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A fund has been established to help with medical costs incurred by Big Spring resident William D. Gill, who suffered an injury recently and is unable to work. Donations can be made to the William Gill Fund at Western National Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. in Big Spring.

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## INSIDE



### SADDAM'S SONS KILLED

Acting on a tip from an Iraqi informant, U.S. forces backed by rocket-firing helicopters stormed a luxury home on the outskirts of this northern city Tuesday. After a six-hour operation they removed the bodies of two of the most hated and feared men in Iraq: Saddam Hussein's two sons Oday and Qusai.

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# Council reverses, votes down curfew

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Out-of-school Big Spring children won't have to worry about walking down the street on school days.

The city council voted down 5-2 a proposed amendment to the city's curfew ordinance which would have barred children under 17 from being outdoors on school days between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. without parental permission or a valid excuse such as work or medical emergency.

Thirteen people spoke on the issue before the council voted. Of those, 11 advocated

**"It seems like everything that's right for our kids is being taken away. I don't agree with this curfew."**

Stephanie Horton  
Big Spring City Council



defeating the issue, while only two spoke in favor of it.

Voting for the ordinance were council members JoAnn Staulcup and Gloria

McDonald, Stephanie Horton, W.A. "Woody" Jumper, Joann Knox and Greg Biddison, and Mayor Russ McEwen voted to reject the curfew.

The vote came after the council approved the measure on first reading 4-3 two weeks ago. Jumper and Knox both weighed in against the curfew in the first vote, but changed their mind in second.

Jumper said the fact that Municipal Judge Tim Green first proposed the curfew and has been a strong supporter of the measure played a part in his decision.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Howard County law enforcement officers exam the extent of damage inflicted upon a Chevrolet pickup Tuesday afternoon following a one-vehicle accident on East Midway Road. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety officials, when the driver, Bobby Howell, 67, of Sand Springs blacked out from a medical condition the vehicle continued forward to knock over a non-working gas meter, a telephone pole and part of a fence. Howell, the only person in the vehicle, refused medical treatment at the scene, TDS officials said.**

## City council faces budget workshops

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members will be rolling up their sleeves and buckling down to work this week on the budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

The council has scheduled budget workshops today, Thursday and Friday at 5:30 each evening.

The workshops will take place in the City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St., and are open to the public.

City Manager Gary Fuqua said the city staff has prepared a draft of the budget for the council to consider.

"At that time they will review it and make

**What:** Big Spring City Council budget workshops.

**Where:** Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.

**When:** 5:30 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday.

changes to it as they deem necessary," he said.

Fuqua said the proposed budget's expenditure total is similar to this year's.

"It's about the same," he said. "We tried to hold the line on everything. Of course, health insurance has gone up and some medical things, and the cost of energy has gone up."

Expenditures from the proposed budget's general fund total \$12,247,519, about a 2 percent increase over the current general

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FUQUA

## Susanne Reed named Herald business manager

By **JOHN A. MOSELEY**  
Managing Editor

Susanne Reed has been named general manager of the *Big Spring Herald*.

Reed comes to the *Herald* from Stuttgart, Ark., where she served as publisher of both the *Stuttgart Daily Leader* and the *Newport Independent*.

Her appointment to what is a new position within the paper's administrative team, was

announced by *Herald* Publisher

Chuck Williams. Initially, she will concentrate her efforts working with the *Herald's* team of advertising representatives.

"We feel like we've been extremely lucky to attract a newspaper professional with

Susanne Reed's experience and talent and add her to our management team here at the *Herald*," Williams said. "I believe she'll fit right in with the *Herald* family and I believe she'll be a tremendous asset not only to the newspaper but to the community as well."

Some might say Reed has printer's ink in her blood, coming from a newspaper family.

"You could certainly say I grew

up in the business," she said, noting that her father had been advertising manager of the *Northwest Arkansas Times* in Fayetteville, Ark., and later owned and published the *West Fork (Ark.) Observer*. "In fact, I followed in my father's footsteps."

Reed was also publisher of the Heber Springs (Ark.) *Sun-Times*

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## Junior High repairs, salary schedule on agenda for trustees

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

An update on the Big Spring Junior High School repair work project and a change in the district employee salary schedule are among the items up for discussion for Big Spring Independent School District trustees, who meet Thursday.

"We've finalized the contract this week (for the junior high reconstruction work)," said BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes. "James (McFarland, assistant business manager) will report on that to trustees Thursday night."

Earlier in the year, trustees approved a renovation project for portions of the junior high school, which suffered

damage from foundation failure.

In other business, trustees will consider approving an increase of the local increment over the state-base teacher's salary from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and \$2,500 to \$3,000 for a teacher who holds a master's degree.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

Trustees will also consider:

- Administrative procedures for planning and decision-making.
- The 2003-2004 Student Code of Conduct.
- The 2003-2004 Teacher Appraisal Calendar.
- Resignations, retirements and employments.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Big Spring High School Key Club Spirit Committee members Crystal Wingert, left, Katie Policky and Melody McDaniel model Steer sun-glasses. The club is selling the shades at \$10 each to help raise funds for the organization. For more information, call 267-7646.**

## Shades of Steer spirit

Key Club members selling sunglasses for fund-raiser

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring High School civic organization is hoping the community will show its Steer pride by wearing some special

shades. Members of the high school Key Club are selling yellow-tinted sunglasses. Embossed on one of the lenses is the Steer name.

"Wear your Steer gear

and support our boys and girls," said senior Katie Policky, a 17-year-old Key Club member.

Each pair of sunglasses costs \$10 and money from

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"In my opinion, it might be unethical for a judge to decide the fate of a young person while interpreting a law he promoted," Jumper said. "I don't think that's ethical."

In addition, Jumper quoted statistics tallied in some California cities where daytime curfews are in place.

"They show that the day curfew does not impact the crime rate in any way," he said. "They do show that in some cases in a few counties it has created tension and eroded respect for law enforcement. We don't want that here."

Horton said she feels the responsibility for control and discipline of children should lie with the parents and schools, not with the police department.

"I feel that we need to do something with these kids, with the energy they have," she said. "We need to divert it. There's youth centers. We don't have one. They're full of energy. We were full of energy too, but we had the power of the almighty switch. Now you use it and it's abuse. At one time, we could discipline our kids. They took prayer out of the school. That's one more thing gone. It seems like everything that's right for our kids is being taken away. I don't agree with this curfew."

Staulcup and McDonald both urged their fellow council members and the citizens present to continue to demand a solution to the problem the curfew was designed to combat: Juvenile crime.

Staulcup called for the formation of a citizens' committee to discuss possible alternatives to the

curfew. Horton said she wouldn't support a committee as a means of keeping the curfew issue alive.

"If you want to have a committee to talk this over, to look at it, involve the schools, see what they can do to change things and help our kids," she said. "Involve the churches, and involve the parents. That's the only problem I have with getting a committee. I think the committee should be involved with the school looking at what they can do with the truancy that they have now. I think the judge should look at other communities to see what they're doing. I think the city should look at activities to divert the energy of the children. Not just a committee to look at the curfew."

