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XTREME SUMMER FEST

Eight hours of fun and music are planned for those who attend Xtreme Summer Fest, a fund-raiser planned Saturday by the Miracle Revival Center youth group - "PDY" - Purpose Driven Youth.

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COMING SUNDAY



SUMMER GRILLING

Steaks, chicken, ribs and side dishes - summertime grilling at its best.



Cover Story: When Marty Stuart grew up he listened to country music where he could find it - at church picnics, on front porches and at county fairs. Now, he and Merle Haggard are taking music back to its roots, to the rural areas where it all began for them.

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St. Thomas set for Mid-Summer Festival

FESTIVAL GLANCE

What: Mid-Summer Festival.

Where: St. Thomas Catholic Church, NW. Sixth and N. Main.

When: 11:30 a.m. until late Friday and Saturday.

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

People came from all over last weekend to party in Howard County.

This weekend, they have the chance to do the same - St. Thomas style.

It's time for the annual Mid-Summer Festival at St. Thomas Catholic Church, located at the intersection of Northwest Sixth and North Main streets.

This year's festival will begin at 11:30 Friday and Saturday, and run

until late in the evening on both days.

Both days will feature live music. Friday the music will be supplied by Fuerza of Sweetwater, while Saturday's music will be performed by Grupo Milagro of Lubbock.

Friday's entertainment will also feature a mariachi singer, while Saturday's will include folklorico dances. Bingo and other games, including darts, football, golf and baseball will be staged both days.

Children's activities include face painting, a duck pond and a fish

pond.

Food is always a great part of the mix at St. Thomas' festivals and that will again be the case this year. Gordita plates, enchilada plates and fajita burritos will be available both days, as will hamburgers, turkey legs, corn on the cob and other favorites.

Cake walks will also be held both days of the festival.

The church will also sponsor a drawing for prizes including an

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JAILED FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

Local volunteers raise \$27,000 in MDA lock-up

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Fingers were dialing furiously and the pleas were flying even faster all day Wednesday as locked up dignitaries were trying their best to collect enough bail money to get out of jail.

More than 50 people agreed to spend a little time in the "slammer" for the annual Big Spring Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock Up fund-raiser.

"We raised \$27,000," said MDA District Director Deanda Bollinger. "That's about \$10,000 more than last year. I'm tired, amazed and everything else."

For much of the day, Big Spring firefighters rounded up the would-be jailbirds and escorted them via a courtesy car from Shroyer Motor Co. to the "jail" set up at the Big Spring Mall.

Municipal Judge Timothy Green, Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs and even KBST News Reporter Lisa Brooks did their time behind the iron bars, all attempting to raise a \$1,000 to post bond.

"The Big Spring community itself is always good to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association," Bollinger said.

For 1-1/2 hours,



Odyssey Health Care employees Rhea Fryar-Calvert, left, and Amy Zant competed against each other in order to see who could raise the largest part of their \$1,000 bond during the Muscular Dystrophy Association Lock Up held Wednesday. The two women raised \$1,300 in pledges toward the event total of \$27,000.

Odyssey Health Care employees Rhea Fryar-Calvert and Amy Zant battled it out in a contest that would have made a mother proud.

"We had an internal contest," Fryar-Calvert

said. "We're with the same company and our goal was to make \$1,000 between us. I had about \$7 raised when I walked in the door and she had \$9."

Fryar-Calvert proved to

be the most eloquently spoken of the two.

"Actually, I think the more demanding," Fryar-Calvert admitted. "I raised \$752 and she

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Farmers writing new homeowners policies again

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A well-known insurance company has started writing new policies in Texas.

Farmers Insurance of Texas stopped writing new homeowner's insurance policies in the state in November, CHURCHWELL

but that changed in a limited way Monday.

"We've been renewing our policies all along. We never canceled anybody's policy," said local Farmers agent Tommy Churchwell. "Beginning July 7, we (began) to write new business for homeowners and dwelling fire policies in Texas. It's limited, and the limitation is this: If you've got your car insurance with Farmers effective June 1 or before, then we can write a limited number of those folks between July 7 and Aug. 15."

Churchwell said that existing Farmers clients will be eligible for the homeowner's policies.

"We'll be able to write anybody that has a (Farmers) policy now," he said. "If they have a house and they're insured with Farmers and they're going to sell that house and buy

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Administrators say curfew might be a positive move

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

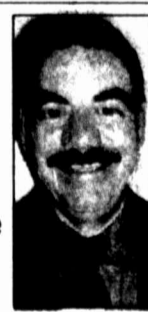
Will a daytime curfew for youth under 17 years of age make some students pause before deciding to drop out of school?

That's one effect officials with the Big Spring Independent School District are hoping for if a proposed new city ordinance is implemented.

"I think it is a positive move regarding truancy issues, but there are other issues regarding personal freedoms that come into play that make this difficult to assess," said BSISD Assistant Superintendent Rey Villarreal.

The ordinance makes it illegal for children and teens under 17 to be outdoors between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. when school is in session

"We feel like that this may just be possibly one strategy to help along those lines with dropouts."



Rey Villarreal, assistant superintendent

unless they have parental permission or are employed. The offense would be punishable by a fine of up to \$500.

Approved on a 4-3 vote by the city council on Tuesday, it will not become law until

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Big Spring police cruisers block off part of the northbound right-hand lane in the 1500 block of Gregg Street this morning in response to a minor accident. According to police, a Mercury collided with a Ford which was stopped for traffic. The driver of the Mercury, a minor, was cited for failure to control speed.

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Obituaries

Elizabeth Frances Perez

Elizabeth Frances Perez, 71, of Big Spring died on Sunday, July 6, 2003, at her residence. Funeral service will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 2003, at the First Assembly of God Church in Big Spring with the Rev. R.T. Havener, pastor, and the Rev. Joe Perez, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Baldwin Park, Calif., officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park. A prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the First Assembly of God Church.

Mrs. Perez was born on Oct. 6, 1931, in Huntington Park, Calif., and she grew up there. She lived most of her life in California. She married Benito J. Perez on Oct. 1, 1950, in Los Angeles, Calif. They had lived in Big Spring for the past 3-1/2 years.

She was a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include her husband, Benito J. Perez of Big Spring; three daughters, Emma Gutierrez of Monrovia, Calif., Lydia Jojola of Big Spring and Bertha Moreno of Alta Loma, Calif.; two sons, Ben Perez of Monrovia, Calif., and Michael Ball of Glendora, Calif.; one brother, Manuel Robert Mendoza; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

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

Take note

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

Support groups

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 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 to 6 p.m.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

New Voice Club support group for laryngectomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.

TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m. today:

• **ELROY JOHNSON**, 18, of 510 S. Lancaster was arrested Tuesday on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces and failure to identify.

• **MICHAEL NALL**, 24, of 1215 Gunter was arrested Tuesday on charges of driving with a suspended license and failure to identify/fugitive from justice and on two local traffic warrants.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 200 block of Birdwell Lane.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2100 block of West Third Street, the 300 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, the 500 block of North Lamesa Drive and the 200 block of West FM 700.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of West 18th Street, the 2400 block of Cheyenne, the 1400 block of Mount Vernon Avenue and the 2500 block of Langley Drive.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1600 block of East 15th Street.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 600 block of Settles Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 700 block of Capri Court. Items worth \$50 were reportedly stolen from a tan 2002 Ford and a brown 1985 GMC reportedly sustained a broken window resulting in \$350 damage.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 600 block of South Runnels Street. Stolen were hinges worth \$500, a door worth \$250 and slats worth \$50.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1200 block of South Monticello Street. Household goods worth \$300 were reported stolen in the incident.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of South Aylesford Street. A computer system worth \$1,139.58 was reported stolen, as was clothing worth \$25.

