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Tribute planned for 9-11

Hangar 25 Air Museum to host local ceremony

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Big Spring's first responders and military personnel will get a heart-felt thanks Sept. 11, as officials with the Hangar 25 Air Museum join forces with local residents for a special ceremony commemorating the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

M e g h a n Bias, director of the local air museum, said the event will be Hangar 25's second effort at the memorial ceremony, which will offer a much-needed thanks to the men and women who keep us safe.

"Last year was our first attempt at a Sept. 11 cer-

"We're proud to be able to do this again. It's important to thank the people who work so hard to keep us safe."



Bias

emony, and we've had a lot of help from local resident Mike Tarpley this year," said Bias. "I think it's important to remember what happened that day. It changed everyone's lives, and we need to recognize the local heroes.

"Dr. Darryl Powell, a retired brigadier general, will be our speaker, and we'll also have presentations from the Big Spring Police Department and the Big Spring Fire Department. We're proud to be able to do this again. It's important to thank the people who work so hard to keep

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PUTTIN' ON A SHOW



While Big Spring's Steers were opening the 2008 football season with a big victory over 11th-ranked Snyder Friday — see details on Page 1B — the flag corps and band were also giving winning performances in Tiger Stadium. Big Spring travels to Denison next Friday before hosting Pampa Sept. 12 in the home opener.

HERALD photos/
Bruce Schooler

Gustav becomes major storm; some leave coast

By **BECKY BOHRER**
Associated Press Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Hurricane Gustav grew into a dangerous storm Saturday, and as city officials started evacuating the residents that couldn't get out on their own, some people weren't waiting to be told to leave.

Cars packed with clothes, boxes and pet carriers drove north among heavy traffic on Interstate 55, a major route out of the city. Gas stations around the city hummed. And nursing homes and hospitals began sending patients farther inland.

"I'm getting out of here. I can't

take another hurricane," said Ramona Summers, 59, whose house flooded during Katrina. She hurried to help friends gather their belongings. Her car was already packed for Gonzales, nearly 60 miles away to the west of New Orleans.

Gustav swelled into a major

hurricane south of Cuba and could strike the U.S. coast anywhere from Mississippi to Texas by Tuesday.

Forecasters said if Gustav follows the projected path it would likely make landfall on Louisiana's central coast, sparing New Orleans a direct hit. But fore-

casters caution it is still too soon to say exactly where the storm will hit.

"Any little jog could change where it makes landfall," said Karina Castillo, a hurricane support meteorologist at the Na-

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Drunken-driving deaths fall in 32 states

By **KEN THOMAS**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Drunken-driving deaths fell in 32 states in 2007, the government reported Thursday, but alcohol-related fatalities increased among motorcycle riders in half the states.

Nearly 13,000 people were killed in crashes in which the driver had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.08, the legal limit in the United States, or at higher levels.

Overall, alcohol deaths were down nearly 4 percent compared with 2006,

when nearly 13,500 people died on the highway.

Transportation Secretary Mary Peters said she was disappointed by the increase in deaths involving drunk motorcycle riders. A total of 1,621 motorcyclists were killed in alcohol-impaired crashes in 2007, an increase of 7.5 percent.

Motorcycle riders have been featured in the government's \$13 million advertising campaign surrounding the Labor Day holiday. Law enforcement agen-

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BSHS drops first three matches in Seminole

Herald Staff Report

SEMINOLE — Big Spring's Lady Steers found the confines of the gymnasiums used for the volleyball tournament in Seminole unfriendly Friday as they dropped all three of their matches in straight sets.

The Lady Steers opened play with a competitive loss to El Paso Montwood, 25-20, 25-20.

"We played our best match of the day against Montwood and had a chance to win both sets," Big Spring Head Coach Meghan Blake said. "We just weren't able to finish. We didn't have a killer instinct."

Senior Andrea Claxton led the Lady Steers with six kills,

while classmate Baylea Fox posted six digs.

Big Spring faced Crane next and fell, 25-12, 25-14. Claxton again led with five kills and sophomore Belle Feaster registered two aces.

The Lady Steers closed with district rival San Angelo Lake View, meeting the Maidens in tournament play for the second time this season. In their first meeting, the Maidens rallied to win the second set, 26-24, after already being down a game. They used that momentum to cruise in the third and deciding set to win the match.

There was a similar result in this match except the

Maidens won the first set, 26-24, Friday and cruised to a 25-13 win in the second.

"We had a chance to win, but Lake View simply wants it more than we do right now," said Blake. "We have to get to a point where we want to beat Lake View more than they want to beat us."

The Lady Steers wrapped up tournament play Saturday, starting the day against River Road. Full results from Saturday's action will be available in Monday's edition of the Herald.

El Paso Montwood defeated Big Spring 25-20, 25-20

Kills — Andrea Claxton 6, Halee Thomas 5, Macy Graves 2, Belle

Feaster 1, Baylea Fox 1, Desiree Anderson 1.

Digs — Fox 6, Claxton 4, Valerie Ross 4, Cerbi Ritchey 3, Sloan Davis 2, Graves 1, Thomas 1.

Aces — Claxton 2, Ritchey 2, Anderson 1.

Blocks — Claxton 2.

Assists — Ritchey 15.

Crane defeats Big Spring 25-12, 25-14

Kills — Claxton 5, Graves 3, Anderson 1, Ritchey 1, Ross 1.

Digs — Fox 2, Claxton 1, Ritchey1.

Blocks — Ritchey 1.

Aces — Feaster 2.

Assists — Ritchey 11.

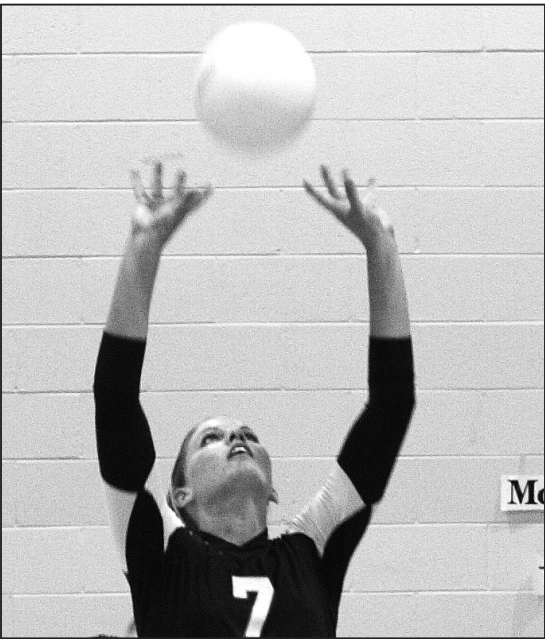
Lake View defeats Big Spring 26-24, 25-13

Kills — Claxton 9, Graves 3, Anderson 3, Ross 1.

Digs — Fox 4, Ross 4, Claxton 3, Anderson 3.

Blocks — Claxton 1.

Assists — Ritchey 15, Anderson 1.



HERALD photo/Tony Claxton
Big Spring's Cerbi Ritchey sets during volleyball action at the Seminole Tournament Friday.

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL WRAPUP



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Big Spring's Sidney Parker (4) makes a leaping catch for a touchdown in between Snyder's Shade Roemisch (12) and Xavier Malone (28) at Tiger Stadium in Snyder Friday. Parker caught five passes for 127 yards, helping the Steers open the 2008 season with 20-14 win over Snyder.

Steers open 2008 with win

By JONATHAN HULL
Sports Editor

SNYDER — Last football season, it took the Big Spring Steers seven games to finally earn their first victory. In 2008, it took one.

The Steers overcame several costly penalties on both sides of the ball and kept the Snyder Tigers' power option

game in check for a 20-14 victory Friday night in Snyder.

"It's a big relief to have a win early. That's actually the understatement of the year," said Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey. "We made some mistakes offensively that called back some big plays, but this game was all about our defense. They really stepped up tonight."

Big Spring jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the first quarter when Matt Ritchey attempted a quarterback sneak from just inside the 1-yard line and was then pushed over the goal line by linebacker-turned-fullback Cade Hollandsworth. Ritchey's extra-point attempt was blocked.

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Sands starts season 1-0

Grady edges Sanderson, Stanton comes up short

Herald Staff Report

HERMLEIGH — There's a new sense of confidence for the Sands Mustangs and it showed in their season opener to the 2008 football season Friday in Hermleigh.

The Mustangs started strong and finished stronger in a 30-16 victory over the Hermleigh Cardinals.

Sands got off to a fast start with Johnny Rogers scoring on a 37-yard run on just the second play of the game.

After that, however, the Mustangs dropped into a lull, not scoring again until the fourth quarter and allowing the Cardinals to tie the game at 8 in the third.

"I think we got a little too comfortable after scoring on the second play of the game," said Sands Head Coach Wayne Henderson. "We got a little too laid back, but we turned it on when we really needed to."

Rogers keyed the Mustangs' 24-point fourth quarter, hitting Ethan Zant for a 23-yard touchdown pass, then rushing for scores from 2 and 3 yards out.

Sands' junior quarterback finished with 140 yards and played a part in all four of the Mustangs' touchdowns. Daniel Armendariz led the 'Stangs defensively, registering 15 tackles.

The Sands' alumni make their way back to Ackerly next week, playing Wilson for homecoming.

Area roundup

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Eldorado baffles Buffaloes for 26-9 victory

By JEFF LANE
Special to the Herald

ELDORADO — They say football is a game of inches, but those inches are won or lost with execution.

Forsan Buffaloes (0-1, 0-0) Head Coach Tommy Thompson said poor execution and a slow start definitely contributed to a season-opening 26-9 loss to the

Eldorado Eagles Friday night in Eldorado.

"I do not think they were 17 points better than us, they simply executed their game plan better than we did," said Thompson. "It took us too long to get our motors running and into the game. Eldorado scored early in the first and third quarters, creating a big hole for us to

dig out of. I think our kids sucked it up and toughed it out, but those quick scores sort of knocked the wind out of our sails."

The Buffs fell behind 13-0 early in the first as the Eagles scored on a 5-yard run at the 10:05 mark and then on a 30-yard pass with just 3:31 left in the period.

"We could not find any rhythm

in the running game," Thompson said. "The spread was not opening seams like we expected and we just had trouble maintaining our blocks. We saw some success throwing the ball, but we need to get more aggressive up front."

Quarterback Alex Huckabee had a solid night through the air, throwing for 157 yards,

including an 86-yard touchdown pass to Jeremy Robbins midway through the second quarter.

That score pulled the Buffs within six points at the half. However, that was as close as they would get as Eldorado put the game out of reach in the third, scoring twice more on the

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Smart shopping...online

FAMILY FEATURES

It's out there, it's easy and, believe it or not, it saves you money. Online shopping is a booming business that has witnessed consumers spend more than \$34 billion in 2007. While most people turn to online shopping for the sake of convenience, savvy shoppers have discovered that many retailers now offer savings for online purchases through the use of coupon codes. The key: finding the codes.

In 2003, entrepreneur Scott Kluth decided to find the codes for consumers by creating CouponCabin.com, a Web site that houses a database with thousands of coupons and deals from over 950 online stores across the country. By using CouponCabin.com to connect shoppers with coupon codes from popular merchants, Kluth has helped millions of consumers save time and money on their online purchases. With five years of experience in online couponing, Kluth has learned a series of tips to help you save the most money.

Money saving tips for online shopping

Understanding coupon codes

Coupon codes are not often found on a given retailer's Web site; rather, they are usually given to repeat customers as a means to reward frequent purchases. Online coupon codes are specific to a given merchant and often have terms that exclude certain brands or products. Codes tend to have a specific offer attached, such as free shipping or a 15 percent discount for an entire order, and are usually applied automatically to a purchase.

Finding the best coupon codes

- Ensure that the coupon site allows you to search by store to view an alphabetical list of available merchants, or by category to find a deal on a specific item.
- Be conscious of shipping and handling fees, as in many cases a free shipping discount could be of greater savings than a 10 or 15 percent off coupon.
- Seek out specialty coupon codes that are geared to a specific audience (e.g., mothers of young children) for those unique purchases as retailers will focus on their market. Other specialty sites (e.g., Restaurant.com) work directly with coupon sites like CouponCabin.com to offer exclusive savings.

Using online coupon codes

Coupon codes are easy to use, particularly as many online retailers will prompt the consumer to enter the code during the checkout process. After finding a coupon on a Web site, shoppers should click on the associated link to shop at the merchant's site. It is at the checkout that consumers will be prompted to enter their coupon code, sometimes also referred to as a "promotional code."

It is important to verify that the savings afforded by the coupon has been applied to the shopping cart before completing the order. Be mindful that coupon codes often have expiration dates.

