Holidays made simple.

The Hefner family would like to

dous support during this most dif-

ficult time. The support has been so great that we will never be able

to thank everyone. From the Ma-

David Hall and his Liberty Bell,

the Hico community at large, to

cards and lifted us up in prayer,

little slow in coming.

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week's special meeting.

--that action at at this

The outlets are utilized

every year by Texas Steak

Cookoff participants, so offi-

cials felt it would be a good

idea to have the outlets in-

stalled. But with the City

Hall renovation project get-

ting close to finished, council

members are looking closely

at money to make sure they

really need power at the Steak

Cookoff generally tell us be-

forehand, and we can set those

people up close to downtown

so they can plug in to the

poles down there," said City

Administrator Lambert Little.

"It really just boiled down to

the money - council mem-

bers are looking very closely

apparent discrepancy in billing for drywall and installa-

tion brought up at a previous

meeting by Councilman Mike

James. The discrepancy is ex-

pected to result in a refund to

viewed carpet samples, and

discussed the new brick work

on the front of the building.

There has been some discus-

sion as to whether the new

front brick wall should be torn

down and replaced because it

"balloons" out in the center.

Council members decided to

take more time to think about

what should be done before

taking any action on the mat-

Council members also

the city of about \$3,000.

Also discussed was an

at everything right now."

"The people that really,

hit the budgeted \$690,000.

rines and the Patriot Guard Riders,

friends we have never met who sent

we very much appreciate you all. This commu-

impressed with the local support. We have been swamped with your well-wishes and gifts, and ask that you understand if formal thanks are a

nity should know that even the Marines were

thank everyone for the tremen-

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## LETTERS

"Flame On!" Do you remember the car-Fantastic Four? Instant heat no smoke? White-orange heat engulfed in a flaming roar? That's what it was like. How things can change in a matter of seconds.

press my most grateful appreciation to the people of Hico and the surrounding communities for your sincere con-

cerns, thoughts, and prayers. I thank those who are at my at present.

covery very soon.

As serious as the burns were, parison to the burn victims I saw at Parkland.

fragile the balance of life is.

man. I sincerely appreciate each

and every one of you for your support.

Don't waste your moments and love your neighbor. They are your life-line.

With brotherly love, Bodie Parks Carlton

To Hico ISD teachers and staff on the attendance at the downtown motorcade 11-19-09 to honor former student Shawn Hefner:

I want to tell you how much I appreciate what you do on a daily basis. The actions of you and your students yesterday downtown were great. I have had a number of calls, e-mails and personal comments about how well the students acted and the great job that all of our teachers and faculty did. Too often, people refer to us as only teaching "The Test." Yesterday was proof that you teach so much more. Patriotism being one of the greatest. So many people were moved by the presence of our students and staff and the respect that each of you showed.

Again, thank you for everyday but especially yesterday. You truly are an amazing group of people.

Rod Townsend Hico ISD Superintendent

Dear Jerry,

Thank you for your excellent News Review, I look forward to it weekly.

I especially enjoy it as my husband, Jack Vickrey and his family even are natives of Hico, and we spent many days visiting while his mother continued to live there.

Jack was always proud of the very good education he received and felt his Hico schooling gave him the background to become the fine lawyer he became.

Jack would certainly be proud of the great ratings Hico schools have, as I am. Thank you again for a most

enjoyable newspaper.

Anita Vickrey and family Houston

Dear Jerry,

The community of faith joined hearts and hands on

Saturday, Nov. 21, to provide **LEADERS ct. fr. p.1** a free Thanksgiving lunch. Although the people of First United Methodist Church provided the location and the food, the members of the area toon superhero "Torch" of the churches helped in a variety of ways.

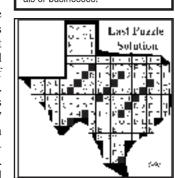
Joy Bates and Nellye Gripp planned, organized and brought to fruition, with the help of many great volunteers, a meal to fulfill a command I would like to somehow ex- from Jesus "to give a luncheon or dinner and invite those who would not repay you."

The celebration of the lunch was the churches joined together to be the church to serve our neighbors as disside in my physical recovery ciples of Jesus. The choir of voices from several churches I recognize each of you, filled the building with the along with the doctors and sounds of Thanksgiving. Othcaregivers at Parkland Hospi- er people offered their gifts tal, as I experience 110% re- of music as well. We served over 290 people.

Thank you to all who came they are only bruises by com- to eat. Thank you to all who served in all the ways in which you were needed. Our prayer I come from this once again for the community of Hico is blessed with life and, hope- that as you were nourished by fully new insight as to how the food that you were especially nourished by the love I consider myself a rich and grace of God.

Grace & Peace, Rev. Sharon Robertson Pastor First United Methodist Church

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"I've always believed in improving and setting goals and getting better," Stegall said. "This program has helped me understand my weaknesses as a leader and look at them from a different perspective. What I thought were my weaknesses might not have actually been my weaknesses. I also learned how to use my strengths to improve my weak areas."

Stegall said the program not only helped her in her professional life, but her personal life as well.

"I know I'm a better leader now and am more effective with teachers and students," she said. "The changes I've seen in myself through this is that I'm more willing to face confrontation and face situations that are difficult. Instead of sending an email when something is wrong, I am able to confront issues in a way that's respectful for them but in a way that I still get my

"Every time we had a session, I came back the next day and applied something to my school and my personal life. My goal is to take what I learned and share with the teachers. I want to model how I want my teachers to treat the students in their classrooms."

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