McEwen said he was proud of the council's responsiveness to public

comment. "This came up probably two months ago," he said. "At that point there was some pretty vocal opposition to it. We tabled it so that we could have a work session to discuss it. I think the city council members thought about it very diligently and tried to decide what was right and what was wrong. I think that's a good process. I know that every one of us, every single one of us, was not in a situation where it was absolutely cut and dried. There were good arguments on both sides."

McEwen said he favors the idea of forming a committee to discuss the juvenile crime issue further, but said that the committee should not be formed under the auspices of the city.

"We will be the catalyst, but I don't see it as being a city of Big Spring com-

mittee," he said. "It's more of an ad hoc type committee that I envision."

In other business, the council:

- Rezoned a portion of Jones Valley from "general residential" to "heavy industrial" to allow operation of an auto body shop.

- Approved a new traffic flow plan for the intersection of Randolph, Wright and Simler.

- Rejected 5-2 a proposal to allow the West Texas Water Ski Club to lease a portion of Moss Creek Lake for \$200 a year. Council members offered the club lease for the rest of 2003 for \$2,000 instead, but ski club member Dr. Johnny Stanley asked the council to consider and vote on the original proposal. Council members McDonald and Knox voted for the proposal.

- Approved 6-1 a resolution opposing the Texas

House of Representatives plan for congressional redistricting and opposing any plan that would "dilute West Texas' representation in Congress." Council member Greg Biddison voted against the measure. The resolution was on the agenda as an emergency item, but for such items to pass with only one reading requires a unanimous vote. Since the vote was not unanimous, the item will be treated like an ordinary resolution with a second vote required at the next council meeting for passage.

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fund spending estimate of \$12,003,357.

"Most people think of the general fund, because it's tax-supported issues and it's our primary source of revenue," said city Finance Director Peggy Walker. "We're looking at significant increases across the board in costs we can't control. For the general fund, this is a balanced budget in that we're looking at our total revenues for next year to be slightly more than \$12.3 million."

The proposal doesn't include any new large projects, but the council is still considering a bond proposal for capital expenditures separate from the budget proper.

"The bond election wouldn't really be includ-

ed in the budget. The voters would have to vote that in," Fuqua said. "Of course (in the budget) we always have our maintenance items at our water plant and wastewater plant and some of those are very high-dollar, in the hundreds of thousands of dollars just on the maintenance on some of those facilities. Then our seal coat program and our water line replacement program are still in there. But I don't really know of any new large programs that are included."

Walker said it's too early to tell what tax changes might be necessary to implement the new budget.

"At this point we have no idea. We did receive a preliminary tax certification from Keith Toomire, and his office estimates that the total taxable value for the city has

declined by about \$11 million," she said. "Of course there are still certain parcels that are being contested."

Walker said she plans to suggest adjusting the tax rate so that the effective tax rate remains the same should the projected decline in tax base occur.

"That's simply the rate that would generate the same tax revenue as the previous year," she said. "So there would be some small increase in that tax rate to generate that effectiveness."

While the workshops are open to the public, Fuqua said they are not intended as forums for public input on the budget.

"This is just where the staff presents (the budget) to the council," he said. "It's up to the council whether it wants to open it up for public comment. Public input is usually

brought in when it goes to the council for official approval. This is just a work session."

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before taking on her responsibilities in Stuttgart. Her career has also taken her to the Northwest Arkansas Times, the New Smyrna

Beach (Fla.) Observer and the Starkville (Miss.) Daily Leader.

"I'm really excited to be here in Big Spring and getting the chance to work with the staff here at the Herald," Reed said. "The people of Big Spring have already begun to

make me feel at home. This is a wonderful community and I'm excited about having a chance to make it my home."

Reed has two grown children: a son, David, 26, who lives in Little Rock and a daughter, Leslie, 23, who lives in Denton.

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the fund-raiser goes to support the club.

The organization has a limited number of the sunglasses left and mem-

bers will be selling them at the community pep rally, freshman orientation — and, if any remain — at the high school football games.

To purchase a pair contact Spirit Committee members Crystal Wingert

at 267-3017, Policky at 267-3800 or Melody McDaniel at 267-7646.

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**Ortega fund**

A fund has been established at Western National Bank for those who would like to help the Ortega Family of Big Spring.

Monica Ortega has been going through dialysis due to kidney failure. A match has been found for a kidney transplant. However the family needs help covering medical expenses.

Those who would like to

make a donation may do so from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the bank, 607, S. Scurry, or at the drive through from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donations should be made to the account of Rudy Ortega Jr.

Anyone having any questions should contact Leonor Rios at WNB, 432 466-0000.

**Shelhamer fund**

A fund has been established for anyone who

would like to help defray medical expenses for Dusty and Sandi Shelhamer, whose son Hunter was born prematurely on June 30 and is in Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock. Sandi Shelhamer is a fifth grade teacher at Golliad. Dusty is a fireman and a guard at Alon USA.

The fund has been set up in Hunter's name at the Government Employees Credit Union on Gregg Street.

**Notice to Patients**

Covenant Medical Group and Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic regret to announce the resignation of Micheal Stephens, M.D., Family Practitioner effective July 31, 2003. Dr. Stephens will be relocating.

For continuation of care for adult patients, Dr. Manuel Carrasco is available at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. Dr. James Huston will also be available late summer upon his return from military reserve duty. Dr. Steve Ahmed and Dr. Jose Chavez are also available to continue the care of pediatric patients at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. These physicians plan to continue practicing in Big Spring.

For medical record requests or to transfer care to one of the above physicians, please call 432-267-8361.

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**Scenic Mountain Medical Center**

CEO report to the community

By: Timothy E. Schmidt  
Chief Executive Officer  
Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Dear Community Members:

The winds of change continue to blow through Big Spring following Covenant Health System's announcement that it will no longer operate the Malone & Hogan Clinic. This decision has left many unanswered questions, and I am often asked what will happen to the physicians in the group and the availability of primary care in Big Spring.

At Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC), we value our relationship with the physicians associated with the Malone & Hogan Clinic. We respect the bonds they have built with their patients over the years and our hospital has been the beneficiary of their hard work and dedication. Since Covenant's announcement, we've worked hard to convince them to stay, offering employment agreements to a number of physicians. We are pleased to report that the majority of the physicians will remain in Big Spring; some will become employees of Scenic Mountain Medical Group while others will open their own practices. All should remain in their current office locations.

Unfortunately, a handful of physicians have decided to pursue opportunities outside of Big Spring. While we are sad to see these fine physicians leave the community, their departure does not mean people will have to travel out of town for care. SMMC is excited to welcome several new physicians to our community and several more are on the way. In addition, we are actively recruiting physicians specializing in radiology, orthopedic surgery, cardiology and ear, nose and throat.

Despite these changes, SMMC is stronger than ever. During recent years, we have made substantial investments in the facility through important renovations and the purchase of new medical equipment, which allows us to offer the latest technological advances and specialty care right here at home. From our new emergency room to the addition of sophisticated diagnostic equipment and new specialty physicians to our medical staff, the quality of healthcare has never been better in Big Spring.

SMMC's contributions to Big Spring don't stop with the healthcare we offer. Last year, we provided more than \$6.1 million in uncompensated care to people who otherwise could not afford it. We also paid \$500,000 in property taxes - funds that support community services and public schools. The hospital actively supports community organizations ranging from the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society to the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce's Health Task Force, and creates a powerful economic ripple effect felt throughout Howard County with our \$10.5 million annual payroll.

