstead 38, Weimar 29
Holliday 35, WF City View 6
Idalou 35, Slaton 0
Jacksboro 61, Chico 14
Jefferson 42, Hughes Springs 32
Kerens 43, Malakoff 12
Kermit 40, Reagan County 14
Kirbyville 42, Newton 27
Lago Vista 31, Jarrell 7
Lexington 34, Bay Area Christian 21
Linden-Kildare 18, Ore City 13
Little River Academy 34, Florence 26
Lubbock Roosevelt 29, Denver City 13
Marlin 29, Jewett Leon 21
McGregor 19, Troy 0
Melissa 61, Howe 20
Moody 27, Crawford 13
Muleshoe 41, Friona 7
Navarro 42, Karnes City 21
New Waverly 28, Buffalo 10
Nocona 21, Henrietta 7
Odem 35, Skidmore-Tynan 2
Panhandle 54, Spearman 27
Paris Chisum 28, Redwater 21
Pilot Point 41, Aubrey 16
Poth 48, Nixon-Smiley 6
Pottsboro 34, Valley View 6
Refugio 70, Bloomington 0
Rogers 30, Salado 10
San Augustine 41, Woodville 20
San Diego 17, Santa Rosa 14
Sanford-Fritch 31, Amarillo River Road 0
Santa Maria 37, Ben Bolt 28
Sonora 33, Ozona 14
Stockdale 47, Kenedy 0
Universal City Randolph 42, SA Cole 12
Winnsboro 20, Quitman 6

CLASS 1A
Albany 27, Bronte 7
Archer City 35, Electra 7
Baird 33, Cross Plains 6
Bartlett 47, Granger 8
Bosqueville 62, Valley Mills 0
Brackettville Brackett 41, Sabinal 21
Bremond 54, Iola 12
Bruni 47, Kingsville Academy 8
Burton 28, Shiner 21
Canadian 60, Gruver 23
Center Point 33, Nueces Canyon 15
Christoval 34, Mertzon Irion County 14
Collinsville 21, Lindsay 14
Dawson 7, Axtell 0
DeLeon 28, Gorman 7
Falls City 49, Runge 12
Farwell 51, Anton 7
Forsan 20, Tahoka 12
Ganado 17, Flatonia 14
Goldthwaite 33, Meridian 26
Grapeland 27, Cayuga 20
Gunter 56, Whitewright 0
Hale Center 42, Lockney 8
Haskell 38, Roby 26
Hubbard 26, Wortham 7
Iraan 42, Marfa 0
Itasca 31, Italy 28
La Pryor 46, Leakey 6
La Villa 61, Benavides 16
Ladonia Fannindel 63, Forestburg 12
Louise 36, Somerville 12
Mart 71, Riesel 19
Maud 34, Big Sandy 0
McCamey 44, Wink 26
Menard 21, Junction 20
Morton 27, Springlake-Earth 14
Muenster 27, Era 20
Munday 42, Petrolia 14
Nazareth 26, Boys Ranch 7
New Deal 52, Crosbyton 0
Normangee 51, Lovelady 26
Olton 24, Ralls 6
Perrin-Whitt 34, Santo 0
Quanah 28, Memphis 27
Roscoe 69, Hamlin 14
Seymour 24, Windthorst 0
Simms Bowie 39, Detroit 0
Stamford 48, Rotan 7
Stratford 56, West Texas 13
Sundown 42, Stanton 7
Sunray 54, Booker 6
Thorndale 34, Holland 13
Thrall 37, Milano 6
Vega 32, Claude 0
Wellington 38, Clarendon 16
Wheeler 53, Shamrock 0
White Deer 45, Bovina 31
Winters 34, Miles 0
Yorktown 24, Woodsboro 21, OT

SIX-MAN
Abbott 59, Blum 14
Ackerly Sands 56, Grandfalls-Royalty 0
Aspermont 66, Loraine 20
Benjamin 62, Guthrie 14
Blackwell 75, Novice 30
Buena Vista 65, Westbrook 20
Bullard Brook Hill 35, Flower Mound Coram Deo 0
Calvert 59, Lometa 14
Chillicothe 60, Harrold 12
Follett 61, Happy 12
Garden City 76, Rankin 50
Gordon 56, Blanket 6
Groom 68, Miami 60
Hedley 73, Samnorwood 42
Hermleigh def. Moran, forfeit
Ira 45, O'Donnell 0
Jayton 60, Patton Springs 13
Matador 74, Lazbuddie 54
May 62, Rising Star 14
Milford 52, Kopperl 6
New Home 65, Wellman-Union 8
Newcastle 84, Knox City 42
Paducah 44, Crowell 38
Penelope 76, Oakwood 52
Petersburg 94, Whiteface 46
Richland Springs 46, Veribest 0
Robert Lee 78, Eden 53
Ropesville 50, Lorenzo 0
Roscoe Highland 56, Trent 0
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2005 Ford F150 Supercab XL 4X4 - White, Tilt/Cruise, 5.4 V-8, Local One Owner.
Was $18,995 Sale Price $16,995

2005 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT - Gray w/Cloth, V-8, All Power, One Owner.
Was $14,995 Sale Price $13,995

2004 Chevrolet C1500 L.S. - Short Wheel Base, Pewter w/Cloth, 6 Cyl., Automatic, Air, One Owner w/58,000 Miles.
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★ ★ ★ TRUCKS ★ ★ ★

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Was $20,995 Sale Price $18,995

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2004 Honda CRV LX 4X4 - White w/Cloth, V-6, All POWER, DVD, Local One Owner.
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2008 Ford Focus SE - Blue w/Gray Cloth, All Power, Great MPG, Bought At Ford Program Sale, Only 17,000 Miles.
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Was $18,995 Sale Price $16,995

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Burchett-Clark



Sterling Burchett & Jeff Clark
2 p.m. Feb. 28, 2009
Trinity Church, Lubbock

Bill and Vanessa Burchett of Big Spring announce the engagement of their daughter, Sterling Burchett of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, to Jeff Clark of Lubbock. Jeff is the son of Reggie and Rebecca Clark of San Antonio.

The couple will marry at 2 p.m., Feb. 28, 2009, at Trinity Church, Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jean Cooper and the late Cecil Cooper of Big Spring and Willis and Bobbie Burchett of Big Spring.

Sterling earned her associate degree in nursing at South Plains College and is a RN at Texas Tech University Medical Center, Lubbock.

Jeff earned his bachelor of business degree from Texas A&M and is employed by the Lubbock Fire Department.

Stork Club



Adam Leos II
Nov. 1, 2008

Adam and Miranda Leos of Big Spring announce their birth of their son Adam Trysten Leos II, born at 2:30 a.m. Nov. 1, 2008, weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

He is the maternal grandson of Kelly Cassidy of Grants, N.M., and Jennifer Castro of Big Spring. He is the paternal grandson of Carlos and Eva Leos of Big Spring.



This photo shows a prickly pear cactus in Italy. Prickly pear cactus is edible and attractive, and worth growing where you want something off-beat or unique in the landscape, no matter where you live.
(AP Photo/Lee Reich)

Prickly pear cactus are at home anywhere, edible and attractive

By LEE REICH
For The Associated Press

Prickly pear cactus is edible and attractive, and worth growing if you want something offbeat or unique in the landscape, no matter where you live.

A lot of cactus species thrive indoors, but prickly pears are among the few that thrive outdoors even where temperatures are frigid and the climate is far from dry.

ONLY TWO REQUIREMENTS

Prickly pears — sometimes called opuntias, the genus to which they belong — are native only to the Americas. But over the centuries, they've been transplanted to many parts of the world. The plant's present wide range is testimonial to its taste and appearance.

Oddly enough, one species (O. humifusa) is even native to the humid East Coast of North America. What a surprise it can be to come upon a clump of cactuses growing wild so far from any desert!

Of course, you never find them in dank forests; instead, they bask in blazing sun on rocks, sand dunes and, farther west, sandy prairies. Mimic these conditions in your backyard, and you can have a little bit of the look of the "ol' Southwest" anywhere you garden.

The prime requirement of prickly pears is perfectly drained soil and abundant sunlight. Where soil drainage is less than perfect, make a mound of sand or sandy loam, and grow the plants right in this mound.

With cold weather, the flat pads of the plants begin to look piqued as they shrivel and discolor, but don't worry — they perk up again in spring.

Prickly pear plants are apt to rot if they become covered with leaves that drop in autumn, so regularly clear any leaves off the plants or grow them where they are no trees nearby.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

A planting with prickly pears doesn't have to call to mind the hoofs of grazing cattle and the yelps of cowboys. You could plant prickly pears alongside sedums, such as Autumn Joy and hens-and-chicks, or with thyme or lavender nearby as you move into areas where the soil is less parched.

These plants will all be happy together and the scene will have some variety, so everything — including the prickly pears — looks at home. It won't be an English flower garden, but then, this isn't England.

A VEGETABLE AND FRUIT IN ONE

The plants are admittedly odd looking out of the desert, so looks alone are not what got prickly pears passage to so many corners of the globe. As you might guess from its name, the prickly pear is edible.

What's more, it's edible as both a vegetable and a fruit.

The vegetable parts are the flat pads that make up the bulk of the plant. In Mexico, the bristles are singed off with fire or rubbed off with straw or rough canvas; a dull knife or carrot peeler also does the job. Slice and cook the pads, called nopales, just like green beans or okra.

Prickly pear fruits follow the flowers, which, like so many cactus flowers, are bright and beautiful, and made more so by contrast with the starkness of the pads. Typically the flowers are yellow, but sometimes they are white or tinged red. They are sadly short-lived, but the fruits that follow often keep for months on the plant. Some are not even at their best until their second year.

The best-tasting prickly pear fruits, from the so-called Indian-fig (O. Ficus-indica), are the size and shape of a large egg that is filled with a pink pulp imbedded with numerous seeds.

Indian-figs are not very cold-hardy, but many prickly pear species — including O. humifusa, O. erinacea, O. imbricata and O. polyacantha — can be grown outdoors to yield reasonably tasty, edible fruits.

The fruit is something like a very seedy (you can eat the seeds), slightly bland watermelon. It probably tastes a lot better if you're standing in a desert when you take a bite.

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Ten Minutes to Feeling Good Every Day

(Family Features) As the days begin to grow shorter and shorter, it's likely you're finding your to-do list has reached a length of world-record length proportions. With so much on your plate, it is easy to forget to take care of yourself.

Leslie Bonci, MPH, RD of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, recommends you take at least 10 minutes each morning and dedicate them to doing something good for yourself. She's developed several simple and easy tips that can boost your mood and productivity before even stepping out the door.

"Ten minutes may not seem like it will make a difference, but it's plenty of time to get your day started off right," says Bonci. "It's important to remember that living a healthy lifestyle is a lifelong commitment - that doesn't necessarily need to take a lot of your valuable time."

Confidence is Key: Say to yourself out loud "I can and I will take care of myself today."

Movers and Shakers: Whether it's a walk on your favorite nature trail or your favorite step aerobics class, even 10 minutes of exercise can pump your heart and muscles and get you revved up for the day. Can't make it to the gym? Then spend a few minutes each morning stretching to help make your body more flexible.

Gut Check: If your gut feels good, then you feel good, so incorporate probiotics into your daily diet. Probiotics are live cultures that exist naturally in the digestive system and are helpful for maintaining digestive health. For an easy snack, grab a Liveactive Chewy Granola Bar. They are the first nationally available non-refrigerated snack bars that contain a live probiotic culture and fiber (and 3 to 4.5 grams of fat per serving depending on the flavor of bar) -- throw one into your bag to help promote the health of your digestive system, anytime, anywhere!

Drink Up: A large glass of water is one of the best (and easiest!) ways to give your body the fluid it needs.

Add a Splash of Color: Eat or drink something that contains color - a piece of fruit or glass of vegetable juice.

Breath of Fresh Air: Fresh air cleans our lungs. Many adults spend at least eight hours inside of the buildings where they work. Leave your car in the garage and walk to the bus or train. This will ensure you're breathing in fresh air for at least a few minutes each day.

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World Briefs

'Mutts like me' - Obama signals ease in discussing race

WASHINGTON (AP) — It popped out casually, a throwaway line as he talked to reporters about finding the right puppy for his young daughters.

But with just three offhanded words in his first news conference as president-elect, Barack Obama reminded everyone how thoroughly different his administration — and inevitably, this country — will be.

"Mutts like me."

By now, almost everyone knows that Obama's mother was white and father was black, putting him on track to become the nation's first African-American president. But there was something startling, and telling, about hearing his self-description — particularly in how offhandedly he used it.

The message seemed clear — here is a president who will be quite at ease discussing race, a complex issue as unresolved as it is uncomfortable for many to talk about openly. And at a time when whites in the country are not many years from becoming the minority.

Palin says anonymous critics are 'cowardly'; clothing allegations are false

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Gov. Sarah Palin denounced anonymous criticisms leveled at her by former John McCain aides as lies, including allegations that Republican lawyers were traveling to Alaska to reclaim her high-priced wardrobe and that she didn't know Africa was a continent.

"Those accounts are not true," the former Republican vice presidential candidate said in her first public comments on the matter since the election Tuesday.

Palin returned Friday to her Anchorage governor's office and said she had no immediate plans to build on her newfound national name-recognition and popularity with the Republican base for a possible 2012 presidential run.

Instead, Palin said, she wanted only to get back to the governor's desk to advance a proposed pipeline tapping Alaska's vast North Slope natural gas reserves and to prepare Alaska's proposed 2010 budget.

As for the vice presidential campaign, Palin denounced criticism from unidentified McCain campaign aides as "cowardly." She said she found it frustrating trying to respond to false allegations when she didn't know who was making them.

Cuba-bound Hurricane Paloma strengthens into 'extremely dangerous' Category 4 storm

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands (AP) — Hurricane Paloma became an "extremely dangerous" Category 4 storm early Saturday, bringing wind and rain to the Cayman Islands and threatening to strike hurricane-ravaged Cuba, forecasters said.

The late-season storm had top sustained winds of 135 mph, data from a hurricane hunter aircraft indicated shortly before 5 a.m. EST.

The new forecast from the National Hurricane Center in Miami called for Paloma to make landfall in Cuba as a major hurricane late Saturday or early Sunday with maximum-sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

Cuba already is suffering from Hurricanes Ike and Gustav, which struck the island earlier this season and together caused an estimated $9.4 billion in damage.

Cuban official newspaper Granma, recalling past late-season hurricanes such as a 1932 storm that killed about 3,000 people, said Paloma poses "a potential danger for the island."

Jobless ranks hit 10 million; unemployment hits 14-year high

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's jobless ranks zoomed past 10 million last month, the most in a quarter-century, as piles of pink slips shut factory gates and office doors to 240,000 more Americans with the holidays nearing. Politicians and economists agreed on a painful bottom line: It's only going to get worse.

The unemployment rate soared to a 14-year high of 6.5 percent, the government said Friday, up from 6.1 percent just a month earlier. And there was more grim news from U.S. automakers: Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp., American giants struggling to survive, each reported big losses and figured to be announcing even more job cuts before long.

Regulators, meanwhile, shut down Houston-based Franklin Bank and Security Pacific Bank in Los Angeles on Friday, bringing the number of failures of federally insured banks this year to 19.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was appointed receiver of Franklin Bank, which had $5.1 billion in assets and $3.7 billion in deposits as of Sept. 30, and of Security Pacific Bank, with $561.1 million in assets and $450.1 million in deposits as of Oct. 17.

Barack Obama, in his first news conference as president-elect, said the nation was facing the economic challenge of a lifetime but expressed confidence he could deal with it.

8-year-old Arizona boy charged with murder in shooting of father and another man

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — It's a crime that police officers in a small eastern Arizona community can hardly fathom yet have to deal with: an 8-year-old charged in the fatal shootings of his father and another man.

"Who would think an 8-year-old kid could kill two adults?" said St. Johns Police Chief Roy Melnick Friday.

The crime that unfolded Wednesday evening sent shock waves through St. Johns, a community of about 4,000 people northeast of Phoenix. The boy had no disciplinary record at school, and there was no indication he had any problems at home, prosecutors said.

"It was such a tragedy," said the boy's defense attorney, Benjamin Brewer. "You have two people dead; you have an 8-year-old in jail. It tugs at the heart strings. It's a shocker, no doubt about it."

On Friday, a judge determined there was probable cause to show that the boy fatally shot his father, Vincent Romero, 29, and Timothy Romans, 39, of San Carlos with a .22-caliber rifle. The boy faces two counts of premeditated murder.