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

• **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 2300 block of Gatesville. The complainant told deputies that two dogs chained together came into her yard and she got tangled in the chain.

• **LOOSE DOG** was reported in the 200 block of Davis Road. Animal control was notified and picked up the dog.

Correction

The Police Blotter in Wednesday's Herald listed Ronnie Johnson, 19, of 510 Lancaster as having been arrested on a possession of marijuana charge. Actually, Johnson's brother Elroy Johnson, 18, also of 510 S. Lancaster was arrested on the marijuana charge, not Ronnie. A police spokesman said Elroy identified himself as his brother when he was arrested. Elroy Johnson was also charged with failure to identify.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph becoming east 5 to 10 mph..Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday (Wednesday, Saturday) night:

Winning numbers drawn: 13-15-16-26-37 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 20.
Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Winning ticket(s) sold in: NONE.
Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: \$14,325.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$24 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-14-16-27-29.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Prize per winner: \$0.
Winning tickets sold in: NONE.
Matching four of five: 136. Prize: \$459.
Matching three of five: 4,057. Prize: \$12.
Matching two of five: 42,061. Prize: \$2.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmooseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. FM 700.

Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library, 500 S. Main St.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80.

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Neighbors & Newcomers Club, new members welcome, 268-9335.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, call 267-7281 or 267-1037. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn., Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Howard County Scottish Rite, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast is served.

Xtreme Summer Fest, noon to 8 p.m., Miracle Revival Center, 600 E. FM 700. Paid in Full in concert; eight inflatable interactive games; food and fun. Proceeds go to youth group PDY's effort to build a youth center.

Free eye glasses, 9 a.m.-noon, Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Heritage Museum, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 510 Scurry.

Potton House, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., 200 Gregg St., a restored historical home. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m.-4 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

MONDAY

Sr. Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years old and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Evenings Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 Northwest Fourth St.

Encourager's Support Group (All widows and widowers are invited) Monday, July 21, 6 p.m., covered dish dinner, First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Runnels (enter through north door). Bring covered dish. Call 398-5522 for more information.

Coahoma Lions Club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center on North Avenue.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., 610 Main Street.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden counties, 7 p.m. Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

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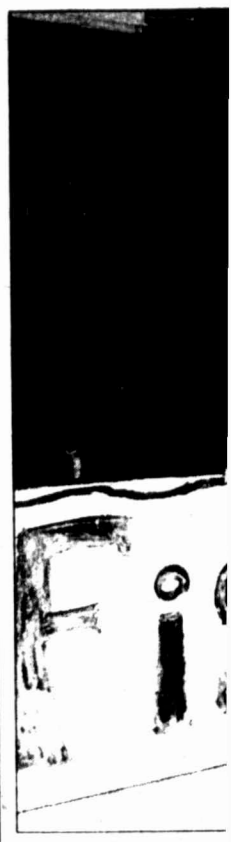
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St. Thomas Catholic Church is planning a service for the funeral of Medina and Luis, slated for Friday Northwest Sixth

NEWS

Woman charged

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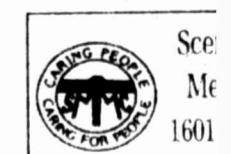
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FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS



HERALD photo/Rick Nunez
St. Thomas Catholic Church members Gilbert Cisneros, left, Ricky Yanez, Vaughn Medina and Luis Flores set up booths for this year's Mid-Summer Festival. The festival, slated for Friday and Saturday, will take place at the church, located at the corner of Northwest Sixth and North Main streets. See article, Page 1.

NEWS BRIEFS

Woman charged with murder

HOUSTON (AP) — A Beaumont woman who police say admitted abandoning her newborn daughter last month was charged with capital murder Wednesday for the 1998 death of her newborn son, whose body was found abandoned in a trash bin and bound with duct tape.

DNA and fingerprints linked Kenisha Berry, 25, to the newborn boy, who was previously unidentified, said Steven Thrower, a senior investigator with the Jefferson County District Attorney's office.

The case had been an unsolved capital murder since 1998, Thrower said Wednesday of the baby boy, who died of asphyxiation.

"It was a case that had gotten cold ... until this most recent child being abandoned," said Jefferson County Sheriff Mitch Woods.

The baby boy was found by a couple collecting aluminum cans.

Democrat revists redistricting

AUSTIN (AP) — While other Senate Democrats are flat out saying "no" to plans to redraw congressional district lines during the special legislative session, Democrat Sen. Ken Armbrister of Victoria is taking another route.

Armbrister, one of two Senate Democrats considered to be on the fence about whether to support a redistricting plan, is putting together his own map.

"If I was the governor, no I wouldn't have called a special session, but the governor did call it so I'm here and I'm going to try to do the best I can," Armbrister said. "What I am trying to do is at least have a starting point."

He said he will not support the map that the House approved this week and does not believe a majority of senators would either. That plan could send as many as 21 Texas Republicans to Congress.

Democrats now have a 17-15 hold in the congressional delegation. Republicans, led by U.S. Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, have said the state should have more Republican districts to reflect the state's voting trends.

Economic downturn hits Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Austin is still a place where people want to live, says downtown-area real estate broker Kevin Burns. It seems to help, though, if they don't need a job.

"A lot of it is lifestyle," Burns said, referring to two recent transplants whose jobs are still based in Boston and Houston, respectively. "They're coming because they want to live in a great place, and their jobs are coming in second."

Not everyone there was so fortunate, according to 2002 estimates made public Thursday by the Census Bureau. Austin, which grew at a brisk 4.1 percent annually during its tech-driven heyday, was the only major Texas city to lose population as it shrank by about 1,100.

And with draconian state budget cuts expected to slice another 2,500 to 5,000 jobs from the capital city after Sept. 1 as agencies figure out how to downsize, Texas state demographer Steve Murdock says Austin's population stagnation likely is just beginning.

"I'd be surprised if we didn't see slower growth (in Austin) for a number of years," Murdock said. "The issue is that population (change) lags the economy. With economic factors remaining relatively flat, one can only see population similar or continuing to show out-migration."

Chrysler Group sues lawyers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Chrysler Group has sued three lawyers in Texas alleging a failed \$2 billion product liability lawsuit they filed against the company was fraudulent and that they tampered with evidence, Chrysler officials said Wednesday.

Chrysler has previously sued lawyers in Philadelphia and St. Louis for what it contended were other frivolous or fraudulent court cases.

"We're fighting back against lawsuit abuse," Steve Hantler, assistant general counsel for Chrysler Group, said at a news conference in Austin.

The Texas lawsuit was filed Tuesday in state district court in San Antonio against attorneys Robert Kugle, Robert "Trey" Wilson III and Andrew Toscano of the former Kugle Law Firm of San Antonio.

Wilson and Toscano still practice law in Bexar County.

FARMERS

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another house, we can insure all those people."

Churchwell added that Farmers will also begin writing tenant homeowner — or renter's insurance — policies.

"Tenant homeowner policies, we can write on anybody," he said. "That's for those people that rent a house and want to insure their contents. It's renter's insurance."

After Aug. 15, Farmers plans to re-evaluate its situation.