Our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for the people of the Permian Basin is as strong as it was when we first opened our doors in 1975. Scenic Mountain Medical Center's future has never been brighter, and we have never been more focused on meeting the needs of the people who matter most - our patients. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Schmidt  
Chief Executive Officer  
Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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OUR VIEWS

Howard College will stay a real bargain despite increases

It seems like everyone loves a bargain these days. That's especially true for parents sending their children to college, and the same holds true for students paying their own way through school.

As a result, the decision by Howard College trustees to raise tuition and fees for the 2003 fall semester was not necessarily welcomed news Monday.

But for property owners in Howard County, however, the fact that the college's administration is proposing a budget that keeps tax rates at the current level was heartening.

It should be noted, though, that even with the college's tuition and fee hike — \$566 in tuition for students taking a 12-hour course load compared to \$487 a year ago — Howard College remains a tremendous bargain for a student's freshman and sophomore years.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks made that clear when she noted that a full-time student's tuition and fees at Howard College would be less than \$700 this fall, the projected tuition and fees for the same student would be about \$2,000 more at Texas Tech University.

The bottom line is that Howard College remains a tremendous opportunity for those in our community seeking higher education.

What's more, freshman students at Howard College won't find themselves seated in an English or history classroom with anywhere between 200 and 500 students like they would at many major universities.

Instead, they'll receive more individualized instruction from a quality faculty.

And when one considers Howard College also boasts a quality campus life that includes athletic programs that year in and year out compete at the national level, there's little reason not to take advantage of the financial savings the school offers its students.

That, after all, is a real bargain.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, brighten our dull spirits with your love. Renew our lives through your many blessings. Amen

Eldorado's 'Running of the Bull'

That crazy guy Jim Runge is putting Eldorado on the map again. This time, it's an event called "Running of the Bull." No, it's not a copy of the running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. Bull in this case is singular. "Eldorado has lots of bull shooters," says Runge, "so we thought we'd have a contest to see who can do it the best." Obviously, it's a running of the mouths rather a running of the bulls. The thing has gotten out of hand, as most of Runge's events do. It has come to the attention of people in nearby towns and some that are not so nearby. It seems that every Texas town has some outstanding bull shooters.

More than twenty categories have been established for competition. Some of these are the biggest lie contest, fastest talker, cowboy poetry, punning, personal stories, shaggy dog stories, parodies,

rhyming prose, tongue twisters and a special freestyle category. No entry fee is required and winners will receive special trophies.

It all takes place July 26 and 27 on Eldorado's court house square. The event has a website, ShootTheBull@hotmail.com. The phone number is 325-853-2434. The competition is open to anyone except those from France.

Besides the tall tales, jokes and mangled English (ala Norm Crosby), there will be arts, crafts and food vendors galore. Antique and classic cars will be on display and visitors can enjoy face painting, clowns, carnival games, a giant inflatable slide and a "Count The Bulls" contest in which contestants try to see how many bulls they can count on promotional signs in the area. One hitch to that: only signs in Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett, Menard and Tom Green Counties can be counted for the contest.

Running of the Bull has attracted some colorful folks.

Dennis Gaines of Kerrville says he didn't talk until he was almost six when he said "This hot chocolate is no good." When his mother

asked him why he waited so long to talk, he replied, "Up until now, things have been just fine."

He was named the Cowboy Storyteller and humorist of the year by the Academy of Western Artists.

Jimmy Girvin of Arlington talks even during domino games and was once run out of town for talking too much.

Pam Gaddis of Alpine has the Trans-Pecos Dinosaur Obedience School and is a licensed freckle inspector.

Jim Collins of McKinney was born with a plastic spoon in his mouth and as a child loved to sit in front of a roaring fire. His daddy always got mad because the house had no fireplace.

The Running of the Bull comes on the heels of the Eldorado Elgotarod, an event for goats similar to Alaska's Iditarod. All these events are being presented by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee (the EOBOC) to shore up their credentials to host a future Olympics in Eldorado.

Attendees to this event should wear tall boots and raise their pants legs.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

ART BY SEAN WILSON 003



NAACP, stuck in a time warp

The NAACP is America's oldest civil rights organization, and for years stood as the moral conscience of the nation, fighting for the rights of black Americans to equal treatment at the polling booth, in the schoolhouse, in the courts and in the marketplace. How sad, now, that this venerable institution has been turned into a caricature of its former self.

Its leaders are stuck in a time warp, imagining they still live in a world of pick-ax-wielding bigots and lynch mobs. NAACP chairman Julian Bond, a veteran of the civil rights movement and a former Georgia state legislator, has been reduced to ugly name-calling in order to attract media attention. At the NAACP convention meeting in Florida this week, Bond accused the Republican Party of "appealing to the dark underside of American culture. . . Their idea of reparations is to give war criminal Jefferson Davis a pardon. Their idea of equal rights is the American flag and the Confederate swastika flying side by side," he told a cheering crowd.

The group no longer has an agenda, other than to "uproot the bigger '(B)ush' in 2004," as Bond promised. But the putatively non-partisan group may run into problems fulfilling that goal, given its declining status.

The NAACP has become so irrelevant that even Democratic presidential aspirants — none of whom could hope to be elected without winning 90 percent of black votes nationwide — can afford to boycott

the group's annual meeting. Senators Joe Lieberman and Dennis Kucinich and former Missouri congressman and House minority leader Dick Gephardt all had "other commitments" that prevented them from attending the convention.

Julian Bond may not recognize it, but racism is no longer the major problem facing American blacks. For the minority of black Americans — 23 percent — who lived below the poverty line in 2001, discrimination isn't to blame.

What is? A list of likely culprits would surely include the collapse of the black family, the failure of the public schools and black-on-black crime.

National Center for Health statistics indicate that with two out of three black babies born to unwed mothers today, black children are far more likely to grow up poor than youngsters from any other group. And according to the Census Bureau, black children in single mother households are nearly five times more likely to live in poverty than are black children born to two-parent families; 47 percent of black youngsters under 18 who live in female-headed households are poor compared to only 10 percent who live with two parents. The problem of illegitimacy has plagued the black community for nearly 40 years, but goes unaddressed by the NAACP or any other major black organization.

Julian Bond did talk about education in his convention address, but most of what he said took the form of vicious attacks on both Gov. Jeb Bush's and President Bush's education reform efforts. "Gov. Jeb Bush's notion of school reform is going to send black children to reform school," Bond said of Florida's efforts to put an end to

promoting kids from grade to grade even if they haven't learned anything. So-called "social promotions" have resulted in schools graduating black high school seniors who — on average — read at the eighth-grade level.

Bond also talked about crime — but his sympathies were directed exclusively to the criminals. He bemoaned the sorry fact that 12 percent of all black men between the ages of 20 and 34 are incarcerated, and the NAACP has made voting rights for felons one of its top legislative priorities in recent years. But what about the black victims on whom these criminals prey, the men and women who work hard everyday, only to be beaten, robbed, raped and murdered, not by Ku Klux Klansmen but by predators in their own communities? If the NAACP were truly concerned for the plight of black Americans, wouldn't it be pushing for more police and tougher sentences for violent offenders, not worrying about whether it can deliver more jail-house votes to the Democratic Party?