Maximizing savings with coupon sites

A reliable and innovative coupon site should:

- Be easy to navigate
- Be updated throughout the day
- Test the coupon codes to ensure accuracy
- Not require you to provide any personal information
- Provide reviews for the merchants listed on the site
- Offer a weekly newsletter containing the top coupons



Security tips for online shopping

A recent online shopping report released by Pew Internet & American Life Project showed that 78 percent of people polled find online shopping convenient and 68 percent agree that it saves them time. Despite this high propensity to shop over the Internet, three-quarters of people surveyed still do not feel comfortable releasing personal and/or credit card information over the Web.

To maximize personal security when shopping, consider the following precautions to ensure online transactions are as safe as possible.

Shop at secure Web sites

Check to see if a Web site is secure by looking for the locked yellow padlock on the status bar of the site. The presence of this padlock demonstrates that site uses specific encryption methods to ensure that hackers cannot steal personal and/or credit card information.

Research the Web site before placing an order

Try to do business with companies that you know and trust. If a company is unfamiliar to you, make sure you do the appropriate background research to know as much as you can before buying their products.

Check the Web site address

Before submitting any personal or payment details to a host company, look at the rectangular window at the top of the screen to verify that the Web site address is correct and that you are dealing with the right company.

Read the privacy and security policies

Consumers should make a point of searching for and reading through the privacy policy before submitting personal information to an online retailer. Any reputable e-commerce site offers information about how the company processes orders, if the company intends to share information with a third party or affiliate and how the affiliate intends to use this information.

Never release Social Security number

It is important to understand that consumers should not release a Social Security number when shopping online. Merchants do not require this information when processing online orders, and releasing this information puts the consumer at risk for identity theft.

Disclose the bare minimum

While there is a certain amount of personal information required to process an online order (e.g., name and address), online merchants often try to obtain further details about personal lifestyle and annual income. As this information is primarily used to target consumers for marketing purposes, it is important to refrain from entering such information to avoid spam, direct mailings and solicitor calls.

Keep passwords private

Most reputable e-commerce Web sites require that users log in with a username and password before placing an order.

Maximize safety by choosing a password that is at least eight characters long, includes letters and numbers and is not based on personal information, such as:

- Date of birth
- Mother's maiden name
- Driver's license number
- Social Security number

Pay using a safe method

The safest way to shop online is with a credit card, as consumers are protected under the federal Fair Credit Billing Act. If a problem arises, shoppers have the right to dispute charges to a credit card and withhold payment for the sake of a creditor investigation. In the event that an investigation reveals that a credit card was used without authorization, consumers are only responsible for covering the first \$50 in charges. It is helpful to restrict online payments to one credit card to make it easier to detect wrongful credit charges.

Consider single-use card numbers

To maximize security when shopping online, some credit card companies have started to offer single-use card numbers that can be used at an online store. These randomly generated numbers can only be used at a particular Web site and for a limited period of time. In the event that a hacker obtains personal credit card information during the submission process, they will not be able to use this number for a purchase anywhere else.

While the single-use card seems like an ideal solution, it may still be difficult to use them in certain shopping situations. For example, consumers purchasing movie or airline tickets are often asked to show a physical credit card to complete the transaction. In this situation, showing the vendor a physical card when a single-use virtual number has been used will not confirm the purchase.

Pay attention to shipping details

According to the law, a company must ship a consumer's order within the timeframe stated in its advertisement. If no time frame is outlined, the retailer must adhere to one of the following:

- Ship the order within 30 days of purchase
- Provide the consumer with an Option Notice prompting the consumer to either cancel and receive a refund for the order or agree to the delay

Print copies of orders

After placing an order, the host site should generate a confirmation page that includes the following information:

- Cost of the order
- Customer information
- Product information
- Confirmation number

It is important to print at least one copy of this confirmation page in addition to the page that outlines the host site's company information (i.e., company name, postal address, phone number, legal terms and conditions as well as the return policy). Consumers should keep these printouts for at least the period covered by the return and/or warranty policy.

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Obituaries

R.T. Johnson



R.T. Johnson, 85, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2008, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008, at New Hope Cemetery in Jones County.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

He was born Aug. 6, 1923, in Beckville and married Fay C. Cole June 11, 1943 in Stamford. She preceded him in death Oct. 24, 1988.

He was a long time resident of Big Spring and had worked as a truck driver for McMahon Concrete for 17 years. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include one son, Michael Johnson of Big Spring; one daughter, Linda Brooks of Plainview; two brothers, Morgan Johnson of Stamford and Robert Johnson of Abilene; and four grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Vernon Johnson and Willie “Bill” Johnson.

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

Ruth Esther Winbush

Ruth Esther Winbush Akins, 75, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, Aug. 29, in Midland. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Big Spring.

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**
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women’s meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- FRIDAY**
- AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

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

- MONDAY**
- Encourager’s Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

- 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.

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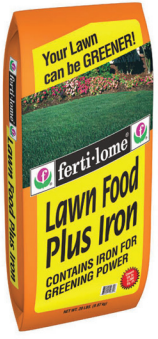
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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity Friday:

- KORIANA JUAREZ, 19, 2002 Loop Rd., was arrested on a charge of theft.
- JULIANA JUAREZ, no age given, 602 N.W. Seventh, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- MICHELLE FIERRO, 29, 600 Holbert, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- CARLA MOSLEY, 50, 608 N.W. 12th, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- GRACIE JAMES, 18, 2403 Main, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- GABRIEL MORENO, 21, 100 N.E. 10th, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMEY JOHNSON, 45, 2621 Chanute, was arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.
- CHRISTOPHER SHROTHER, 25, Orange, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- JOHNATHAN MARQUEZ, 28, 600 Holbert, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.
- ELEAZAR GARZA JR., 47, 401 W. Fifth, was arrested on a Gonzales County warrant.
- ISAAH JAMES, 19, 2403 Main, was arrested on a charge of theft.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 700 block of Aylesford and the 600 block of Holbert.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 600 block of Interstate 20.
- HARASSMENT was reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.
- THEFT was reported in the 700 block of FM 700 and the 200 block of Marcy.

Take Note

- Colorado River Municipal Water District will hold a blood drive at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, Sept. 3-4, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Each donor will receive a special T-shirt. All donors at least 21 years of age will be eligible to win a trip for two to Las Vegas.
- Big Spring High School yearbooks are for last year’s seniors. They may be picked up in Room 120. Yearbooks will be available for several weeks.
- Yearbooks have arrived at Forsan High School. Pick up your copy at the front office.
- The Howard County Pachyderm Club will have its monthly meeting at noon Thursday at the Big Spring Country Club off Driver Road. Lunch is dutch treat. All concerned Republicans are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 267-7287. Guest speaker will be Republican candidate for Howard County sheriff, Stan Parker.

- Big Spring High School Class of 1998 10-year reunion will be held Sept. 12-13 during the BSHS homecoming weekend. To get details and register, visit www.freewebs.com/bshs1998 or contract Traci Bellinghausen at (817) 308-9845 or Jacob Cordova at (432) 935-0533.
- BSHS Class of 1978 30-year reunion is Sept. 12-13. Contact Kent Rice at 870-918-5875 or kent_rice@murphyoilcorp.com
- Big Spring High School Class of 1988’s 20-year reunion will be held the weekend of Sept. 12-13. Contact Cheri Wyrick Reibe at 432-268-9587 or reibe1@suddenlink.net for information. The class still needs classmates’ contact information so please contact Cheri to pass those along.

- HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is now available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the “Hat Lady,” Marci Lykken at 267-2915.
- A medical expense account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Kody Jackson, who was recently disgnosed with lymphoma in his right knee. He has no medical insurance and must start chemotherapy and radiation treatment as soon as possible. Kody is the son of Susan and Johnny Jackson. For more information, contact Cosden FCU at 264-2600.

- Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call Nancy Koger at 267-7809.

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Bulletin Board

- If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com**
- TUESDAY**
- Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
 - Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Alzheimer’s Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
 - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
 - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.
 - The Howard County Sheriff’s Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the Sheriff’s Posse building on the Andrews Highway. For more information, call Bert Sheppard at 263-4483 or Rose Armstead at 263-2769.
 - Order of the Eastern Star No. 67 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 221 Main.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman’s Restaurant.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The public is invited.
 - Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Masonic Lodge No. 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. at St. Mary’s Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
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Mr. & Mrs. Richard Foresyth

Linda Jean Foley of Henderson, Nev., and James Richard Foresyth of Las Vegas, were united in marriage Friday, Aug. 22, 2008 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Whitney Ranch, in Henderson, Nev. Bishop Robert Hogan officiated in the double ring ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of the late John and Nancy Foley of Boston, Mass. The groom is the son of Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth of Big Spring and the late Linda Doyle Alldredge. The bride was escorted by her 12-year-old son, Nicholas, and the groom was escorted by his 8-year-old daughter, Jordan. Dawn Patterson served as the bride's honor attendant. Brett Ferguson served as best man for the groom. The ceremony was followed by a reception in the reception hall of the church. The couple will reside in Henderson, Nev.

The Winning Way
Integrity—The Missing Virture

How many people do you know today who are willing to pay the price to do the right thing? A person of integrity is honest, trustworthy and true to his word. He has no hidden agendas or ulterior motives. He fulfills his commitments and is the same in private as in public. He will do the right thing because it's the right thing to do whether anyone is watching or not. If you lack integrity, you will never reach your highest potential. Integrity is the foundation upon which a successful life is built. When you compromise, you are being less than honest and it causes a weakness in your foundation. If you continue to compromise, soon your foundation will become shaky and weak. By being a person of integrity, you are choosing the high road and making more excellent choices. Luke 16:10 says, "Whoever can be trusted with little can be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with little will also be dishonest with much." A number of years ago, I traveled to Paris, France with a group of ladies from



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our church. Our first day was a bus tour of the city center. As we traveled through the city, our guide pointed out interesting landmarks and government buildings as points of interest. One of the more beautiful buildings was roped off with large signs posted, "no trespassing." The guide explained that the builder who had constructed the building used inferior materials. The foundation was faulty and was too shallow for the building to be safe. Many of the beautiful-stained glass windows had cracked due to the forced pressure of the opening not being construction to the exact measurement. The beautiful wood carved doors were cheap substitutes for the original doors originally planned. Consequently, this beautiful building was unsafe to be occupied and had been condemned. Because of this builders lack of integrity, millions of dollars had been wasted. The building with all it's beautiful architectural design, was now going to be bulldozed down and sold for junk. The young builder, who had spent years in college studying architect and construction of beautiful buildings was now in prison. His wife and children were forced to move in with her family. Their lives were in shambles, all because the

virtue of integrity was missing. For many people, mediocrity is the norm because it's the easy way out. However, God never had in mind for us to be mediocre. He has a higher calling for His family. He has called us to be people of excellence and of Integrity. We should always be willing to pay the price to do the right thing, and do it in a manner that brings glory to Him. We must remember who we represent. We are representatives first and foremost of God, as a member of His family. The manner in which we conduct our daily lives, the integrity of our word and the way we do business are all reflections on our heavenly Father, as well as on ourselves. By always doing your best and doing it with pride and integrity, God promises to reward us, and others will be attracted to our lifestyle, and to the God we serve. Colosians 3:23-25. "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality." God bless !

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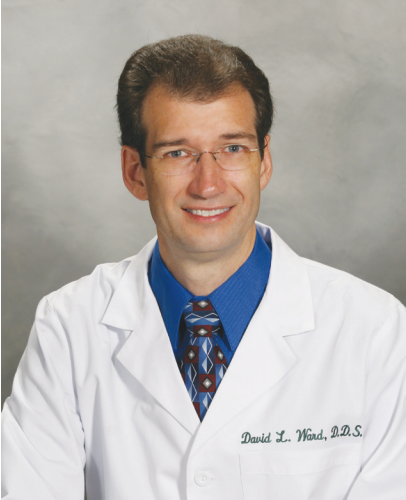
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Noah James Dubose, was born at 2:25 p.m. Aug. 8, 2008, weighing 5 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. He is the son of Tanya Evrard and J.R. Dubose of Big Spring. His grandparents are Shelley Everett, Tony and Christine Everett and James and Mary Dubose, all of Big Spring.

Drake Michael Pechacek
8-21-2008
Drake Michael Pechacek, a boy, was born at 9:51 a.m. Aug. 21, 2008, weighing 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 ¼ inches long. He is the son of Ariel Rawls and Leland Pechacek of Big Spring. His maternal grandparents are Angel Callaway of Laramie, Wyo., and Johnnie Rawls of Big Spring. His paternal grandparents are Curtis Pechacek of Lanorah and Ramie Whitely of Stanton.

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Palin comes out of Alaska to join McCain as GOP’s first ever female running mate

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — In two short years, Sarah Palin moved from small-town mayor with a taste for mooseburgers to the governor’s office and now — making history — to John McCain’s side as the first female running mate on a Republican presidential ticket.

She has more experience catching fish than dealing with foreign policy or national affairs.

Talk about a rocketing ascent.

