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SPECIAL SESSION

Democratic lawmakers were holding their breath to see whether Sen. John Whitmire attends the latest legislative session...

BRIEFLY

FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

Howard and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

ACKERLY HOMECOMING SET

Reservations are being accepted for the Sands/Ackerly homecoming, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 27. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. that day...

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Aides say state lawmakers working in support of Big Spring VA

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

State lawmakers for Howard County say they are committed to help in the fight to preserve the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

tions," said James Hunt, communications director for Sen. Bivins, R-Amarillo. "He certainly believes it is a very necessary facility, both economically for Big Spring and also for all the many veterans it serves.



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over a Capital Assets Realignment for Enhanced Services recommendation to curtail

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REVERSAL OF ROLES

Teachers follow students' lead in writing to CARES

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

In a twist of roles, Big Spring High School teachers are taking a lesson from three of their students.

high school are rallying around the Big Spring VA Medical Center by sending letters to a federal commission protesting possible closure of the

Faculty and staff at the

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Howard County Library employees Becca Fryar, left, and Vera Gene Hyer arrange some of the hundreds of selections for the Friends of the Library book sale set Friday through Sunday at the library, 500 S. Main.

Howard County Library 'booked up' for annual fund-raiser this weekend

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Books, books and more books — the Howard County Library's downstairs rooms are overflowing with donations for the annual Friends of the Library book sale.



McINTYRE

"Thanks to all of you that donated," said Children's Librarian Karen McIntyre.

The annual fund-raiser helps to supplement the library's budget. "The Friends of the Library is a great asset to us by helping us do things we would not normally be able to do," McIntyre said.

the summer reading program and closing party, copiers, a sound system for the children's department and various other projects.

Books will be priced depending on four categories — new hardbacks, \$3; other hardbacks, videos and CDs, \$1; paperbacks, 50 cents, and chil-

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Back to the farm: Glasscock County ISD approves FFA chapter

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Garden City High School students will have a chance to showcase their vocational talents with the formation of a new high school organization.

Last week, Glasscock County Independent School District trustees approved the first ever charter of a Future Farmers of America club at the high school.

FFA Chapter Advisor Rusty Hollingsworth, a high school agriculture/science teacher, gave credit to the school district's administration for the chapter's creation.

"The administration saw an opportunity," Hollingsworth said. "With the past industrial technology courses at the high school, FFA

will allow students to take what they learn in the classroom and compete. "The majority of our constituents in this county make a living in agriculture and hav-

The new chapter has already jumped into action. On Tuesday, the chapter held a district-wide conference on the high school campus, hosting all the area FFA chapters.

ing an FFA program made sense," he continued. "That way, Garden City High School offers students many different possibilities and choices for ways to succeed."

The program, which currently has 28 members, will offer a variety of ways students can showcase their skills, from vocational to agriculture and speaking, Hollingsworth said.

"We're working on restoring a tractor for competition," he said. "We are hoping to have this thing restored by Valentines Day. That's when the San Angelo stock show is. We'll be competing in agricultural mechanics. Our freshman students are learning to frame, wire, sheet rock."

Another plus for the program is that it includes opportunities for scholarships, Hollingsworth said.

"FFA offers a lot of opportunity to secure

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ELECTION

Howard Countians' vote follows trend on 20 amendments

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Howard County voters turned out in unexpected masses Saturday to cast their ballots in the 2003 Constitutional Amendment Election, shattering the number of votes collected during the last similar election in 1999.

Howard County Clerk Donna Wright said she was extremely pleased with the number of votes that were tallied Saturday evening, but reminded the public not to lose sight of "the big picture."

"I was very pleased with the voter turnout for this election," Wright said following the final count. "It certainly could have been better, however, since there are almost 19,000 registered voters. But compared to the last constitutional election in 1999, it was good."

Howard County posted 2,088 total votes during the election, accounting for an estimated 11.83 percent of the 17,654 registered voters in the area, according to figures released following Saturday evening's election.

"I am pleased to say I underestimated voter turnout for this election," said Texas Secretary of State Geoff Connor. "We have exceeded 10 percent (of registered voters in Texas), and this has not occurred on a constitutional amendment election since 1997. My thanks to the civic-minded citizens and local election officials."