"They're trying to re-enter the market slowly because there's a 148-page document, Senate Bill 14, and everybody's still try-

ing to figure out what that means," he said. "What are the pitfalls? If you go out and write a whole bunch of policies and put a whole lot of business on the books, and you didn't realize what that meant and it was bad for you, you'd be putting yourself at a disadvantage. So we're kind of getting in slow and trying to make sure there's no hidden meanings in that senate bill."

Churchwell suspects that Farmers will open the gates and start writing even more homeowners' policies after mid-August.

"The reason they're doing it, even in the light that they don't know all the wordage and what it means, is that they want

to get back into the market and honor the people that insured with Farmers and give them full service again," he said. "It's kind of like a loyalty thing, which I think is great."

Farmers stopped issuing new homeowners policies in Texas after the company and state insurance regulators failed to reach a settlement over Texas Department of Insurance claims of unfair pricing practices.

For more information about Farmers Insurance, call Tommy Churchwell Insurance Agency at 267-3857.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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approved on second reading when the council meets July 22.

Although youths enrolled in schools are already subject to truancy laws, they do not impact students who have been expelled, suspended or who have dropped out of school.

Proponents of the ordinance believe it will give law enforcement a tool to keep those juveniles from walking the streets, burglarizing homes and assaulting other youths. Opponents say the ordinance is blow to First Amendment rights.

Villarreal admits the issue of First Amendment rights vs. safety is complex.

"We're looking at it very closely," he said. "We feel like that this may just be possibly one strategy to help along those lines with dropouts."

Big Spring Junior High School Principal Ben Neel agrees.

MDA

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raised \$548. I had my Palm Pilot out, my cell phone handy and I was talking with people I hadn't talked with in years."

According to Bollinger, 43 different neurological diseases fall under the MD umbrella. The money raised for the annual event stays within the Big Spring area.

"The funds help provide services to people who are served by the association," Bollinger said. "We provide a monthly clinic held in Midland. We also provide things like assistance with wheel chairs, leg braces and summer camp for children."

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234.

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\$800 Wal-Mart gift certificate, a \$400 H-E-B gift certificate, a gas grill, a DVD player/VCR combo and a gift certificate for \$125 worth of gasoline.

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St. Thomas Church
2003 Mid-Summer Festival

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* Live Music *

"FUERZA" from Sweetwater
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Dessert Booths Open 11:30 a.m. Fri. & Sat.
Outside Booths Open 6:30 p.m. Fri. & Sat.
N.W. 6th & N. MAIN ST.

"I personally am in hopes that it will be able to help us by making sure of accountability of young people who should be students," Neel said.

The ordinance may be a step, Villarreal emphasized, but not the complete answer.

The school district is working on several ideas to address the problem, including implementing a national program called High Schools That Work.

"This program will help us really focus and design lessons and programs

that are engaging and interesting to the student," Villarreal said. "That will help them stay in school."

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OUR VIEWS

Lesson learned, time for BSISD to move ahead

Thank goodness, it's over ... well, almost. Now that the Texas Education Agency's report on its investigation into complaints lodged against members of the Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees has been received, it is time to move on.

From all appearances, that is exactly what trustees and school district administrators have done — learned a lesson or two and put the past in the past where it belongs.

Yes, the TEA report indicates that some trustees did, in fact, overstep their bounds in some instances but not in others. It also noted the former superintendent did not completely communicate and cooperate with all board members, strongly aggravating the situation.

As a result, the TEA is requiring the board to receive more training and team building. In addition, the district must submit copies of all agendas, minutes, audiotapes and or videotapes from its board meetings to the TEA School Governance Unit for the next four months.

Current Superintendent Michael Downes accentuated the positive after releasing the TEA's final report Monday, noting that no monitor or master was assessed for the district.

In fact, the TEA noted that Big Spring trustees and the current administrative team began meeting remedial requirements even before the final report was issued.

Downes said members of the investigation team had been "very complementary" of the progress the board has already made, and acknowledged in the cover letter that all seven board members and administrators had attended the Texas Association of School Boards Summer Leadership Institute.

The cover letter noted the "team of eight — seven board members plus a superintendent — as a whole, received 112.75 hours of training in San Antonio. That was very significant and to be commended."

We agree.

This school board is clearly moving on. Its sights seem set on making sure Big Spring schools offer this community's children the best learning environment possible and we applaud that.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, our daily prayers to you lessens our daily

Amen

PETA's latest grab for publicity

In its latest grab for publicity, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals threatened to picket "The Producers" in Los Angeles because star Jason Alexander moonlights for Kentucky Fried Chicken. PETA has dubbed May its "KFC Month of Action," with the catchy slogan "Kentucky Fried Cruelty — We Do Chickens Wrong."



DEBRA SAUNDERS

The threat led to a meeting between Alexander and PETA top dog Ingrid Newkirk. According to PETA spokesman Bruce Friedrich, PETA has decided not to picket "The Producers," as Alexander subsequently complained to KFC about its abusive practices.

KFC spokeswoman Bonnie Warschauer wouldn't comment other than to say, "You'd have to talk to Jason Alexander's people" about the conversation. I tried, but I only got as far as Alexander's publicist's assistant, who offered no information.

PETA's Friedrich said that Newkirk discussed misinformation on the KFC website, such as the company's claim that its "guidelines and audits are designed to manage and monitor each step of the process to ensure that all birds

are handled humanely and suffer no pain."

It's true: "No pain" has no truth. As Joy Mench, director of the Center for Animal Welfare at the University of California at Davis, noted, poultry producers have developed strategies that make chickens grow to 20-week size in six weeks, which can make chickens lame, and "there is evidence that lameness can cause pain."

Mench clarified, however, that this is a poultry-producer issue, not KFC's problem.

Which leads to the issue of misinformation on the PETA website, with its list of eight "key demands" of KFC, including that KFC stun chickens with gas, not electricity.

Mench agreed that gas-stunning would be preferable to electric-stunning of chickens but noted that the USDA has yet to clarify that gas-stunning is kosher.

But even where PETA seems to be right on gassing, its other demands don't quite wash. The group also demands machine handling of chickens before they're killed. (Mench agrees that chicken-handling is "not pleasant work," but noted that some mechanized methods result in "more birds that are dead on arrival" at the processing plant.)

In the course of our talk, a hurt-and-perplexed Friedrich confessed that he has been quite unhappy with my criticism of PETA, an

organization that, he claimed, simply wants to lessen cruelty in the world. People who are kind to animals, he added, tend to be kinder people.

That claim doesn't fit with PETA's apparent sympathy with violent animal-rights activities.

I went to the Southern Poverty Law Center's website and searched for PETA. Lo and behold, the center quotes Friedrich at an animal rights conference: "If we really believe that animals have the same right to be free from pain and suffering at our hands, then of course we're going to be blowing things up and smashing windows. ... I think it's a great way to bring about animal liberation, considering the level of suffering, the atrocities. I think it would be great if all of the fast-food outlets, slaughterhouses, these laboratories and the banks that fund them exploded tomorrow."

So nice people believe it's wrong to shock chickens but OK to bomb places where human beings work. Hmmm. Maybe that's why I can't help but consider PETA to be the Sinn Fein of the animal rights movement.

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Bush court to remain dysfunctional

Amid swirling speculation about reshaping the Supreme Court, a well-connected senior Republican senator told colleagues he has been informed what likely will happen: Chief Justice William Rehnquist would retire and be replaced by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, with that vacancy filled by White House Counsel Alberto Gonzales. Improbable though it seems, this scenario deepened conservative gloom following the high court's landmark decisions last week.