In turning to her, McCain picked an independent figure in his own mold, one who has taken on Alaska’s powerful oil industry and, at age 44, is three years younger than Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama and a generation younger than McCain, 72.

Palin’s selection was a jaw-dropper, as McCain passed over many other better known prospects, some of whom had been the subject of intense speculation for weeks or months. “Holy cow,” said her father, Chuck Heath, who got word something was up while driving to his remote hunting camp.

Obama’s acceptance speech at Democratic convention seen by 38 million-plus viewers

NEW YORK (AP) — Barack Obama’s audience for his acceptance speech likely topped 40 million people, and the Democratic gathering that nominated him was a more popular television event than any other political convention in history.

More Americans watched Obama speak from a packed stadium in Denver on Thursday than watched the Olympics opening ceremony in Beijing, the final “American

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tional Hurricane Center said.

President Bush called Gulf Coast governors Saturday and told them they would have the full support of the federal government, White House spokesman Scott Stanzel said.

Mayor Ray Nagin’s spokeswoman said buses and trains would begin Saturday taking the city’s estimated 30,000 residents who are disabled, elderly or need help leaving the area to shelters in central and northern Louisiana, as well as out of the state.

“We will start moving residents from the 17 pick-up areas that are located throughout the city,” Nagin spokeswoman Ceeon

Quiett said.

Police and firefighters were set to go street-to-street with bullhorns over the weekend to help people direct people where to go. Unlike Hurricane Katrina, there will be no shelter of last resort in the Superdome. The doors there will be locked.

Those among New Orleans’ estimated 310,000 to 340,000 residents who ignore orders to leave accept “all responsibility for themselves and their loved ones,” the city’s emergency preparedness director, Jerry Sneed, has warned.

Officials plan to announce a curfew that will mean the arrest of anyone still on the streets after a mandatory evacuation order goes out. Police and National Guardsman will patrol after the storm’s arrival, and Gov. Bobby

Idol” or the Academy Awards this year, Nielsen Media Research said Friday. (Four playoff football games, including the Super Bowl between the Giants and Patriots, were seen by more than 40 million people.)

His TV audience nearly doubled the amount of people who watched John Kerry accept the Democratic nomination to run against President Bush four years ago. Kerry’s speech was seen by a little more than 20 million people; Bush’s acceptance speech to GOP delegates had 27.6 million viewers.

Through four days, the Democratic convention was seen in an average of 22.5 million households. No other convention — Republican or Democratic — had been seen in as many homes since Nielsen began keeping these records for the Kennedy-Nixon campaign in 1960. There weren’t enough television sets in American homes to have possibly beaten this record in years before that.

Source: Iraq commander has given Pentagon chief an initial recommendation on troop cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, has given his military superiors and Defense Secretary Robert Gates his initial recommendation on when to resume a U.S. troop withdrawal and at what pace, a senior military officer close to the process said Friday.

The officer, who spoke to The Associated Press only on condition that he not be identified, said Petraeus was still analyzing the situation and had not yet submitted a final set of recommendations. That is expected to happen within the next week or so, but there is no firm deadline.

Jindal has said he requested additional search and rescue teams from other states.

Evacuation of coastal parishes was likely to start on Saturday, Jindal said. In St. Mary Parish, which hugs the coastline, the Louisiana Shrimp and Petroleum Festival — the state’s oldest chartered harvest festival usually held over the Labor Day weekend— has been canceled, officials said.

Meanwhile, Jindal said the state would likely switch interstate lanes on Sunday so that all traffic would flow north, in the direction an evacuation would follow.

For the third day in a row, Jindal stressed that people with the means should stock up on food, water and other essentials, and prepare to head away

from the coast.

“We all still have personal responsibility,” he said. “Now’s the time to begin making evacuation plans.”

Gustav strengthened into a Category 3 hurricane early Saturday as it headed for western Cuba. The National Hurricane Center in Miami said it was a dangerous storm and could strengthen once it gets over the warm waters of the Gulf bound for the U.S. coastline early next week.

The storm has already killed 78 people in the Caribbean, and forecasters said it had become the second major hurricane of the Atlantic season, following Bertha in July.

At 11 a.m. EDT, the center of Gustav was about 185 miles east of the western tip of Cuba. The storm

The officer would not provide any specifics of Petraeus’ initial recommendation. He was granted anonymity because of the sensitivity of Petraeus’ deliberations and because they are not completed.

Petraeus is widely expected to conclude that the outlook in Iraq — politically as well as militarily — has brightened enough in recent months to merit more troop cuts this fall. At Petraeus’ recommendation, President Bush halted the drawdown when the last of five Army brigades, sent in 2007 as reinforcements, pulled out in mid-July; Petraeus wanted time to analyze the impact of losing those five brigades.

Edwards to emerge from seclusion alone, will speak at Hofstra without wife Elizabeth

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — In a return to the public stage, John Edwards has confirmed plans to talk politics a month after admitting to an extramarital affair. But his wife won’t be at his side.

A representative for the former Democratic presidential candidate confirmed Friday that he would speak alone at Hofstra University in New York on Sept. 8, school spokesman Stuart Vincent said. It was initially billed as a joint appearance to talk about the 2008 election, but Vincent said Elizabeth Edwards would not attend.

Dennis Goldford, a professor of politics at Drake University, said the rapid return to the stump could make it difficult for Edwards to overcome the anger of his former supporters. Edwards went into seclusion last month after spending the better part of the past six years on the trail — running for president twice.

had maximum sustained winds of 125 mph, just 6 mph shy of the Category 4 threshold. The center of Gustav was to pass over western Cuba later Saturday and strengthening is forecast after it reaches the Gulf of Mexico.

New Orleans has taken steps to make sure everyone has a chance to leave. The state has a \$7 million contract to provide 700 buses to evacuate the elderly, the sick and anyone around the region without transportation.

LSU’s Health Care Services Division began moving patients Friday from its hospitals to facilities north of Interstate 10. A complete evacuation from Leonard J. Chabert Medical Center in Houma and Dr. Walter O. Moss Regional medical Center in Lake Charles should be finished by Sat-

urday evening. Partial evacuations are scheduled for hospitals in Bogalusa and New Orleans and University Medical Center in Lafayette has been placed on alert.

The entire Louisiana National Guard, over 7,000 members, was activated on Friday. Guardsmen also were readying in Mississippi, Alabama and Texas. More than 1,500 guardsmen were sent to New Orleans to assist with evacuations and prevent looting. Jindal sought to reassure New Orleans residents, who recall rampant looting during Katrina, that the guard and New Orleans police would fight any recurrence.

“We don’t want folks worrying about their property. It is time for people to be worried about their personal safety,” Jindal said.

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us safe.”

Bias said the ceremony will be held at the Big Spring Mall, near the entrance to Sears, at 6 p.m.

“It will be about 45 minutes long and we’ll end it with a draping ceremony,” said Bias. “We’ll honor the men and women who

have given their lives for their country, as well as their families.”

The September 11 attacks — often referred to as 9/11 — were a series of coordinated suicide attacks by terrorist group al-Qaeda upon the United States. On that morning, terrorists affiliated with al-Qaeda hijacked four commercial passenger jet airliners.

The hijackers intentionally

crashed two of the airliners into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, killing everyone on board and many others working in the building, causing both buildings to collapse within two hours, destroying at least two nearby buildings and damaging others.

The hijackers crashed a third airliner into the Pentagon.

The fourth plane crashed into a field near Shanksville in ru-

ral Somerset County, Pa., after passengers and members of the flight crew on the fourth aircraft attempted to retake control of their plane, which was heading for Washington, D.C.

There are no known survivors from any of the flights.

Excluding the 19 hijackers, an estimated 2,974 people died in the attacks.

Another 24 are missing and presumed dead.

The overwhelming majority of casualties were civilians, including nationals of over 90 different countries.

For more information on the ceremony, contact the Hangar 25 Air Museum at 264-1999.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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cies are increasing their enforcement against drunken driving during the end of the summer.

Dean Thompson, a spokesman for the Motorcycle Safety Foundation, said riders who conduct training courses always stress the dangers involved in drinking alcohol before riding.

“The skill set you need in terms of the coordination and balance and things like that, you cannot choose to drink and ride. It’s just the wrong choice to make,” he

said.

Among the states, California had 117 fewer alcohol-impaired driving deaths last year, the largest decrease in the nation. Texas had 108 fewer deaths and Arizona’s fatalities dropped by 63 deaths.

California conducted more than 1,000 sobriety checkpoints during the year and encouraged motorists to dial 911 on their cell phones if they spot a potentially drunken driver, said Christopher Murphy, who leads the state’s traffic safety office.

“Our vision is really toward zero deaths — everyone counts, so we’re not exactly celebrating these

numbers,” said Murphy, who leads the Governors Highway Safety Association.

North Carolina had 66 more deaths, the most among states, followed by South Carolina with 44 fatalities.

In addition to North Carolina and South Carolina, alcohol-impaired deaths increased in Alabama, Alaska, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia.

The latest data followed calls from dozens of col-

lege presidents to consider lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18, arguing that the laws lead to binge drinking on campus.

Mark Rosenker, acting chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Thursday he opposed the administra-

tors’ effort.

“Age 21 drinking laws have been proven time and again effective in prevent-

ing deaths and injuries,” Rosenker said. “Repealing them is a terrible idea.”



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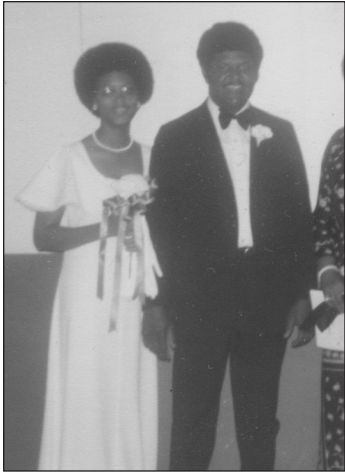
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Anniversary

Johnsons celebrate 50th Anniversary



Ullis & Frances
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Ullis, the son of Izell Johnson and the late Will Johnson, is retired from Price Construction Inc. He is an Evangelist at the Dallas & College Street Church of Christ in Colorado City.

His wife, Frances, is the daughter of the late Chester and Fannie (Williams) Harrison. She is retired from the Big Spring State Hospital. She enjoys gardening, teaching, traveling, visiting others and studying the Bible.

Ullis was born in Smithville while Frances was born in Sparkman, Ark. The couple were introduced by a friend at the Big Spring home of Frances' sister, Zadio.

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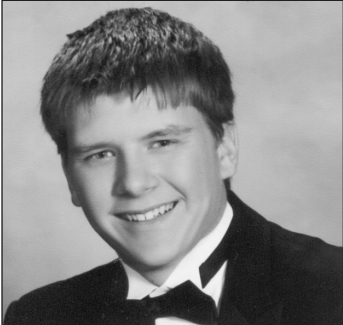
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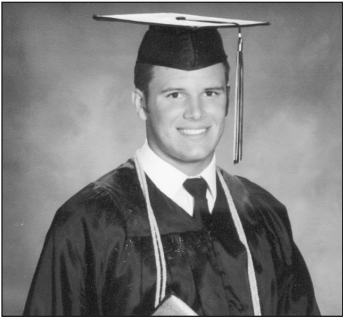
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Who's Who



Bowles



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2008 Graduates

Graduation ceremonies for Sull Ross State University in Alpine were held Saturday, Aug. 9,

2008, in the Pete P. Gallego Center on the Alpine Campus.

The following area students earned degrees: Jeremy D. Jones of Big Spring, bachelor of science, kinesiology and sports science; and Travis Breitschopf of Forsan, master of education, school administration.

Academic Honors

The following area students earned degrees from Angelo State University following the 2008 summer session: Dirk D. Dyskra, master of education; Misty K. McGuire, bachelor of fine arts; and Tiffany N. Reid, bachelor of Science.

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Sept. 4 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
 Just Peachy Café "Coffee Club," 10 a.m.

Sept. 7 – HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY.

Sept. 9 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
 Supper Club, "Pizza Inn", 5:30 p.m.

Sept. 10 – Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 p.m.

Sept. 11 – Mall Walking, 8:00 a.m.
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YOUR VIEWS

Volatile times

TO THE EDITOR,

We are living in volatile times. With our elections to take place in two months it is very important that we as a community are aware of world events.

We teach our children about education, and how to better themselves as they grow up. Children in other nations are being taught to hate, kill and destroy those who are not the same as they are.

You might say, “What can we do?” We can’t really do much about that but we can show our children the truth.

The people who hate and have attacked us have been taught their entire life to disregard those who believe in something different. Nations are rising up and pulling together and they are ready to fight to the end. Regardless of your beliefs, they want you wiped off the face of the earth.

It is time to unite and do what the founders of our country wanted us to do: unite one nation under God. Teach our children love and responsibility.

Vote when it is time, even if we don’t have a candidate who is worthy. Pay attention to worldly events like the Russia/Georgia crisis. Even though it is so far away, it is very possible that it could happen in our own country.