Statewide, all of the proposed amendments passed, including Proposition 9, which squeaked by the ballot boxes with just less than three-quarters of one percent of the vote.

Proposition 12, which was by far the hottest ticket during the election, also slipped into the passing column by a narrow 1.9 percent of the vote. The amendment, which targets civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, will authorize the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages.

Howard County voters passed Proposition 12 by a 1,073 to 985 margin, reflecting the statewide split on the issue. The county did not follow the state trend on Proposition 9, however, voting the measure down locally by a 1,063 to 808 vote.

Proposition 9 will allow the state to access some of the capital gains realized in the Permanent School Fund, and transfer them to the Available

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Obituaries

Amelia Ochotorena Torres



Amelia Ochotorena Torres, 67, of Big Spring died on Friday, Sept. 12, 2003 at her residence.

Rosary services will be at 7 p.m. today, Sept. 15, 2003 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003 at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Big Spring with the Rev. Richard Reagan and the Rev. James Plagens, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on April 6, 1936 in Big Spring, and married Valentin Torres Jr. on June 15, 1957 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 15, 1995.

She was a lifelong resident of Big Spring, and married a loving and wonderful wife to SFC (Ret.) Valentin Torres Jr. for 38 years. She adored her children and grandchildren and will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and the Crucillista's.

Survivors include four sons, Valentin Torres III of Marshfield, Mass., Ricky Torres, Rocky Torres and Marco Torres, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Debra Jane Molina of Big Spring; two sisters, Ida Rodriguez of Big Spring and Maria Elena Vasquez of Lubbock; two brothers, Gustavo Ochotorena Jr. of Big Spring and Nolberto Ochotorena of Midland; and 16 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Gustavo, Sr. and Elisa Ochotorena.

Pallbearers will be Rocky Torres Jr., Ignacio Rodriguez, Nolberto Ochotorena Jr., Michael Vasquez, Vicente Ochotorena, Gary Ochotorena, Seve Watson and Jose Vasquez III.

The family suggests memorials to: Feed the Children, P. O. Box 36, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73101.

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

*Paid obituary*

Jimeree Permenter



Jimeree Permenter, 78, of Garden City passed away at her residence on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2003 following a sudden illness.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters, officiating. Burial will follow in Garden City Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 9 PM Monday at the funeral home.

She was born on June 9, 1925 in Jena, La. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garden City. She was active in the Senior Citizens line dancing, water aerobics, the Citizens Police Academy, Alzheimer's Association and R.S.V.P. Mrs. Permenter was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Permenter of Garden City; two daughters, Jo Ann Permenter and Vivian Kerr, both of Big Spring; one brother, David Jones of Mobile, Ala.; one sister, Beth Preston of Houston; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jim Craft, Bo Sullivan, Gerry Brem, Cody Hare, Charlie Burke, and Earl Permenter. Honorary pallbearers will be Kendall Brem and Clint Brem.

Family suggests memorials to Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big

Spring Street, No. C32, Midland 79705. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at "http://www.myersandsmith.com/"

*Paid obituary*

Davie Lee Stephens



Davie Lee Stephens, 73, of Big Spring went to be with the Lord Friday, Sept. 12, 2003. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. today, Monday, Sept. 15, 2003, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ken McMeans officiating. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2003, at the Oakwood Cemetery in Honey Grove with Ray Boles officiating.

He was born on April 30, 1930, in Dallas. He was the son of Garnie Lee Stephens and Maud Ann Nichols Stephens. He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas. He served in the ROTC for eight years. He graduated from East Texas State College with a degree in agriculture.