Rescuers race through the night to save students trapped in collapsed Haitian school

PETIONVILLE, Haiti (AP) — Rescue crews working under the glare of floodlights dug through the rubble of a collapsed school early Saturday in a frantic search for students who may still trapped in a disaster that has already killed at least 47 people.

It is not known how many students were in the school when it collapsed Friday morning. But authorities said roughly 500 children and teenagers typically crowded into the three-story concrete building of College La Promesse, which served classes from kindergarten through high school.

The chaotic rescue effort by Red Cross workers, U.N. peacekeepers and Haitian authorities was inhibited from the start by thousands of grieving neighbors, who blocked the steep, narrow street and fought with school officials to enter the collapsed building in search of their children and friends.

U.N. peacekeepers and Haitian police were able to establish some order by setting up human chains and checkpoints along the road in the hills above Port-au-Prince. But they have been unable to get heavy equipment through the crowds and to the scene, leaving rescuers to essentially work with their hands.

At least 39 bodies were brought to the morgue at Port-au-Prince's General Hospital, Haitian police spokesman Garry Desrosier said.

Child care proves too costly for parents suffering economic slide

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — The nation's economic troubles play out one family at a time at the New Horizons Learning Center in this struggling city two hours northwest of Chicago.

Some parents have been laid off and must pull their children out of the day care center until they can find a job. Others' employment hours have been cut, so they reduce their kids' attendance to a few days a week.

Financial strains prompt one mother to pay with a postdated check. Another chooses to work in the middle of the night — after putting her kids to bed — because of the extra dollar per hour that shift brings. And the stress shows on the faces of the children who can't understand why their friends, without explanation, stop coming.

"They act out more, cry a lot more," said Diane Kesterton, director of New Horizons, where a 38-child enrollment has been halved to 19 in just three months. "They don't know what's happening, they're confused."

Parents nationwide are telling day care providers they must scale back or abandon their services. Instead, they keep kids at home with grandparents or upend their work-life balance because gas and food prices have become prohibitive and average child care costs outpace rent and mortgage payments — even for those drawing salaries.

In new memoir, Ted Turner says Jane Fonda's faith didn't cause their marriage to end

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't religion that broke up his marriage to Jane Fonda, Ted Turner declares in a new memoir.

He says he was "upset" when he discovered his wife's "conversion," but "it wasn't because she had become Christian," the 69-year-old Turner writes in "Call Me Ted," which comes out next week. *The Associated Press* obtained an early copy.

He was upset because Fonda didn't talk to him about it.

Turner's 433-page book, co-authored with former Turner Broadcasting executive Bill Burke, reviews his loquacious, multi-pronged rise as yachtsman, baseball team owner, cable visionary and philanthropist.

The book includes commentary from fellow America's Cup racers, business moguls such as Bill Gates and former Time Warner chairman Gerald Levin, friends such as former President Carter, family members and Fonda, his wife for 10 years.

CEREMONY

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Although shot through the arm and thrown to the ground, he regained his feet, waved his men onward and continued to spearhead the assault, pausing only long enough to go to the aid of a wounded Marine. Struck down by the concussion of grenades on three occasions during the subsequent action, he steadfastly refused to be evacuated for medical treatment and continued to lead his platoon in the assault for a period of four hours.

"By his exceptionally daring and forceful leadership in the face of overwhelming odds, 2nd Lt. O'Brien served as a constant source of inspiration to all who observed him and was greatly instrumental in the recapture of a strategic position on the main line of resistance," his citation read.

Lt. O'Brien was awarded the Medal of Honor Oct. 27, 1952.

Preceding the statue unveiling, Arden Glover, a friend of O'Brien's and a Purple Heart recipient, will provide the keynote address.

Also during the ceremonies, relatives of Conrad Alvarez and Kristian Menchaca, Big Spring men killed in action in Iraq, will lay a wreath at the base of the flagpole at the VAMC. Belinda Garcia, Alvarez' mother and Menchaca's mother-in-law, will be joined by Maira Alvarez and Christina Menchaca, widows of the respective men, during the ceremony.

Additionally, the Goodfellow AFB Honor Guard will participate in ceremonies, Hanslik said.

Following the unveiling of the statue, veterans and their families are invited to lunch at First Baptist Church. As a gesture of appreciation to all veterans, lunch is being provided by Dr. John Freeman, CEO and Kevin Freeman, president of CeRamKote Coatings Inc. of Big Spring. James Duncan of Duncan Drilling also assisted.

VETERANS

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on the campus, with a ceremony and reception for veterans following the walk. All veterans are invited to attend.

• Goliad Intermediate, 200 Goliad St., will host its annual Veterans Salute at 2:15 p.m. in the school's gym. Veterans are asked to arrive between 1:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the front office to sign in. Refreshments will be provided.

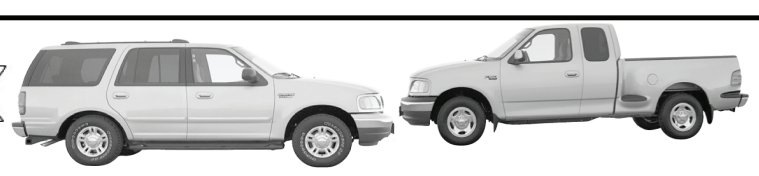
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San Antonio loses Parker in loss to Miami

By PAUL J. WEBER
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — Tony Parker's encore to 55 was two to four.

That's how many weeks San Antonio is preparing to be without the NBA's leading scorer after he sprained his left ankle early in a 99-83 loss to Miami on Friday night.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said the ankle is "pretty swollen." Tim Duncan found solace that it wasn't worse. Dwyane Wade, who had 33 points and 10 rebounds for Miami, pitied that "another great player" went down.

The question looming is how the Spurs — at 1-4 off to their worst start in more than a decade — will find a way to rebound.

"I don't know what it is," said Duncan, who had 22 points and 11 rebounds but sat most of the fourth quarter. "I don't know what to say."

Duncan's never been on a Spurs team that's started this bad. That's because the last time was a 1-5 start to 1996 — a season that ended so badly for San Antonio, the Spurs got the No. 1 pick and drafted Duncan the next summer.

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STEERS

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most exciting win of the season because Hereford has always kept us from getting past the first round of the playoffs. They've beat us out the first two years I've been on varsity. I think beating them and knocking them out of the playoffs would be the sweetest win we've had all year."

The Steers missed on several opportunities to take Hereford out of the game in the first half. While the Steers mounted a 13-0 lead by halftime, the chance to add more was taken away by dropped passes and untimely penalties.

LaRay Woodard had two long touchdowns called back — one rushing and one off an interception return — due to illegal block penalties. Tevian Parnell had a deep ball go through his hands inside the Hereford 10-yard line that would have translated into an easy score. Thaddeus Straughter was unable to pull in a one-handed grab in the end zone and later had a Tyler Tannehill pass just miss his fingertips on a deep post route.

However, Straughter made up for his misgivings in the second half. Just two plays into the third quarter, quarterback Matt Ritchey faked a quarterback draw, pulled up just short of the line of scrimmage and hit a wide open Straughter streaking up the left seam on a fly route for a 65-yard touchdown, giving the Steers a 19-0 advantage.

A Tyrone Clemons interception on the Whitefaces' ensuing drive set the Steers back up in Hereford territory and Ritchey snuck in the ball from a yard out for his fourth touchdown — two rushing, two passing — of the evening.

Monte Anderson capped the Steers scoring with 11:13 to play in the fourth with a 10-yard run, giving Big Spring the 31-0 lead it held until the final horn sounded.

Defensively, the Steers held Hereford to just 234 total yards, allowing all-district quarterback Parker Bridwell to throw for just 160 yards while picking him off five times. Clemons, Kaegan Hunt and Zamir Linton each had one pick, while Woodard intercepted two passes in the contest.

Ritchey led the Steers' offensive charge, rushing for 203 yards and two touchdowns, while passing for 86 yards and two more scores. Ritchey is now 26 yards of rushing for 1,000 yards this season.

"Matt goes for it all on every play in every game," said his uncle, Phillip Ritchey. "He's just that type of kid. He's a tremendous competitor and athlete. He just likes to do everything right and as hard as he can. It's amazing to watch him play and a lot of fun to coach him. You know when the ball is in his hands then you're in pretty good shape."

The Steers (6-4) face Canyon in the bi-district round of the Class 4A, Division II playoffs at 5 p.m. Saturday at Frenship High School's Tiger Stadium in Wolfforth. Canyon (6-4) clinched the second seed in the small-school division out of District 3-4A with a 35-34 win over Amarillo Caprock Thursday.

Ritchey's early estimation of Canyon bodes well for the Steers.

"Canyon is a lot like Hereford and Pampa," said Ritchey. "They throw the ball a lot, probably 75 percent of the time. If we play against them like we played tonight, then that's a good thing. It should be a good game. They've got a good team.

"It's a new season," he continued. "We play until we lose. We've got a lot of confidence after this last win. Let's just see how far we can go."

Hereford	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**—0**
Big Spring	**7**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**—31**

First quarter

BS – Matt Ritchey 14 run (Tyler Tannehill kick), 7:36

Second quarter

BS – Sidney Parker 8 pass from Ritchey (kick failed), 6:22

Third quarter

BS – Thaddeus Straughter 65 pass from Ritchey (pass failed), 11:28

BS – Ritchey 1 run (pass failed), 9:23

Fourth quarter

BS – Monte Anderson 10 run (kick failed), 11:13

	Herd	**BS**
First downs	13	21
Total yards	234	399
Rushes-Yards	23-72	44-299
Passing yards	162	98
Comp.-Att.-Int.	18-35-5	4-10-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-1	0-1
Punts-Avg.	3-38.3	4-34.3
Penalties-Yards	8-46	8-70
Time of Poss.	22:34	25:26

Individual statistics

Rushing: Hereford – Jose Uvalle 4-33, Quinton Ward 6-30, Nathan Losolla 5-13, Aaron Jackson 1-4, Henry Jimenez 1-0, Parker Bridwell 6-(-8); Big Spring – Matt Ritchey 23-203, Monte Anderson 10-67, Sidney Parker 2-33, LaRay Woodard 6-17, Martin Yanez 1-(-3), Tyler Tannehill 2-(-18).

Passing: Hereford – Bridwell 17-33-5 160, Ward 1-2-0 2; Big Spring – Ritchey 3-5-0 86, Tannehill 1-5-0 12.

Receiving: Hereford – Jonathan Davis 8-98, Zack Lopez 3-26, Christian Garza 1-17, Uvalle 1-8, Chase Yosten 1-8, Tanner Shelton 1-3, Sway High 1-2; Big Spring – Thaddeus Straughter 1-65, Parker 2-20, Pavel Plakhotny 1-13.

FORSAN

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eventually finding paydirt with Sandridge dashing in from the 5-yard line. The score gave the Buffs the lead, 6-0.

That score came at 1:54 of the 1st quarter and appeared it would be the only one of the first half.

However, the Buffs put together some last-minute theatrics.

With time running down in the second and Forsan deep in Tahoka territory, Alex Huckabee kept the ball on a quarterback keeper, scoring from 5 yards out. Huckabee found Ty Johnson on the 2-point conversion.

Up by two scores, the Buffs' defense, who had held the Bulldogs to less than 50 total yards in the first half, decided to get in on the scoring action.

With Tahoka on the move, trying to get some points on the board before the half, Kody Willis stepped in front of a Mitchell Chapa pass, and returned the interception — his first of two on the night — 45 yards for a touchdown, sending the Buffs up 20-0 at halftime.

"It really felt good to be on this side of a game," Thompson said. "We told the kids all week long, that this is how it could be if we didn't beat ourselves early with mistakes or a slow start. We really controlled both sides of the ball in the first half and played with a ton of confidence. I was glad to see these guys having the type of success I had expected for them all year long."

Thompson said he reminded his team in the locker room, that just as they had made it close in several games, the Bulldogs would be a threat to do the same.

With the offense unable to score in the second half, the defense picked up the slack and took Thompson's warning to heart, holding Tahoka to only two late scores and stopping the Bulldogs on two 2-point attempts.

The last of those scores came with just more than two minutes to play, leaving enough time for Tahoka to score again with a successful onsides kick. However, the Buffs would not allow it, as their hands team quickly came up with the ball, giving Forsan a chance to run out the clock.

After three plays from scrimmage, however, it looked like the Bulldogs may still garner another opportunity.

On fourth and 6 and on their own end of the field, the Buffs and Thompson had a decision to make. Either punt and hope the defense holds on, or go for it and try to ice the game.

Thompson wasted no time and kept his special teams on the sideline.

Huckabee dropped back in the shotgun and, still having the option for a quick kick, took the ball around the left end, dashing to the first-down marker and making it with just inches to spare.

Ball game.

"It was not much of a decision to make really," said Thompson. "The guys had earned this win tonight and I could tell they wanted the chance to end this one on their own terms. They did not disappoint, and on that one play, showed what I knew they were capable of all year."

The Buffs win, combined with a Seagraves win over Plains, ended any hopes Tahoka had for a playoff berth.

District 7-A will send district champ Sundown, Stanton and Seagraves as representatives to the playoffs this year.

Thompson will now turn his thoughts to next year and how to replace this year's graduating class. He added these seniors will be missed and wished them every success in the future. The following seniors were recognized before the game for their hard work and dedication to Forsan football: Alex Huckabee, Jace Sandridge, Chance Pool, Garrett Pool, Jace Purser, David Rodriguez, Ben Mancha, Jeffery Carey, Jeremy Freitag, Jeremy Gomez, Tony Villa, Tino Villa, Nathan Atkerson, Jeremy Robbins, Kody Willis and Zach Spears.

Tahoka	**0**	**0**	**0**	**12**	**– 12**
Forsan	**6**	**12**	**0**	**0**	**- 20**

First Quarter

Forsan – Jace Sandridge 5 run (kick fail); 1:54

Second Quarter

Forsan – Alex Huckabee 5 run (2-pt good); 1:07

Forsan – Kody Willis 45 interception return (kick fail); :10

Fourth Quarter

Tahoka – Jac Cavillo 6 run (2-pt fail); 6:31

Tahoka – Neiko Garcia from Mitchell Chapa 9 pass (2-pt fail); 2:19

Individual Statistics

Rushing: Tahoka – Michael Gonzalez 9-73, Allen Henderson 5-35, Jac Cavillo 5-29, Mitchell Chapa 13-17, Ridge Hall 1-(-13); Forsan – Jace Sandridge 27-112, Alex Huckabee 14-56, Chance Pool 1-6

Passing: Tahoka – Chapa 15-34-135-1-3, Henderson 0-2-0-0-0; Forsan – Huckabee 4-13-39-0-1

Receiving: Tahoka – Gonzalez 4-37, Neiko Garcia 4-27, Seth Hawthorne 3-29, Henderson 3-23, Adrian Webster 1-19; Forsan – Garrett Pool 2-20, Chance Pool 1-13, Kody Willis 1-6

COAHOMA

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Coahoma is parting with 10 seniors. They are P.J. Daylong, Nathan Doporto, Corey Roberts, Austin Garvin, Harrison Chevalier, Damian Bailey, Chase Clanton, Andy Metcalf and Nathan Gomez.

Coahoma	**14**	**0**	**0**	**7**	**—21**
Grape Creek	**6**	**6**	**0**	**8**	**—20**

First quarter

Coa – P.J. Daylong 3 run (kick failed), 8:00

GC – T.J. Holt 3 run (kick failed), 6:52

Coa – Nathan Doporto 1 run (Lupe Abrego pass from Doporto), 3:07

Second quarter

GC – Jordan Gaston 16 pass from Landon McCall (run failed), 11:53

Fourth quarter

Coa – Daylong 1 run (Chase Clanton kick), 3:21

GC – Kelton Gauwein 2 run (Colton Rathmell run), 1:24

Coa	**GC**
First Downs	19 15
Total Yards	294 278
Rushes-Yards	4 0 - 2 0 2 32-168
Passing yards	92 110
Comp.-Att.-Int	0 1
Fumbles-Lost	3-3 0-0
Punts-Avg.	3 - 3 4 . 3 5-37.4
Penalties-Yards	6-53 6-55

Individual statistics

Rushing: Coahoma – P.J. Daylong 27-142, Nathan Doporto 12-59, Jason Martinez 1-1.

Passing: Coahoma – Doporto 8-16-0 92.