Pay attention to our local school districts and ask about safety issues for your children. Don’t wait until it is too late.

JOSHUA COLLOM
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Lack of code enforcement

TO THE EDITOR,

Our city council is considering allowing the in-

stallation of steel modular shipping containers in the yards of individual residences. No doubt some statement(s) will be made as to controls over any installation, so as not to be a detriment to the appearance of any neighborhood.

For quite some time the council has expounded that the beautification of Big Spring should be a high-priority item for everyone in the community. This latest proposal seems to be in direct conflict with their philosophy.

Currently, several code ordinances are already in force to control the appearance of neighborhoods so as not to be in conflict with the “Keep Big Spring Beautiful” theme that is being emphasized. These ordinances are being flaunted by lax enforcement.

Two items are especially neglected. One is the ordinance that, in effect, states that all city-provided roll-out trash containers be moved away from curbside except for the day trash is collected in each area. The second is the ordinance that regulates the placement of vehicles in front yards of residences. Code enforcement does not seem to do anything to correct a code violation unless a complaint is received because enforcement officers cannot be everywhere to see violations. Although I do not go around town looking for violations, it is easy to see obvious violations during routine trips in town. When code enforcement personnel are driving around town, I assume that they can see the same infractions that I do, and should note any addresses with violations so actions

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A SHORT PRAYER

Thank you Lord, for the friends we have and the ones we will meet tomorrow.

Amen

And the people said ‘Amen’

Good preachers, bless ‘em, are made of sturdy stuff. They are sitting ducks for criticism, and, as moving targets, usually can’t move fast enough.

In life’s shooting gallery, their battered canvases would be pock-marked by arrows and broadsides.

Such persons are called upon to be “all things to all people.” Perhaps there are no tougher assignments.

Oh, this goes for “fair” preachers, too. And even a few are in the “half of the group that makes the top half possible.”

I applaud the men and women called of God to ministry. Most folks agree that clergies face difficult tasks. And a cynic or two — maybe the same ones who buy newspapers not for edification, but just to “see if they get it right” — think they could do better jobs if given half a chance....

I maintain that many ministers are “corner posts” in the fence row of life.

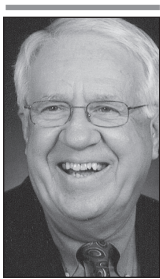
The best ones I know have several noble traits in common, one of them involving “sense.” One has “common” in front of it, and the other “of humor” behind it.

Further, they drink regularly from the dipper at deepest wells....

Just as there is a “model prayer,” there are ministers whose lives merit modeling, and two of my favorites embody the noblest traits.

They were successive pastors during the first 42 years of Colonial Hill Baptist Church in Snyder. Their twinkling eyes and quick smiles welcomed many into their church, their homes and their hearts.

Dr. Jimmie Nelson, longtime seminary professor, was the first CHBC



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pastor, serving 10 years, and following him was the Rev. Miller Robinson, who settled in for the next 32. They are long-time friends — the kind that so many in their pastoral care have called on to officiate at funerals and weddings.

A while back, they conducted the funeral service for Kenneth Wilson, a founding deacon of the church. The three men shared much in common, including a total of nine sons — Wilson had five, and the preachers, two each.

Wilson, 85, was also a community leader. Growing up during the Great Depression, he had a work ethic with starch in it, and discipline to boot. He was on the school board, director of the tax appraisal district and a World War II Marine veteran who served four years in the South Pacific, where horrific battles raged.

Tested and true, he and his wife, Bernie, taught their children well.

Preachers of funerals often refer to “celebrating lives.” What they don’t say is that some celebrations are bigger than others.

Wilson’s was huge.

Paul, the fourth Wilson son, spoke for his siblings from a heart brimming with remembrances....

His thoughts, if somehow bottled, would be great elixirs for parents today. He loved and revered his dad for Godly traits and for “bringing him, David, Rusty, Johnny and Chuck up in the ways they should go.”

A good provider who held jobs simultaneously and did all of them well, Wilson was an even better husband and father.

There were recollections of his discipline....

One experience is vivid to Chuck. He was “sentenced” to running laps around the house until told to stop.

His dad, who worked for Chevron Oil Company and farmed at the same time, was a “can ‘til can’t” kind of guy, and during Chuck’s

laps, he decided to rest his eyes. He drifted off; Chuck kept running. Finally, Paul decided to wake his dad up, and the decision was timely. Chuck was just about “lapped out.”

John remembers long hours in the cotton field, tending his portion that would “get him through college.” That’s what each son was told, and that’s what happened; all five have college degrees.

At age 16, the brothers were permitted to drive the farm pick-up. One day, John skipped out on cotton field duties, opting to sneak off to Snyder in the pick-up.

Trouble was, it was mid-afternoon on a Friday, and he didn’t get back to the farm until around midnight. Uh-oh — the light was on, and his dad was still up.

The youngster relaxed a bit, thankful that Dad seemed totally calm, and there was no belt to be seen. His dad ordered him to climb to the peak of the roof.

“I’m there,” John said, glancing toward Snyder, five or so miles away. He offered a quick “yes” when asked if he could see the lights of town.

“Well take a good, long look,” his dad said, “Because you aren’t going to see ‘em again for three months.” And he didn’t....

All the Wilson boys want their kids and grandkids to “go to school” on their dad’s life.

For memorial services honoring such lives as this, one man’s home-going marks a rich homecoming time for others whose life he touched. It was indeed a celebration — as good as they get on this side of the river.

This trio, a deacon and his pastors, will “do to ride the river with.”

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Politics plays the cliché card

With one political convention nearly over and another set to begin, a huge question looms over the American political landscape.

That question isn’t: “Who’s gonna win in November?”

It is: “Will this be the most cliché-ridden election season in history?”

Because along with the usual array of hackneyed phrases, vacuous sayings, trite verbiage, empty rhetoric and meaningless babble that cluster about political campaigns, the 2008 presidential race already may be challenging the record for clichés, led by the old warhorse: “playing the (insert word here) card.”

During the primaries, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama’s bid for the Democratic nomination meant that the phrase “playing the race card” was whipped out as frequently as a lobbyist’s gold Amex. Sometimes it means an opponent’s subtle introduction of a distasteful element into a campaign; other times, it means that the candidate himself is introducing the element, claiming that his opponent was already doing it, anyway.

Among the Republicans, the candidacy of U.S. Sen. John McCain prompted this variation: “playing the age card.” And then there was “playing the gender card” in reference to the unsuccessful candidacy of U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, or “playing the Mormon card” in reference to the similarly doomed candidacy of Mitt Romney. There was even “playing the



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arugula card” in reference to charges of elitism against Obama, who once mentioned - innocuously - the vegetable, proving that in politics, nothing is innocuous.

The playing-card metaphor has been around for centuries, as language mavens such as William Safire repeatedly remind us. On Page 378 of the recently published fourth edition of “American Slang” (Collins), editors Barbara Ann Kipfer and Robert L. Chapman note that “playing the (something) card” can be traced back at least as far as 1886.

But clichés, like the fortunes of hedge-fund managers, rise and fall. And in the 2008 election, the playing-card cliché is a definite “buy.” Indeed, the 2008 campaign seems destined to bring out the worst in the English language.

The culprit? The Internet and its punishing deadlines, says Michael Calderone, who writes a media blog for politico.com.

“The ‘blank’ card seems to come up all the time” in campaign coverage, Calderone notes in an e-mail. “There’s often a tendency, especially now that reporters are always on deadline because of the Internet, to fall back into cliché.”

No longer can a journalist sink into a comfy armchair and ruminate about an original phrase to describe a moment on the campaign trail; by the time she has finished musing, 3,017 Web sites and 14,356 blogs have reported the news and moved on. Chin-stroking has given way to cliché-slinging.

Politics, to be sure, has never been kind to language.

Through constant repetition, it tends to turn once sharp-edged and meaningful phrases into mushy pulp or to reduce complex ideas

into bumper-sticker platitudes. In his much-anthologized 1946 essay “Politics and the English Language,” the British writer George Orwell complained that political writing means “gumming together long strips of words which have already been set in order by someone else.”

He further charged that “the slovenliness of our language makes it easier for us to have foolish thoughts.”

Orwell’s countryman Martin Amis, in his 2001 essay collection “The War Against Cliche,” is even stricter: “Style is morality,” he lectures.

And yet it is also true that clichés are a ruthlessly effective shorthand. If you need to communicate quickly and efficiently, a cliché can be a better tool than an original phrase. When pirates threaten and the captain yells, “All hands on deck!” she is using a cliché - and probably saving the ship. By the time she finally formulated the order, “Might the motley occupants of this noble vessel kindly make their way to the foredeck, there to engage in vigorous conflict with our bellicose visitors?” many heads would have been lopped off.

Sometimes, you can have a double-scoop of cliché. When Obama told an audience that Republicans would note how he “doesn’t look like all those other presidents on those dollar bills,” McCain’s campaign manager, Rick Davis, said Obama “has played the race card, and he played it from the bottom of the deck.”

And Davis said it with a poker face.

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STEERS

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Big Spring held that lead through the opening stanza. However, Snyder was able to control the ball for most of the second quarter. After taking a 7-6 lead courtesy of a 4-yard run by tailback Chase Arrendale, the Tigers executed a high pooch kick that traveled slightly more than 10 yards. A Steer moved under the ball, but was tagged by two Tigers right as it hit his hands. The hit jarred it loose and Snyder recovered. The Tigers used a no huddle

attack to go with their power running game, eventually wearing down the Steers’ defense because of the amount of time it spent on the field. Eventually, quarterback Jesse Conner scampered into the end zone from 4 yards out, then nailed the extra point, putting the Steers down by 8 with 2:13 left in the first half. Big Spring took over at its own 24, but quickly moved into Snyder territory courtesy of a 38-yard run by Monte Anderson. Two plays later, Ritchey connected with Sidney Parker Jr. on a fade route, taking the ball down to the 11.

It took the Steers another two plays to score from there as Ritchey plunged into the end zone for his second 1-yard touchdown run of the night. Zamir Linton took the snap at quarterback for the 2-point conversion, rolling out to his right, but finding nobody open. Linton threw the ball up for grabs in the back of the end zone and Parker ended up coming down with it, tying the game at 14 which is how it remained until halftime. Big Spring came out of the locker room carrying that momentum, traveling 81 yards in six plays and ending up with the go-ahead score after Ritchey connected with Parker for an 11-yard touchdown pass. Turns out the 20-14 advantage is all the Steers needed as the defense led by Hollandsworth took over from there. “Snyder got their chance

es to even the score, but our defense made some big plays,” said Ritchey. “Cade made some big plays. This was a perfect game for him to play middle linebacker. Snyder likes to run the ball downhill and Cade loves to play downhill. This whole game was a highlight film for him.” Snyder’s best opportunity to tie it up came late in the third quarter. However, on fourth and two from the Big Spring 4, Hollandsworth shot into the backfield and stuck Snyder’s Arrendale for a 4-yard loss. The furthest Snyder moved into Steers’ territory after that play was the 46-yard line. “Cade led the way for the defense, but the guys around him had stellar games, too,” said Ritchey. “As a whole, we played a great defensive game.” Offensively, Big Spring outgained Snyder 293-204, despite the Tigers running

22 more offensive plays. Ritchey finished 7-for-8 for 136 yards passing and 49 yards rushing with two 1-yard scores. He was intercepted once and threw for another touchdown. Anderson carried the ball 12 times for 98 yards and Parker led the team with 127 yards receiving on five catches. Ritchey noted Big Spring could have possibly topped 400 total yards had several long runs not been called back due to penalties. “We had three or four runs brought back on penalties and we thought a couple of them were questionable calls,” he said. “We’ll have to go look at the game film and see what happened, but regardless of the calls, it’s probably something we need to get fixed.” Big Spring makes a 360-mile trip next week, traveling to Denison to take on the Yellow Jackets. It will be the longest docu-

mented trip made for a regular season game in school history.

Big Spring 20, Snyder 14
Big Spring 6 8 6 0—20
Snyder 0 14 0 0—14

First Quarter
BS - Matt Ritchey 1 run (kick blocked), 4:43

Second Quarter
Sny - Chase Arrendale 4 run (Jesse Conner run), 5:13
Sny - Conner 4 run (run failed), 3:18
BS - Ritchey 1 run (Sidney Parker pass from Zamir Linton), 1:05

Third Quarter
BS - Parker 11 pass from Ritchey (kick failed), 9:17

Individual Statistics
Rushing - Big Spring - Monte Anderson 12-98, Matt Ritchey 14-49, Zamir Linton 4-13, LaRay Woodard 2-(-3); Snyder - Chase Arrendale 30-124, Clint McFatridge 7-15, Jesse Conner 13-14, Kenneth Turner 2-11.
Passing - Big Spring - Ritchey 7-8-1-136; Snyder: Jesse Conner 3-9-0-38.
Receiving - Big Spring: Sidney Parker 5-127, LaRay Woodard 2-9; Snyder - Shade Roemisch 1-19, McFatridge 1-14, Anthony Taylor 1-5.