Mr. Stephens married Dorothy Mae Boles on Sept. 13, 1952. He served two years in the U.S. Air Force as a first lieutenant during the Korean War. He then spent 28 years working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. During that time he worked with the fruit fly and the boll weevil eradication programs in the United States and Mexico. He then went on to form his own private agricultural consulting business in 1980. He also owned and operated a pecan orchard in Comanche. He was a long time member of the College Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Dorothy Stephens of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Ken Carroll of Edmond, Okla.; one son and daughter-in-law, David and Deborah Stephens of Wimberley; one sister, Ann Trefny of Farmers Branch; five grandchildren, Kristina, Chase and Braden Carroll, all of Edmond, Okla., and Jessica and Morgan Stephens, both of Wimberley; one niece, Vicki Harrison of Lewisville; and two nephews.

Pallbearers will be Jamie Scott, Les Warren, Charles Porch, Van Brown, Lane Bond and Rick Hightower. Honorary pallbearers will be all the men of the Open Door Sunday School Class.

Dave always had a special place in his heart for the working poor, helping many over the years. Proverbs 19:17 - "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord and He will repay him for his good deed."

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at "http://www.myersandsmith.com"

*Paid obituary*

A.T. Bryant

A.T. Bryant, 91, of Amarillo died Thursday, Sept. 11. Funeral services will be held today, Sept. 15, at 2 p.m. at Paramount Baptist Church with F.M. Byford, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will be at Llano Cemetery. Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home.

Born in Gorman, Mr. Bryant married Edna Straughan in 1939 at Big Spring. He moved to Amarillo in 1959 from Dalhart, where he had served as music and education director at the First Baptist Church of Dalhart.

After moving to Amarillo, he was the music and education director at Avondale Baptist Church for three years, retiring in 1964.

Mr. Bryant was a member of Paramount Baptist Church where he served as the director of the senior adult Sunday school department for 23 years.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Nancy Pamplin of Lawton, Okla.; one son, Wayne Bryant of Amarillo; one brother, Weldon Bryant of Big Spring; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggest donations may be made to Crown of Texa Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo 79102 or the Addie Moore Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Paramount Baptist Church, 3801 S. Western, Amarillo 79109.

Lottery

Here are Saturday's Texas Lottery game results: Lotto Texas results:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-13-26-31-34. Bonus Ball: 19. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$4 million.

Cash Five Texas results: Winning numbers drawn: 11-14-15-24-30.

Pick 3 results Saturday night: 3-3-4

Pick 3 results Saturday afternoon: 3-8-1

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity:

• REYNALDO MENDOZA, 46, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• GREGORIO ARENIVAZ, 61, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more.

• SHANE THOMAS ESTES, 20, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a warrant for motion to revoke parole, possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• SONIA MICHELLE BARLOW, 24, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• WILLIAM LEROY DAVIS, 27, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• CLAYTON DEE MCKINNON, 53, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• ADAM ANTHONY STARR, 19, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

• CAROL ANN KESLER, 27, was arrested Saturday on a district court warrant for bondsmen off bond/possession or transport of certain chemicals with intent to manufacture.

• RICHARD DAVID MCCUTCHAN, 35, was arrested Saturday on a district court warrant for criminal mischief, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 and on a county warrant for motion to revoke parole/driving while intoxicated.

• TERRIE ALLEN, 33, was taken to the county jail Saturday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated, open alcohol container and driving while licenses suspended/invalid.

• SCOTTY RAY BLAND, 24, was arrested Sunday on a county warrant for motion to revoke parole/driving while license suspended and warrants for delivery of cocaine and felony possession of a controlled substance.

• ROBERT DANIEL WALKER, 23, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• ELIZABETH HARO, 30, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on a county warrant for motion to revoke parole/driving while license suspended.

• TYRONE JAMAL DIXON, 22, was taken to the county jail Sunday after being arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on a Taylor County warrant for bondsmen off bond/possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• LOOSE GOATS were reported at the Interstate 20 mile marker 190.

• FIRE was reported on the north service road and Salem Road. Fire was a controlled burn.

• BRIGHT LIGHTS on ROADWAY was reported on East Moss Lake Road after the curve.

• LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported on Highway 176 four miles west of Interstate 20.

• RECKLESS DRIVER was reported westbound on Interstate 20 near mile marker 192.

Police blotter

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

• AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 1400 block of Second Street. According to a police spokesperson, the alleged incident occurred during a domestic disturbance between a husband and wife. The dispute which was over the use of a vehicle involved a struggle over a purse, the spokesperson said. During the argument, a child was injured, the spokesperson added.