ROBERT NOVAK

O'Connor at age 73 would be an interim chief justice, capping off her career and giving President Bush credit for naming the first woman to the nation's highest judicial office. It is significant that the administration would leak this trial balloon to a senator after O'Connor was the major player as the Supreme Court upheld racial preferences and struck down sodomy laws. Expectations by conservatives have been lowered sufficiently that they are resigned to Gonzales as the first Bush nominee for the high court.

That means the Supreme Court will not improve from the stand point of conservative legal scholars, who view the court as dysfunctional despite half a century of Republican appointments. They see last week's decisions as typically based on elitist opinion. Nobody more clearly represents this deterioration of the judicial process than Sandra Day O'Connor during nearly 22 years as a justice.

It is difficult to exaggerate the contempt that conservative legal

scholars privately express toward O'Connor. The attitude seeped through in Justice Antonin Scalia's thundering dissents last week that abandoned fraternal amity in attacking his sister justice's judicial reasoning.

As for O'Connor's majority opinion asserting a "compelling state interest" in University of Michigan Law School admissions, Scalia said if "maintaining a 'prestige' law school" with special admission policies for blacks "is a compelling state interest, everything is." As for her concurring opinion striking down the Texas sodomy law, he asserts that O'Connor creates a jurisprudence under which "judges can validate laws by characterizing them as 'preserving the traditions of society' (good); or invalidate them by characterizing them as 'expressing moral disapproval' (bad)."

While the future course of lifetime nominees is not predictable, O'Connor's record is no surprise. Ronald Reagan was determined to name a woman as his first Supreme Court nominee, and the Justice Department recommended O'Connor (then an Arizona Court of Appeals judge). The White House was bombarded with documentary evidence of her social liberalism in the Arizona legislature. A young Justice Department lawyer named Kenneth W. Starr investigated, and wrote a two and one-half page memo clearing O'Connor. President Reagan told social conservatives: "She's alright."

Reagan and Starr were wrong. There is no doubt Lawrence Silberman, a senior judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, had O'Connor in mind when he skewered the Supreme Court in a candid speech to the conservative Federalist Society last November.

Pointing to the court's decisions on abortion, religion and (even before last Thursday) homosexual rights, Silberman declared: "I do not think it even can be seriously argued that any of these lines of decision had a shadow of true constitutional justification."

"How does the court get away with it?" Silberman asked. His answer: "It maintains its legitimacy so long as its activist opinions coincide with the views of a broad national consensus of elite opinion." He suggested that O'Connor's public remarks questioning the death penalty, patently improper for a sitting justice, "were designed to test the waters" of elitist opinion.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy's brilliant campaign of selective filibusters against appellate court nominees appears to have succeeded in freezing Bush's Supreme Court nominations. It now seems certain former Texas Supreme Court Justice Gonzales, George W. Bush's longtime aide, will be the president's first associate justice. He is viewed by conservatives as an improvement on O'Connor, but not much better. While Democrats surely will not be lucky enough to get a John Paul Stevens (by Gerald Ford) or David Souter (by the first George Bush), they will be content with Alberto Gonzales.

It was Gonzales who watered down Solicitor General Theodore Olson's government argument in the racial preference cases, which gave O'Connor and Justice Anthony Kennedy a basis for catering to elite opinion. So, the Bush Court promises to remain dysfunctional.

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XTRA Miracle

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor
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Xtreme Summer Fest

Miracle Revival Center youth group plans day of food, fun and music

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Eight hours of fun and music are planned for those who attend Xtreme Summer Fest, a fund-raiser planned Saturday by the Miracle Revival Center youth group — "PDY" — Purpose Driven Youth.

"We want to invite the whole community out," said Robert Sumner. "There will be a lot of fun and food and competition — entertainment for all ages. We'll have something for every age group."

Sumner and his wife, JoVena, are youth pastors for the church.

Activities will include a concert featuring the group Paid In Full, an obstacle course, bungee run, climbing wall and more. An all-day ticket, providing unlimited access to every one of the eight rides, costs \$8. Limited-access purchases will also be available.

With that much entertainment — noon until 8 p.m. — food will be important. The youth group will be serving turkey legs, sausage sticks, corn on the cob,

"Our purpose is to raise the standards of purpose, dignity and character in young people and encourage them to realize life has real meaning and let them know they have the opportunity to accomplish great things."



Robert Sumner, youth pastor



Courtesy photo
Monica Fierro, 15, left, and Linsey Dugan, 14, watch as Gloria Garibay, 15, spins a cone of cotton candy at this year's Pops in the Park. The three are part of the "Purpose Driven Youth" group at Big Spring's Miracle Revival Center, and will participate in Saturday's Xtreme Summer Fest, a fund-raiser for the group.

snow cones, cotton candy and fountain drinks.

Funds raised by the group will be applied toward youth camp and construction of a youth center. The group has been holding various fund-raisers such as a parents' night out, burrito sales, baked goods auction, popcorn at Pops in the Park and the like. Xtreme Summer Fest will

be PDY's largest effort to date.

"The whole goal is to raise funds for your youth group. Purpose Driven Youth will be attending a camp in

Columbus later this summer and we are going to try to arrange it where anyone who would like is able to go — not just youth from Miracle Revival Center," said

Sumner. "The next thing is to put aside savings for a youth center. That's something I'm very excited about."

The group envisions a youth center with a video

room, basketball court, phone booths, furniture, hockey and pool tables and perhaps even a theater.

"We'd like it to be set up where on Friday and Saturday nights, kids can have a place to go with a positive message," Sumner explained.

Last year, the youth group was about seven strong but has since grown to almost 20 and continues to grow. The growth has brought about the need for additional space.

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Xtreme Summer Fest is under the direction of the Sumners, assisted by Yogi and Valerie Ceasar. For more information, contact the church at 263-7714.

Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at newsdesk@rcrom.net

Here's the scoop on those 'no call' lists

There has been much hype in the news lately about the beginning of the "National Do Not Call Registry" by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Federal Trade Commission (FTC) to help limit unsolicited calls from telemarketers. It is also important to note that the State of Texas Public Utilities Commission (PUC) also offers two "No Call Lists" for residents with a Texas phone number: one list for telemarketers and one list for electric companies.

While these two programs aim for the same goal — reduction in the number of telemarketing calls — there are some things you should know about each.

The PUC offers two lists for Texas residents.

The first is a statewide "no call" list to help limit telemarketing calls to residential customers only.

For a fee of \$2.25, you may have your name added to a list for three years that will help reduce the number of unsolicited phone calls to your home.

Also available from the PUC is the Texas "electric no call." This option is available to both residential and business customers but will only limit phone calls from electric companies trying to get you to switch service. This list is available for a \$2.55 fee that covers five years.

Though the basic elements of both programs are the same, the Texas program is slightly more strict and comprehensive with regard to phone calls and will therefore still be offered.

Will all the calls stop? No. Companies with whom you have an established business relationship will still be able to contact you as well as non-profit, religious, and political organizations. Also, if you request contact from a company, they will be able to call you. Again, this program is not meant to eliminate the calls entirely but to limit them.

Fraud via the telephone is a multi million dollar scam each year. Through programs such as the "Texas No Call List" and the "National Do Not Call Registry," initiative is being taken to reduce crime.

Cloudseeding is also used to reduce hail in thunderstorms before it becomes too large to cause damage. Some studies have shown that cloudseeding only increases precipitation between 5 and 20 percent, which is not very promising considering the costs involved. So generally, cloudseeding efforts have not been very encouraging.