Contract
Bridge

By Steve Becker
A Bridge Player's Nightmare

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

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

SOUTH

♠ K 8 4
♥ 10 9 2
♦ K 6
♣ A K 9 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1 NT Dble Pass Pass
Pass

Opening lead — four of hearts.

Advocates of the weak notrump — 12 to 14 points — often argue its merits strongly, but the fact is that they are toying with dynamite. Unless they are exceptionally adept in its use, they will periodically suffer a disaster of mind-blowing proportions.

Consider this deal where North-South were playing the weak notrump. Most Souths would open one club and not give any other bid a thought. But the actual South elected to utilize his favorite bidding gadget

and commenced activities with a notrump.

West doubled, and North — who should have resorted to rescue operations immediately by bidding two clubs — passed. East likewise passed, expecting a rich harvest, and South, feeling he had told his story in toto, also passed.

West led a heart, and the blitzkrieg was under way. East won with the queen and, shooting for big game, shifted to the queen of diamonds. The king lost to the ace and back came a diamond, whereupon East cashed five diamond tricks. Then came the king and another heart from East, producing this position:

	North			East
	♠ J 9 7			♠ Q 5
	♥ J			♥ Q 2
West			South	
♠ A 10			♠ K 8	
♥ A			♥ A K	
♣ 7				

When West next cashed the ace of hearts, East parted with a club and South reluctantly discarded the king of clubs. West thereupon imposed the final indignity upon the beleaguered declarer by returning a club, causing South to lose two spade tricks at the finish for down six — 1,700 points!

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FORSAN

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ground via runs of 26 and 3 yards. Overall, the Eagles rushed 50 times for 245 yards with Ivany Sanchez topping the century mark with 102. Forsan, a team that used the ground game as its primary weapon last season, was held to zero yards rushing on the night. “We had some positive yards on

the ground,” said penalties and some untimely sacks negated those yards quickly. I’m happy with how we threw the ball, but I really thought our quickness and experience in the backfield would have been more effective. We are going to have to get better at balancing our attacks.” Robbins finished the game with three catches for 119 yards and was also a leader in the defensive secondary, which held the Eagles to



Robbins

just three completions. Ryan Flores had a pick and Zane Herrin and Michael Hill helped force Eldorado to stay on the ground. Next week, the Buffs play Coahoma, a team they have not seen since the 2003-04 season. The Bulldogs won that contest 58-24, when they shared a district with Forsan in the Buffs’ last year of 2A play. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. in Forsan.

Forsan	0	7	0	2—9
Eldorado	13	0	13	0—26

Rushing: Forsan - Jeremy Freitag 7-3, Jace Sandridge 2-1, Aaron Valle 2-(-9), Alex Huckabee 10-(minus 23).
Passing: Forsan - Huckabee 9-26-2-157, Robbins 0-1-0-0.
Receiving: Forsan — Kody Willis 4-32, Robbins 3-119, Sandridge 1-4, Garrett 1-2.

OPEN

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No. 8 seed Andy Roddick went from a big deficit late Friday night to a big lead in the wee hours of Saturday morning and, eventually, a 3-6, 7-5, 6-2, 7-5 victory over Ernests Gulbis of Latvia.

Perhaps it was no coincidence that Roddick turned things around so completely after spiking his equipment. He had just missed two ground-strokes to fall behind by a set and a break against a 40th-ranked kid who never has won a tournament title, much less a major championship. Moments later, Roddick, winner of the 2003 U.S. Open and a former No.

1, was down 5-3 in the second set. Roddick has had a tough season, having lost in the third round of the Australian Open, pulled out of the French Open because of a right shoulder injury, then bowed out at Wimbledon in the second round. He bypassed the Beijing Olympics, hoping to be better prepared for the U.S. Open by staying on this side of the world.

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DEAR MARGO: Lights, Camera, Action!

Dear Margo: I have been working for a director for some time now — from the time I was in school. I adore him; he's my hero. He's married to an older woman who is a producer with whom I also work.

Recently I've been working very closely with him. We're both very affectionate people, and I know he considers me the apple of his eye. Things started out innocently, like kissing him on both cheeks and holding him for a bit longer than necessary, but later turned into a single kiss on the lips,

then many kisses on the lips, then tongues came into the picture.

He's talked to me about this and said I have to face reality about the situation, that it is inappropriate — not only because he is married and my employer, but also because he's 40 years older than I am.

But we still continue our physical relationship (which hasn't gone further than smooching), as well as our wonderful friendship.

His wife knows we're very close, but doesn't suspect anything. I'm madly in love

with him, but somehow I'm content to just be his friend and half-partner. I don't want to break up their marriage (I love his wife very much, too), but I know finding out about us would be painful for her. Why don't I feel guilty? — *Curious*

Dear Cure: To answer your question technically, people who have something to feel guilty about but don't are considered sociopaths (formerly known as psychopaths).

Granted, what you are up to is not in the upper range of offenses, but the fact that you mention guilt suggests you know that your behavior is out of bounds.

When you say things have not gone further than smooching, I would hazard a guess, given your director's age, that perhaps nothing more is doable — or he would be doing it. Don't you find it a bit strange that this man has invited you to face reality and called the little games "inappropriate," and yet they continue?

It is entirely possible that his older wife knows exactly what's happening, and my guess is you couldn't break up the marriage. While you may think you are running the show, I think you are the one who's being toyed with. Just saying. — *Margo, insightfully*

Welcome Home!

Dear Margo: My best

friend just returned home from a temporary one-year contract job out of town to find that his wife, who is nine months pregnant, has been sleeping with her boss (30 years her senior, I might add).

He is devastated, unemployed and quickly seeing everything around him fall to pieces. When he asked his 5-year-old daughter to describe this man, she referred to him as "Mommy's husband."

The baby is due soon, and my friend is (smartly) having a paternity test done. If it's not his child, what advice would you have? He has no family where he lives — everyone is related to her.

But there's a 5-year-old girl he adores and cannot leave. My gut tells me to encourage him to move to a new city and start a new life if the baby is not his. It would just be too difficult to stay where all the players live in the same small town. — *Trying To Help My Friend*

Dear Try: A paternity test would almost be redundant, presuming there were no furloughs, though it certainly would be useful in relieving your friend of child-support payments for the new baby.

I am assuming a divorce is in the works. As for your wishing to be supportive,

offering your shoulder will be most appreciated.

One thing you might try to get across to him is that, even though all her relatives are in this small town, he did nothing wrong. She did. It sounds like employment will be the determining factor in the outcome for your friend.

If he needs to travel or live elsewhere, he will do it and find a way to manage visitation. Should he want to remain in the small town, providing there is work there, I predict he can find a way to make it work. — Margo, manageably

Wake Up and Smell the Manipulator

Dear Margo: I think my husband of 20 years had an affair. He claims he and this woman (someone I know) were "just friends," and that she was "someone to talk to" while he and I were having difficulties. Well, talk they did. He called her four and five times a day, and God knows how many times a day she called him. (Her marriage wasn't doing well, either.)

He took her out on the town until 3 a.m. and lied to me about where he was and who he was with. We separated twice, with him coming home both times.

The last time I told him that if things were going to work out, this woman and her "friendship" had to go.

She is younger, thinner and self-employed, while I'm in my mid-40s, 20 pounds overweight and a stay-at-home mom.

He readily agreed. Since then I have reason to believe (from text messages, one offering phone sex) that they are still in contact. When I try to discuss this with him, he immediately gets angry and accuses me of being delusional and paranoid, saying he has never given me a reason to not trust him. (Yeah, right.)

It's not that I don't see that he's making an effort in our marriage, because he is. But I did discover the phone sex text message, and another to go out for drinks, six months after he said she was out of his life. Am I being paranoid and delusional? I know you'll suggest counseling, and I have already asked my doctor for a referral, although that was more to deal with depression and 20 years of emotional and verbal abuse from my husband. — *Paranoid and Delusional in Canada*

Dear Par: You certainly saved the best for last. On top of the fact that your husband has been lying to you about the woman with whom he is "just friends," he has been abusive for the whole of your marriage — two decades.

While he may be making an effort at soothing the situation, he is also trying to manipulate you. You are neither delusional nor paranoid, but he is a skunk. It's never too late for a new beginning. I suspect that along with alimony, you will get some peace of mind and self-respect. — *Margo, unambiguously*

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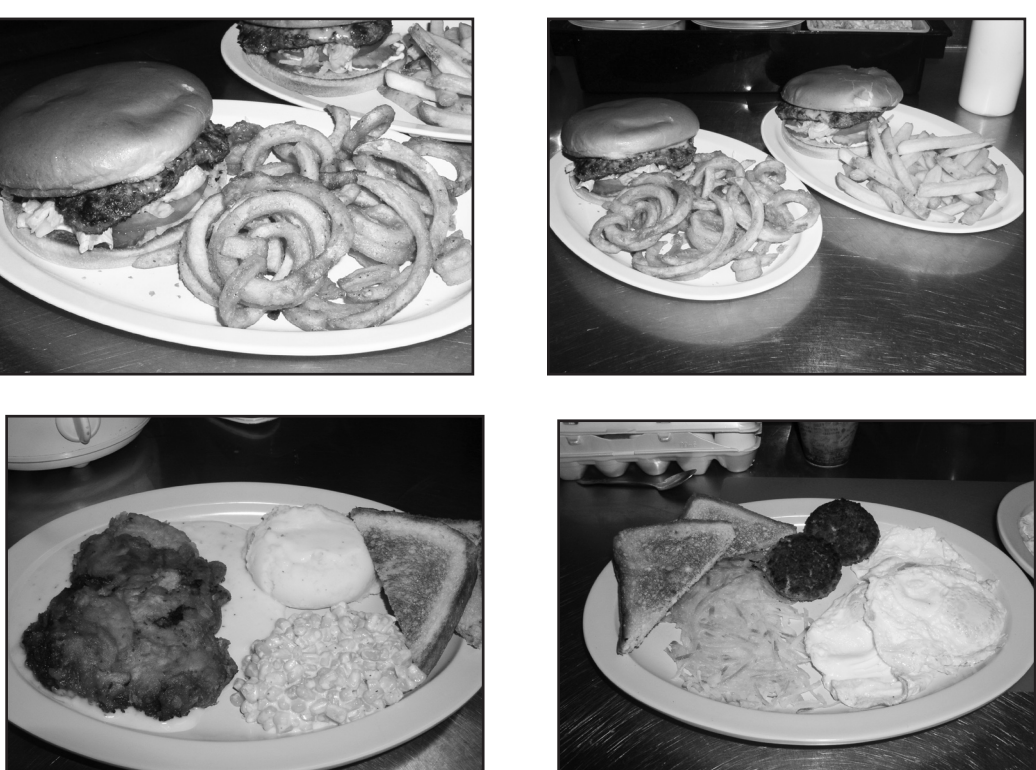


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Smiles For a Lifetime: Keeping Teeth and Mouth Healthy

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The makers of Arm & Hammer Advance White Toothpaste recently conducted a survey to uncover the answers to these and other fun oral care questions. Some of the most interesting tidbits include:

“You’re Hired!” Trumps “I Do!”

Three out of four respondents want their smile to be

its best at a job interview, while only half vowed that they needed a sparkling smile for their own wedding.

First Impressions on First Dates.

While the nose knows that body odor ranks first on the list of biggest turn-offs during a first date, bad breath came in a very close second.

Tooth Whitening is “White Hot.”

a” Six out of ten respondents have taken steps to whiten their teeth using over-the-counter drug store products, with toothpaste being the most popular whitening product pur-

chased.

Those who are whitening their teeth need to remember that whitening doesn’t necessarily mean that teeth are being well cared for. Whitening toothpastes need to contain fluoride and ingredients that fight plaque and tartar. When choosing any toothpaste, buy one that:

- Delivers fluoride to fight cavities
- Cleans away plaque
- Provides gentle cleaning
- Is one that you will use regularly

Taking good care of teeth does more than make a pretty smile. Good oral health can improve overall health

by cutting the risk of heart disease, diabetes and stroke.

For a truly healthy smile, listen to mom. She and the dentist were right: brushing at least twice a day, flossing and seeing a dentist twice a year are the real keys to good oral health.

So just which Hollywood hunk’s smile makes women want to share a sink with them? George Clooney and his arresting smile secured the top spot, while Matthew McConaughey clinched second, and Brad Pitt took third.