There is much work left to be done if the lives of America's poorest blacks are to improve — but the NAACP seems to have little interest in tackling the really tough issues. Instead, its leaders would rather blame racism and Republicans, and look to government to solve the problems of a community whose only hope is to heal itself.

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# What's new at the library... with Hollis McCright

If you like the Calder series by Janet Daily, then author Joan Johnston will be right up your alley. She is a new author to the library and while her books are located in the Western section, I think any reader of romances will enjoy them. Titles that we have received are: "The Barefoot Bride," "The Loner," "The Texan," "Comanche Woman," and "Frontier Woman." Additional Westerns are "The Surrogate Gun" by Jack Cummings, "The Lonely Grass" by Nelson Nye and James Reasoner's "Stark's Justice."



HOLLIS McCRIGHT

I enjoy lighthearted mysteries and two authors that I have written about before are Robin Paige and Joanne Fluke. The library has just received Paige's "Death at Bishop's Keep." This book introduces the character Kathryn Ardleigh and Charles Sheridan. Fluke's protagonist is Hannah Swensen — a cookie baker extraordinaire, whose home is in snowy Minnesota. "Blueberry Muffin Murder" and "Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder" will whet your appetite for even more, so check out "Lemon Meringue Pie Murder!" Louise Erdrich's "The Master Butchers Singing Club" is a powerfully told story of love, death, redemption, and resurrection. After German soldier Fidelis Waldvogel returns home from World War I to marry his best friend's pregnant widow, he packs up his father's butcher knives and sets sail for America. He settles in Argus, North Dakota, where he sets up a meat shop with his wife Eva. While most of this novel focuses on the changing landscape of small-town life as seen

through Delphine and Fidelis's eyes, Erdrich does a masterful job of illuminating hidden dramas through her secondary characters. Erdrich's portrayal of these various townfolk truly shows off her storytelling talent. For more than five decades, Rona Jaffe has captivated readers with her "deft, irresistible storytelling" (Los Angeles Times). Now she takes us through a season of friendship, discovery, betrayal, and love to tell a story of four friends and the events that shaped their futures. "The Room-Mating Season" is the story of Leigh, Cady, Vanessa and Susan, who meet when they become roommates in a townhouse on Manhattan's Upper East Side. New York in 1963 is a place of magical enchantment and infinite possibilities, especially when you're young and eager for the adventure a big city offers. Leigh, Cady, Vanessa, and Susan could not know the decisions they made in 1963 would be challenged later, not because they were young when they made them, but because the world itself was going to change around them. Lorna Landvik makes her contribution to the female-friends-sharing-life's-ups-and-downs genre with this saga of four suburban Minneapolis housewives who form a book discussion group and found a friendship that spans 30 years. "Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons" is the story of five women with dysfunctional and dramatic lives. It is sort of like the Divine Ya-Ya Sisters in Minnesota rather than Louisiana. Thrown together by a harsh winter, the women band together to weather the emotional upheavals such long-lasting friendships are bound to encounter. If you like friendship stories, then you will enjoy this one. What is more important,

who you are now or who you were then? Other great fiction we have received: "A Piece of Heaven" by Barbra Samuel; James Patterson's "Jester" — takes place during the first Crusades; "Thief of Words" by John Jaffe; "A Winter Marriage" by Kerry Hardie — this is an Irish story of marriage and love; and Lee Child's "Persuader" — a Jack Reacher novel; a spine tinger — "The Protector" by David Morrell. I hesitate to call these romances or love stories but guess that is what they are: Judith McNaughton's "Someone to Watch Over Me" and

Elizabeth Lowell's "This Time Love" are two good summer-time, on the beach, reads. "The Center of Everything" by Laura Moriarty is the story of Tina, who is trying to survive her mother in Kansas. Even more new fiction: "Good Hope Road" by Lisa Wingate; "Plain Language" by Barbara Wrigley; Richard S. Wheeler's "Buffalo Commons"; "The Boy on the Bus" by Deborah Schupack; "Like a Knife" by Annie Solomon; and "Tropic Night" by Michael Gruber. Three new biographies just received are: "Horton Foote: A

Literary Biography" by Charles S. Watson. Foote was the adaptor for the screenplay "To Kill a Mockingbird" and is a master playwright and novelist. He is a great Texas writer. "Mary, Queen of Scots and the Murder of Lord Darnley" proves that anyone can choose a bad spouse. Written by Alison Weir, this is the story of a doomed attempt to become Queen of England. John Eisenhower knew that someday he would write about his father. That day has come. "General Ike" is a series of portraits of his relationships

with soldiers and statesmen from MacArthur to Patton to Montgomery to Churchill and DeGaulle. All of these books may be found either in the Biography section or on the New Book Shelf.

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### Sabayon dessert makes an impressive finale dessert

Sabayon, a French cousin of the Italian dessert zabaglione, is made by beating egg yolks with a liquid over simmering water until thickened and increased in volume. This airy dish would be a welcome finale for a small dinner party or special occasion.

**Fresh Fruit Sabayon Dessert**  
(Preparation time 20 minutes)  
8 egg yolks  
1 teaspoon dry ground ginger  
1/3 cup brandy  
1 cup apple juice  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1 cup fresh or frozen berries (such as raspberries,

blueberries and strawberries)  
Place the egg yolks, ginger, brandy, apple juice, brown sugar, sugar and vanilla in a metal mixing bowl and whisk until smooth. Place over simmering water in a saucepan. Do not allow the water to touch the bottom of the bowl. Whisk the sabayon while cooking for about 5 minutes or until thick. The sabayon should look like very softly whipped cream and should coat the back of a spoon. Place a quarter cup of berries in each of 4 large wineglasses and pour the sabayon over the berries, dividing it equally. Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

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### IN BRIEF

**Crossroads football sign-ups under way**  
Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League is now under way at the Big Spring Mall. Registration for football is being held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every week day. A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration. The cost for football is \$75 per person. For more information, call 268-9634.

### Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Camp begins today 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.

### Area players sought for all-star game

Several positions on the 2003 All Americas Basketball squad are available to area seniors interested in participating in the event. Area boys and girls, who graduated this past year, are eligible to compete in the contest. For more information, contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336.

### WTGSC to hold 100-hole golf marathon

The West Texas Girl Scout Council will be holding a golf marathon on Aug. 4 in Sweetwater. Golfers participating in the event will play 100 holes of golf during the one-day event. All participants will have their own cart, and play at their own speed using modified rules. The field will be limited to 40 golfers. For more information or to register contact, Shirley Olson at (325) 670-0432.

### All Americas Open slated for today

The All Americas Open, which is open to the general public, is scheduled today, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring. For more information contact Tommy Wells at 816-6336.