Receiving: Coahoma – Josh Paniagua 3-52, Lane Douglass 3-24, Lupe Abrego 1-18, Daylong 1-(-2).

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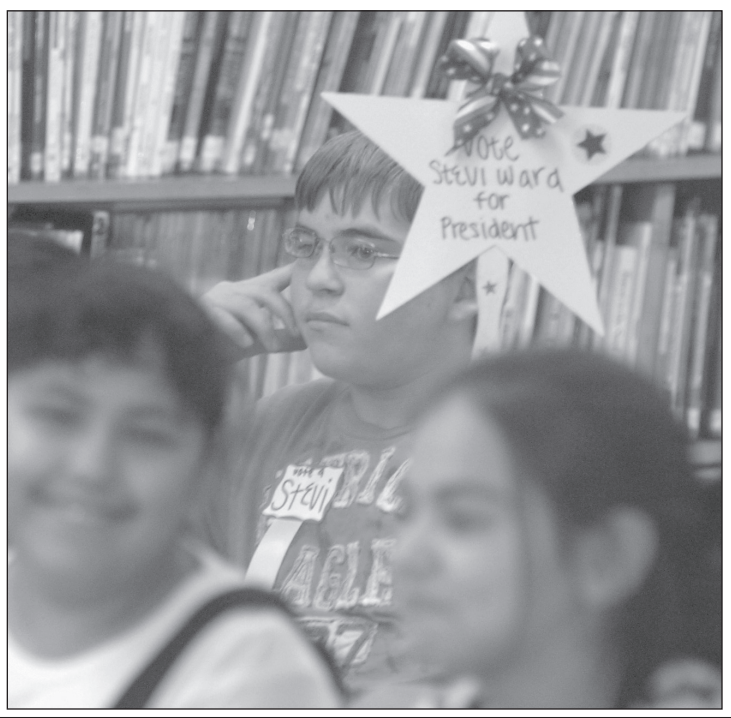
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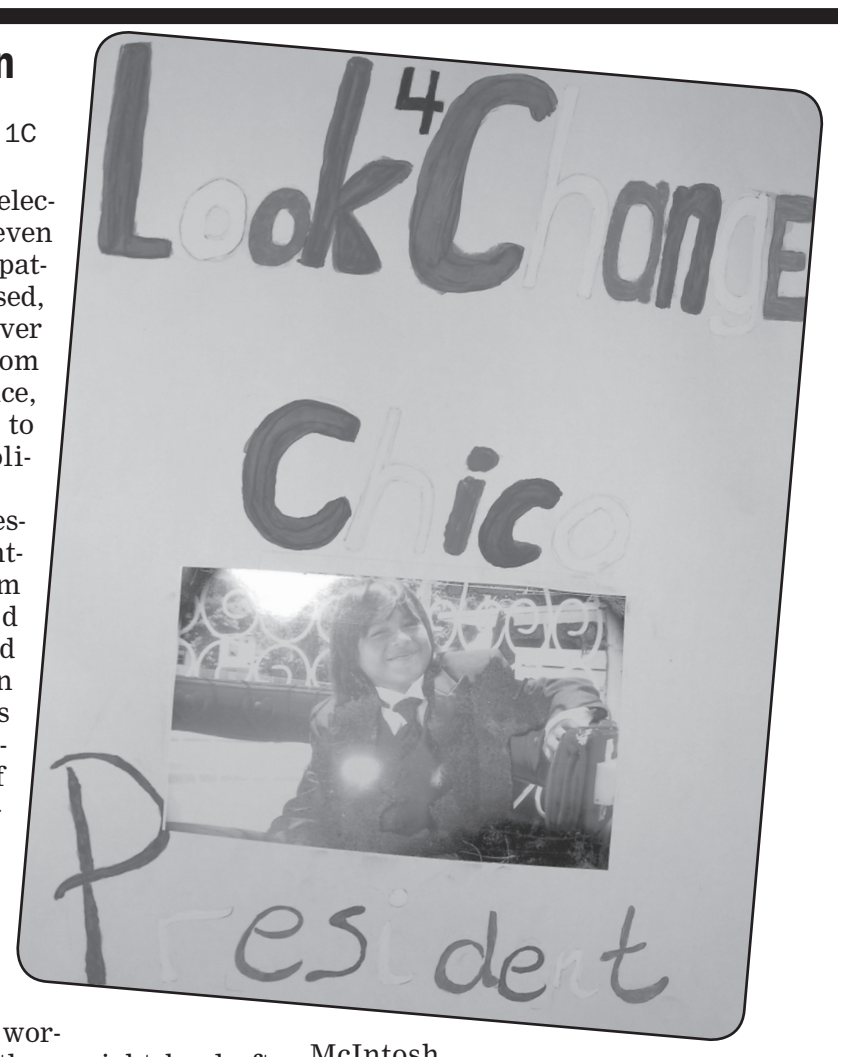
Supporters of candidate Stevi Ward rally her on during the debate. Pictured above are back row, Emily McKinley, left, Brycen Kiker, front row, Bianca Correa, Briana Cobos, Hannah Biemeret, Brittany Gonzales and Juliana Rodriguez. Pictured right is Jacob Davis.
(Herald Photos/Lyndel Moody)

Mock Election

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On Tuesday — election day — the seven candidates participated in a non-rehearsed, 30-minute debate over issues ranging from energy independence, national security to school-related policies.

Although the question on implementing a school uniform policy created numerous back and fourth discussion with the consensus of candidates worried about loss of expressing "themselves individually," the question on the war in Iraq created the most lively debate of the afternoon.



"My mother is worried about my brother...might be drafted," said Mariah McIntosh, the only candidate who opposes troops in the long-lasting Middle East conflict.

"I think that it is their choice to go because they signed for it," Franco countered.

"I think we need to keep the troops in Iraq until the job is done," said candidate Charlie Boling.

During the discussion, the majority of candidates expressed their feeling of safety knowing that the troops are fighting terrorist in Iraq than in the U.S., yet McIntosh stood firm in her belief that having troops in Iraq is not going to stop terrorists from attacking the United States. Students headed to the polls following the debate.

"What is going to be interesting in the future is to see how many of them will enter politics," Sanchez said. "I think many of them have that charisma and leadership ability."

— Story and Cover Design by Lyndel Moody

Area Menus

Coahoma ISD
Monday
Breakfast
biscuits, gravy, sausage, orange juice, jelly, milk.
Lunch
spaghetti w/meat, corn, apples, bread sticks, milk, rib sandwiches
Tuesday
Breakfast
oatmeal, ham, apple juice, milk.
Lunch
cheeseburgers, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, apples, milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast
biscuits, sausage, gravy, apple juice, jelly, milk.
Lunch
chicken patty, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.
Thursday
Breakfast
pancakes, sausage on a stick, fruit, syrup, milk.
Lunch
pizza, corn, peaches, milk.
Friday
Breakfast
rice, ham, grape juice, milk.
Lunch
tacos, ranch beans, salad, graham crackers, burritos.

Forsan ISD
Monday
Breakfast
breakfast pizza, juice, milk.
Lunch
hot dogs, oven fries, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cups, milk.
Tuesday
Breakfast
biscuits, sausage, juice, milk.
Lunch
enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apples, milk.
Wednesday
Breakfast
eggs, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch
hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes & pickles, baked beans, baby carrots w/ ranch, crispy cereal treats, milk.
Thursday
Breakfast
breakfast on a bun, juice, milk.
Lunch
taco salad, seasoned corn, fruited gelatin, brownies, milk.
Friday
Breakfast
cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Lunch
teriyaki chicken, rice pilaf, green beans, pineapple tidbits, hot rolls, milk.

Big Spring ISD
Monday
Breakfast
Elementary: cereal, fruit cocktail, milk.
High School: pancake sandwiches breakfast bars, milk.
Lunch
pig-in-blanket, baked beans, cucumbers, sliced apples, milk, PBJ sandwiches.
Tuesday
Breakfast
Elementary: grilled cheese uncrustable, fruit juice, milk.
High School: sausage biscuits, fruit juice, Trix breakfast bars, milk.
Lunch
chicken enchiladas, refried beans, garden salad, fruit cocktail, milk, PBJ sandwiches.
Wednesday
Breakfast
Elementary: blueberry loaf, fruit juice, cheddar cheese porti, milk.
High School: sausage biscuits, fruit juice, Cinnamon Toast breakfast bars, milk.
Lunch
barbecue chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit bar icy, rolls, milk, PBJ sandwiches.
Thursday
Breakfast
Elementary: French toast sticks, fruit juice, milk.
High School: sausage biscuits, fruit juice, fruity Cheerios breakfast bars, milk.
Lunch
beef/bean burritos, broccoli, cheese sauce, orange smiles, milk, PBJ sandwiches.
Friday
Breakfast
Elementary: ham/cheese pockets, peaches, milk.
High School: PJ uncrustables, pears, milk.
Lunch
hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomatoes & pickles, French fries, pineapple chunks, milk, PBJ sandwiches.

Reader's Corner

"Pork Chop Hill"

If you tell our boys to take a hill, you can bet your life they will.

They will say, Let's take the one on the other side.

They can run, but they can't hide. They started it all and made the call.

We will take them all.

The boys when yelling Let's Roll! Let's Roll! and, its hard to hold a twenty year old.

The signal was given, and the fight was on. Soon the enemy will be gone.

The hill was taken, but not without cost, because a few good men were lost.

The flag few high on the hill that day, as they all knelt to pray.

God bless the wounded and those who died, and we will remember them all with pride.

Written in memory of George O'Brien

by Horace Murdock

THIS VETERANS DAY

I ask you as a friend,
neighbor, Texan, American and a
Gold Star Mother, to support our



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Dating Violence

"The person I'm going out with scares me sometimes."

What Is It?
Dating violence is controlling, abusive, and aggressive behavior in a romantic relationship. It can happen in straight or gay relationships. It can include verbal, emotional, physical, or sexual abuse, or a combination.

Controlling behavior may include:
- Not letting you hang out with your friends
- Calling or paging you frequently to find out where you are, whom you're with, and what you're doing
- Telling you what to wear
- Having to be with you all the time

Verbal and emotional abuse may include:
- Calling you names
- Jealousy
- Belittling you (cutting you down)
- Threatening to hurt you, someone in your family, or himself or herself if you don't do what he or she wants

Physical abuse may include:
- Shoving
- Punching
- Slapping
- Pinching
- Hitting
- Kicking
- Hair pulling
- Strangling

Sexual abuse may include:
- Unwanted touching and kissing
- Forcing you to have sex
- Not letting you use birth control
- Forcing you to do other sexual things

Anyone can be a victim of dating violence. Both boys and girls are victims, but boys and girls abuse their partners in different ways. Girls are more likely to yell, threaten to hurt themselves, pinch, slap, scratch, or kick. Boys injure girls more and are more likely to punch their partner and force them to participate in unwanted sexual activity. Some teen victims experience violence occasionally. Others are abused more often, sometimes daily.

If You Are a Victim of Dating Violence, You Might...
- Think it's your fault.
- Feel angry, sad, lonely, depressed, or confused.
- Feel helpless to stop the abuse.
- Feel threatened or humiliated.
- Feel anxious.
- Not know what might happen next.
- Feel like you can't talk to family and friends.
- Be afraid of getting hurt more seriously.
- Feel protective of your boyfriend or girlfriend.

You're Not Alone
- One in five teens in a serious relationship reports having been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner.[1]
- 50–80% of teens have reported knowing others who were involved in violent relationships.[2]
- Teens identifying as gay, lesbian, and bisexual are as likely to experience violence in same-sex dating relationships as youths involved in opposite sex dating.[3]
- Many studies indicate that, as a dating relationship becomes more serious, the potential for and nature of violent behavior escalates.[4]
- Young women, ages 16 to 24 years, experience the highest rates of relationship violence.[5]

Get Help
Being a victim of dating violence is not your fault. Nothing you say, wear, or do gives anyone the right to hurt you.
- If you think you are in an abusive relationship, get help immediately. Don't keep your concerns to yourself.
- Talk to someone you trust like a parent, teacher, school principal, counselor, or nurse.
- If you choose to tell, you should know that some adults are mandated reporters. This means they are legally required to report neglect or abuse to someone else,

Or Contact
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EDITORIAL

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

-First Amendment

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Time to put the people's needs first

The election is finally over. Finally. While the recently concluded vote did not bring an end to the longest presidential election in American history, it just seemed like it.


John A. Moseley

Whether or not your presidential candidate won, and it's clear that most Howard Countians' didn't, we can all hope that both major political parties learned something Tuesday. Because more than anything, what the voters said is they are tired of Washington handling the nation's problems with a business-as-normal attitude.

Simply put, the election of Barack Obama as the 44th president of the United States, and the gains the Democratic Party made in both the House and the Senate, are a clear indication that the American people, as a whole, are not at all happy with "business as usual."

It is time for government at all levels, but particularly the national, to think about the people's needs.

That does not mean a complete departure from Reaganism, as some political pundits put it on television Tuesday night, although it seems pretty clear to some of us the so-called "trickle down economy" not only hasn't worked, but simply won't work.

However, Tuesday night's election results most assuredly mean that the American people are fed up with the status quo.

They are tired of getting the feeling that it doesn't matter who's in Washington, that things aren't going to change ... that they're powerless.

They are tired of Washington's hands-off approach to "big business," particularly where Wall Street, the banking industry and "Big Oil" are concerned.

The mandate given Obama and the Congress Tuesday night was simple and moral — consider us, that is most Americans first, period.

It really is that simple.

It was not that the so-called "Moral Majority" lost ground, as ABC suggested Thursday night, but that we are ready for those who represent us in Washington to be moral and begin thinking about the majority of us rather then special interests.

Yes, the economy was the primary issue with most voters and the Republicans, as the party in power,in the White House, took a hit. That was to be expected. But what really took place during this election, was that a record number of Americans bothered to not only register to vote, but went to the polls and cast a ballot.

That's a good thing, because millions didn't sit by and say to themselves that Washington's going to do whatever Washington wants to do.

Instead, they made their voices heard.

We can only hope that Washington listens.

Contact Managing Editor John A. Moseley by e-mail at editor@bigspringherald.com.

YOUR VIEWS

Appalled by Big Spring

To the Editor:

I recently visited family in Big Spring and was absolutely appalled at what I saw! A once-thriving medical community boasting three hospitals. There were also two shopping malls as well as an Air Force base. It was also a tourist attraction with the Settles Hotel and the historic Big Spring. It was the town where I grew up and graduated high school, as did my husband, but we did not recognize the place.

I understand that these things were many years ago, probably more than 20, but why have city politicians and the people of Big Spring allowed a once beautiful and wonderful place to live to regress to the economic poverty that I witnessed during my visit?

Why hasn't the Settles been turned into a tourist attraction? Where is the Ritz Theater marquis? Have all the things that made Big Spring been sold off to the highest bidder? Has the town I grew up in been chipped up and reduced to its current condition for a buck? Please tell me that is not the case.

I was driving around mid morning on a weekday and Fourth Street as well as Gregg Street was dead! I did not even see a police car except in front of the police station.

Why was Wal-Mart allowed to leave a sprawling empty at the former Highland Mall which once had boutiques and shopping, eateries that would compare to the same in Midland?

What is going on here? How can cities within 50-100 miles of Big Spring be thriving and my hometown, where i graduated, look like something out of a third world country. This is nothing short of a travesty and someone should do something.

I refuse to believe that there is no one who lives in Big Spring that does not care about this. I believe that the few who do care have been shot down and crippled by the past/present seemingly dictatorship of the Big Spring political machine.

My only hope for my hometown is that until and when what's left of the city believe that "It Takes a Village," there will be nothing left of the village called Big Spring.

Terri Beard Holland
Rockport

Tremendous response

To the Editor,

This past Saturday, Nov. 1, Hangar 25 Air Museum held our 2008 Silver Wings Ball. We had a tremendous response of both support and attendance to the event. We were fortunate to welcome several special guests including State Rep. Joe Helfin and his wife, the president of the CAF in Midland Stephan C. Brown and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Parker.

The evening was enchanting and a good time was had by all. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made the night possible. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of Hangar 25.