"Weather Whys" is a service of Texas A&M University's Department of Atmospheric Sciences.

Q: You sometimes hear about efforts to create rain, and the term "cloudseeding" comes up. What exactly is cloudseeding?

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Q: So does cloudseeding really work?

A: The results have been somewhat disappointing, says Odins.

Subscriptions are available to both lists at a cost of \$4.80 for five years. One note on the "electric" list: Not all areas offer a choice in electric service yet and, as such, a subscription to that list may not be necessary. From the date of registration, it will take approximately 60 days for the calls to stop.

The nation-wide list operated by the FCC and FTC operates much the same way only anyone can register, not just Texas residents. The federal program is free of charge and will enroll you on their registry for five years. You may register up to three phone numbers on the national "no call" list. This program also estimates about 60 days from registration for the calls to stop.

For more information about the Texas list, call 1-866-896-6225 or <http://www.texasnocall.com>. For the national program, you may go to <http://www.donotcall.gov> or call 1-888-382-1222. You may also contact your County Extension Agent for more information.

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IN BRIEF

Softball tournament scheduled in Stanton

A 2-for-1 Mens Softball Tournament for Class D and Class E teams has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday in Stanton.

Teams can enter two tournaments for the price of one \$125 fee.

USSSA rules will be in force for the 3-2 pitch, double elimination events. Awards will be given in both tournaments.

For more information, call 432-522-2982 or 432-889-0904.

Crossroads cheer, football sign-ups

Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League football and cheerleading squads is now under way at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for cheerleaders continues through Monday at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. during the week, and from noon to 4 p.m. on week-ends.

A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration.

The cost for cheerleading is \$65 per person.

For more information, contact Stacy Campbell at 268-9634.

Booster Club golf tournament slated

The annual Big Spring Steers Football Booster Club Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

The four-man scramble will have teams consisting of three players paired with a Steers coach or player.

Former Steers standout and current Green Bay Packers tight end Bubba Franks will make a guest appearance.

The tournament is set for an 8 a.m. start.

Entry fee is \$65 per person and includes cart rental and a meal.

For more information, call 264-6600.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp will be held July 23-26 at Steer Gym.

Registration forms are available at Athletic Supply and at the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Camp times for players in the seventh through ninth grades will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 10-12 will attend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$85 per camper.

For more information, call 263-4847.

All Americas Open slated for July 23

The inaugural All Americas Open, an 18-hole golf tournament, will be held July 23 at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fee is \$35 per player.

The tournament is being held in conjunction with the All Americas Bowl six-man football and basketball games.

For more information, call 816-6336.



The Big Spring Major League All-Stars captured fourth place at the recent District 3 Baseball Tournament in Odessa. Members of the team include (back row, left to right) coach Stan Parker, Cade Hollandsworth, P.J. Daylong, Suraj Patel, coach Steve Parker, Mason Parker, Rance Terry, Matt Ritchey, Nathan Doporto, coach Jerry Doporto, (front row) Kade Parker, Chris Brooks, Ryan Flores, Ray Gutierrez, Martin Yanez and Tannehill

RAISING THE BAR

Little League all-stars make best showing at tournament since '80s

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

There once was a time when Little League baseball coaches throughout the area regarded the Big Spring Little League all-star teams as nothing more than a speed bump in the road. In fact, many openly campaigned to face Big Spring when it came time for the district tournament.

The general feeling among most coaches used to be Big Spring's three leagues diluted the Big Spring talent base to the point it helped the other team.

Those days are history now. Big Spring, which merged into a single league this past season, flexed its muscle last week at the District 3 Baseball Tournament in Odessa. The team won five games against teams from cities more than five times its size and finished fourth in the final standings.

"They young men really stepped up," said coach Stan Parker. "Each and every one of them played hard."

With the five wins, Big Spring advanced seven games into the 22-team tournament — the deepest a Big Spring team has advanced since the mid 1980s.

"This was the first time to field a combined team," said Parker, who guided the Rangers to a 21-2 record and the Big Spring city title during

the regular season. "When the leagues combined we were able to mix players from all over and this is the result."

Midland Mid-Cities managed to spoil Big Spring's district opener. Mid-Cities eked out an 8-6 victory in extra innings in the first game of the tournament.

Big Spring rebounded nicely from there. Paced by solid play from Suraj Patel, Cade Hollandsworth and Tyler Tannehill, Big Spring reeled off a win over El Paso

Spring dominate Floyd Gwyn. The Big Spring standout hit two of his five post-season home runs in the contest.

Doporto, who clubbed 13 homers in the regular season, continued his power display in Big Spring's next outing — a showdown with an Andrews select squad. He hit two more round-trippers and spurred his squad to a 10-2 victory.

Doporto wasn't the only Big Spring standout using the long ball in the tournament. Hollandsworth and Tannehill also clubbed homers during the event.

Big Spring's run came to an end in the seventh round as Midland North Central claimed a tough 4-2 victory.

"Even with the loss, we're excited about the way we played in the tournament," said Parker. "The young men played really well in Odessa. For the first time in a while, we had other coaches come and watch us saying they didn't want to play the team from Big Spring."

Members of the Big Spring squad included Hollandsworth, P.J. Daylong, Patel, Mason Parker, Rance Terry, Matt Ritchey, Doporto, Kade Parker, Chris Brooks, Ryan Flores, Ray Gutierrez, Martin Yanez and Tannehill. Parker was joined as coach by Jerry Doporto and Steve Parker.

Nathan Doporto helped Big

Spring Country Club. The tournament begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Franks plays with the Green Bay Packers

Comets' Tina Thompson to miss WNBA all-star game

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston Comets forward Tina Thompson will not play in Saturday's WNBA All-Star game after spraining her left ankle in practice this week.

Thompson, selected by fans as a starter for the West, was injured in the closing minutes of a Comets workout Monday. She'll be out seven to 10 days. San Antonio's Marie Ferdinand was selected Wednesday as her replacement on the roster.

Thompson ranks fifth in the league in scoring,

averaging 18 points, and started in the four previous All-Star games. Ferdinand is averaging 14.8 points.

Thompson joins Comets teammate Cynthia Cooper on the sidelines. Cooper also was selected to start but is out for the season with a torn rotator cuff.

Los Angeles Sparks guard Tamecka Dixon will replace Cooper in the starting lineup. Michael Cooper, coach of the West and the Sparks, made the announcement Wednesday.

Franks to play in booster tourney

Big Spring's Bubba Franks will participate in the Second Annual Steer Football Booster Club Golf Tournament this weekend at the Big

Spring Country Club. The tournament begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Franks plays with the Green Bay Packers

Texas adds to Twins' troubles

ARLINGTON (AP) — Alex Rodriguez hit a tiebreaking two-run homer and Joaquin Benoit pitched seven strong innings as the Texas Rangers beat the Minnesota Twins 4-1 on Wednesday night.

Rookie Mark Teixeira also homered for the Rangers, who've won three in a row and 10 of 15.

Rodriguez snapped a 1-all tie in the sixth with his 22nd home run off former Rangers' pitcher Kenny Rogers after Donnie Sadler drew a leadoff walk.

Rodriguez is 8-for-16 with three homers and seven RBIs all-time against Rogers.

Benoit (4-4) allowed a homer to Torii Hunter in the sixth, but otherwise shut down the Twins, who've lost four straight and 11 of their last 16.