For more on good oral health, visit www.myoralcare.com.
Story from Family Features
Source: Arm & Hammer

Menus

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, yogurt, juice, milk; Lunch, pepperoni pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, sliced peaches, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, French toast stixs, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch, stuffed baked potato, baby carrots w/ranch, fresh fruit, Texas toast, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, scrambled eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, corn dog, oven fries, fresh broccoli w/ranch, sparkly apples, crispy cereal treat, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, muffins, applesauce, juice, milk; Lunch, nachos grande, lettuce & tomatoes, orange smiles, cornbread, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast pizza, juice, milk; Lunch, oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, hot rolls, fancy gelatin and milk.

sausage links, orange juice, milk; High school breakfast, pancakes sausage on a stick, grape juice, fruity Cherrio BB, milk; Lunch, chicken-fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit cocktail, wheat rolls, milk.

Thursday: Elementary school breakfast, PBJ Uncrustables, fruit punch, milk; High School breakfast, pancakes sausage on a stick, grape juice, Frosted Flake BB, milk; Lunch, deli sub, pickles, plain potato chips, applesauce, milk, carrot sticks, ranch dressing.

Friday: Elementary school breakfast, strawberry Pop Tarts, pears, milk; High school breakfast, honey bun, fresh fruit, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, French fries, assorted fresh fruit, pickles, lettuce & tomatoes, milk, rainbow bar.

milk, blushing pears.

Stanton ISD

Monday: Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast, oatmeal; Lunch, pizza or corn-dog, mixed vegetables, garden salad, pears, ranch dressing.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits/gravy, bacon or sausage; Lunch, hot dogs or burritos, chili, corn, vegetable sticks, fruit cocktail.

Thursday: Breakfast, French toast; Lunch, chicken fajita or casserole, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple, cornbread.

Friday: Breakfast, breakfast burritos; Lunch, sandwiches, French fries, vegetarian beans, sandwich salad, applesauce.

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, syrup, orange juice, milk; pizza, salad, oranges, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, Pop Tarts, ham, apple juice, milk; Lunch, taco salad, ranch, beans, fruit cups, milk, corn dogs.

Thursday: Breakfast, gravy, sausage, jelly, grape juice, milk; Lunch, McRibs, potato salad, strawberries, sliced bread, milk, Sloppy Joe.

Friday: Breakfast, oatmeal, sausage, orange juice, milk; Lunch, hamburgers, salad, trays, chips, applesauce, milk.

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Monday: Labor Day Holiday

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Friday: chicken-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls,

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday: Elementary school breakfast, sausage patties, biscuits, applesauce cup, milk; High school breakfast, pancakes sausage on a stick, grape juice, cinn. BB, milk; Lunch, chicken breast, brown rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, Mandarin oranges, wheat rolls, milk, animal crackers.

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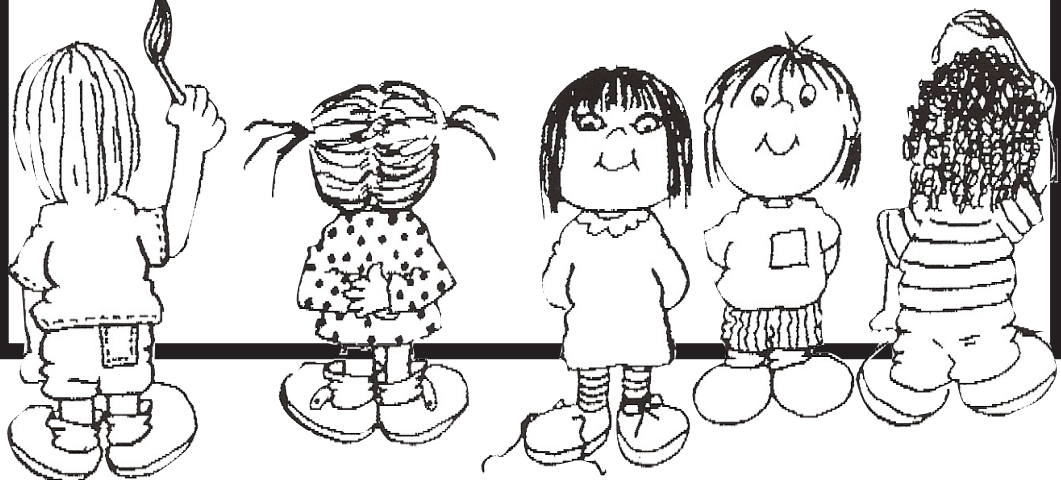
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Common things abusers say

You’re stupid, useless, ugly, putting on weight ...

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If you tell anyone else about the abuse ... you’ll be sorry, no one will believe you, I’ll report you to social services as an unfit mother.

If you try to leave me...you’ll never get away, you couldn’t cope without me, I’ll snatch the kids and you’ll never see them again
I’ll track you down and find you, even if it takes years and I’ll kill you, you’ll never be able to live in peace never knowing when it will happen...

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- 1. Understand the expertise and responsibilities of your child's school counselor.**
School counselors make a measurable impact in every student's life, assisting with academic, career and personal/social development. Professional school counselors are trained in both educating and counseling, allowing them to function as a facilitator between parents, teachers and the student in matters concerning the student's goals, abilities and any areas needing improvement. School counselors provide services not only to students in need, but to all students.
- 2. Meet or contact your child's school counselor at least three times per school year.**
The beginning of a school year is an excellent opportunity to initiate contact with your child's school counselor and doing so can ensure your child's positive school experience. Find out who the counselor is and what his or her experience and background are. By communicating with one another at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year, parents and counselors can have a definite impact on a child's success.
- 3. Discuss your child's challenges and concerns with the school counselor.**
As as a parent, you know your child best. However, the school counselor can help you better understand your child as a student. It's important to encourage your child's expression of needs, hopes and frustrations. School counselors are trained to help your children.
- 4. Learn about your child's school and social connections from the school counselor.**
When you need information or assistance, your child's school counselor can help you get in touch with the appropriate school officials; learn about school policies on behavior, attendance, and dress; know the school calendar of important dates and stay connected with the school in many other ways. The school counselor can also help you locate resources in the community when you need them.
- 5. Work with the social counselor to identify resources and find solutions to problems.**
If your child is having a problem at school, it is important to work with your child's school counselor to find solutions. Discuss resources available within and outside of the school, and get information on how such programs can benefit your child. Your school counselor can be a valuable partner in your child's education and preparation for life beyond school.

Young Students

Pedestrian injuries are the second leading cause of unintentional death among children ages five to 14. Children who walk to school or to a bus stop must be reminded to:

1. Look left, right, then left again before crossing the street.
2. Always try to cross a street when a crossing guard is present.
3. Cross in front of the bus only after the driver signals it's okay to do so.



Tips For School Bus Riders

- Line up facing the bus, not along side it.
- Do not play in the street while waiting for the bus.
- Carry all loose belongings in a bag or backpack.
- Never reach under the school bus to get anything that has rolled or fallen beneath it. The bus driver may be sitting too high up to see you.
- After getting off the bus, move immediately onto the sidewalk and out of traffic. If there is no sidewalk, try to stay as far to the side off the road as possible.
- Wait for a signal from the bus driver before crossing the street. Walk at least 10 steps away from the front of the bus so the driver can see you.
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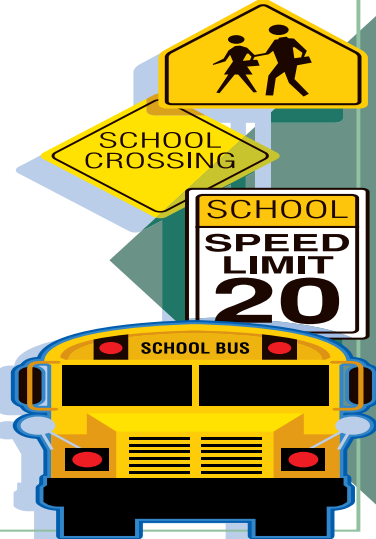
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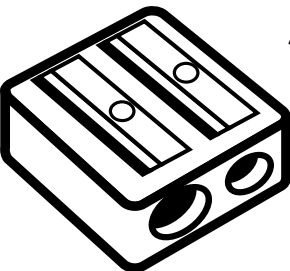


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Tractor Supply to open Wednesday

Special to the Herald

The new Tractor Supply Company store in Big Spring will open for business at 8 a.m. Wednesday, according to store manager Heath Harrison.

"We're excited about opening our doors and welcoming customers," said Harrison. "We're ready to serve our neighbors in Big Spring and the surrounding communities."

Tractor Supply Company is the largest retail farm and ranch supply

store chain in the United States.

The new Big Spring Tractor Supply Company store is at 1104 W. Interstate 20 and has 19,097 square feet, including sales floor and support service space. A fenced exterior space offers a display area for items such as fencing, sprayers and livestock equipment. The store employs 16 full- and part-time employees.

A grand opening is planned for mid-November.

Tractor Supply Company, listed

on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange as TSCO, operates more than 791 stores in 43 states. Tractor Supply Company stores are focused on supplying the lifestyle needs of recreational farmers and ranchers. The company also serves the maintenance needs of those who enjoy the rural lifestyle, as well as tradesmen and small businesses.

For more information on Tractor Supply, access the Web site at www.TractorSupply.com.

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.



Geopolitical concerns were front and center again last week as the conflict between Russia and Georgia seems likely to keep energy markets on high alert for a while. Though the conflict between the two countries has slowed to just a trickle of news, it is becoming readily apparent that a final resolution and withdrawal of military forces is not going to occur quickly. Last week, Georgia accused Russian military forces of destroying a key railway bridge in the town of Kaspi. The bridge was the only remaining route for transporting crude oil to the Georgian coast for transport. As a result, crude oil production in the region has slowed as new export options are considered. Production in Azerbaijan has been hardest hit with some estimates showing a production cut of more than half a million barrels per day.

Concerns were especially heightened last Thursday as speculation arose that Russia may halt all oil exports to the West. That scenario seems unlikely given Russia's dependency on oil export revenues and the lack of other buyers capable of buying the crude. Despite the unlikely nature of the scenario, the rumors added to increasing concerns throughout the world that Russia may be in the early stages of reasserting itself as a global military and economic power. If this is true and Russia continues to flex its muscles it could be bullish for energy prices.

On the domestic front this week, we received more of the same news from the Department of Energy. Wednesday's inventory report showed a huge increase in crude oil inventories and a huge decline in gasoline inventories. Both inventories changed by considerably more than analysts had expected. The same scenario that we have been discussing for a few weeks now was at play again. Refiners cut their capacity utilization ratio by an additional 2 percent this week, despite the fact that the current ratio is already far below normal for this time of year. Imports of refined products were also far below normal. In fact, gasoline imports are now a full 1 million barrels per day below the long-term average for this time of year.

Crude prices this week were very volatile. Prices rose modestly early in the week in the absence of fresh fundamental news and the continuation of the conflict between Russia and Georgia. Wednesday should have seen some sharp price movements because it was expiration day for the September crude oil contract and the energy inventory report showed such large changes in inventories. Goldman Sachs was also out on Wednesday reiterating its forecast for crude oil prices to rise to \$149 by the end of the year. On the day, crude rallied just over a \$1 despite the huge inventory build while gasoline rallied a little more than four cents.

Refiners were clearly hoping for a decline in crude oil prices and a sharp rally in gasoline, a scenario that the inventory numbers would seem to support, in order to widen their crack spreads and increase their profitability. Unfortunately for them, the initial sell-off in crude oil following the DOE's report was short-lived as was the initial spike in gasoline prices.

Last Thursday was the big day for energy. It was a slow news day on the fundamental side of the market, but tensions overseas coupled with a sharp reversal lower in the dollar rallied commodity markets. October crude oil surged more than \$6 at one point on Thursday before closing higher by \$5.62. Most traders spent the day scratching their heads and wondering if anything had changed. Clearly there was some additional bad news on the economic front last week that could explain the sharp fall in the dollar, but bad economic news should also be bad for energy prices. Some traders suggested that the \$110 level in crude oil had proved to be a support that could not be broken while others suggested that the rally was just a "dead cat bounce" after energy markets suffered significant losses over the past six weeks.

Whichever argument ultimately turns out to be true, Friday's market action seemed to support the later suggestion. On Friday, the dollar rallied sharply against all of the major currencies while energy prices were sharply lower. To us, this seems to make sense given the still bearish fundamental news in the energy markets. A sustained rally for energy futures will need some fundamental shift in the data. So far, we have seen nothing to suggest that energy demand is going to recover in the U.S. or around the world anytime soon. There are some risks to the supply side of the market if geopolitical tensions continue to rise or if OPEC uses the recent price declines as an excuse to lower production levels. However, until something fundamental occurs to alter supply, the demand side of the equation should be in control of energy markets and right now, the data are bearish.

Portions of this article were produced Aug. 8 by Nathan Golz, futures researcher. Its publication is a collaborative effort and the information is obtained from sources considered reliable, however accuracy is not guaranteed by A.G. Edwards.