Our gratitude to Robert Miller, Phillips Fabrication, Alon Refinery USA, Citizens Federal, Credit Union, Col. Jerry and Katie Grimes, Col. Jim and Judy Little, KBST, Mike Tarpley, Skip and Donna Burcham, Worthy Company, Howard College Diplomats, Hangar Hotel, Fredericksburg, J'Mkai, Diane Wood, Chaney's Jewelry, Moss Creek Ranch, Allen's Furniture, Gloria McDonald, Inspirations Flowers and Gifts, Jimmy Anderson, Drew and

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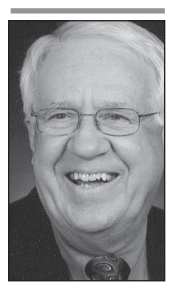
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His was a life of full measure

Let's "fess" up! Who among us has not attended memorial services that stretched toward eternity? Given advance warning of lengthy services, we might opt to be absent.


Dr. Don Newbury

Or to concoct an exit strategy triggered by a coughing spell.

A tribute recently held in Fort Worth was to memorial services what Lawrence of Arabia was to movies: long, but worth every second.

The tribute was to Kyle Ogle of Texas, a real-life hero to the thousand-plus mourners who crowded into McKinneyMemorial Bible Church to honor the life of this 38-year-old hero.

A bold Christian who battled cancer for a dozen years, Kyle met the disease head-on with dogged determination, deep faith and a trademark smile.

Honoring Kyle's detailed directives for the service, eulogist Tommy Saxon set the tone: "Keep it light. Keep it fun. Keep it real."

Saxon and fellow eulogist Jeff Turner were "thick and thin" buddies who forged friendships from life's deepest waters. Their bonds began in childhood days of neighborhood scrapes, bicycles and BB guns.

Reflections ran the gamut, with laughter and tears in equal measure.

"Kyle died young but lived old," observed minister friend Dr. Tommy Nelson. Powerful words, videos and music stirred mourners. More than two hours passed, but no one noticed. "More," collective souls seemed to plea, "more." Wanting to glean more lessons from this magnificent life, fully half of the crowd lingered in the foyer for the better part of another hour. "Kyle stories" abounded.

And there are many. Though cancer was a backdrop for a dozen of his 14 years of marriage to the former Darla Ward, Kyle and his bride refused to let his disease dominate their lives — until recent days.

They "lived large," building their dream home overlooking a lake on acreage near Weatherford. They worked hard, her at home with son Turner, 9, and daughter Katherine, 7, while Kyle earned No. 1 sales status for a world-wide medical equipment firm. The family was the picture of perseverance.

He rarely flinched in his slugfest with synovial cell sarcoma. Known far and wide for his self-effacing humor, he "laughed off" much of the grimness that typically is "part and parcel" of cancer. Intimate friends gathered for his 2002 "Farewell to Arm" party that preceded the surgery that took his shoulder and right arm.

It was one of many surgeries. Immediately "left-handed," he soon was driving again. To the sporting world so important in his life, he introduced a new bow-hunting technique. Pulling back arrows with his teeth, he claimed deer, wild hogs, bear, elk and turkeys.

Kyle was always "at the ready" to share his testimony. And he was featured on TV hunting shows. He reached the hearts of tens of thousands with the message of Christ just as certainly as his arrows felled prey on Texas ranches, the mountains of Colorado and the wilds of Canada.

His witness never wavered. He "leaned into life's struggles," friend Jeff said, "never asking 'why me?' Instead, he asked 'why not me?'"

Kyle was loving, giving, selling and joking, even during those final 10 days at Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

He closed deals on medical equipment from his hospital bed, all the while greeting loved ones and friends who visited.

During some lucid moments on Sunday, three days before his death, he led son Turner to Christ. Fighting kidney poison that was having its way, he struggled to utter a prayer for his son. Darla finished it.

Though not a mystic, Kyle hearkened back to a vision that seemed so real to him eight months earlier when he had neurotoxicity from chemo poisoning. He told Darla about a black coat, a train, a bright figure and a voice requesting his coat. He told her how the bright figure took his coat (covered with his sin, Kyle insisted), and how he heard the words "it's not your time yet" as the train pulled away.

A dozen hours before his death, Kyle said, "The train's coming and I'm getting on it."

At 1 a.m. on Oct. 29, he was restrained when he tried to get out of bed.

Who knows? Maybe he heard a train whistle. And maybe he was determined to get on board. Perhaps a bright figure handed him a coat as white as snow, in case of a chill in the morning air.

His one-way ticket punched, Kyle leaves a legacy of a man who squeezed life to extract the very last drop.

His stories will be re-told across the years. Hearers will smile, weep and marvel.

Sounds of the service will echo for a long time. Still resonating are Dr. Nelson's reminder: "We can dry our tears on the memory of this man's life." And Saxon's summation: "Kyle could do everything well except quit."

(I was in Kyle's presence just twice. I took him parasailing at Lake Brownwood just prior to his initial diagnosis. Soon after the radical surgery that took his arm, I enjoyed a two-hour lunch with him. He spoke of God's powerful words: "I am." If you'd like to re-visit an earlier column about Kyle, it is on the home page of my Web site, www.speakerdoc.com, until Nov. 16. Also there is his wife's touching poem of tribute. Other accounts and pictures at are at http://caringbridge.org/visit/kyleogle.)

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Johnson wins pole, strengthens championship bid

By JENNA FRYER
AP Auto Racing Writer

AVONDALE, Ariz. — Jimmie Johnson moved a step closer to a third consecutive Sprint Cup title by winning the pole Friday at Phoenix International Speedway.

Johnson, the defending race winner, turned a lap of 134.725 mph in his Chevrolet to earn the top starting spot Sunday. If he gains 57 more points than Carl Edwards, Johnson would only need to start the season finale to become the first driver since Cale Yarborough (1976-78) to win three straight titles.

"That's really the bottom line is we need to be 162 up leaving here, then all I have to do is go down there and start," Johnson said. "Am I planning on that being the case? No. Carl's car has been so strong. My goal is to outrun him. I don't want this margin to shrink anymore."

Edwards, who had the fastest car in Friday's final practice session, qualified 15th because he said the engine in his Ford bogged down on the backstretch during his lap.

Winner of the last two races, Edwards has chopped away at Johnson's lead and now trails him by just 106 points with two events to go.

"I really like this track," said Edwards, who has five top 10 finishes at Phoenix in eight career starts. "We've been very fast here in the past. It's a really fun race and I feel good about it."

Jamie McMurray qualified second in a Roush Fenway Racing Ford and was followed by Kurt Busch in a Dodge for Penske Racing and David Reutimann in a Toyota for Michael Waltrip Racing.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. was fifth and was followed by Ryan Newman, Jeff Gordon and Denny Hamlin. Paul Menard and Mark Martin rounded out the top 10.

Only 44 cars attempted to qualify, so Joe Nemechek was the only driver failing to make the field.

The attention now turns to Sunday, where Johnson will try to pull the title out of Edwards' reach.

He used this track to put the closing touches on his first two titles, finishing fourth in 2006 to take a healthy lead into Homestead. A year ago, he won — his fourth consecutive win of the season — to deflate teammate Gordon's title hopes.

"This is one of our better tracks," he said. "I think history shows that Homestead's been better — has been better for the Roush guys — so I want to leave here without using any points. If I get to 56 points and end up 162 ahead, right on. I mean that's the ultimate goal. But the goal is to outrun (Edwards), wherever that is."

Texans facing more experienced, confident Flacco

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The first time the Texans prepared for the Ravens, they hoped to rattle rookie Joe Flacco, who had one game of experience and hadn't played on the road.

Things are much different now after Hurricane Ike postponed the game for almost two months. The Flacco that Houston will face on Sunday has gained experience and led the Ravens to three straight victories to match their win total from last season.

Flacco said he's much more confident and relaxed than in Week 2.

"When you have eight games under your belt you're definitely a little bit different as a quarterback," he said. "You're more experienced and you feel better with your guys. Just as an offense, we're jelling more than we would have been."

Coach Gary Kubiak agrees and doesn't think of him as a rookie anymore after what he's done this season.

"He's getting better each week," (They're) asking him to do a lot. They're presenting a lot of problems for ... the defense. I'm going to have to worry about him all day long."

Flacco was chosen AFC offensive player of the week after throwing for 248 yards and two scores in a 37-27 come-from-behind win over Cleveland last week.

While the Texans get ready for a more experienced quarterback than they would have seen in September, the Ravens must prepare for a different quarterback altogether. Sage Rosenfels will get his second start of the season in place of Matt Schaub, who is out 2-4 weeks with a knee injury.

Rosenfels gained some unwanted notoriety earlier this season when he started for an ill Schaub against the Colts. He lost two fumbles and threw an interception in the last 4 minutes of the fourth quarter to allow Indianapolis to erase a 17-point deficit and win 31-27.

Rosenfels, 4-1 as a starter last season, threw for both of Houston's offensive scores after taking over in the second half of last week's loss to Minnesota. He also threw an interception in the end zone and was sacked twice on Houston's final drive.

The 30-year-old Rosenfels, a career backup, said he sometimes tries to do too much to prove he should be a starter.

"To try to overcome the stigma of a backup quarterback, you want to go in there and make things happen," Rosenfels said. "You want to make great plays and I've been able to do that a lot of times. The hardest part is when you don't have plays there is to have the mental toughness to just throw the ball in the dirt and just move on."

Ravens coach John Harbaugh said the quarterback change alters Baltimore's preparation a bit, but the Ravens aren't expecting a dropoff with Rosenfels playing.

"We think Sage Rosenfels is a starting quarterback in the NFL," Harbaugh said.

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second and final spot from Six-man Division I, District 8 behind league champion Fort Davis.

"They are a good team," Garden City Head Coach Vance Jones said. "We knew that they would come out and play hard and they did just that. It's a really good win."

Although Rankin scored first, taking advantage of a Bearkats fumble on the first play from scrimmage. Garden City appeared to be taking early control of the game with 22-8 advantage by the end of the first quarter.

The Red Devils fought back, though, and eventually held a slim lead heading into the final quarter of play, 50-46.

From there, it was all Garden City.

The first of two Rankin fumbles in the final quarter set up Garden City's go-ahead score.

Josh Colunga took the ball to the right before reversing back across the field and finding a hole in the Red Devils defense, accelerating for a 23-yard score.

The final swing of night came on the Red Devils next drive as another fumble was recovered by Levi Schaefer the Red Devils 29.

After a 20-yard jaunt by Schwartz gave the Bearkats a first and goal at the Rankin 9, Adrian Arazola got in on the scoring act busting up the middle for the score and the 60-50 lead with 5:41 left in the game.

Garden City scored twice more for the final margin, securing their place in the playoffs.

"I am so proud of these boys," Coach Vance Jones said. "They showed a lot of heart in that fourth quarter and got the win.

"You have to give it to Rankin, they came in here and played us tough." Jones continued. "Both teams knew coming in here that the winner was in the playoffs and the loser was going home and both teams played their hearts out tonight. We just had a couple of things happen in that fourth quarter that helped us and that was what decided the game."

With the win, the Bearkats will now face the Ira Bulldogs in Grady at 7:30 p.m. Friday. It's a matchup Jones already has on his mind.

"Now we have to start getting ready for Ira," he said. "They have a real good team. We are going to have to play hard to beat them."

Garden City	22	16	8	30	76
Rankin	8	22	20	0	50

Individual statistics

Rushing: Garden City - Josh Colunga 10-79, Jake Schwartz 6-35, Arzola 3-22, Cole Schwartz 5-6, Schaefer 2-(-10); Rankin - Castillo 26-167;

Receiving – J. Schwartz 12-237, Brett Chudej 4-35, C. Schwartz 2-29, Ian Schaefer 1-23, L. Schaefer 1-11; Rankin- Jacob Schmitz 3-103

Passing - GC- L. Shaefer 19-24-324, Colunga 1-1-11, Rankin - Austin Dupriest 8-13-175.

Sundown 42, Stanton 7

SUNDOWN — For two quarters, the monumental upset the Stanton Buffaloes needed over West Texas powerhouse Sundown seemed a legitimate possibility.

However, a long Sundown run and a quick Stanton turnover at the start of the second half gave the Roughnecks a surge of momentum they rode to a 42-7 victory after leading just 14-7 at the intermission.

"We were able to get on the board first," noted Stanton Head Coach Lee McCown, "but all that seemed to do was make Sundown mad. They got a big play right out of halftime and we gave them the ball right back. They owned us from there. You can't give a good team like Sundown a little momentum. They'll make you pay for it everytime."

A 74-yard run by quarterback Jason Durham set the Roughnecks scoring onslaught in motion in the second half.

Stanton's only score came via a 33-yard touchdown pass from Tyler Fulton to Jacob Cazares with 3:28 to play in the first quarter.

The win gives Sundown the District 7-A title, while Stanton will enter the postseason in Class A's large division. The Buffs matchup against Van Horn in the bi-district round. The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Pecos.

"Van Horn is a lot like us," noted McCown. "They're a good running team and play a very physical brand of football. It should be a good matchup."

Stanton	7	0	0	0	—7
Sundown	7	7	21	7	—42

First quarter

ST – Jacob Cazares 33 pass from Tyler Fulton (Brandon Almanza kick), 3:28

SD – Ryan Sandford 24 run (John Heffly kick), 2:43

Second quarter

SD – Heffly 21 run (Heffly kick), 11:06

Third quarter

SD – Jason Durham 74 run (Heffly kick), 11:41

SD – Tim Rodriguez 4 run (Heffly kick), 3:33

SD – Ryan Waygood 12 pass from Durham (Heffly kick), 1:10

Fourth quarter

SD – Rodriguez 12 pass from Durham (Heffly kick), 4:40

Individual statistics

Rushing: Stanton – Robbie Noland 16-44, Nathan Nix 9-30.

Passing: Stanton – Tyler Fulton 1-7-2 33.

Receiving: Stanton – Jacob Cazares 2-33.

Sands 56, Grandfalls-Royalty 0

GRANDFALLS — While the score Friday night was lopsided heavily in the favor of the Sands Mustangs, you wouldn't know it talking to Mustangs Head Coach Wayne Henderson.

"I don't know that we picked up any momentum going into the postseason from this game," Henderson said. "We just haven't been playing well enough on the defensive side of the ball. Grandfalls just isn't a very good team this year. We weren't tested. Our defense isn't good enough right now to advance further into the postseason. Now, we're going to open against a team that has already beaten us this season, too."

That team is Dawson's Dragons, who knocked off Sands 64-58 earlier this year. The Six-man Division II bi-district matchup will take place at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Lamesa.

For Sands, Henderson it's important the Mustangs play a better offensive game.

"Our spread back (Johnny) Rogers didn't play a good game the first time we met Dawson," noted Henderson. "We're going to have to get a better performance from him this time around.

"It really comes back to defense for us right now, though," said Henderson. "If we can't start playing better as a team and wrapping up when we tackle, we're not going to be in the playoffs for long."

This is Sands' first trip into the postseason since 2002.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Exactly the Right Medicine

West dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q J 5
♥ 10 8 7 4
♦ A 6 3
♣ J 9 2

WEST
♠ 10 7 3
♥ A 5 2
♦ K 9 4
♣ A K 6 5

EAST
♠ 9 8 6 2
♥ K
♦ Q J
♣ Q 10 8 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K 4
♥ Q J 9 6 3
♦ 10 8 7 5 2
♣ —

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♣	Pass	2 ♣	2 ♥
Pass	3 ♥	4 ♣	4 ♥

Opening lead — king of clubs.

When this deal arose in a team match, both Souths wound up in four hearts on the bidding shown. The contract appeared doomed because declarer had four seemingly inescapable losers — two in hearts and two in diamonds. But one of the declarers proceeded to prove that this was an inaccurate assessment.

At the first table, South viewed the dummy with despair and assumed the hand was a lost cause. He ruffed the opening club lead and led the queen of hearts at trick two, losing to East's king.

After ruffing the club return, a second trump was conceded to West's ace. West then returned a heart, exhausting the South hand of trumps. Declarer was thus unable to ruff dummy's last club, and eventually lost two diamonds and a club to finish down two.

At the second table, South gave a lot more thought to the situation, trying to visualize a lie of the opposing cards that would allow him to make the contract. He, too, led a heart after ruffing the opening club, and ruffed East's club return.

But at this point, there was a significant departure in the play. At trick four, declarer crossed to dummy with the ace of diamonds, then ruffed a third club in his hand. Next came the A-K-Q of spades, after which he exited with a diamond.

The situation South had hoped for now materialized. East won the diamond with the queen, but since he had no more red cards, he had to return a club or a spade. This allowed declarer to ruff with his carefully preserved last trump while discarding dummy's remaining diamond, and the contract was home, dummy's 10-8-7 of trump winning two of the last three tricks.