Benoit was 1-3 with a 7.13 ERA in his previous five starts, but he gave up one run and four hits in his most effective start of the season. Benoit struck out five and walked three.

Ugueth Urbina got three outs for his 26th save in 30 chances.

Minnesota (44-45) dipped under .500 for the first time since they were 14-15 on May 3.

Rogers (7-5) allowed four runs and seven hits over seven innings. He struck out three and walked one.

Rogers, who leads the Rangers with 463 career appearances and is third in team history with 101 victories, signed as a free agent with the Twins on March 12. Rogers went 13-8 for Texas last season but wasn't re-signed by the Rangers.

Rogers retired the first five batters before Teixeira gave Texas a 1-0 lead with his 12th homer, a two-out shot to center field in the second inning.

Hunter tied it at 1 in the sixth with his 13th homer.

In the seventh, Michael Young's single drove in Ryan Ludwick from third to extend the Rangers' lead to 4-1.

Robertson leads Astros past Reds

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeriome Robertson became the first Houston rookie to win seven straight decisions and Adam Everett hit his first career grand slam as the Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds 12-2 Wednesday night.

Everett's shot highlighted a six-run first inning as the Astros won their third in a row and sent Cincinnati to its seventh straight loss. The Reds' slump is their longest since an eight-game skid in June 2002.

Lance Berkman and Richard Hidalgo hit consecutive homers for Houston and Gregg Zaun also connected.

Ken Griffey Jr. hit his 478th career home run and Juan Castro also homered for the Reds.

Robertson (8-3) hasn't lost since April 25, a span of 13 starts.



Members of the Big Spring Steers football team include Tommy Gibson, Young, Bryson Phillips, Dylan Lowery, Paxton, and Blake Broman.

Attorney to police

FORT WORTH, (AP) — A former mate of a missing University basketball player will not be charged with police again unless ordered to by a judge because of how authorities are handling the case, his attorney said.

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Daniels' attorney

HOUSTON (AP) — An attorney for Portlouis Daniels, a missing agent point guard, said Antonio Daniels' Houston Rockets attorney has inquired into the interest in playing them, Houston television station KRIV reported Wednesday night.

Daniels spent five

Collison, Osterman claim Big 12

DALLAS (AP) — Basketball players Collison and Osterman claim Cat Osterman and Collison were named West as the Big 12 Conference athletes of the year.

Osterman, a left-handed pitcher from Houston, was the top collegiate in the nation last year as a sophomore, and was the Big 12 pitcher of the year for the time and led the team with 11.1 strike seven innings.

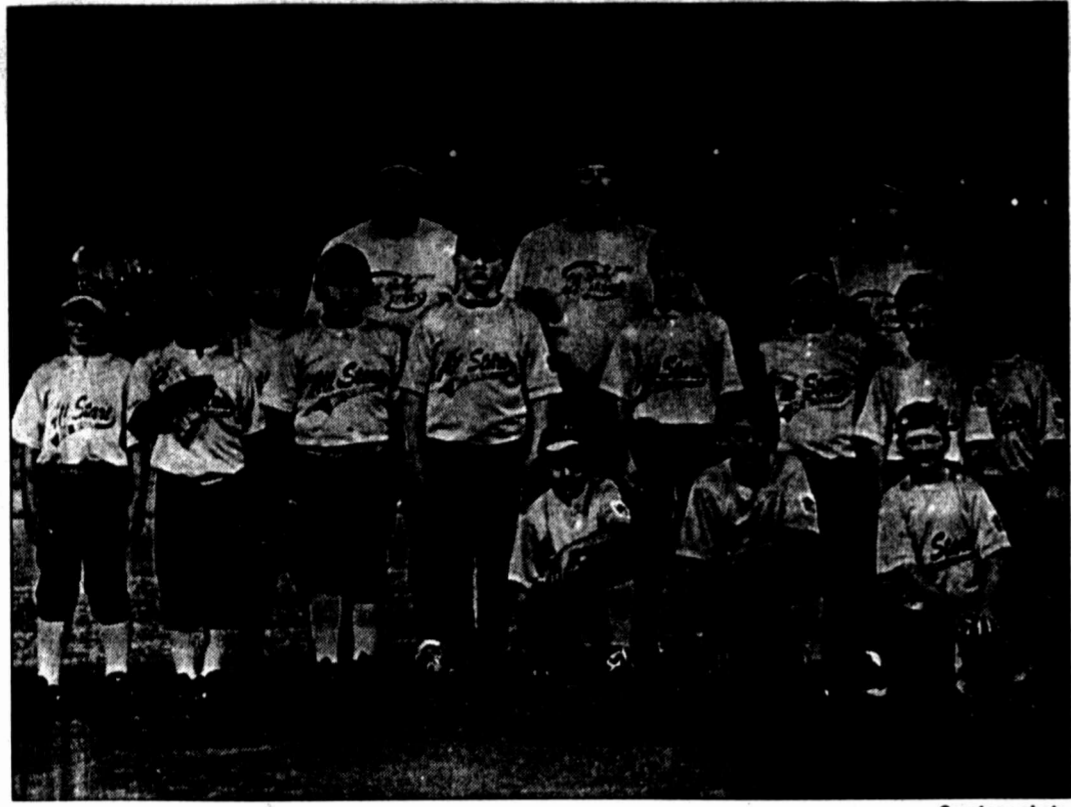
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Collison, the career leading with 2,097 points and in the league 18.5 points per game third with 10.0 per game this season.

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Members of the Big Spring 9-10 All-Star team include (back row, left to right) coaches Tommy Gibson, Randy Phillips, Joel De La Garza, (middle row) Zane Herrin, Dayvion Young, Bryson Phillips, Jacob Acosta, Sage Gibson, Steven Johnson, Julian Rodriguez, Dylan Lowery, Paxton De La Garza (Front row) Timothy Davila, Joshua Castilaw and Blake Broman.

Lakers beginning to scare NBA teams with possibilities

By MARK HEISLER
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The ground is trembling under the NBA and when it stops, the league may be looking at a colossus mightier than any it has ever seen. And it might not be in San Antonio, even if all-star point guard Jason Kidd ends up signing with the reigning champion Spurs.

Gary Payton, the finest defensive point guard of his time and a career 18-point-a-game scorer, said Tuesday he will sign with the Los Angeles Lakers. Karl Malone, arguably the greatest power forward of all time, is deciding whether to make it an even four superstars in the Laker lineup — with Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant, who were previously known as the greatest two-man tandem ever.

This isn't a done deal — players can't sign contracts on the verbal commitments they make now before July 16. But after Malone, who is second behind only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar on the NBA's all-time list of scorers, stunned the skeptical Lakers in a meeting last week by saying he'd take half a \$4.6 million exception, or maybe even the \$1.5 veterans' minimum, it looks promising.

Elsewhere in the NBA, of course, it's the end of the world as they know it. "The thing is, if Karl stays here, the ball will still go through him," said Utah Jazz broadcaster Hot Rod Hundley from Salt Lake City, still hoping against hope.

"He'll still be No. 1. If he goes to L.A. or San Antonio, he will not be No. 1. If he goes to L.A., he'll be the third (option) and if they get Payton, he may be fourth. He needs to average about 12 points a game over the next two seasons to break the scoring record. But if he wants a ring, he goes to the Lakers. That's why he'd be leaving. Money can't be a factor, but he's got all the money he needs.

"The Lakers are probably more hated here than any other team. That's a place people would expect Karl to go, but they wouldn't like it."