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At Doghaven Resort, an animal day care and boarding service, owners Marie and Carey Karns play with Miss Julie, left, Chrissy, and Cinnamon. The new business opened Monday and is located at 5215 Callahan Road.

Doghaven gives pets something to bark about

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Features Writer

Marie and Cary Karns are living in dog heaven, or, more precisely — Doghaven.

The husband and wife team opened Doghaven Resort, a doggie day care and boarding facility Monday at their home on 5215 Callahan Road in the Silver Heels addition.

"It's been a dream of mine for about seven years now," said Marie. "I used to work part-time in a doggie day care in Arkansas. This has been a dream, a prayer, that one of these days would come true."

Doghaven provides care for dogs Monday through

Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. where the animals receive specialized attention during the day and boarding for short and long-term stays.

Individualized attention is one of the advantages of boarding your pet at Dog Haven, Marie said.

"I usually stay out with the dogs in the morning," she said. "I'll let them out at 7 a.m. ... to go potty and everything and then they eat breakfast at around 8 a.m. Then that's when they go out-

side to play. They play for about an hour or two and when it starts to get really hot they'll want to go back in. They will actually go to the back of the building and scratch on the door. They want back in where it's cool."

The dogs have an area of about two acres of fenced-in land to romp and play with a section set aside for the larger dogs and an area for the smaller pooches. Two wading pools in the outside play area are there

for dogs who enjoy getting their fur wet.

And once the animals have tired themselves out, they are taken into a climate-controlled kennel area for rest and water.

"There's a play area inside where I let them play a little bit," Marie added. "Eventually we are going to add on a room inside where we'll have a play area separate from their cages. Right now, their play area is where their cages are."

Doghaven charges \$11 for a full day of doggie care and \$9 for half a day, before taxes. Dogs must be



DOGHAVEN 7C

What's with all the moths?

Fall is always an interesting time of the year in West Texas. The season is usually marked by hopefully cooler

temperatures and rainfall. The change in weather patterns also seems to bring on a lot of insect movement. Thus far, our office has received calls on dragonfly larvae, crane fly larvae, crickets and whip scorpions. Now there seems to be a major influx of moths coming into towns in Howard County. We always get a series of questions associated with the influx of insects



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— what are they; will they hurt me or my landscape; how do I kill them; why are there so many?

Scientists have worked on insect outbreaks for a number of years. Obviously, if we could predict outbreaks we could expect to control insects in a timely manner with minimal disruption of the ecosystem.

Unfortunately, Mother Nature is not that cooperative. First understand that outbreaks are rare. Insects have a remarkable ability to reproduce with female moths able to lay 200 up to a 1,000 eggs in her lifetime. If this occurred every year, we would literally be covered in moths every year and we would have nothing to talk about because the high numbers would seem

normal. Therefore, natural control mechanisms must be in place to limit the number of moths.

Most experts fall into two camps. One camp thinks that specific parasites and pathogens (diseases) exist to maintain insect populations to low levels. Whenever, the parasites or diseases are at low levels the insects have the ability to increase.

The other camp thinks that it is general predators, like birds and spiders, maintain insect populations at low levels.

Both camps have valid arguments to think that their particular model is correct. In reality, a combination of these factors probably contribute to maintaining insect populations

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Back To School

Get organized! Plaster a monthly/yearly school calendar on the refrigerator to highlight upcoming events, deadlines, etc. Figure out and agree on morning routines: when to get up, bathroom rules and time, getting dressed, eating a decent breakfast, etc. in a "no nagging required / no whining allowed" environment.

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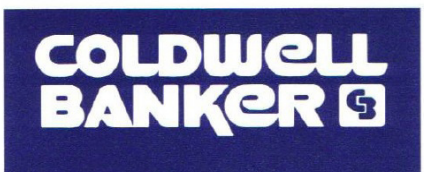


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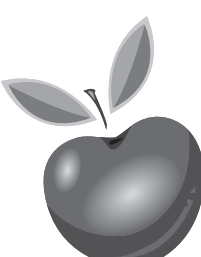
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LETTERS

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can be taken. If not, they are not doing their job. These ordinances are legal, enforceable laws. What makes them different than other laws that do not need a complaint to be filed before they can be enforced? Since existing ordinances are not enforced, why should the citizenry expect a new one to be handled any differently? The phrase “Keep Big Spring Beautiful” expresses a wonderful goal to be reached, but we have to get there first before it can be realistically applied.

ARDIS McCASLAND JR.
 BIG SPRING

It's slavery
 TO THE EDITOR,
 Let's start with asking two questions; Is slavery legal in the United States of America? How about in the state of Texas? The response to the first question is very simple. No, slavery is against the law. The response to the second question is not that simple and the response is yes. In Texas slavery still happens and the one responsible for it is the Texas Army National Guard administrators or generals, the senators of the state of Texas and the governor of the great state of Texas. You will ask why a Texas resident who loves the state of Texas is using harsh words like those. I will tell you it is a very simple story as to why I feel the way I do and you will have the opportunity to make your own opinions. At the present time the Texas Army National Guard has many (between 1,800 to 2,400) of our citizens soldiers from the 36th Infantry in Oklahoma.

They were ordered to report to duty back in July 25, 2008, as they have to get ready to be federalized for their second deployment to Iraq. Soldiers said their goodbyes to their family and their employers and reported to duty ready to serve their state and their nation. When they were ordered to report, their job benefits stopped for most of them, and their families were left without health insurance. They knew the situation was coming but there was nothing they could do. They reported proudly to serve their state and country one more time. They are all so proud of being citizen soldiers and they sure love their families and country. They are willing to put their life on the line every day to prove this. After they were on duty for the first two weeks many of them (over 80 percent) noticed their first paycheck coming from the state of Texas Army National Guard did not show up in their bank accounts or a very small amount of what they were supposed to get payed showed up. As you know, there is not much a soldier can do to protest the situation as he or she will be marked as a troublemaker and not loyal to the military or what I call slavery elites. Several weeks later they went to check their bank accounts again and they noticed they had not gotten paid what was owed to them (for the first two weeks) plus their second pay check was also missing or they got small amounts again. The Texas Army National Guard noticed the solders were not happy and they were complaining about the needs of their families for money and the problems their families are facing without any money to pay bills and support their children. So now they not

only did not have health insurance for their families, they were not getting paid. The Texas Army National Guard sent some brass to talk to all of them about the problem. Simple explanations were issued. The explanation was to the fact that during the year the state had overspent on drills and training and now there was not money in the budget to pay them. They said not to worry, that on Aug. 25, 2008, they would be federalized and then in September they would be paid. When asked about the back pay owed to them, they were told not to worry about it. These soldiers left their families and jobs to serve their state and country and the state doesn't find it necessary to live up to their part of the agreement. How can their families carry on without a paycheck and medical insurance? If the soldiers left their posts and went home to their jobs and families they would be charged with AWOL. Our politicians talk about how good they are to our soldiers and their families. Inmates imprisoned in the system get treated better than this, as it is the law. Soldiers do not have rights. The people who fight for us and our freedoms are being treated worse than our criminals. Who is responsible for this type of action? The responsible parties are the Texas Army National Guard administrators, the generals and officers in the accounting office of the Texas Army National Guard and the Governor

of the great state of Texas who talk the talk but do not walk the walk. My son is one of those many soldiers not getting paid and he will pay an incredible price for my letter as the military will hold him responsible for me and my actions but the first rule the military forgets is I am an American, a free man and a taxpayer and I have the right to speak my mind as they protect my rights to be able to speak up. Our soldiers deserve better treatment when they are on their way to fight for our freedom and I have the responsibility as a citizen who loves them and is so proud of all of them to fight for them to be treated better and not to be used like slaves and second class citizens. I call for the Texas governor, senators and the Army National Guard to give an apology to each soldier and disburse their money as soon as possible. If this is not possible they can send the men and women home and they should take their place. My hope is that this serious situation can be seen by all of you and you might encourage everyone to make this situation right. Also they should write letters to their mortgage company, bank loans, car loans, credit cards and electric companies explaining why the families of the soldiers are late with their payments and let's not forget the credit bureau who will show their payments late and will not care why they are late.

ODD NEWS
 Man wanted in theft of 87 parking meters
 NEW YORK (AP) — A Brooklyn man is accused of severing the heads of 87 New York City parking meters and stashing them in his basement. Police say 34-year-old Maurice Mizrahi is wanted for stealing the meters, then hiding them away in his house. Officers recovered them from the home after receiving a call from a resident, possibly his own mother. Police say the suspect has been arrested at least seven times in the past year for breaking parking meters. The man's mother, Renee Mizrahi, told the Daily News on Friday that she did not want to talk, “not now, not tomorrow, not ever.”

Police: Suspect stashed \$3,500 in his shoes
 NEW YORK (AP) — New York City police say a man suspected in a string of 31 bank robberies found a novel place to stash his loot: Inside his shoes. Police say Richard White admitted to robbing the banks after officers found about \$3,500 hidden in his shoes after they'd arrested him in an unrelated domestic harassment case. Police say White robbed one bank in Manhattan, eight in Queens and as many as 22 in Brooklyn. They say he got away with about \$100,000. He is also a suspect in a robbery on Long Island.

Help me help our soldiers get paid by writing to the newspapers and politicians and make them responsible for their actions. I am responsible for my comments and concerns. Our soldiers are going to another country to help others fight for their rights, it is our responsibility to fight for the rights of our soldiers and their families.

MARCUS M. FERNANDEZ
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 TO THE EDITOR,
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AWFC is now operating in the Permian Basin. Foster home developer Isaac Miramontes, a Big Spring resident is currently seeking potential foster parents in Big Spring and surrounding areas. An information meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, Sept. 4th @ 6:30 p.m., 3rd floor of the Howard County Courthouse**. All members of the community who are interested in learning more about AWFC are welcome to attend.

Please contact **Isaac Miramontes at 432-935-9056 or at miramontesi@awfc.org**

Texas news in brief

Texas judge pleads guilty to assault and resigns

ANGLETON (AP) — A Brazoria County judge accused of sexual misconduct involving three female employees pleaded guilty Friday to misdemeanor assault and official oppression charges and resigned his position as part of a plea agreement.

James A. Blackstock was also fined \$2,150 and ordered to pay an additional \$514 in court costs. The 61-year-old was charged earlier this month with 14 counts of official oppression. He was accused of touching the breast of one of the women in his office as well as while she was driving to Angleton.

He was also accused of sending lewd photos to them using a cell phone and e-mail and touching the women under their shirts and kissing them, according to court documents. The incidents took place between July 2007 and June 2008.

Under state law, official oppression happens when a public servant abuses his position to mistreat another person.

Blackstock could have spent up to a year in jail and ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine if convicted on the oppression charge.

Former El Paso school board member indicted

EL PASO (AP) — The FBI arrested a former El Paso school board member recently indicted on eight counts, including mail and wire fraud charges, a federal prosecutor announced Friday.

Salvador “Sal” Marcos Mena Jr. was accused of scheming with others to bilk the El Paso school district and district residents out of money by setting up a sham consulting contract, according to the indictment.

It alleges that Mena was paid through a vendor but never provided any consulting services.

In addition to mail and wire fraud, he is charged with conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud, deprivation of right to honest services and making false statements to obtain credit.

Mena remained in the El Paso County Jail on Friday and a jail official did not know if he had a lawyer.

Mena is accused of telling vendors who wanted to do business with the school

district that he would support their proposals if they contributed to his election and re-election campaigns.

The indictment alleges that Mena accepted cash bribes in exchange for his vote and influence.

In 2006, Mena allegedly lied to a financial institution to get a loan to remodel a family member’s home when he really had other intentions for the money, the indictment states. The federal investigation is ongoing.

Mena, a four-term trustee, resigned from the school board in 2007, a district spokeswoman said.

Doctor’s molestation case ends in mistrial

FORT WORTH (AP) — A mistrial was declared Friday after jurors were unable to decide whether a Brownwood doctor molested an 8-year-old girl during a trip to Arlington amusement parks.

Visiting Judge Jerry Woodlock declared the mistrial after jurors said they were deadlocked 11-1 after deliberating over three days in the aggravated sexual assault trial of Dr. Donald Delmer Pope, 54.

The family practice physician was accused of molesting the girl during a 2000 trip to Arlington with his daughter, then 8, as they visited several tourist attractions.

The Associated Press does not usually identify alleged victims of sexual abuse.

Pope’s daughter testified that her father slept in one bed, and she and her friend slept in the other hotel room bed. But Pope’s accuser testified she awoke in the middle of the night to find that Pope was molesting her. She said she then got into the other bed.

The girl said she didn’t tell anyone about the sex abuse at the time because she was afraid her mother, who worked for Pope, would be fired and didn’t want to endure an investigation and trial. She finally told a church camp counselor when she was 14.