Declarer was admittedly lucky to find such a favorable lie of the opposing cards, but his was the type of luck that seems to follow those players who live by the credo "Never say die."

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SPURS

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Age was the biggest criticism of the Spurs entering the season. Now it's injuries.

X-rays were negative on Parker, who Popovich said will probably be out two to four weeks. Parker, who scored a career-high 55 points in a win over Minnesota on Wednesday, was expected to undergo an MRI on Saturday.

Parker was diagnosed with a moderate lateral ankle sprain, said Dr. Paul Saenz, a team physician. Duncan said Parker walked out on crutches limping.

Parker's loss leaves the Spurs only with only one of their "Big Three" — Parker, Duncan and Manu Ginobili, who've led the Spurs to three NBA titles since 2003. Ginobili is still recovering from offseason ankle surgery, and isn't expected to be back until December at the earliest.

Lost in the uncertainty of Parker's future was a season-best performance from Wade, who fell one assist shy of a triple-double.

Wade made 14 of 25 shots in leading Miami to its first win in San Antonio since 1996 and the Heat's first road win of the season.

But even Wade acknowledged that Miami — who led by as much as 24 points — were facing a much different team after Parker went down.

"No question it impacted the game big time," Wade said. "He's a guy that can turn it up at any moment and put pressure on the defense and make it hard on you."

Rookie Michael Beasley added 20 points for Miami and briefly left the game with what the Heat described as a left shin contusion. He later returned to the bench, and the team said X-rays were negative.

Roger Mason scored 18 points and Ime Udoka had 14 off the bench in trying to rally the Spurs with Parker out. But the closest San Antonio got was nine points with less than two minute left.

Parker's follow-up to his brilliant game against the Timberwolves didn't last 10 minutes.

He rolled his left ankle with 2:06 left in the first quarter on a drive to the basket, missing the shot before crouching and wincing over on the baseline.

Parker got up, limped a few steps behind the basket and then gently bent down again. The Spurs said X-rays on Parker were negative.

"The NBA is a challenge," Popovich said. "Even when players are healthy, it's a challenge."

It's certainly been a challenge without Ginobili. With him out, the Spurs have leaned almost exclusively on Parker and Duncan for offense.

The duo has been responsible for 59 percent of San Antonio's scoring entering Friday's game, and had taken 55 percent of the team's shots. Parker was 2-of-5 from the field and scored four points before leaving the game.

He entered Friday leading the league in scoring at 33.3 points a game.

Udonis Haslem and Chris Quinn scored 15 points for Miami.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said even without Parker, "they're still the Spurs." He lauded his players for keeping San Antonio at bay even as the Spurs fought back late.

"We knew they were going to make their run," Spoelstra said. "We showed the maturity to take their hit and throw the punch back."

Notes:@ Miami committed just eight turnovers and thrived at the foul line, making 20 of 22 free throws. ... In the season before the Spurs drafted Duncan, San Antonio started 1-5. When the team slummed to 3-15, then-general manager Popovich fired coach Bob Hill and replaced him on the bench.

Commissioners training set Dec. 9

FORT STOCKTON — County Commissioners in West Texas have been invited to attend the District 6 County Judges' and Commissioners' Training Dec. 9 at the Texas AgriLife Extension Center here, said Brenda Rue, District Extension Administrator for the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

County commissioners and county judges from an area encompassing Andrews, Brewster, Crane, Crockett,Culberson,Ector, El Paso, Glasscock, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Loving, Martin, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler counties have been invited, although county judges and commissioners from throughout a broader area are welcome to attend to meet continuing education credit requirements before the end of the calendar year, Rue commented.

"This conference is structured to provide a wealth of information for county commissioners in particular," said Rue.

"The $35 registration fee includes lunch, conference materials, continuing education fees and refreshments.

Six hours of continuing education credit for County Commissioners who attend every session of the conference have been approved by the County Judges & Commissioners Association of Texas in Austin."

What: Training for county judges and commissioners.

Where: Texas AgriLife Extension Center in Fort Stockton.

When: Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Dec. 9.

The conference is scheduled to begin at 8:45 a.m. with coffee and registration.

Planned conference topics include: County and legislative updates, border food safety and defense, leadership and service, and health and fitness for county employees.

The conference is also planned to include time for networking, Rue added. "County commissioners throughout the area should mark their calendars for this event."

The conference is being sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension and the V.G. Young Institute of County Government.

For more information on how to register, commissioners should contact Sue Gordon at the Texas AgriLife Extension District 6 Center in Fort Stockton at (432) 336-8585, ext. 319.



Herald Photo/Lyndel Moody

New Pharmacy Manager Paul Chachere takes the helm of Wal-Mart Pharmacy. Chachere hails from near Shreveport, La., where he has operated a number of stores in East Texas and Louisiana and he brings 36 years of experience in the field. Pictured from front row left, are Chachere, pharmacy manager, Shannon Creenins, pharmacy supervisor, Bob Rice, pharmacy assistant manager, back row, left, are Rachies Alvarez, Angie Minjarez, Rose Ybarra, Diana L. Rodriguez, Debbie Cantu, Diana F. Rodriguez and Tammy Atkinson. Wal-Mart Pharmacy is open seven days a week, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday.

There are conservation opportunities available for the historically underserved

The owners and managers of lands in Texas, through their conservation efforts, provide a wealth of environmental and social benefits to all. These include clean water and air, healthy wildlife habitat, open space, food and fiber, and sustainable rural and urban communities.



CHASE GARCIA

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is a federal agency that works hand-in-hand with the people of Texas to improve and protect their soil, water and other natural resources. For decades, private landowners have voluntarily worked with NRCS specialists to prevent erosion, improve water quality, and promote sustainable agriculture.

Many conservation practices require a substantial investment. While many landowners desire to implement conservation practices to sustain and improve the condition of their land and increase the productivity of their agricultural operations, it is understood that certain factors often prevent certain groups from attaining their conservation objectives. Time, labor, and cost are often the most prohibitive factors. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has targeted these groups in an outreach effort to ensure that all programs can be effectively utilized by everyone to promote conservation on working lands.

The Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill) addresses the unique circumstances and concerns of three groups that have been historically underserved where past USDA pro-

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Loyd Mashburn cuts the ribbon during a grand opening ceremony at Higginbotham-Bartlett at 1900 E. FM 700, hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Among those present was Higginbotham Bartlett CEO Rufus Duncan.

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Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a senior vice president of investments of A.G. Edward's Midland office. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.



Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior assistant to the branch manager. He is also a member of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association.

Last week, the U.S. economy shrank 0.3 percent in the third quarter and the stock market went up. Not only were the popular averages up, but the Advance/Decline rate was almost 5/1 positive on issues and volume. So what's going on? The message of the market is that stocks are, in fact, deeply oversold. That means sellers are worn out and not too aggressive while buyers are becoming a bit more confident and aggressive.

The market also got help this week from some pent-up demand related to the Fed's most recent interest rate cut. As always, it's money that makes the world go 'round. As an example, Russia's benchmark index rose 19 percent and South Korea's climbed 12 percent after the Fed provided $120 billion to spur lending in emerging markets. However, once again market action was very volatile and trading volume was modest. This shows the continuing tug-of-war between the bulls and bears.

October 31 ended mutual fund selling in order to establish gains and losses for the year and that is one of the reasons November tends to be a good month for equities. $104 billion came out of equity funds in the month of September, a record.

For the most part this week, oil prices were down, but oil service companies put on some good rallies. However, for the month, commodities in general headed for their worst month since at least 1956 on continuing concern that the slump in global economic growth will sap demand for raw materials.

The Reuter/Jefferies CRB Index of raw materials plunged 24 percent in October, the steepest decline in at least a half-century. Crude oil is poised for its biggest monthly reduction since New York trading began in 1983. Copper is headed toward its biggest retreat in two decades and gold its worst performance in 25 years.

With a very tough October behind us, we foresee the next market problem will be out two to four weeks when the president-elect starts to say what he really has in mind for 2009. This news could be good or bad, we will have to wait, but market action will point the way.

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Alon third-quarter net income is $37.3 million

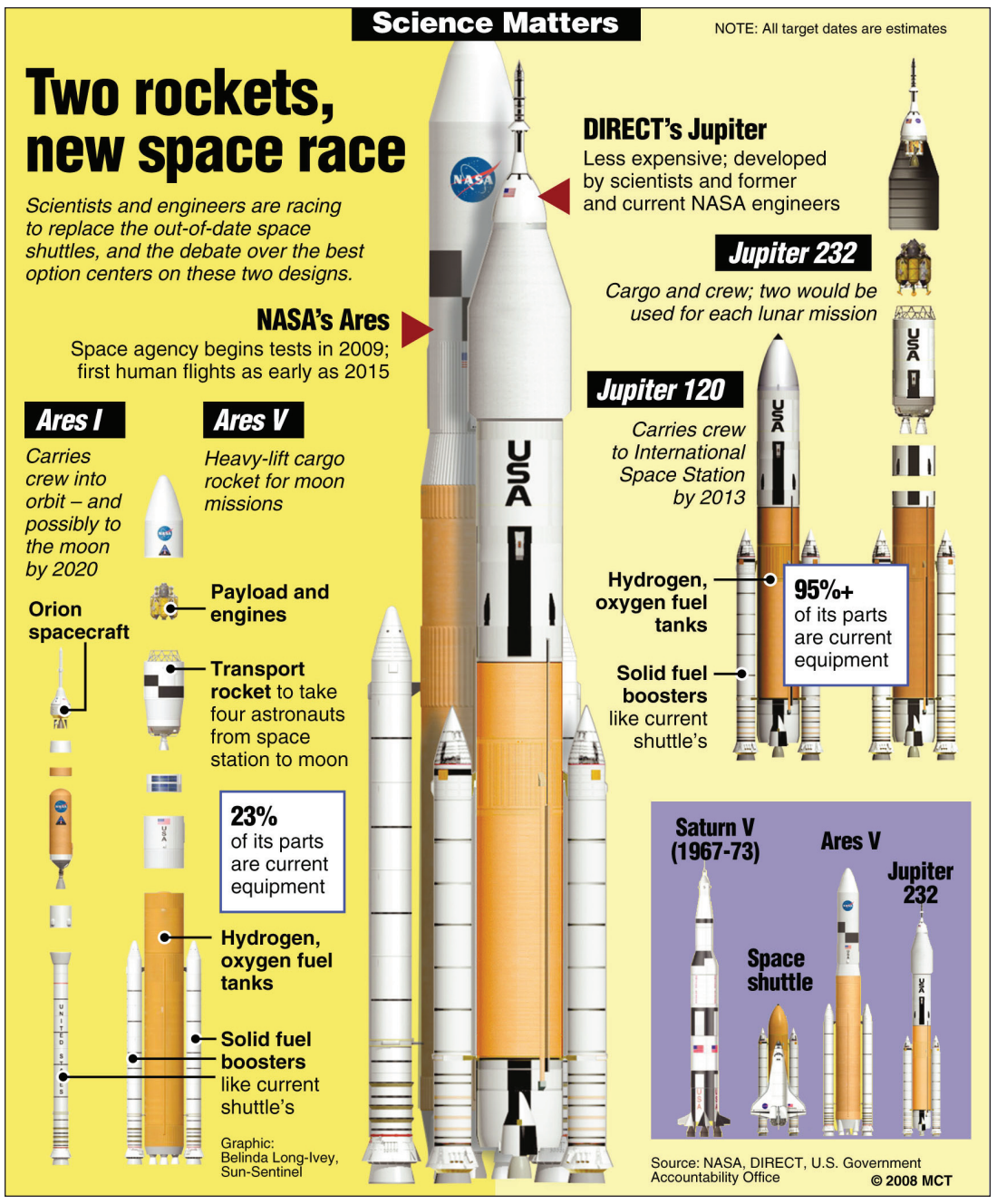
DALLAS — Alon USA Energy Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) announced that net income for the third quarter of 2008 was $37.3 million, or $0.80 per share, compared to net income of $12.6 million, or $0.27 per share, for the same period last year.

Excluding special items, Alon recorded net income of $24.3 million, or $0.52 per share, for the third quarter of 2008, compared to net income of $11.9 million, or $0.26 per share, for the same period last year.

Net income for the nine months ended Sept. 30, 2008, was $21.9 million, or $0.47 per share, compared to net income of $143.8 million, or $3.08 per share, for the same period last year. Excluding special items, Alon recorded a net loss of ($60.6) million, or ($1.30) per share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2008, compared to net income of $141.0 million, or $3.02 per share, for the same period last year.

"We successfully completed the acquisition of the Krotz Springs, La., refinery this quarter. With the completion of the acquisition, our crude oil refining capacity increased by 50 percent to approximately 250,000 barrels per day (bpd), including four refineries located on the West Coast, West Texas and Gulf Coast," Jeff Morris, Alon's president and CEO, said. "I am also pleased that we have completed work on the Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit (FCCU) at our Big Spring refinery that was damaged in the Feb. 18, 2008 fire. With the completion of this work, we were able to restart the FCCU and return to our normal operating capabilities. We are grateful for the support of our insurers who have already advanced us $280 million to date.

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TAKE NOTE

• The Department of Health will be giving flu shots from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is $10 unless you have Medicaid or Medicare. The Health Department is located at 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B. If you have questions, call 263-9775.

• Vendors are needed for the Christmas Bazaar to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Canterbury South. Please contact Jennifer Mendez at 263-1238 or leave a message.

• Confidential memory screenings are being offered by Accolade Home Care as part of National Memory Screening Day, a national initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA). They will be held from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 18 at Room 214 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. For information, call Accolade Home Care in Big Spring at 264-1164.

• Big Spring High School sweatshirts and hoodies are available by calling Denise Carrillo at 816-1685. Sweatshirts are $20 each; hoodies are $25.

• Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Relay for Life team is selling cookbooks to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. The cookbooks can be purchased at the PBX operator's booth for $10 apiece. For more information, contact Beverly Grant at 268-4952.

LETTERS

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Glenna Mouton, Elrod's Furniture, Blum's Jewelry, Doris Vieregge, TexasStone, Lane Bond, Salon 10-0-1, Wells Fargo, J.L. Glass Ranch, Bill Brooks, Cornell Companies, Big Spring Country Club Chef and staff, Hangar 25 Board of directors and staff and The Silver Wings Ball Committee.

Sincerely,

MEGHAN F. BIAS
MUSEUM ADMINISTRATOR
HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM

Go see 'Fireproof'

TO THE EDITOR,

I'd like to thank the First Baptist Church for the purchase of the tickets for "Fireproof." My husband and I went to see it, not aware of the type of movie it would be. I only saw where the paper showed a must see if you are married, so that is what we did Saturday afternoon.

I was really surprised by the context of the movie, being my first thought was how did the movie market even let such a movie out to screens, since there was no foul language, brief nudity or what would be considered adult content.