• DANIEL VERA FLORES, 35, of 1408 W. Second St. was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated robbery.

• JEFFERY SCOTT COX, 22, of 609 Elgin was arrested Saturday on city warrants for traffic violations and Texas Department of Public Safety warrants for traffic violations.

• MICHAEL WILSON CARL, 20, of 1308 Sheppard was arrested Saturday on city warrants for traffic.

• ELIZABETH CHAVEZ HARO, 30, of 3612 Hamilton was arrested Saturday on city warrants for traffic and county warrants.

• CAROL ANN KESLER, 27, of 2600 Ent was being held at the city jail Saturday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• JERRIE DEEANN ALLEN, 33, of 2503 Gunter was being held at the city jail Sunday for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• AGGRAVATED ASSAULT with a DEADLY WEAPON was reported at the police station.

• BURGLARY of a VEHICLE was reported in the: 600 block of George. 1600 block of Rannels. 2600 block of Fairchild. 1400 block of Dixie where \$250 worth of jewelry/precious metals, \$25 worth of purses/handbags/wallets, an ATM card, a driver's license and \$22 in cash were reportedly stolen.

• THEFT of a FIREARM was reported in the 600 block of Aylesford and at Dibrell's where a firearm worth \$432.87 was reportedly stolen.

• THEFT, less than \$50, was reported at a 7-11 in the 900 block of Willa, in the 2300 block of Wasson, in the 300 block of Gregg, in the 1100 block of Lamesa, in the 1700 block of FM 700, in the 300 block of Owens and in the 1700 block of Wasson.

• THEFT, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, was reported in the 500 block of Birdwell.

• THEFT of SERVICE, less than \$20, was reported

in the 2300 block of Goliad.

• BURGLARY of a HABITATION was reported in the: 1300 block of Sheppard where clothes worth \$126 and other items worth \$50 were reported stolen.

• 1600 block of Rannels where \$150 of damage was reported inflicted upon a structure and \$115 worth of tools were reported stolen.

• ASSAULT by THREAT was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg and the 2600 block of Gregg.

• ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2600 block of Langley, in the 900 block of 12th Street and at the police department.

• ASSAULT CAUSE BODILY INJURY/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

• DISPLAY of FICTITIOUS INSPECTION STICKER and FAIL to MAINTAIN PROOF of FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY were reported in the 1100 block of Benton.

• DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500, was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, and CRIMINAL TRESPASSING was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama.

• RUNAWAY was reported in the 2600 block of Fairchild.