### ON THE AIR

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| Rangers vs. Seattle, 2:30 p.m.  | 1490    |
| Astros vs. Cubs, 12:40 p.m.     | 1490    |
| Rangers vs. Seattle, 8:30 p.m.  | 1490    |
| Astros vs. Atlanta, 6:10 p.m.   | 1490    |
| Astros vs. Atlanta, 5:40 p.m.   | 1490    |

## Waco police continue search for body

WACO (AP) — Despite a day of fruitless searching for a missing Baylor basketball player, Waco police say they expect to find his body based on information from his former teammate, who is now charged with murder. Investigators, some on horseback, searched river banks and a gravel pit Tuesday for Patrick Dennehy's body. Teams were to resume their search later Wednesday, said police spokeswoman Sharon Holt. "There is always the hope, very sincere hope,

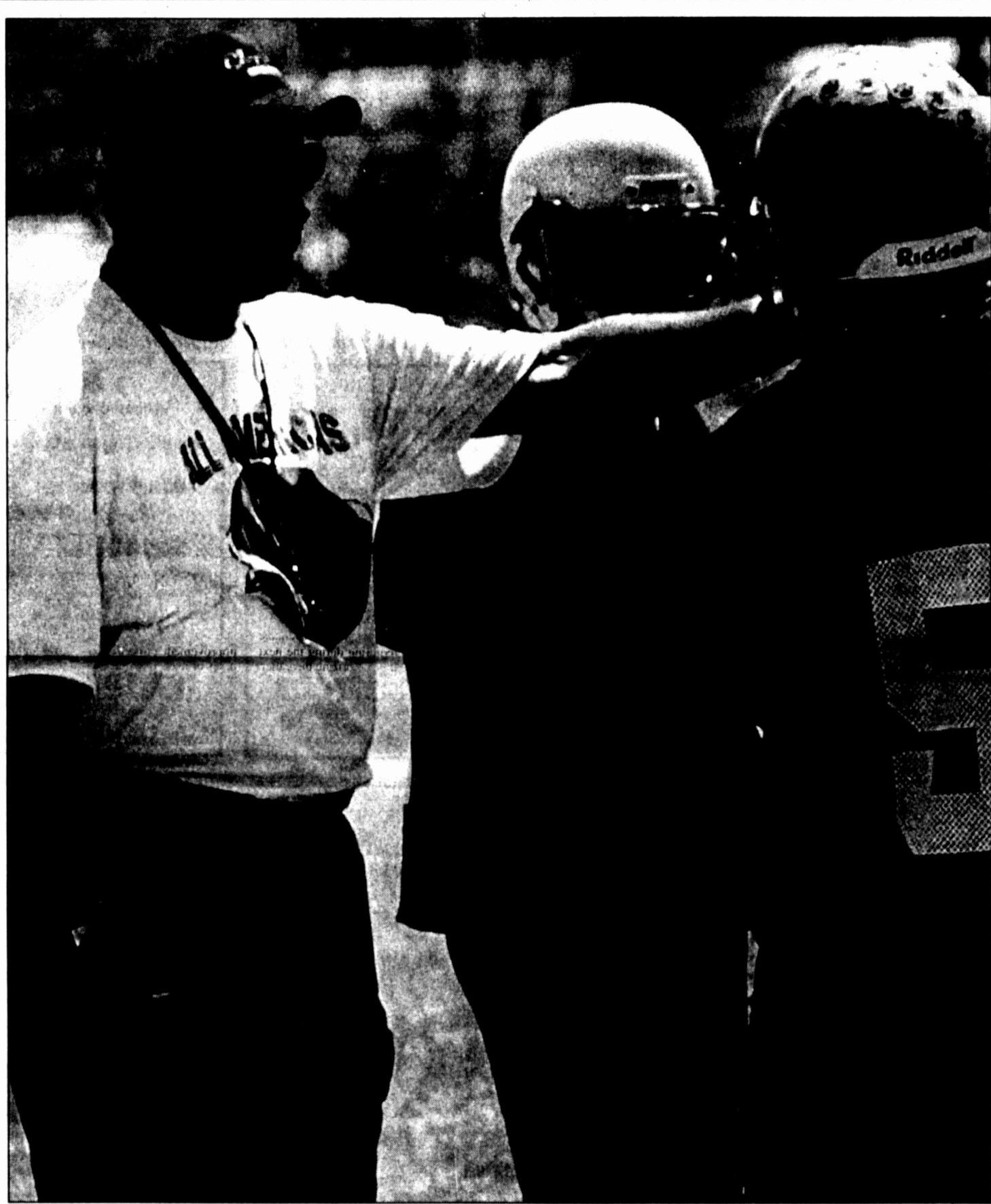
that we find Mr. Dennehy, mostly for his family and then for the criminal case," police Sgt. Ryan Holt said. Dennehy's mother and stepfather reportedly were in Waco Wednesday to talk with investigators. Valorie and Brian Brabazon told Dallas-Fort Worth television station WFAA they will also collect Dennehy's belongings from the player's apartment. Former roommate Carlton Dotson, 21, was charged Monday night with murder after he confessed to FBI agents that

he shot Dennehy in the head "because Patrick had tried to shoot him," according to an arrest warrant released Tuesday. "Mr. Dotson provided specific information about the murder of Mr. Dennehy that would lead us to believe he committed the murder," Holt said, declining to release more details. Dennehy, 21, was last seen on campus on June 12; his family reported him missing on June 19. The next day, Waco police said Delaware police told them an informant said

Dotson told someone he shot Dennehy in the head after the two argued. Dotson was seen "during the late evening" on June 12 in Sulphur Springs, the hometown of his estranged wife, driving Dennehy's Chevrolet Tahoe, and told someone he planned to go to Maryland, the warrant said. Dennehy's Tahoe was found abandoned, without license plates, in a Virginia Beach, Va., mall parking lot June 25. On Sunday, Dotson contacted authorities near his hometown in Mary-

land, said he was hearing voices and later, after being taken to a hospital, asked to speak with FBI agents about Dennehy's disappearance, authorities said. Dotson attorney Grady Irvin said Tuesday afternoon that he had not spoken to his client since his arrest. "I don't think he's in a mental state right now to be speaking to anyone in any lucid fashion," Irvin said. Irvin said he would examine the arrest warrant and see if any com-

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Ken Hoskins, who guided the Whitharral Panthers to the 2001 state six-man football championship, talks with his players during Tuesday's afternoon practice for the All Americas Bowl. Hoskins, who was recently hired as the new head coach at Garden City, will lead Texas against the Nations at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

## Astros stymie Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP) — In one night, the Pittsburgh Pirates managed to help two NL Central contenders improve their chances of winning the division. First, they put up little resistance as Astros rookie left-hander Jeremie Robertson shut them out for 7 1-3 innings during division-leading Houston's 2-0 victory Tuesday.

Afterward, the Pirates dealt their top run producer, third baseman Aramis Ramirez, and starting center fielder Kenny Lofton to the contending Cubs for strike-out-prone infielder Jose Hernandez and two minor leaguers.

No wonder Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon must have felt like he had lost twice in the same evening without playing a doubleheader. Not only did his team lose a game, the trade weakens McClendon's everyday lineup and signals the Pirates have all but given up on winning in the short term.

McClendon couldn't explain how his team went down weakly against Robertson (10-3). But he tried to defend a trade that was made mostly so the money-losing Pirates could dump Ramirez's \$6 million salary in 2004.