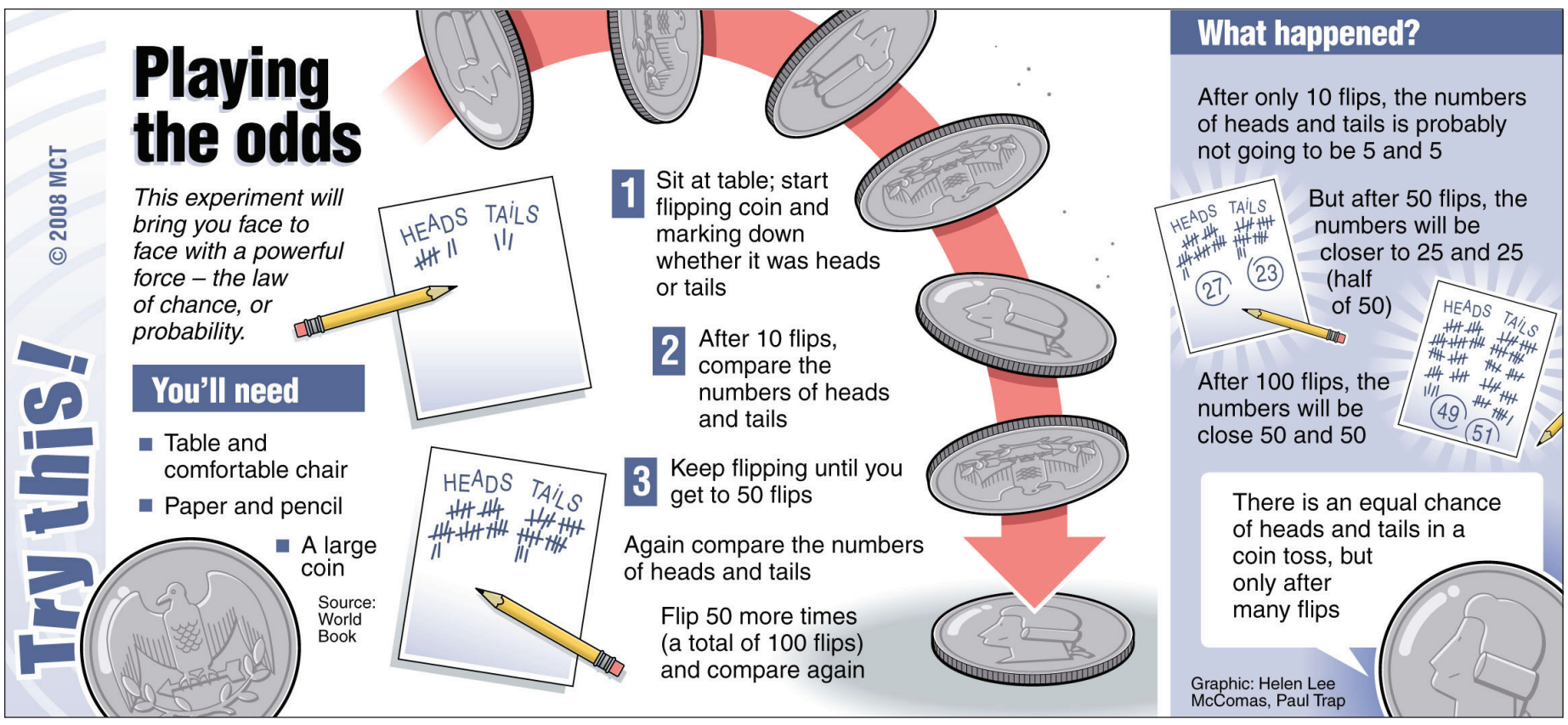
I have a strong internal quiet faith, and believe I have a good marriage, but it was a movie that both my husband and I privately reflected and compared our marriage on. We did discuss it a little, but I think we took away more of a meditation of what we might need to do to enhance our own way of responding to each other.

I would encourage anyone to see this movie just to remind themselves why they were married in the first place, and give those who feel that there is no marriage left to save a second awakening to their hearts and a spiritual reawakening. I know after seeing this movie, I will do more to continue growing my marriage in good times and in bad.

Again, thank you First Baptist Church.

Sincerely,

KRIS SOLIZ
BIG SPRING



All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue in need of donations

All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans.

Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue.

All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.0, 871, Coahoma 79511.

All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.





Public Records

Howard County Justice of the Peace
Outstanding IBC Warrants:

Irene Lopez Alaniz, 774 E. Highway 80 Apt. 230, Abilene

Bryan Layton Allison, 1108 College Circle, Ranger

Toby Barnett, 1713 Dwayne Barnett, Lubbock

Dave Bracken, 2720 42nd Street, Lubbock

Wesley Allen Edmondson, 505 E. 14th Street, Big Spring

Gabriel Guerrero, 411 N.E. 10th Street, Big Spring

Rickie L. Henderson, 205 Providence Road, Big Spring

Lucas Shane Hughes, 3906 Connally, Big Spring

Julie L. Johnson, 2504 Ent, Big Spring

Tony Juarez, 1206 E. 15th Street, Big Spring

Eloy Escobar Leal, 1806 E. 11th Street, Big Spring

Mari Montemayor, 627 State Street, Big Spring

Nancy Ortega, 601 Abrams, Big Spring

Michael Dewayne Renteria, 2516 Dow, Big Spring

Jose Antonio Rodriguez, 1309 Wright, Big Spring

Monica Serbine, 304 E. 20th Street, Big Spring

Robert Lee Summers, 2404 S. Monticello, Big Spring

Chrissy Sue Ward, 1003-2 CR 175, Colorado City

District Court Filings:

Nicholas Joseph Horvatich vs. Jennifer Robledo Horvatich, family court.

Patsy Powell vs. Robert Joel Powell, divorce.

Robin Brumley vs. Ryan Staples, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.

Kimberly L. Klug vs. Bobby Klug, protective order.

Corinne J. Cervantes Casares vs. David Casares, divorce.

Julia Ann Davis Aguilar vs. Paul Aguilar, divorce.

Misty Heckler vs. Patrick Heckler, protective order.

Shanna Marie Shubert vs. Billy Gene Shubert, divorce.

Marriage Licenses:

James Lewis McComb, 40, and Joni Meschell Billingsley, 32, both of Big Spring.

Pedro Chavarria, 38, and Melissa A. Martinez, 37, both of Big Spring.

Brad Aaron Kinard, 24, and Eba Maria Graves, 21, both of Big Spring.

Agustin L. Cansino, 21, and Blanca Estella R. Garcia, 25, both of Big Spring.

John P. Gordon, 20, and Brittany C. Gaston, 20, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:

Grantor: Donald Wayne Drewery and Florence Drewery
Grantee: David Davis and Mandi Davis
Property: Lots 5-7, Furrh Addition
Date: Oct. 30, 2008

Grantor: Dolly Mozelle Cook Bryant
Grantee: Patricia M. Lopez
Property: Lot 10, Block 33, Bauer Addition
Date: Oct. 30, 2008

Grantor: John Cramer
Grantee: Kathy Locke, Charles Gross and James Gross
Property: A 1.98 care tract out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 30, 2008

Grantor: Chris Olson
Grantee: Lafawn Johnson and Juan Antonio Cantu
Property: Lot 5, Block 6, Porter Addition
Date: Oct. 30, 2008

Grantor: Sarah Janelle Runnels
Grantee: Terrie Runnels
Property: A tract out of Section 35, Block 34, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 30, 2008

Grantor: Wallace Spraberry
Grantee: Manuel Herrera and Martha Herrera
Property: A tract out of Section 23, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 31, 2008

Grantor: mary Kuykendall, Suzanna Johnson and John David Williams
Grantee: Marcellous Weaver
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 18, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
Date: Oct. 31, 2008

Grantor: Hayes Stripling Jr. and Dorothy Stripling
Grantee: Jeanine Huskey
Property: A 2.5 acre tract out of Section 24, Block 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 31, 2008

Grantor: Tony Berrera and Patricia Berrera
Grantee: Patricia Alvarado
Property: Lot 14, Block 20, Monticello Addition
Date: Nov. 3, 2008

Grantor: Rodgers Clark Miller II, Susan Neil Johnson and Monica Williams
Grantee: Archie L. Black and Jannett Black
Property: Three tracts, all out of Section 44, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 4, 2006

Grantor: A.G. Gilbert
Grantee: Karen M. Burden
Property: A 3-acre tract out of Section 30, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 4, 2008

Grantor: Monster Mud Pits Inc.
Grantee: Joe Owens
Property: A 3.8 acre tract out of Section 29, Block 33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 4, 2008

Grantor: Monster Mud Pits Inc.
Grantee: Jose Rogelio Cervantes
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 4, 2008

Grantor: Jannette Westbrook
Grantee: Raela Edwards
Property: A 10-acre tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 4, 2008

Grantor: Beatrice Spruce
Grantee: Raela Edwards
Property: A 10-acre tract out of Section 19, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Nov. 4, 2008

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:

Grantor: Chad Conner and Margo Conner
Grantee: James C. Norman
Property: Lot 17, Block 5, Worth Peeler Addition
Date: Oct. 30, 2008

Grantor: Wanda Joyce Johnson
Grantee: Douglas L. Crumrine
Property: Two tracts out of Section 41, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date:Oct. 30, 2008

Grantor: Darrell Bruce Thomas
Grantee: Daniel Thomas
Property: A tract out of Section 22, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: Oct. 31, 2008

Grantor: H. Dickie Bailey and Theresa Bailey
Grantee: John Newton
Property: Lot 13, Block 2, Edgemere Subdivision
Date: Oct. 31, 2008

ALON

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"At our California refineries, we optimized our refining economics during the third quarter of 2008, lowering throughput rates to balance production with demand for our asphalt products. We also faced challenges during the quarter at our Krotz Springs refinery with hurricanes Gustav and Ike. These hurricanes caused minimal damage to the refinery, but disrupted crude supply receipts into the refinery and product movements from the refinery while power was being restored to the area.

"I am very pleased with the $0.52 earnings per share excluding special items in the third quarter of 2008 considering the utilization of the Big Spring refinery was at 53 percent and the Krotz Springs refinery was impacted by the hurricanes."

NRCS

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grams are concerned. The three groups are beginning, limited-resource, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The 2008 Farm Bill includes voluntary participation incentives and improved access to farm programs for these groups.

For NRCS conservation programs the definitions of these three groups are:

Beginning Farmer or Rancher: This term means an individual or an entity that has not operated a farm or ranch or has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years. If applying as an entity all members must be related by blood or marriage and all must be beginning farmers or ranchers. An individual or entity must substantially participate in day-to-day operations of the farm or ranch (definition applies to all members of the entity).

Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher: This term means a farmer or rancher who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group. "Socially disadvantaged group" means a group whose members have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities. Those groups include Hispanics, African Americans, American Indians or Alaskan natives, and Asians or Pacific Islanders.

Limited-Resource Farmer or Rancher: The term "limited-resource farmer or rancher" means one who has: 1) direct or indirect gross farm sales not more than $116,800 in each of the previous 2 years (in 2005 dollars, adjusted for inflation each year), and 2) a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of four or less than 50 percent of county median household income in each of the previous 2 years.

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The NRCS uses provisions of the 2008 Farm Bill to target these groups in hopes of initiating and developing relationships that lead to conservation being put "on the ground" using the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

EQIP is a voluntary conservation program that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality as compatible goals. Through EQIP, farmers and ranchers may receive financial and technical help to install or implement structural and management conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

CSP is a voluntary conservation program that encourages producers to address resource concerns in a comprehensive manner by improving, maintaining, and managing existing conservation activities and undertaking additional conservation activities.

The 2008 Farm Bill authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to set aside 5 percent of available EQIP funds and 5 percent of available CSP acres to assist beginning and limited-resource farmers and ranchers, as well as an additional 5 percent for each program to assist socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The Secretary is also authorized to provide up to 90 percent of the costs associated with planning and implementing conservation measures. In addition, up to 30 percent of such payments may be provided in advance for purchasing materials and contracting.

The purpose of these provisions are to ensure that NRCS programs are administered in a way that enables socially disadvantaged, as well as beginning and limited-resource farmers and ranchers maintain and develop economic viability in farm operations; to ensure NRCS technical assistance programs and activities reach these groups; and that technical practices and information are relevant to the needs of these farmers and ranchers.

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New treatment desensitizes children's allergies

By Erin Richards
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (MCT)

MILWAUKEE — One M&M, swallowed whole, and little Noelle's skin turned as red as a Cortland apple.

A month later, after eating soy ice cream, the 2-year-old turned colors again and started drooling, prompting her mother to inject a syringe full of epinephrine into the child's leg.

Karen Tylicki of Mukwonago, Wis., has no idea why her daughter's body treats certain foods as if they were poison. Tylicki, like parents of a growing number of food-allergic kids around the country, is familiar with the fear, uncertainty, grief and sorrow that frequently accompany the condition.

Add hope to that list. Thanks to a La-Crosse, Wis., clinic that's gaining attention for its work desensitizing patients with food allergies, Noelle, now 6, can ingest almost 2 ounces of milk without a reaction.

The spike in the number of kids with food allergies - an 18 percent increase nationwide over the past decade, according to a newly released study from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - has prompted many schools and day-care facilities to develop new safety measures.

At the Children's Community Center, a day care facility in Menomonee Falls, Wis., director Nancy Larson said the jars of peanut butter that were once standard in every classroom have been removed because of the increase in peanut allergies.

"If someone forgot their lunch, we always used to give them peanut butter and crackers," Larson said. "Now we purchase soy butter."

In Waukesha, Wis., Public Schools, District Nurse Twyla Lato said schools aren't "peanut-free" because that gives children a false sense of security. Nevertheless, the number of kids in the district with food allergies is startling: 545 students last year, compared with 481 in 2003-'04.

At Grafton Elementary School, Principal Jeff Martyka said that five years ago he didn't have any students "on epinephrine," the adrenaline-like drug that severely allergic children are supposed to carry with them at all times. Now he has seven.

Jamie Dempsey, 6, is one of them. Although he brings his lunch to school, his allergies to milk, eggs, peanuts and sesame are so severe that he eats on a sanitized lunch tray to avoid getting any of the offending substances on his skin. In the classroom, Dempsey and his classmates have hand sanitizers on their desks.



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Jamie Dempsey, 6, bottom right, licks his spoon while eating lunch at Grafton Elementary School in Grafton, Wisconsin Oct. 24. Jamie suffers from numerous food-related allergies, always brings his own lunch and can't come into contact with many of the things his classmates eat.

"It's hard - trying to strike a balance between providing awareness and not provoking anxiety in people or coming across as a high-maintenance mom," said Monica Dempsey, Jamie's mother.

Food, emotions linked

Food and emotions are so intrinsically linked that dealing with the pitfalls of food allergies can seem like a disability at times, parents say.

Tara Williams, of the village of Belgium, Wis., said her family went through a period of mourning when her then 11-month-old son, Brett, was diagnosed with allergies to eggs, dairy, peanuts, tree nuts, sunflower and coconut.

"You start thinking of all the kid things you envisioned doing as they grew up - going out for pizza, ice cream on a hot summer night, even just having them leave your eyesight without worrying," Williams said. "You go through anger and sadness. Everything will be fine for a while, and then he'll have a reaction out of the blue, and you're all upset about it again."

Theories abound about why more children are suddenly allergic to more foods. Michael Zacharisen, a physician in the Allergy/Asthma/Immunology Clinic at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Wauwatosa, said none of them - the "we're too sanitized" theory, the "antibiotics leaching in the gut theory," for example - has been proved.

"Food allergy has lagged a bit behind other research because it doesn't have pharmaceutical funding," Zacharisen said.

Research on potential treatments is more promising. At Duke University, subjects in a study are being given tiny amounts of liquid or powder peanut protein to see if they can build up a tolerance over time.

Allergy Associates of LaCrosse has also championed the practice. The clinic sees more than 10,000 patients a year who come for "sublingual immunotherapy" - or the placing of tiny drops of the allergen under the tongue to stimulate the oral mucosa. According to the clinic, 43 states are using the LaCrosse method to treat patients with food and other allergies.

Mary Morris, the clinic's lead allergist, said the goal is to minimize the effects of an accidental exposure.

Patient Noelle Tylicki, who started kindergarten this year in Genesee Depot, Wis., will increase her dosage of milk one last time in January. She has completed the desensitizing program for eggs.

"I have to give her wings at some point," her mother said. "She has to be able to fly by herself."

How to ... Make shots less scary

By Alison Johnson
Daily Press (Newport News, Va.) (MCT)

This year, doctors are recommending flu shots for all kids older than 6 months. Here are tips from pediatricians on easing any fears:

Explain the reason. Tell your child that vaccinations are a way to stay healthy and strong.

Don't lie ... Prepare your child for the fact that a shot will hurt, but that the pain is likely to go away very quickly.

... but act low-key. Talking about shots long before an appointment, constantly reassuring kids and apologizing for pain can make them more anxious.

Use different words. For some kids, the word "shot" is scary in itself. Try "vaccination" — or your own made-up word.

Distract them. Read a book out loud, talk about a movie you just saw, take deep breaths together or point out cool pictures in the doctor's office.

Blowing on a pinwheel is a favorite tactic of some pediatricians.

Take a comfort item. Younger kids might like to hold a favorite stuffed animal or blanket.

Look away. A child who stares at an approaching needle or hears a countdown before a shot is more likely to tense up, which could make the process more painful.

Ask about pain relief. If a child is extremely anxious, see if a doctor has numbing gel, cream or spray that could help.

Giving a pre-vaccine dose of a children's painkiller such as Tylenol also can cut down on post-shot discomfort.

Ask about FluMist. Depending on age and availability, kids may be able to get a nasal spray vaccine instead of a traditional shot.

Make post-shot plans. Have your child help you decide on something fun to do - a trip to a playground, maybe, or a sweet treat - after the doctor's appointment.