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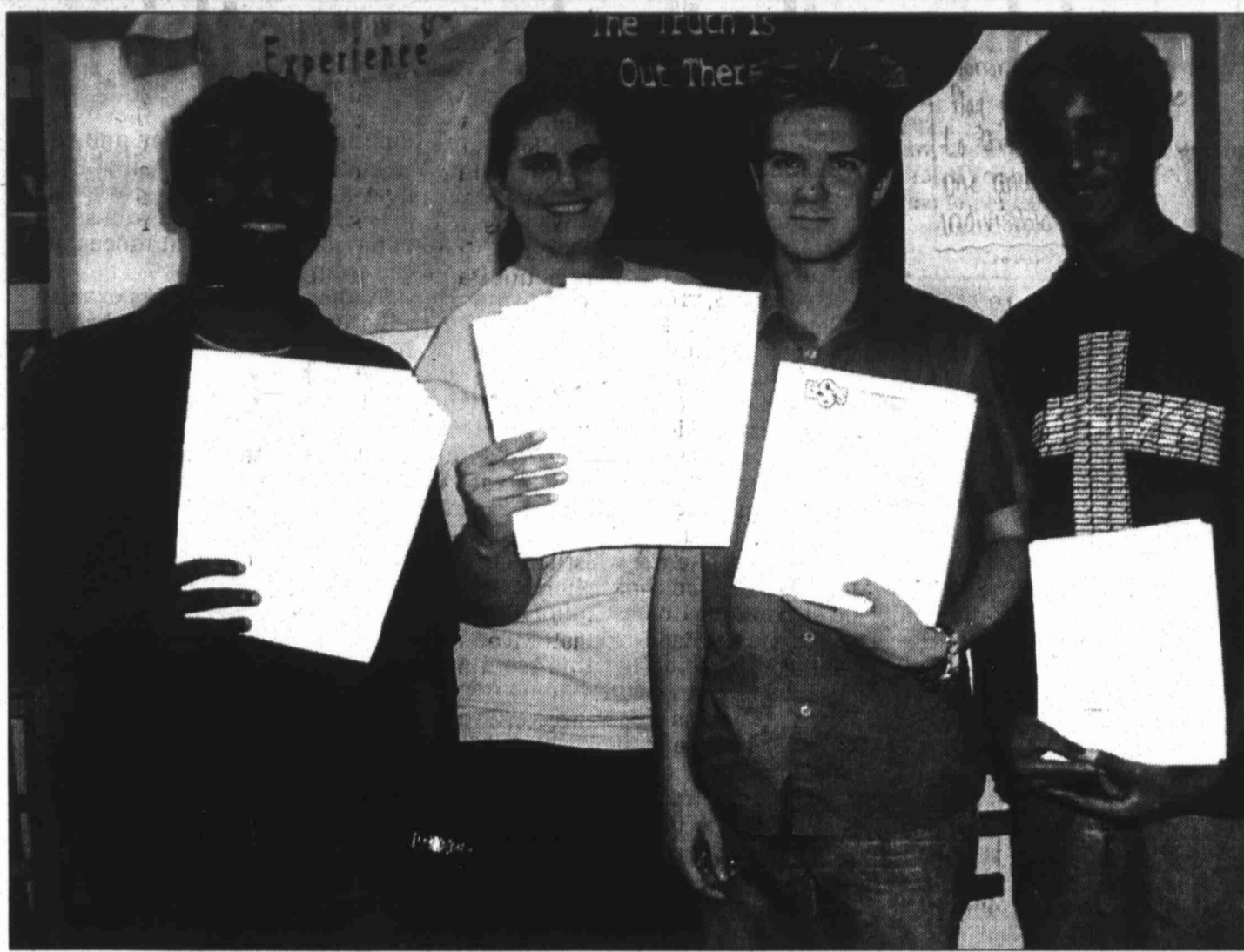
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**Big Spring High School juniors Manoj Thangam, left, Logan Churchwell and Corey Green pose with speech and debate teacher Jennifer Adams while displaying a number of letters written by the high school faculty and staff to protest the possible closure of the VA Medical Center. The letter campaign was inspired by the three Big Spring teens who finished a successful petition drive that collected almost 10,000 signatures to protest the possible closure.**

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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facility. This movement was prompted by the example of three high school juniors — Corey Green, Logan Churchwell and Manoj Thangam. The three teen-agers spearheaded a successful petition drive that in about three weeks collected almost 10,000 names protesting a recommendation the in Capital Assets Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission's national draft plan to realign the Department of Veterans Affairs health services. Part of the proposal recommends a feasibility study to shift medical care services to the Midland/Odessa area — a move that would essen-

tially close the Big Spring hospital. "Educators come up with this theme every year," explained BSHS Principal Mike Ritchey. "We are going to be the ones to be models of excellence. We're going to be the one to lead by example. "In this situation, the students have taken the lead and the initiative to get out into the community and express their concerns," Ritchey said. One way to recognize these students' efforts is to simply to follow their lead, Ritchey said. "We have given them a lot of credit over the PA system but we want to do more than that," he said. "We wanted to let them know their time and effort hasn't gone unnoticed. We wanted to turn this around and let the staff and faculty at Big