From the moment Malone and the Lakers started talking, busting them up became a priority throughout the NBA.

The Spurs, who have \$14 million of cap space with David Robinson leaving, had spent the season privately debating who to go after—Kidd, forward Jermaine O'Neal and Los Angeles Clipper center Michael Olowokandi were the prime candidates at one time or another — but didn't spend much time on Malone.

However, with valen-

tines coming out of the Malone-Laker meeting last week, the Spurs got interested in a hurry.

Coach Gregg Popovich, who runs their basketball operation, called Malone personally and offered all the money he would have left — assuming he signed Kidd, about \$4 million a year — which might be twice what Malone would get from the Lakers.

Then the Sacramento Kings, after what may have been a dour Fourth of July of their own, jumped in this week at the 11th hour, trying to head Malone off with a sign-and-trade deal that would give him a huge contract and send the Jazz some players.

There's also an unidentified East team that is said to be still in the game. This may be the Boston Celtics, whose general manager, Danny Ainge, flew to Salt Lake City to make a personal pitch on the first day, or the Miami Heat, whose coach, Pat Riley, has \$9 million-\$11 million and wants someone who can get his team back into contention immediately.

Malone is expected to make up his mind soon, and then let the rest of the league have nightmares the rest of the sum-

mer. Malone, nicknamed The Mailman, is a 14-time all-star and an 11-time All-NBA first-team player. Twice, in 1997 and '99, he was the most valuable player in the league. He has 37,374 career points, behind only Abdul-Jabbar's 38,387, and is the league's all-time leader in free throws made and attempted.

There have been some star-spangled lineups in this league, but few that would compare to O'Neal, Bryant, Mailman and Payton, himself a nine-time all-star, one of the game's top defensive players, and one of only eight players in league history to have 15,000 points, 6,000 assists and 1,000 steals. "A line of Shaq, Kobe, Gary Payton and Karl Malone looks good in any lineup," said Dennis Johnson, the interim coach of the Clippers. "That Gary's doing this means that Karl's coming too."

"Gary and Karl have to learn the triangle. And Karl has always been the lead player. It's interesting already that he'll play for much less money. That is already a sign of willingness and acceptance. If they do that, that's a hell of a squad."

Attorney: Dotson won't talk to police unless judge orders

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A former teammate of a missing Baylor University basketball player will not talk to police again unless he is ordered to by a judge because of how Waco authorities are handling the case, his attorney said.

Carlton Dotson has been questioned once by a Waco detective who went to Virginia Beach, Va., after Patrick Dennehy's

sport utility vehicle was found in a mall parking lot two weeks ago. Dotson had already returned to his Hurlock, Md., home for the summer.

An unidentified informant told Delaware authorities that Dotson told a cousin he shot Dennehy in the head as the two argued while shooting guns near Waco, according to court documents. Dennehy, a 6-foot-10, 230-pound center, has

not been heard from since mid-June.

Waco police have called Dotson a "person of interest." No charges have been filed in the case.

Dotson's attorney, Grady Irvin Jr., said he told Waco police in a letter Tuesday to contact him if detectives wanted to interview Dotson. Irvin said the letter was private but that Waco authorities misconstrued it and then told the news media.

Daniels' agent says Rockets interested

HOUSTON (AP) — The agent for Portland free agent point guard Antonio Daniels said the Houston Rockets have inquired into the player's interest in playing for them. Houston television station KRIV reported Wednesday night.

Daniels spent four sea-

sons with San Antonio before playing with Portland last season.

Tony Dutt, Daniels' agent, told KRIV that Rockets general manager Carroll Dawson contacted him to say he believes Daniels would be a good fit in Houston.

"Antonio would love to

play in Houston. He considers the Rockets one of the better-run franchises," Dutt said.

Portland president Steve Patterson told the station, "We still have interest in Antonio, and we are continuing to have conversations with his representative."

Sports Briefs

Collison, Osterman claim Big 12 honors

DALLAS (AP) — Kansas basketball player Nick Collison and Texas softball player Cat Osterman were named Wednesday as the Big 12 Conference's athletes of the year.

Osterman, a left-hander from Houston, was named the top collegiate player in the nation last season as a sophomore, when she was the Big 12 pitcher of the year for the second time and led the nation with 11.1 strikeouts per seven innings. She led NCAA Division I with an 0.38 ERA with a 32-6 record with 18 shutouts, 27 complete games and 488 strikeouts.

Collison, the Big 12's career leading scorer with 2,097 points, was second in the league with 18.5 points per game and third with 10.0 rebounds per game this season.

Female and male athletes of the year were chosen by a panel of athletic administrators from each conference institution and media. Athletic directors from each school nominated one female and one male athlete for the awards, based upon athletic performance and academic achievement with citizenship as a tiebreaker.

Kidd's decision come come within a week

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — With San Antonio's wooing of Jason Kidd complete, the New Jersey Nets will get one final shot at keeping the NBA's free agent market.

When that will happen was uncertain Wednesday, but the clock was ticking on New Jersey.

Nets president Rod Thorn did not return

three telephone calls left by The Associated Press seeking comment on contract talks with the perennial All-Star point guard. Kidd led New Jersey's transformation from also-ran to two-time defending Eastern Conference champion in just two seasons with the team.


Nowitzki top Germany's list for championships

BERLIN (AP) — Dallas Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki tops Germany's preliminary roster for the European Championship.

The team was announced Wednesday by coach Henrik Dettmann.

The 16-man squad also includes Penn State forward Jan Jagla, center Patrick Femerling of Barcelona, and forward Ademola Okulaja of Unicaja Malaga and guard Misan Nikagbatse of Snaidero Udine.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

Venus and Mars conspire to put romance before anything else, and the result is a time when excitement burns and loves want to be near one another. We're headed for the full moon on Sunday, which bring an emotional release and also an outpouring of new feelings and information. Avoid making any decisions in the heat of the moment.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A colleague may try to skirt issues, so stick to your goals. Sure, you're open to possibilities, but also consider whether or not someone exhibits undependable behavior. Investigate real estate and small businesses.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Silly people get in your way — try and have a sense of humor about it. Confusing moments at home can be avoided with organizational tools. An emotional issue between a family member and a romantic partner must be addressed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll get terrific ideas while out walking — it's as if someone is whispering them in your ear! Figure out how to speak the same language as the bigwigs. Practice on friends if you have to.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've got what it takes, but the real trick is knowing when it's needed. Even at the time you're unsure of yourself, someone else isn't. It's wonderful to have support. It makes prospects look good, even if they're uncertain.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's easy to forget why you're working so hard. Respect and admiration are what really keep business rolling at top speed —

not money. Real leaders honor their followers. Be relentless about upholding your standards.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 10). Your personality power is extraordinary all year! Go after a dream job in the next three weeks! Enjoy a vacation in a far-away place before the summer is up. Learn, travel and get advice from experts in September. Keep hobbies even in work-heavy October. Singles finally tie the knot in May. New babies arrive in January. Love signs are Taurus or Scorpio. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 4, 39, 22 and 9.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Building morale among your group is favored. Alternative ways of showing affection means doing more and being creative. You can bring a loved one to a realization of his or her own greatness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Since you can't possibly do it all yourself, having capable people around you is the key to happiness. Develop others, and your whole life gets easier. You'll be conducting some rather intricate business moves — it's like a ballet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Change is imminent. Systems that combine chaos and order are the ones that will work. Old friends long to be back in touch with you but are afraid you still harbor resentment over their ancient sin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Opposing forces are featured, and there's no way you can stay neutral. Trust your front-line friends to do the right thing. You'll be strongly persuaded to gossip, but resist! Betrayal will keep you from being lighthearted.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Time is all there is, practically. You'll be thinking a lot about how you're using yours. If you can't say why you actually make your company a better place, then it's time to

Horoscope

get out. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Powerlessness is a state of mind. If you think you've lost your edge, then you have. You have legitimate priorities, and your priorities make sense both for you and your organization/family/social network.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have stellar luck for finding jobs and houses. You could stumble into the perfect situation. Emotionally, an Aries or Virgo provides just the safe haven you need. If you are properly grateful, it's yours to use as you need.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I've finally given in to what my mother wants for me, even though I thought remaining single forever would be a very glamorous life indeed. I've become marriage minded in the last two years and started to narrow the field somewhat. So, should a Pisces choose a Taurus or a Gemini? I definitely want children."