"I don't think people quite understand what See ASTROS, Page 3B

## In one magic moment, Armstrong saved his Tour de France hopes

PAU, France (AP) — There are rare, inspiring moments in sports when the magic all comes together. Cycling superstar Lance Armstrong conjured his up on a mountain in the Pyrenees.

In a feat to match Michael Jordan's championship-winning basket that sunk the Utah Jazz in 1998 or Pete Sampras' comeback win at the 2002 U.S. Open, Armstrong saved his chances of capturing a record-tying fifth Tour de France on a mist-shrouded 8.3-mile stretch of road.

It's a fact of life for Armstrong that his sport cannot match basketball or tennis for popularity in his native America — and he still may lose this year's Tour. But in that exhausting climb to the Pyrenean ski station of Luz-Arddiden, Armstrong the true champion shone

through. The two weeks that led to his victory were as torturous as the ascent itself. Armstrong, a 31-year-old Texan steeled by his winning battle against cancer, has had a troubled Tour. Instead of dominating the three-week slog around France, he's struggled with illness, crashes, team and equipment problems and legs that lacked their usual vigor.

The Tour is perhaps sport's most grueling event; it preys on problems like those. As the miles rolled by, Armstrong's challengers have closed in. For four years, they had ridden in his dust. Now, they sensed he might be ready to fall.

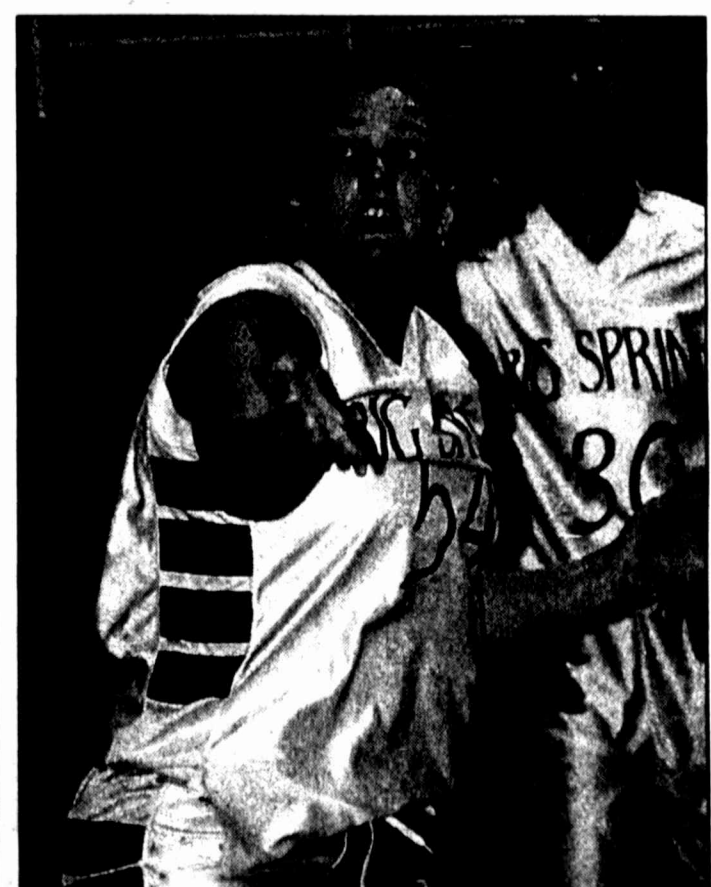
Closest was Jan Ullrich, a 29-year-old German who won the Tour in 1997 and twice finished runner-up to the Armstrong in 2000 and 2001. Just 15 seconds

behind the Texan overall, Ullrich was gaining momentum. Armstrong, meanwhile, was talking about losing.

On Sunday, the day before the 98.9-mile stage to Luz-Arddiden, Armstrong said he'd go home and have a cold beer if defeated. "I'm not going to cry and whine," he said.

The next morning's start in the picturesque town of Bagneres-de-Bigorre was clear and hot — bad for Armstrong, who has struggled in the heat wave that has gripped this year's Tour. But up high, mist cooled the mountains. It was there that the day's dramas would play out.

That morning, Armstrong also awoke feeling better than he had for a while. "He said: 'I think I'm back,'" said his sporting director, Johan Bruyneel. See TOUR, Page 3B



Big Spring's Ashley Smith and Courtney Brock will begin practice for the 2003 All Americas basketball game Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The two BSHS stars will practice from 2-4 p.m. The girls' all-star game will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The boys, who begin practice Thursday, are set to play Friday night at 7:30 pm.

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Sports Briefs

Father says coach helped with education

DALLAS (AP) — Patrick Dennehy's father claims a Baylor coach helped arrange to pay for the missing basketball player's education and living expenses when the player agreed to give up his scholarship to another player last year.

Patrick Dennehy Sr. said in a story in the online edition of The Dallas Morning News Tuesday night that his son told him a coach promised to "take care of" him after he transferred last summer from New Mexico to Baylor.

Baylor athletic officials disputed the claim. Such extra benefits could be a potential violation of NCAA rules.

"Our coaches claim that the story is false," said Baylor spokesman Scott Stricklin, who said coach Dave Bliss and his staff wouldn't comment.

Stricklin told the newspaper the school was aware of the allegations before Tuesday and had begun an inquiry independent of the athletic department.

Grieve to have surgery, will be out for season

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay Devil Rays designated hitter Ben Grieve will miss the rest of the season because of surgery to remove a rib.

The surgery, which is to take place next week, is part of a program to treat a small blood clot in his upper right arm. He is expected to be ready for spring training.

Grieve saw vascular surgeon Peter in Dallas on Tuesday. He was hospitalized last Friday after tests found the blood clot.

"He's got some impinge-

ment in the vein that has the clot, and maybe some impingement in his artery," Devil Rays head trainer Ken Crenshaw said, adding that Pearl "wants to do a nerve test to make sure the nerve is not impinged."

After being released from St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg on Sunday, Grieve flew to Dallas on Monday.

Mote hopes Cheyenne ride will reignite career

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A defending world champion and a seven-time titleholder bolted to the top of the leaderboard at the 107th Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo on Tuesday.

Bobby Mote, the 2002 bareback king, and Clay O'Brien Cooper, a seven-time world champion team roping, were among the top performers as the first round of the \$1 million "Daddy of 'Em All" drew to a close.

Mote scored 86 points on a horse named Beaver Dam to earn \$5,206.

The 27-year-old cowboy from Redmond, Ore., started 2003 with a win at Denver, then suffered a broken collarbone, separated shoulder and sprained neck at Houston in March. He returned to action six weeks ago but has struggled until Tuesday.

Lions agree to terms with Redding, 2 others

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) — The Detroit Lions said Tuesday they agreed to terms on 3-year contracts with defensive tackle Cory Redding, defensive back Blue Adams and Travis Anglin.

No other terms were released for the players, who were all selections in the 2003 NFL draft.

The 6-foot-4, 285-pound Redding was selected in the third round. During his four-year career at Texas, he played in every game, recording 201 tackles and 21 sacks.

Adams, at 5-9 and 182 pounds, was drafted by the Lions in the seventh round. He completed his career at Cincinnati with 129 tackles as a cornerback.

At 6-foot-4, 192 pounds, Anglin also was drafted in the seventh round. In his senior year at Memphis, he had 55 catches for 740 yards after spending his first three seasons as a quarterback.