But several defense witnesses — most employees of Pope — testified that the girl raved about the trip and expressed her desire to travel again with Pope and his daughter. She also continued to hang around Pope’s office, see him as a patient, hug him and give him her school photos after the trip, they testified.

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Glasscock County conducted public hearings on August 25 and August 29 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Glasscock County from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.98 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year’s tax rate of .343165 for each \$100 of taxable value was 2,657,435.00.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .2634 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is 2,869,457.00.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of .2634 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is 2,872,291.00.

The Glasscock County Commissioner’s Court is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 8, 2008 Glasscock County Courthouse Courtroom at 9:00 AM.



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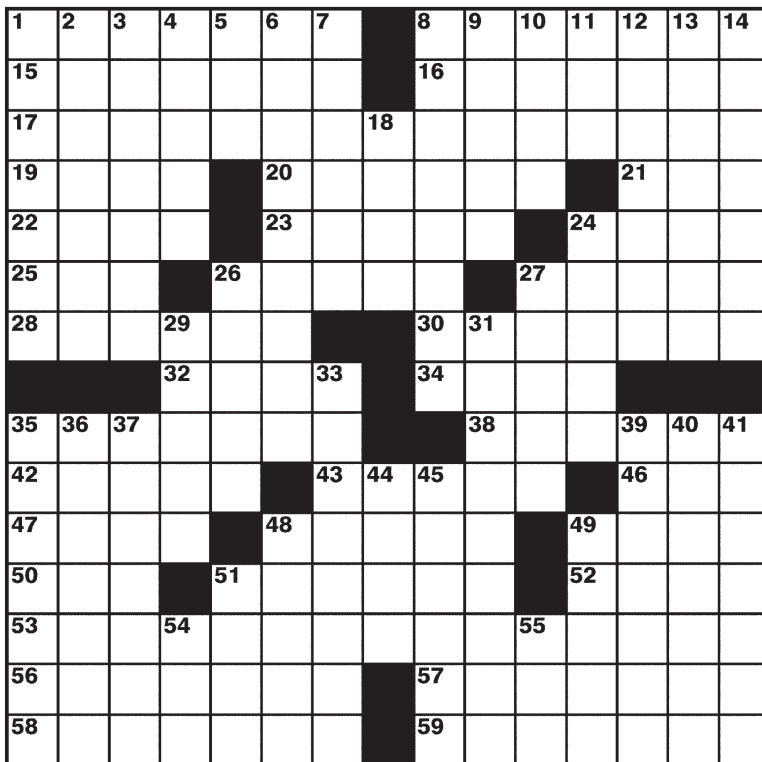
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Courtesy photo
Dr. Charles O. Warren recently received a clock from Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College president, in recognition of 45 years of service on the Howard College Board of Trustees. Warren, appointed to the HC board in 1963, has served as secretary, vice-chairman, and chairman in addition to being on various specialized committees appointed by the board.

4-H youth
wins award

Local 4-H member Judson Chevalier recently received a first-place award at the 2008 Texas 4-H Record Book competition. More than 335 senior 4-H members from across Texas participated in the competition and Chavalier was one of 40 youth winning first-place awards, taking top honors in the poultry category. The 40 winners of this years' competition qualified to participate in the Texas 4-H Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. during the Thanksgiving holiday.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's something you can do to help your community. Whether it's an understaffed soup kitchen, a children's shelter that needs donations or a scarcely visited nursing home, there's a way you can give that will change lives.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Forget about seeking peace and quiet. There's an uproarious mix of personalities around you, causing you to keep composing and re-composing yourself every few minutes.



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Detailed specifications and bid forms will be available at the Sr. Citizens Center, 210 N. Convent Street, Stanton, Texas between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Mailing address is PO Box 1233, Stanton, Texas, 79782.
Please call or fax any questions to the following numbers:
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A.L. Lindsey
President,
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AMERICAN SELF STORAGE
Pursuant to Chapter 59, Texas Property Code, American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E. FM 700 Big Spring, TX 79720 will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. Sale will be at 11:00 o'clock A.M. on Saturday, September 6th, 2008, at 3314 East F.M. 700 Big Spring, Texas. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Seller reserves the right to not accept any bid and to withdraw property from sale. Property may be sold item by item or in batches, or by the space. All sales are subject to Texas State Sales Tax. Sale is on the contents of:
Tenant: Corley, Lane, Unit #89. Household furniture misc. items.
Tenant: Galaviz, David, Unit 24. Household furniture misc. items.
Tenant: Rice, Richard, Unit #106 Household furniture misc. items.
#5882 August 24 & 31, 2008.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're inclined to think things through, but this gets old when you keep coming to the same conclusion. So instead of thinking, gather more information and ask for new opinions to shed a different light on your scene.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in a powerful cycle now so it's no surprise when you experience serendipitous events. Tonight favors your getting to deeper levels of communication so that you may understand where loved ones are coming from.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may realize that you haven't given yourself or your talent enough credence. You've been playing too small. You can apply yourself in ways you haven't even thought of yet. Defy your self-imposed limits.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). As an earth sign, you get great spiritual benefits from connecting with the dirt. Walk in nature. Plant something. William Blake said, "To create a little flower is the labor of ages."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Find out the nature of the person you adore. Love is a pleasure when you know whom you're dealing with. In contrast, a relationship with someone you don't understand is maddening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are sorely needed by your fellow humans. You balance out the dynamics around you. Loved ones count on you to be reasonable when they are too emotional, and emotional when they are too reasonable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pick up an

unfinished job and take it the distance. You'll continue to prove how capable you are in the week ahead, and all the right eyes are watching you. You'll soon be elected to save the day.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The fastest way to eliminate your trouble is to see the reasons why it might actually be a huge blessing. Tonight, groups of three are lucky. Share secrets, stories and fun with two others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Pay attention to social nuances. People choose you when you're not expecting it. And those who reach out to you are lucky to know, too. Receive them graciously.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're in a competitive mood. People who want the same things as you do are in for a surprise. You'll give them a run for their money. In return, they give you the motivation to succeed.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Venus recently joined Mercury and Mars in sociable Libra just yesterday, and combined they bring an air of cooperation and teamwork to the week's otherwise industrious Virgo energies. Our relationships particularly are strengthened by this passage, as fair-minded Libra effortlessly elevates our social sensibilities and good graces. By recognizing and honoring our differences and likenesses, synchronizing the strengths of one with the other, we bring out the best in one another. Libra is the sign of harmony and relationship. Have you ever heard of a one-part harmony? No, it's always two or three. Just

as a musical score needs complementary singers with individual talents, working with others is a source of symmetry and sweet harmony -- and holds the balance of strength we draw from in coming weeks. Notably, Saturn also joins the sun in Virgo this week, emphasizing the authenticity, integrity and skill we bring the whole of humanity. Everyone's an expert in something. What's your expertise? Saturn can temporarily dampen spirits, but the good news is if you're feeling downtrodden about your abilities, guaranteed someone nearby will see, reinforce and bring out the very best in you.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Virgo people are far more competitive than many realize. They've got something to prove. Tennis player Andy Roddick will continue to demand the best from himself. And when he doesn't meet his own high standards, a clear, honest assessment of where to best focus his efforts pulls him through Virgoan self-doubt. With Mars in Scorpio, Andy has the stamina and perseverance to succeed.

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Annie’s Mailbox ®v: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My daughter is married to a wonderful young man and they have a new baby girl. Unfortunately, her in-laws live in the filthiest house you can imagine. They have never cleaned or thrown anything away. They don't even own a vacuum. Not only that, but they smell and have a very unkempt appearance.

I feel bad for my son-in-law. He is immaculately clean despite coming from this horrible environment. I believe the mother-in-law must have some serious mental problems. Otherwise, how could she live like this? The problem now is, the in-laws wonder why their son and daughter-in-law never visit with the baby. I don't want to say anything, as I know it's not my place, but when they ask about having the baby over, should the kids be truthful and say their house is just too dirty? -- Concerned Grandparent

Dear Concerned: A home doesn't have to be immaculate. However, when it is filthy and the occupants cannot keep themselves clean, there is often a men-



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tal health issue. If the parents have always been like this, it's up to their son to decide if he wants to broach the subject or simply visit them elsewhere with the baby. If their slovenly habits have developed within the last few years, there could be a medical problem, as well. We hope your son-in-law will suggest that his parents get a complete checkup and evaluation. You can mention this to your daughter, but that's as much involvement as you should have.

Dear Annie: When is an invitation legitimate? My wife and I live a good dis-

tance from my two older siblings. We see each other three or four times a year, and at the end of these visits, as they are climbing into their car, they invite us to the beach property they bought a couple of years ago.

My wife and I feel this is not really an invitation. If they truly wanted us to come, they'd discuss the possibility during our visit, not as they are leaving, and they would invite us for a specific time.

What do you think? We have not taken them up on any of these offers and don't plan to unless they come across as more sincere. -- Mulling It Over in Mercer, Pa.

Dear Mercer: We agree that these toss-away invitations are afterthoughts, not plans. However, that does not make them insincere. With siblings, it is sometimes assumed you'll let them know when you're interested and a more formal invitation is unnecessary. So call them on it. The next time they tell you to come see their beach house, say, "We'd love to. What's a good date for you?"

I'll put it on our calendar."

Dear Annie: This is in response to the letter from "Fuming Sister-in-Law." She complained that the graduation invitation from her husband's nephew arrived late and was nothing more than an incredibly rude gift solicitation.

My daughter recently graduated from college and I did the same thing. Since her college does not offer announcements, the invitations fill that need. I wanted our family and friends to know of her achievement, and I included a photo of the happy graduate. I plan to do the same when her sister graduates in two years.

Before doing this, I gave it a lot of thought. I knew some of our family members and friends might look at it the way "Fuming" did, but in the end, pride won out. We weren't soliciting gifts. The invitation was an announcement of an accomplishment, nothing more. -- A Proud Mom

Dear Proud Mom: We know a lot of parents use invitations as announcements (although with computer-generated printing so simple, parents could easily make their own). How the recipients choose to respond is up to them. A card of congratulations is never inappropriate. A gift is always optional.

Dear Annie: We are desperate for help. Two years ago, our son's wife asked him for a divorce. At first, no reason was given except that she no longer loved him. Shortly after they separated, we found out she had been having an affair with his best friend. Our son was devastated.

Our former daughter-in-law showed up at our door and asked us not to say anything that would hurt her reputation in our small town. She said she was sorry for what she had

done. Reluctantly, we agreed to keep quiet about the affair.

Now she is telling her friends she divorced our son because he was emotionally abusive. You can imagine what this is doing to him and to us. She has also made it clear that if we don't keep our promise to say nothing about her affair, she will never let us see the grandchildren again.

Tell us, Annie, what should we do? This is breaking our hearts. -- Small Town in Oregon

Dear Oregon: Your former daughter-in-law obviously needs to assuage her guilt by making your son the villain. He needs to speak to his divorce lawyer immediately about this defamation of character. If necessary, he should sue for custody of the children, since being raised by this viper is not in their best interests. In the meantime, you are not breaking your promise by defending your son. Without mentioning her affair, feel free to pass the word that your son was never emotionally abusive and, obviously, the ex-wife still carries a lot of bitterness.

Dear Annie: I have a beautiful granddaughter who has pierced her tongue and gotten a tattoo behind her ear.

I'm losing sleep over this, especially the pierced tongue. Could this be a health risk? What can I do? -- Caring Grandmother

Dear Grandmother: Not much at the moment. There is a risk of hepatitis and infection from tattooing and piercing, but as long as both were done by a licensed, reputable operator, she should be fine. Tongue jewelry can damage her teeth and she should be aware of that, but otherwise, please don't get too worked up over this. Take a deep breath,

recognize that you can't change what's already happened and let it go.

Dear Annie: I figured my friends would assume I wrote the letter from "Paul," the 29-year-old man who had never dated, so I thought I'd write.

Telling a man that age to date all kinds of women is like telling a paraplegic to get up and walk. It's not going to happen. Approaching women likely makes him ill with anxiety.

His only chance at a relationship is to leave the country or join a religion that arranges marriages. Even so, his anxiety and poor communication skills would still be a severe handicap in the competition for a mate.

He ought to appreciate what he doesn't have. He will never have to pay for a hectic family vacation. If he doesn't like his job, he can quit. He doesn't have to apply for a mortgage on a house he can't afford that's an hour from his job. He will never have to shop for a minivan. He won't have to impress the in-laws. Overall, he has a great deal of freedom he would not otherwise have.

The many stresses experienced by married men won't concern him, and if he did have to deal with them, he'd be miserable. Perhaps this isn't the feel-good advice he's hoping for, but it's the best he can do and it's not that bad. -- Bachelor in Indiana

Dear Indiana: You're quite the pessimist. Paul isn't you. He is willing to date and has done so, albeit not much, which is the point. He simply needs more practice. Anyone who sincerely wants to find a partner but has anxiety issues that make dating impossible could benefit from professional help. Please consider it.



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