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'Dead Jaw' concerns about injectable osteoporosis drugs

You may have recently seen advertisements about injectable bone building drugs and their convenience. You may also have seen advertisements from lawyers about suing for "dead jaw." Dead jaw is a common term for the medical diagnosis bisphosphonate induced osteonecrosis of the jaws.



DAVID WARD

If you are on bone building drugs for osteoporosis, you may be wondering what's going on.

First, these bone building drugs are a class of drugs caused bisphosphonates. Bisphosphonates come in three classes: IV (Aredia and Zometa); oral (Fosomax, Boniva, Actonel); and now injectable (Reclast, Boniva injectable).

First, the good news. These drugs work. They work by inhibiting the osteoclastic cells that help break down bone. Millions of osteoporosis sufferers have had great improvement by use of these drugs and relatively few people have suffered osteonecrosis of the jaws.

More fairly good news. Most of the "dead jaw" cases developed in people using the IV versions. Most osteoporosis patients take the oral versions. There have been some oral drug related osteonecrosis cases, but very few.

So what is "dead jaw?"

Osteonecrosis of the jaw is an area of literally dead (necrotic) bone in the jaw. It is nasty looking, nasty smelling and hurts. It tends to grow over time as there is no effective treatment. In some cases the whole jaw becomes involved. Any teeth in the area are lost and usually denture wear is not possible. It has not proven to be life threatening, but it is very "quality of life" damaging.

Now, the bad news. We don't know if the new injectable versions are going to cause a significant risk of osteonecrosis — like the IV ones — or very little, like the oral ones, or somewhere in between. Incidentally, trauma from surgery, a denture sore, or even a sharp piece of food can cause the wound that develops into the area of dead bone in a susceptible patient.

Here's this dentists advice on these matters.

If needed and possible, take the oral bisphosphonates. They work and the risk is very low.

Don't take the injectables for convenience. If you're too lazy to take a pill once a week or once a month, you're too lazy.

If you, or a loved one can't take the oral versions, don't start the injectable or IV bisphosphonates until you've had an exam and discussion with your dentist.

You should follow your physician's advice, but you need to be in good dental health before starting. Poorly fitting dentures should be relined or replaced. All teeth with fixable problems should be fixed. Any teeth with a poor long term prognosis, even if it means going to dentures, should be removed before injectable or IV bisphosphonate therapy is begun. Oral surgery, including tooth removal, really needs to be avoided after that since we don't know how the injectables will do in the long run.

Dr. David Ward has practiced family dentistry in Big Spring since 1988. He is a past president of the Permian Basin District Dental Society and is a member of the American and Texas Dental Associations and the Academy of GP Orthodontics.

Go nuts this Thanksgiving with walnut-stuffed turkey

By Dana Jacobi
for the American Institute for Cancer Research

Each Thanksgiving I offer my readers the same timesaving advice: Roast a turkey breast rather than a full bird. Roasting a smaller breast yields the same amount of meat as a larger bird, and is far easier to handle.

To serve eight guests, plan for an 8-pound breast, which will provide as much meat as a 10-12 pound turkey. Two breasts will produce more than enough meat for a larger crowd; if you set them sideways, each breast facing in the opposite direction, they may even fit into one large roasting pan. If cooking for two to four people – as many of us do these days – a 6-pound breast will provide generous leftovers.



Although brining the bird is very much in vogue (a process that involves soaking the meat in a salt solution prior to cooking), it is a practice I do not favor. The extra work is a bother and the end result tastes overly salty to me. My secret to producing succulent meat? Spring for a fresh breast rather than a frozen one, preferably buying a premium brand. I also skip the basting, instead inserting orange slices, fresh herbs mixed with some oil, or thin apple slices under the skin to keep it moist.

Italian friends of mine go a step farther in flavoring and protecting the breast meat of their turkey by spreading a paste of roasted walnuts and herbs liberally between the meat and skin. The result tastes like stuffing and resembles it somewhat in texture. To roast nuts at home, place them on an ungreased baking sheet and toast until fragrant, about 8 minutes, stirring halfway through.

Making the perfect gravy to accompany this feast starts by packing the breast cavity with an apple and shallots, then deglazing the roasting pan with apple cider and the reserved pan juices. Spooned over the sliced turkey and served with walnut "stuffing," the combination offers an unexpected and unforgettable meal.

Walnut-Stuffed Turkey Breast with Cider Gravy

1 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and quartered
3/4 lb. large shallots, quartered
3 cups fat-free, reduced sodium chicken broth
1/2 cup apple cider
1 Tbsp. apple cider vinegar
2 Tbsp. flour
Salt and ground black pepper
1 cup roasted walnuts
1 1/2 tsp. dried thyme
1/4 tsp. ground sage
2 tsp. canola oil, divided
1/2 tsp. salt
Freshly ground black pepper
6-7 lb. whole turkey breast

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees.

In food processor, pulse roasted nuts with thyme and sage until coarsely ground. Add 1 teaspoon oil, 1 tablespoon water, 1/2 teaspoon salt and generous pinch of pepper. Whirl to a grainy paste.

Using hands, separate skin from turkey breast, taking care not to tear. Lift skin and push half of walnut paste under skin on each side of breast. Pull skin back into place and spread nut mixture in an even layer by smoothing the skin, using gentle pressure. Coat skin with remaining 1 teaspoon of oil.

Place breast upside-down on rack in roasting pan. Place apple and as many shallots as fit into cavity. Push three short bamboo skewers across opening to hold the filling in cavity, and turn breast right side up. Add broth and remaining shallots to pan.

Roast breast for 30 minutes. If breast is browned, tent loosely with foil. Reduce heat to 350 degrees and continue roasting until instant-read thermometer inserted almost to the bone registers 160 degrees, about 60 minutes. To recrisp skin, remove foil for last 20 minutes. Transfer turkey to platter. Strain pan juices into measuring cup, discarding solids. Skim off as much fat as possible.

Set roasting pan on stove over medium-high heat. Pour in cider and vinegar, and boil, scraping up brown bits sticking to pan with wooden spoon. When liquid is reduced to 1/4 cup, off heat, whisk in flour. Return pan to heat, and stir until boiling gravy thickens, about 5 minutes. Pour into a sauceboat.

Remove turkey skin. Lift off walnut mixture, and set aside. Slice breast, arranging meat on a warmed platter. Set walnut "stuffing" beside it. Add apples and shallots from cavity, if desired. Serve, passing gravy separately.

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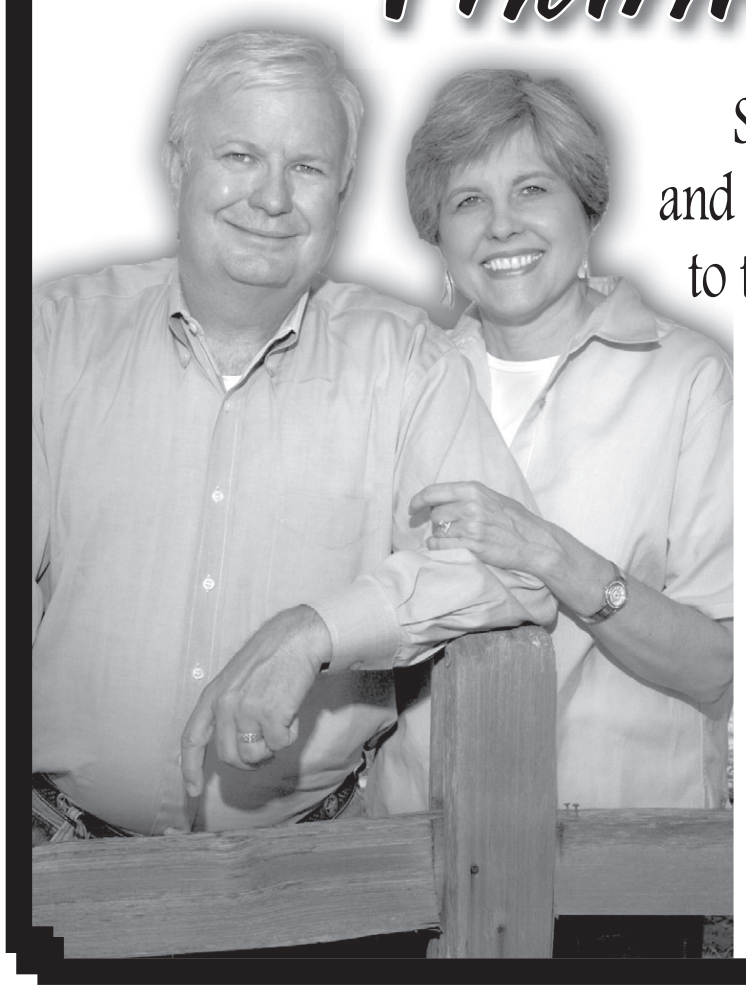


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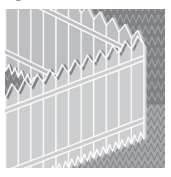
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Regulators shut Franklin Bank in Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Regulators on Friday shut down Houston-based Franklin Bank, marking the 18th failure this year of a federally insured bank.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. was appointed receiver of Franklin Bank, which had $5.1 billion in assets and $3.7 billion in deposits as of Sept. 30. The agency said depositors of Franklin Bank will continue to have full access to their deposits, which will continue to be insured by the FDIC.

The FDIC said all of the bank's deposits will be assumed by Prosperity Bank of El Campo, Texas. Its 46 offices will reopen as branches of Prosperity Bank with their normal business hours, including those that open on Saturday.

In addition to assuming all of Franklin Bank's deposits, Prosperity Bank also will acquire about $850 million of the failed bank's assets. The FDIC will retain the remaining assets for eventual sale.

The FDIC estimated that the resolution of Franklin Bank will cost the federal deposit insurance fund between $1.4 billion and $1.6 billion.

Parent company Franklin Bank Corp. just Sunday said it had received proposals for transactions to strengthen Franklin Bank's capital position and was keeping regulators informed of the talks' progress.

Regular deposit accounts are now insured up to $250,000 as part of the new financial rescue law enacted in early October. The limit on individual retirement accounts held in banks remains at $250,000.

The 18 bank failures so far this year compare with three for all of 2007 and are more than in the previous five years combined. It's expected that many more banks won't survive the next year of economic tumult. The pressures of tumbling home prices, rising mortgage foreclosures and tighter credit have been battering many banks, large and small, across the nation.

The failures this year include that of Seattle-based thrift Washington Mutual Inc. in late September, the biggest bank collapse in history. It had $307 billion in assets. In July another big savings and loan, IndyMac Bank based in Pasadena, Calif., failed and was seized by regulators with about $32 billion in assets.

Animal control finds 100 dead cats in fridge

FORT WORTH (AP) — Animal control officers found about 100 dead cats wrapped in foil in three refrigerators in a woman's house, as well as five live dogs and other live cats, according to a police report.

After going inside with a warrant to seize cruelly treated animals Thursday night, officers were "overwhelmed" with an odor of urine and feces and saw extremely poor living conditions, according to the report.

Officers took the live and dead animals. It's unclear if the woman was arrested.

Farmers Insurance plans to up rates

AUSTIN (AP) — Farmers Insurance has filed for an average rate increase of 9.9 percent for homeowners insurance policies effective in February, state and company officials said Friday.

The Texas Department of Insurance says it is reviewing the rate increase, which is to take effect Feb. 16 on typical homeowner policies across the state.

"There will be ample time for us to make sure that it's a good rate," said insurance department spokesman Jerry Hagins.

Farmers spokeswoman Michelle Levy said the rate was filed earlier this week and that the increase is intended to cover the increased costs of labor and materials. It has been under consideration for several months and is not occurring because of Hurricanes Ike and Dolly, both of which struck Texas this year, she said.

Texas has a "file and use" policy that allows a company to file a rate and use it, though the state insurance department can review whether the rate is fair.

NTSB: Engine nut in TV copter was loose

CONROE (AP) — A preliminary report on television news helicopter crash that killed a pilot and a photographer last month said there was a loose nut in the engine, but officials still have not determined the exact cause.

The report by the National Transportation Safety Board does not say whether investigators suspect the loose nut played a role in the crash. It was described as being "finger tight," meaning the nut was tightened by hand instead of with a machine or tool.

A final report providing the cause of the crash could take as long as a year, the Houston Chronicle reported online Friday.

Pilot John Downhower, 43, and photographer David Garrett, 36, died in the Oct. 13 crash while covering a shooting in Montgomery County north for Houston television station KTRK.

A witness reported seeing the low-flying helicopter bank steeply to the right before going down, the report said. Investigators also reported that one tail rotor blade was straight and the other was bent 90 degrees.

The aircraft was a 1993 Bell 206L4 owned by St. Louis-based Helicopters Inc., which leases helicopters to about 70 newsgathering organizations. The helicopter crashed at about 11:30 a.m. in the W.G. Jones State Forest.

Woman who cut off baby's arms to be released

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who killed her 10-month-old daughter by cutting off her arms with a kitchen knife is being released from the state mental hospital where she'd been sent after being found not guilty by reason of insanity, authorities said Friday.

Dena Schlosser, 39, will be released within the next month into outpatient treatment because her doctors believe she's mentally stable, Collin County prosecutor Curtis Howard said. A court order issued after a hearing Thursday found "convincing evidence" that her needs and the "safety of the community" can be met with outpatient services.

The order requires her to see a psychiatrist once a week, take medication, be on a phsycian-approved birth control and not have any unsupervised contact with children.

"She's still under the court's authority at this point," Howard said. "Right now that's indefinite. If she violates any of those orders or provisions, the court can revoke its order and send her back to the inpatient facility until some further date."

Schlosser was arrested in November 2004 after she told a 911 operator she had severed her baby's arms. Police found her soaked in blood, holding a kitchen knife and listening to a hymn as Maggie lay dying in her crib.

Schlosser testified at trial that she killed the baby because she wanted to give her to God. Her first trial ended with a hung jury.

In 2006 she was sent to a state mental hospital after being found not guilty by reason of insanity, and her mental status has been reviewed annually to see if she's stable enough for release.

She was committed to the mental hospital because she posed a danger to herself and others.

Howard, the lead prosecutor in both capital murder trials, disagreed with Schlosser's release.

"It was our position that she should remain, but the problem is that based upon the commitment scheme the court is working under, he's got to base his decision on mental health officials and their recommendations," Howard said.

"This is the way we deal with mental health patients who have been found not guilty by reason of insanity," he said. "I believe that needs to be looked at; it needs to be changed by the Legislature. But that's the system we currently operate under and this is the result."

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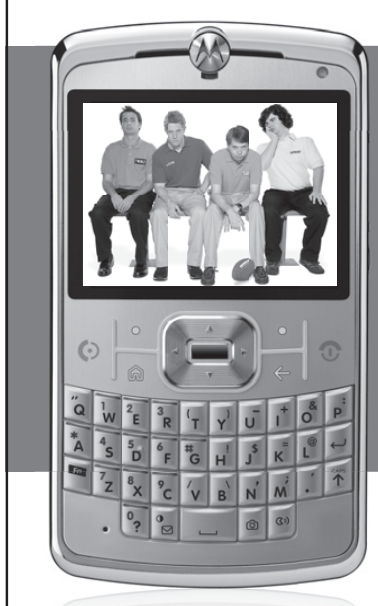
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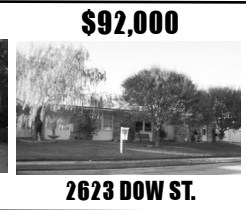
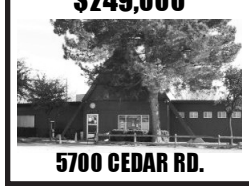
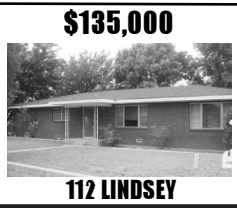
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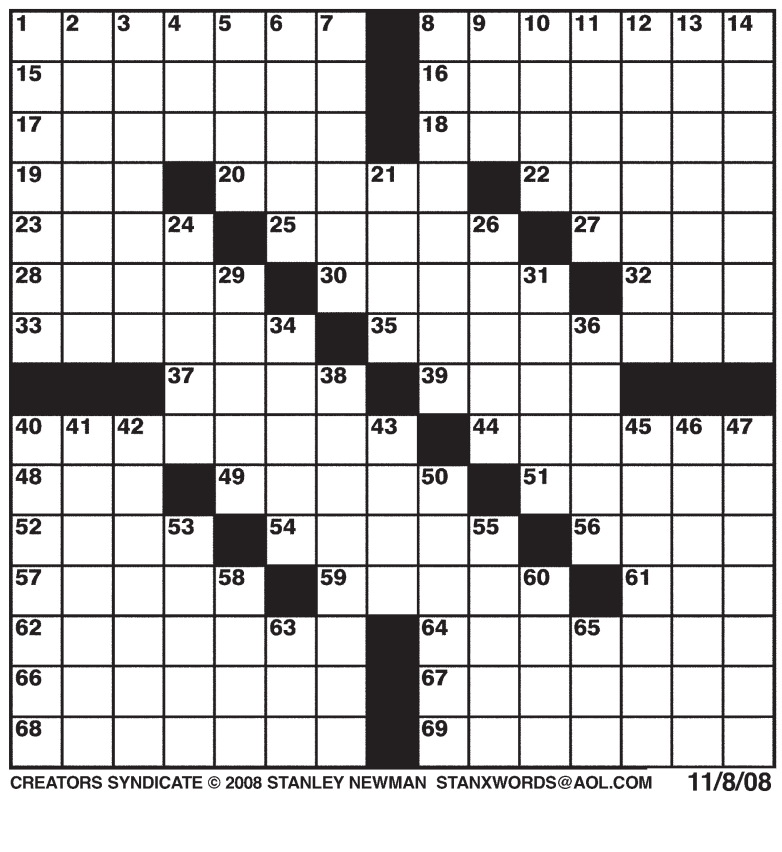
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'Multitasker'

Michelle Obama will be able to balance family and first lady duties, friends say

By DAHLEEN GLANTON
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CHICAGO — Despite a grueling campaign schedule that took her from one end of the country to the other, Michelle Obama managed to maintain an equally hectic schedule in Chicago that included soccer, ballet and birthday parties for her two young daughters.