Report: Horry reaches agreement with Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Free agent forward Robert Horry has reached a verbal agreement for a one-year contract with the San Antonio Spurs plus a club option for a second year, according to a Houston television station.

Horry, who turns 33 in August, may sign a contract with the defending NBA champions on Wednesday, KRIV reports.

Spurs spokesman Tom James didn't immediately return a message left by The Associated Press.

O's close out best homestand in five years with rout of Texas

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles left Camden Yards with a six-game winning streak that seemed to indicate that their lengthy rebuilding venture is finally bearing fruit.

When the Orioles return home on Aug. 1 — one day after the end of the non-waiver trade deadline — the team just might have an entirely different look.

The Orioles closed out their most successful homestand in five years by beating the Texas Rangers 12-6 on Tuesday. As they packed their bags for a two-day trip to New York to face the Yankees, none of the players could be certain if they would return for Baltimore's next home game.

It's hard to predict what deals the Orioles (47-50) will make in the days ahead, but for now, it appears the team is finally heading in the right direction.

"Who knows how far we can go this year at this point?" second baseman Brian Roberts said.

"You're just trying to build for the future. Whether that's in a month or a year from now, you just try and continue and

move forward and make progress. I think that's what we're doing."

Jay Gibbons homered and drove in four runs, and Robert Machado also homered for the Orioles, on their longest streak since winning six in a row in June 2000.

Baltimore finished 7-2 against Texas this year. The Orioles, who swept the defending champion Angels after the All-Star break, went 6-0 on a homestand for the first time since 1998.

"Baltimore is playing well," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "It revolves around their pitching, but that's no surprise to anybody."

Hank Blalock and Einar Diaz homered, and Alex Rodriguez had four hits

for the Rangers, who have lost seven of nine.

Rafael Palmeiro played in his 1,512th game with Texas, matching the Rangers' record set by Jim Sundberg. The former Oriole went 1-for-5 and ended an 0-for-14 skid.

Baltimore led 7-5 in the seventh before Gibbons hit a three-run shot off Ron Mahay, who hadn't permitted a run in eight appearances since being recalled from the minors. It was Gibbons' 15th homer.

Machado homered off Mahay in the eighth, and Conine added an RBI double to make it 12-5.

Down 3-2, the Orioles took the lead for good in the fourth against John Thomson (7-10).

Reports: Rockets forward accepts 4-year deal with Grizzlies

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Rockets forward James Posey has agreed to a four-year deal with the Memphis Grizzlies, according to broadcast reports Tuesday.

Houston stations KRIV-TV and KILT radio reported Posey has not signed the offer but has approved it verbally and

is pleased with it.

"I think I made the best decision for myself and for my future," Posey said while not disclosing financial details. "It was more than what the Rockets put on the table."

The Rockets have 15 days to match the Memphis offer once Posey signs it.

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ments that Dotson made in recent weeks were included.

"If it is, there is a significant likelihood that his competency to make those statements are in question," he said.

Dotson was ordered held without bond in Maryland on Tuesday. An extradition hearing was set for within 30 days after the defense refused to allow Dotson's transfer to Texas.

Dotson and Dennehy were on the basketball team at the Baptist-affiliated university last season. Dotson recently lost his scholarship and was not planning to return to Baylor in the fall.

Melissa Kethley, Dotson's estranged wife, said she does not believe he killed Dennehy.

"I've known that he's needed psychological help for a very long time," Kethley said, crying, during a telephone interview. "He needs help; the boy needs help. ... Maybe, if he did do this, it's a blessing in disguise, and he can get the help he needs."

In a brief statement Tuesday, Baylor basketball coach Dave Bliss said the team and university were shaken.

"We keep hoping this isn't true. It seems unreal, especially that a 21-year-old who always wore that big smile and couldn't wait for the season to begin might be gone," Bliss said

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| 6 PM      | News Wheel-         | King of the Hill     | Cyberchase Zoboomafoo        | 7th Heaven (CC)         | News Ent. Tonight  | News Wheel-         | News Seinfeld (CC)         | Seinfeld (CC)              | Las Vias del Amor          | Blind Date            | Movie: Get Over It (CC) | Movie: at the Gates (CC) | Secrets of Fo-          | Movie: Stuart Little 2 (CC) | Update/Israel John Hagee  | Amer. Justice:        | How See This!          | Law & Order (CC) (DVS)       | Sister, Sister         |
| 7 PM      | My Wife-Kids George | 70s Show American    | National Geo                 | Movie: Spies Like Us    | 60 Minutes II (CC) | My Wife-Kids George | Fame (CC)                  | Seinfeld (CC)              | Rebecca                    | Star Trek: Next       | Over It (CC)            | Movie: The Cable Guy     | Ultimate Ten Machines   | Sam Peak Jesse Lee          | Biography: Will Smith     | Unsolved History (CC) | Law & Order (CC) (DVS) | Movie: Getta Kick It Up (CC) |                        |
| 8 PM      | Draw Carey          | Paradise Hotel       | American Experience          | Big Brother 4 (CC)      | Draw Carey (CC)    | Law & Order (CC)    | Ripley's Believe It or Not | Nine... Amade              | Movie: You Only Live Twice | Movie: Balm in Gilead | Movie News              | Junyard Wars             | Sex and-City Greenlight | Light of the Southwest      | American Justice          | Moments in Time       | Movie: The Craft (CC)  |                              |                        |
| 9 PM      | Favorite Stars:     | 70s Show Dharma-Greg | Six Wives of Henry VIII (CC) | Whose Line? Whose Line? | Cupid (CC)         | Favorite Stars:     | Law & Order (CC)           | Movie: The Cable Guy       | Don Francisco              | Twice                 | :35 Movie:              | Street Time (CC)         | Extreme Universe        | On the Record               | Amer. Justice             | Lost Temple to        |                        | Sister, Sister               |                        |
| 10 PM     | News Nightline      | 70s Show Raymond     |                              | 700 Club (CC)           | News Late Show     | News (CC)           | News Tonight               |                            | Primer Impacto             |                       | Legally Blonde          | Movie: RoboCop 2 (CC)    | Ultimate Ten Machines   | Minority                    | Hour of Healing           | Third Watch (CC)      | Unsolved History (CC)  | Movie: Prince Charming (CC)  | Boy World Proud Family |
| 11 PM     | Jimmy Kimmel        | Sudden-Susan         | News-Lehrer                  | Caroline Rhea (CC)      | Ent. Tonight Jimmy | Ent. Tonight Jimmy  | Late Night (CC)            | Ripley's Believe It or Not | En las Mejores             | Blind Date            | :15 Movie: Scaors       |                          | Junyard Wars            |                             | Update/Israel Joseph Good | Biography: Will Smith | Moments in Time        |                              | Boy World Smart Guy    |
| 12 AM     | Paid Program Cowboy | Blind Date Beyond    | Joy of Snakes                | Paid Program            | Show (CC)          | Live (CC)           | Fraser (CC)                | Movie: Son-In-Law          | Camila                     | Highlander (CC)       | Movie: The Street King  | Extreme Universe         | Movie: Say              | N. McBride John Hagee       | American Justice          | Lost Temple to        | X-Files (CC)           | Sister, Sister               |                        |

### DENNIS THE MENACE

7-25

"AT LEAST NOW THE GRASS STAINS DON'T SHOW."