Pisces, you need a mate who is imaginative, stable and undaunted by a little moodiness now and again. Many Pisces women don't make a goal out of marriage, viewing it as an

eventual bond instead of an immediate need. However, Capricorn influences in your chart show a stronger pull toward the domestic life than most Pisces may experience. Taurus is an extremely good match for you. The Taurus man is usually a stable provider and can appreciate sensual aspects of love and domestic life in a way you will admire. Right now, perhaps Gemini can keep your attention longer, but you may find yourself jumping at this man's every whim. Gemini men are extremely charismatic and guarantee fun and adventure. The twins, however are not the most ambitious sign of the zodiac. Taurus seems more in line with your immediate goals.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am a divorced college professor in my early 50s with grown children. I own a nice home, drive a late-model car, and am comfortable financially. I am tall, still have a full head of bushy brown hair and look younger than I am. While I'm nearly 50 pounds heavier than my college weight, I'm trimming down.



Annie's Mailbox

Here's the problem: I haven't had a date since my divorce. I have asked women out, to no avail. Several women told me they were in other relationships, some said they "weren't interested in dating," and quite a few told me "absolutely not." My friends, and even my ex-wife, have tried setting me up. The last time, friends introduced me to an attractive, middle-aged banker. When I asked if I could help lift some heavy things out of her car, she screamed, "I don't need your help!"

I am reaching the point where I won't bother to ask for a date, because I fear more rejection. I never had any trouble getting dates before I was married. Now I feel like some sort of alien. For the life of me, I can't figure out what I am doing wrong. I would appreciate any assistance you could give me. — Lonely in Tennessee

I am a grandmother, and I have informed all four of my grandchildren that I detest tattoos and piercings of anything besides the ears. I have given them fair warning that a tattoo or body piercing will delete them from my will. The choice is theirs. They now range in age from 9 to 19. Hopefully they will have something to thank me for 20 years from now. — Grandma in Virginia

Dear Grandma: We don't recommend this approach because blackmail usually backfires. By using your money to control the grandchildren, you have made it more significant in the relationship than it should be. However, your grandchildren now know where you stand, and if they decide your money is important, they will abide by your restrictions.

Dear Lonely: Before constant rejection becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, you need an honest evaluation of what the problem might be. Ask three close friends (your ex-wife might be helpful here) to give a brutally frank appraisal of your appearance, personality, hygiene and attitude. Do you come across as desperate, aloof, conceited, boring or aggressive? Do you look rumpled, old-fashioned, unkempt or unwashed? Do you talk endlessly about your ex-wife or your children? Are you attracted to women who are unobtainable? If there is something that needs correcting, work on it. There IS someone out there who will appreciate the qualities you offer, so please don't give up.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "Pierced in Florida," whose wealthy grandmother refused to give her a graduation bonus because the girl had a nose ring.

Dear Annie: I read your column in the Louisville, Ky., Courier-Journal about "Jean in the Southwest," the totally dependent 68-year-old widow who said someone in her husband's company embezzled "our" (not his) retirement. This woman has been a parasite existing off her husband, and now she expects others to provide for her? No one owes her a dime. She should show some responsibility. — J.B. in the East

Dear J.B.: Get over yourself. "Jean" apparently married right out of high school, at a time when it was not uncommon for a woman's career to be that of homemaker and mother, both time-consuming and demanding jobs. She earned the right to share equally in her husband's income. While today's women are taught to rely on themselves, it wasn't always so. It's easy to apply current standards to Jean's situation, but it would be unfair. We don't get to turn back the clock.

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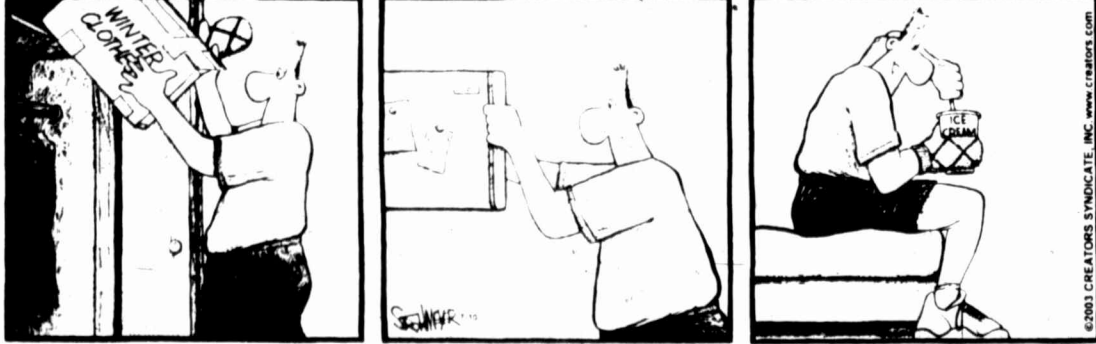
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, July 10, the 191st day of 2003. There are 174 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 10, 1940, during World War II, the 114-day Battle of Britain began as Nazi forces began attacking southern England by air.

In 1850, Vice President Millard Fillmore assumed the presidency, following the death of President Taylor.

In 1890, Wyoming became the 44th state.

In 1919, President Wilson personally delivered the Treaty of Versailles to the Senate, and urged its ratification.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. and British forces

invaded Sicily.

In 1951, armistice talks aimed at ending the Korean conflict began at Kaesong.

In 1962, the Telstar communications satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

In 1973, the Bahamas became independent after three centuries of British colonial rule.

In 1982, Pope John Paul II named Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati to succeed the late Cardinal John Cody as head of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

In 1991, Boris N. Yeltsin took the oath of office as the first elected president of the Russian republic.

In 1992, a federal judge in Miami sentenced former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega, convicted of drug and racketeering charges, to 40 years in prison.

However, a judge later cut Noriega's sentence by 10 years.

Ten years ago: President Clinton ended his visit to Japan, then traveled to South Korea, where in a speech to the National

Assembly he denounced communist North Korea for raising the specter of "nuclear annihilation."

Today's Birthdays: "Mr. Wizard" Don Herbert is 86. Eunice Kennedy Shriver is 82. Former boxer Jake LaMotta is 82. Writer-producer Earl Hamner Jr. is 80. Former New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins is 76. Actor William Smithers is 76. Broadway composer Jerry Herman is 70. Director Ivan Passer is 70. Actor Lawrence Pressman is 64. Actor Mills Watson is 63. Actor Robert Pine is 62. Rock musician Jerry Miller (Moby Grape) is 60. Tennis player Virginia Wade is 58.

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ON THE STOVE by Merle Baker
Edited by Stanley Newman

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