For Obama, a self-described "multitasker," life has been a balancing act between family and duty, and those who know her best said that will not change when she becomes first lady.

"She has incredible integrity. Whatever she strongly believes in, she puts everything into it. And she is very passionate about family," said Yvonne Davila, a former City Hall co-worker and friend for 18 years.

Like first lady Laura Bush, Obama has surrounded herself with a small circle of girlfriends — doctors, lawyers and businesswomen who not only provide a support system but also keep her grounded. And like Bush, who still takes yearly vacations to a national park with her girlfriends, Obama will likely maintain those close bonds when she moves into the White House.

During the presidential campaign, Obama and Davila kept their Saturday morning routine. Davila took Obama's 7-year-old daughter, Sasha, and her own 9-year-old daughter to dance class while Obama drove Malia, 10, and Davila's 10-year-old daughter to soccer. Afterward, they met for lunch and sometimes a movie.

"Like all of us, she juggles her job as a wife and mother, and she will take that with her to Washington," Davila said.

Throughout the campaign, Obama has stressed her commitment to her children and has used her experience as a wife and mother to connect with families across the country. She has said that as first lady she would provide a voice for working women and military families, in particular, ensuring that they receive adequate health care, mental health services and economic support.

"What I'm hearing around the country is that there are women who are struggling to keep their heads above water. And these issues transcend party and even socioeconomic status," Obama said recently on CNN's "Larry King Live." "We need to give those issues a voice because I think women need a different model, a template, ensuring that we're creating policies that actually make sense."

The Obamas will be the fourth family with children younger than 10 to occupy the White House. And like Rosalynn Carter, Jacqueline Kennedy, Frances Cleveland and Edith Roosevelt, she will have to balance her duties as first lady with raising young children.

That means creating a comfortable home within the White House.

"That will probably be the first order of business for her and maybe the most important thing, creating a sense of emotional security for her family," said Carl Sferrazza Anthony, a biographer and historian for the National First Ladies Library in Canton, Ohio.

"These kids will be moving from Chicago, leaving behind their school, their friends and their established life. That can be overwhelming."

A Harvard educated lawyer who has worked in City Hall and for the University of Chicago Hospitals, Obama will bring a high level of professional expertise to her new role. She often has been compared to Hillary Clinton, who was criticized for taking on health care reform and failing.

Though she has made mistakes along the way, Obama has grown increasingly comfortable speaking to large audiences about policy. She will have to make a choice as to how far she wants to go.

"The traditional role of wives in the White House is to play hostess. They are gracious and keep the home fires burning while the president is out doing business," said Barry Burden, a political scientist at the University of Wisconsin. "Barbara Bush fit into that role wonderfully. Hillary Clinton said early on that she was not going to stay at home and bake cookies and stand by her man like Tammy Wynette. That struck a lot of people as inappropriate out of the box, and she never won them back. We still don't know how Laura Bush feels about most issues."

Nancy Reagan, on the other hand, was known to consult astrologists and have discussions with the chief of staff before giving her husband advice.

Barack Obama has made it clear that he listens to his wife, saying during the final debate that she reminds him that there are things that he does not know. The verdict is still out among the public as to how much influence a first lady should have with the president.

But whatever role she decides on, friends said Obama will pour her heart into it.

"One of Michelle's strengths is being prepared," Valerie Jarrett, a senior campaign adviser and longtime family friend said in an interview several months ago. "It's not good enough to be prepared; she has to be over-prepared. She is the most disciplined and organized people I have ever known."



The picture above, provided by the art gallery Gavin Brown's enterprise, shows the portrait by Elizabeth Peyton titled, "Michelle and Sasha Obama Listening to Barack Obama at the Democratic National Convention." The oil painting of the future first lady and her daughter was unveiled Wednesday at the New Museum on Manhattan's Lower East Side in New York.

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In this Jan. 3 file photo, now President-elect Barack Obama waves to supporters at a caucus rally in Des Moines, Iowa, after winning the Iowa Democratic presidential caucus. Surrounding him is wife Michelle, right, and daughters Malia and Sasha, bottom center.

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Dist/Div Office(s)

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Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
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TO: Esequiel Chavarria

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

Lots 1 & 2, Blk 4, College Heights Addn., City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: $3,605.18, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against ESEQUIEL CHAVARRIA and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 21, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ESEQUIEL CHAVARRIA, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5355 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit at or before 10:00 o'clock a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance hereof, the same being the 29th day of October, 2008 before the Honorable District Court of Howard County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then and there to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest, and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiffs and the taxing unit parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court in the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, this 29th day of October, A.D. 2008.

Brandie Martinez, Deputy
Clerk of the District Court
Howard County, Texas,
118th Judicial District.
#5981 November 9 & 16, 2008

Legals

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

TO: Linda Calvert

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

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Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiffs for taxes in the following amount: $963.33, exclusive of interest, penalties, and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes all said interest, penalties, and cost thereon, allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL as Plaintiffs, against LINDA CALVERT and others, as Defendant(s), by petition filed on October 2, 2008, in a certain suit styled HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. LINDA CALVERT for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Howard County, Texas 118th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is 5525 that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit, are NONE.

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

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

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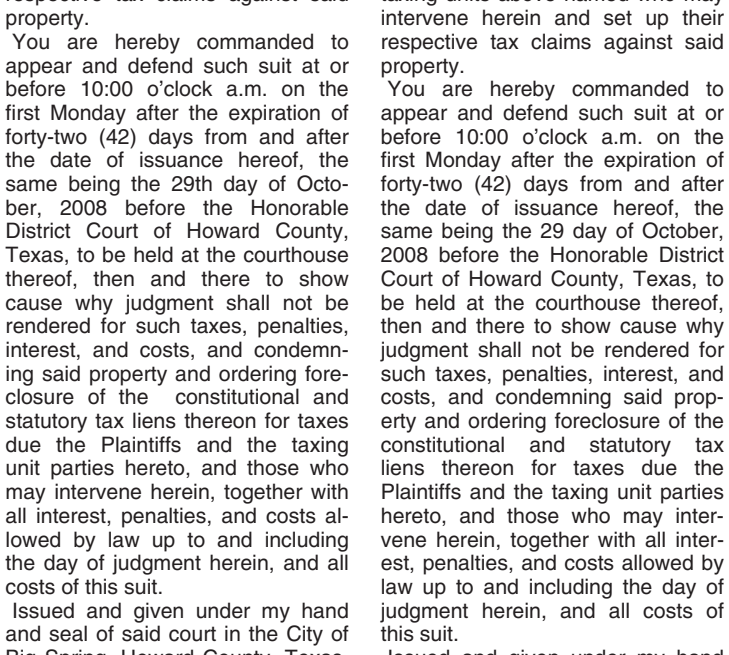
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City of Big Spring Code Enforcement and Keep Big Spring Beautiful has selected the Ike and Ouida Watznauer house at 1501 Main St. as winner of the November "Doing Your Part" beautification award. Pictured are, from left, Pat Simmons of KBSB, City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr., Ouida and Ike Watznauer and KBSB President Debbie Wegman.



Courtesy photo

Neal Bryant was the Hangar 25 Air Museum Veteran of the Month for October. A veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Navy, he was stationed off the Pacific coast in 1944. Enjoying a reception in his honor along with him in the museum's Briefing Room was his wife, Virginia.

Howard College trustees honor Broughton Foundation

Special to the Herald

Howard College's Board of Trustees recognized the G.C. Broughton Foundation Trust for its generosity in making funds available for students to attend college.

At a ceremony during their meeting Oct. 7, board members presented Jean Broughton Powell with a resolution recognizing the G.C. Broughton Foundation Trust's role in funding a future for West Texas students.



Jean Broughton Powell, left, is presented with a resolution recognizing the G.C. Broughton Foundation Trust's role in funding a future for West Texas. Making the president is HC President Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks.

"The gifts of the G.C. Broughton Foundation Trust have funded 117 student scholarships and will continue to enable the funding of additional student scholarships in the future," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College president.

"This resolution was just one way for the Howard College Board of Trustees to show our gratitude to the Trust for partnering with us as we establish an educational foundation for Howard County and the surrounding area," Sparks added.

The G.C. Broughton Foundation Trust has influenced the direction of West Texas through the gift of education to both traditional and non-traditional students in an effort to strengthen the economic viability of West Texas, college officials said.

"We wanted to express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Powell and the Trust for their commitment to the future of West Texas and its people," said Dr. John Freeman, board president. "They are providing a great service to Howard County and the West Texas region."

For more information about giving to Howard College, visit the college's Web site at www.howardcollege.edu or contact Jan Foresyth at 432-264-5051.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The moon transiting from Pisces to Aries signifies a new chapter in your emotional life. It's a small, subtle and gentle change from the last lunar cycle to this one, but it's a change, nonetheless. Anyway, the most profound changes occur with similar consistency over time, like the tide on the beach wearing down the rocks into fine sand.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your curiosity is piqued. There are just as many interesting subjects around you as there were yesterday, but because your mind is so open, it's a whole new, fascinating world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As far as you're concerned, you're engaged in the passionate pursuit of your goals and ideals. Although to others you might look a lot like a person sitting on a couch. They just don't know what's going on inside your head!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're the maker of your own rules and not someone who can be bossed around. Although, that might not stop someone from trying now. It's just that you're so attractive, everyone wants to get into your business.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in the mood to add some glitz and glamour to your scene. You love your old friends, though you might dip your toe into a different social arena to see what it's like. Right now you're widely accepted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your sense of humor is strong and you'll be giggling away at thing that others don't seem to find the least bit funny. And it doesn't help for you to point out why you think it's hilarious, either. Enjoy yourself and pay them no mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's difficult to get away from business, even if you're not working today. While you're cleaning up around the house or visiting with family, ideas pop into your head that just might solve everything.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). No one is saying what they mean exactly, but that's fine by you. You know anyway, no words necessary. You're an expert at reading micro-gestures and taking every expression in context.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you feel pressured to make a big decision it is because someone stands to gain more from your answer than you do. Stall. Take a step back to see what's at stake. There's no need to be impulsive.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You like to have a lot of space to roam, though you do realize that can seem threatening to a partner. You're willing to give a loved one plenty of freedom in hopes that this person will respond in reciprocity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The thing you want is not within your grasp, not at all. It's miles and leaps and bounds away, and that doesn't bother you in the least. In fact it makes the goal more desirable. You burn with ambition.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You get a full range of emotion in a 48-hour period. There are moments that are electric and exciting juxtaposed by times when nothing at all is going on. Everything balances perfectly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Are relationships meant to change you deeply, or are they better when they accept you for who you are? It turns out that both dynamics are occurring for you. Love and acceptance are your catalysts for improvements.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Are you willing to go to the ends of the earth for your love? Don't bluff now, because you just may be asked to do so. Venus and Pluto are up to something profound in Sagittarius, the sign of adventure. The conjunction of these two cosmic heavy-hitters brings up the subject of soul mates and destiny. It feels like love is chosen for you by the fates, and you are merely a follower of their design. You may be inspired to sing a song to your object of desire like a wandering troubadour in days of yore, or make grand, risky or expensive romantic gestures for your one and only. And speaking of one and only, you may find yourself wondering if your love and you are made for one another, and therefore meant to be entwined forever and ever. The nature of romance will not be solved for anyone during this conjunction, which lasts from Nov. 9-14. However, hold tight because soon these questions will no longer seem pertinent. You love whom you love for the time that you love them, and that is a beautiful part of your development, end of story.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: With his sun and Mercury in private Scorpio, it couldn't have been easy for Nick Lachey to live with camera crews filming his every move as a "Newlywed" to Jessica Simpson. But Scorpio has also had a knack for keeping a sacred inner world, even while living in the public eye. Lachey's subsequent divorce and rise to success with a solo career is evidence of Scorpio powers of transformation.

Holiday Mathis is the author of "Rock Your Stars." If you would like to write to her, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Holiday Mathis page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Holiday Mathis and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I work for a wonderful company as an "administrative assistant extraordinaire." I love what I do and do it well, and I adore the owners.

A major headache for me is "Maxine," the woman who covers for me when I'm away from my desk, running errands, on vacation, etc. When I return to my desk, clients and employees from my office and our other offices often comment that Maxine comes across as uncaring, unhelpful, rude and just plain miserable. It's true. Even when she hands me a file or a message, she just says, "Here," holds it out for me to take and then leaves. A lot of times when I've needed to forward calls to her, she's on her cell phone talking to friends and just ignores me. She never offers to help answer the phone when I'm busy.

Management and the owners of the company are aware of her shortcomings but say backing me up is not Maxine's main job and, therefore, not a critical issue. My company plans to hire a receptionist in the future, but at this time, it's just not possible.

Annie, I find it hard to believe that Maxine is unaware that she lacks people skills. She is an organized, presentable woman. I want to bring up the issue with her, but she makes me so uneasy that I don't know how to do it. Can you help? -- Terribly Frustrated

Dear Frustrated: Maxine is being insolent because she resents



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

covering for you and behaves accordingly. Her performance does not reflect on you. It reflects poorly on the company. However, your supervisors have made it clear that they value Maxine and have no intention of doing anything about her rudeness -- and she knows it. Tolerate as much as you can, and if anyone complains about her, tell them they should take it up with management.

Dear Annie: I am a 12-year-old girl in a weird predicament. There's a 13-year-old boy, "Alex," who lives up the street. He has a huge crush on me. He tells kids around the neighborhood that he wants to make out with me and marry me, and he says he has sexual urges around me.

Alex claims he just wants to be friends, but all the things he says behind my back frighten me. I would like to let him down gently, but I really don't want to be his friend. What should I do? -- Scared of Him

Dear Scared: We think Alex is like a lot of 13-year-old boys who say things they believe will impress their friends because they don't have the maturity to handle their emotions well. First, talk to your parents about what Alex has been saying. They need to know. Then, when they are nearby, tell Alex politely that you find his remarks offensive and frightening and you cannot be friends with him unless he becomes more respectful.

Dear Annie: "Upset Wife" thinks no one knows about her drinking, and she was angry that her husband told a niece who also has a drinking problem. Believe me, everyone in the family has known about the wife's drinking for some time. Neighbors and friends know, store clerks, the school principal very likely knows. Her children are dealing the best they can with an alcoholic mother who is emotionally absent much of the time. I am fairly sure they do not have friends over.

I feel compassion for her husband, who is probably overwhelmed much of the time. His enabling behavior allows his wife to live in self-deception, a key ingredient of addiction. There is help. Al-Anon is a welcoming source of healing, empowerment and hope for family members living with an alcoholic. I know. I wish their entire family wholeness and happiness. -- Vermont

Dear Vermont: Many readers said "Upset Wife" is fooling herself if she thinks she is hiding her drinking. Anyone who wishes to contact Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org) can do so by calling 1-888-4AL-ANON (1-800-425-2666).

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. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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