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS

7-23

"Why? Was it torn?"

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FIRST YOU TAKE 666 EGGS AND BEAT THE DEVIL OUT OF THEM...

### BLONDIE

IT'S SO LATE, I CAN USE THE FRONT WALKWAY THIS MORNING

BECAUSE HE HAS TO TAKE HIS SHORTCUT

### WIZARD OF ID

THE HUNS ARE HOLDING THE KING FOR RANSOM!

IF WE PAY IT, HOW DO WE KNOW THEY WILL KEEP HIM?

### AGNES

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## This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 23, the 204th day of 2003. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 23, 1886, New York saloonkeeper Steve Brodie claimed to have made a daredevil plunge from the Brooklyn Bridge into the East River.

On this date:

In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in Mount McGregor, N.Y., at age 63.

In 1892, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was born.

In 1914, Austria-Hungary issued an ultimatum to Serbia following the killing of Archduke Francis Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; the dispute led to World War I.

In 1942, Harry James and his Orchestra recorded "I Had the Craziest Dream" in Hollywood for Columbia Records.

In 1952, Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser overthrew King Farouk I.

In 1967, rioting that claimed some 43 lives erupted in Detroit.

In 1977, a jury in Washington, D.C., convicted 12 Hanafi Muslims of charges stemming from the hostage siege at three buildings the previous March.

In 1984, Vanessa Williams became the first Miss America to resign her title, because of nude photographs of her that turned up in Penthouse magazine.

In 1986, Britain's Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. The couple divorced in 1996.

In 1997, the search for Andrew Cunanan, the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, Fla., an apparent suicide.

Today's Birthdays: A Rock musician Blair Thornton (Bachman Turner Overdrive) is 53. Actor Woody Harrelson is 42. Rock musician Martin Gore (Depeche Mode) is 42. Actor Eriq La Salle is 41. Rock musician Yuval Gabay is 40. Rock musician Slash is 38. Actor Philip Seymour Hoffman is 36. Rock musician Nick Menza is 35. Model-actress Stephanie Seymour is 35. Actress Charisma Carpenter is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Watters is 33. Country singer Alison Krauss is 32.

Answer to previous puzzle

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## Newsday Crossword

### GETTING THE BOOT by Daniel R. Stark

Edited by Stanley Newman

**ACROSS**

- 1 Whacked weeds
- 5 Free ticket
- 9 Orlando attraction
- 14 Jai \_\_\_
- 15 Singer Fitzgerald
- 16 Gandhi associate
- 17 Semester
- 18 Salad-bowl wood
- 19 Type of terrier
- 20 Dean Koontz thriller
- 23 Hill builder
- 24 Loafer
- 27 Mogadishu man
- 31 Teen trauma
- 33 Heart
- 35 Cyclotron target
- 36 Bends, as a heavy bough
- 39 Bright star
- 40 Novelist Levin
- 41 Name for a poodle
- 42 Obey
- 46 Long-running quarrel
- 47 "The Greatest"
- 48 Plied a hatchet
- 49 Skirmish
- 51 Bored feeling
- 53 Family nickname
- 54 Right after
- 61 6 or 1
- 64 Some cattle
- 65 Pave the way
- 66 Love madly
- 67 Reach across

**DOWN**

- 68 Pharaoh's waterway
- 69 Went steady
- 70 Came apart
- 71 Mailbox feature
- 10 Diver's quest
- 11 T'ai \_\_\_
- 12 Bobby of hockey
- 13 Large cask
- 21 Mineo of films
- 22 Arbor coverer
- 25 Is jealous of
- 26 Feeling sorry
- 27 Man in a red suit
- 28 Lawrence of Arabia star
- 29 Begin occupancy
- 30 Last of a Latin trio
- 31 Hard on the nose
- 32 Action star Jackie
- 34 Honeymooner
- 37 Nettle
- 38 Switch positions
- 43 Visited often
- 44 Red-letter sign
- 45 Steven, in Vichy
- 50 Wear and tear
- 52 Bête \_\_\_
- 53 Harvest wool
- 55 Throw a party
- 56 World's fair
- 57 Microscope part
- 58 Iceboat feature
- 59 European capital
- 60 Place for loafers
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CEO report to the community  
By: Timothy E. Schmidt  
Chief Executive Officer  
Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Dear Community Members:

The winds of change continue to blow through Big Spring following Covenant Health System's announcement that it will no longer operate the Malone & Hogan Clinic. This decision has left many unanswered questions, and I am often asked what will happen to the physicians in the group and the availability of primary care in Big Spring.

At Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC), we value our relationship with the physicians associated with the Malone & Hogan Clinic. We respect the bonds they have built with their patients over the years and our hospital has been the beneficiary of their hard work and dedication. Since Covenant's announcement, we've worked hard to convince them to stay, offering employment agreements to a number of physicians. We are pleased to report that the majority of the physicians will remain in Big Spring; some will become employees of Scenic Mountain Medical Group while others will open their own practices. All should remain in their current office locations.

Unfortunately, a handful of physicians have decided to pursue opportunities outside of Big Spring. While we are sad to see these fine physicians leave the community, their departure does not mean people will have to travel out of town for care. SMMC is excited to welcome several new physicians to our community and several more are on the way. In addition, we are actively recruiting physicians specializing in radiology, orthopedic surgery, cardiology and ear, nose and throat.

Despite these changes, SMMC is stronger than ever. During recent years, we have made substantial investments in the facility through important renovations and the purchase of new medical equipment, which allows us to offer the latest technological advances and specialty care right here at home. From our new emergency room to the addition of sophisticated diagnostic equipment and new specialty physicians to our medical staff, the quality of healthcare has never been better in Big Spring.

SMMC's contributions to Big Spring don't stop with the healthcare we offer. Last year, we provided more than \$6.1 million in uncompensated care to people who otherwise could not afford it. We also paid \$500,000 in property taxes - funds that support community services and public schools. The hospital actively supports community organizations ranging from the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society to the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce's Health Task Force, and creates a powerful economic ripple effect felt throughout Howard County with our \$10.5 million annual payroll.

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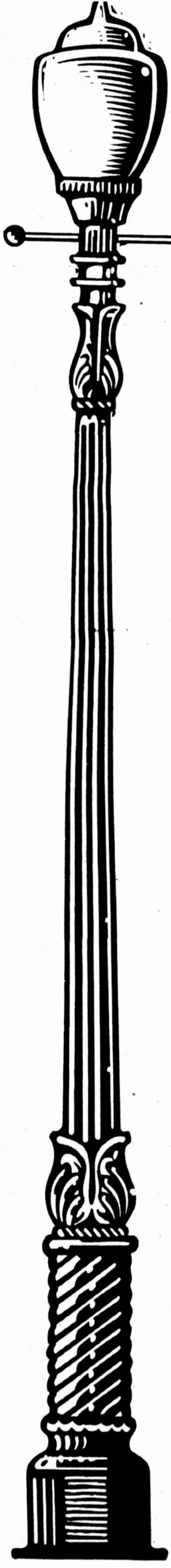
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