Spring High School follow their lead because they are now setting a high standard of excellence and showing their interest in our community." Ritchey hopes his students' initiative will spur a community-wide effort. "We want to issue this as a challenge the community to follow the example of our youth in setting this for us," he said. "It is their future and we ought to be cognitive of that." The three teens said they were excited about more people becoming involved in the issue. "It's nice that we've got the whole movement started and now people are using their own ideas and writing letters," Churchwell said. "They're contacting congressmen and CARES, which is what we wanted

to do in the first place." "We're just glad we motivated people to go out and make a difference," Green added. The petition drive has also generated statewide media interest. "We had calls from Abilene, San Angelo... calls from Dallas Morning News. Several journalists picked up on this. We're waiting to hear from Oprah Winfrey," Ritchey joked. The youths said they didn't expect such a large response to their efforts. "We expected only a couple of hundred signatures," Churchwell said. "I've learned anybody can make a difference as long as they make the effort." Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

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certain surgical services and a feasibility study to shift medical service to the Midland/Odessa area — a move that, if enacted, would essentially close the Big Spring hospital. The recommendation came from a national draft plan by CARES to realign the Department of Veteran's Affairs health services to meet veterans health needs in the future.

"He is adamant that the VA center not only should remain in Big Spring but that it should be expanded in its current location to provided even more services to veterans in West Texas," said John Bender, spokesman from Laney's Austin office.

The CARES restructuring plan includes major mission changes at 13 facilities, including closures of hospitals in Canandaigua, N.Y., Pittsburgh; Lexington, Ky.; Brecksville, Ohio; Gulfport, Miss.; Livermore, Calif.; and Waco.

According to Hunt, Bivins is attempting to gather support from federal law makers for the Big Spring facility.

"He has been part of an effort to get various federal legislators to write letters to the VA officials — most specifically (VA) Sec. Anthony J. Principi. Amarillo congressman Mac Thornberry, whose district does not include the Big Spring VA, wrote a letter to Sec. Principi on behalf of Sen. Bivins," Hunt said. "We hope that will demonstrate to the VA that the support for the Big Spring VA is so broad that it extends even beyond the district its own congressman serves." "Sen. Bivins has been doing everything he can to encourage members of the Texas delegation to communicate their concern to the VA and all the officials involved in this process." According to Bender, Laney is working closely on this issue with Big Spring officials and U.S. congressional representatives from Texas. "He's been doing everything he can," Bender said. "Up to this point, he has been working closely with the (Big Spring) mayor and with the congressional delegation. He has sent letters to U.S. Sen. (Kay Bailey) Hutchison and members of congress — Congressman (Randy) Neugebauer and Congressman (Charles) Stenholm — expressing his concerns." In the past months, several federal lawmakers have shown interest in the issue. On Thursday, Neugebauer and a group of Big Spring representatives met with VA Undersecretary of Health Robert Roswell to find out why his office made the recommendation. Also attending the meeting, hosted by Sen. Hutchison, were U.S. Sen. John

Coryn, R-Lubbock, and Rep. Stenholm.

Big Spring representatives will now take the fight to the CARES hearing in El Paso on Thursday where Neugebauer, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen and Taylor County Veterans Service Officer Jim DeFoor will present testimony concerning the Big Spring facility.

Hunt said Bivins' office has received a number of calls from concerned people about the issue.

"The constituency has been very active and frankly we're encouraged by that," he said. "It definitely lets us know that this is important to the people of Big Spring and what is important to the people of Big Spring is very, very important to Senator Bivins."

"It really, really helps to motivate the cause for action and also gives evidence that this is significant," Hunt continued. "If anyone in Washington, D.C., thinks otherwise, we've gotten dozen of letters and phone calls that suggest to us it is very important."

The public can view the CARES draft plan in its entirety, as well as make comments, at the Web site. Comments can also be sent to the CARES Commission e-mail address at [carescommission@mail.va.gov](mailto:carescommission@mail.va.gov) or send by mail to the Department of Veterans Affairs (00CARES), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20420. The CARES commission will continue to take public comment until Oct. 7.

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dren's books, 10 cents. In addition, a "grab bag" of romance novels is priced at \$1. The sale will be held Friday through Sunday at the library. Hours for the sale are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information on the book sale, call 264-2260 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m..

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**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

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School Fund to provide textbooks and technology to Texas school districts. Another hot item, Proposition 5, passed on both the state and local levels during the election. That proposition allows the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income. The following election statistics were provided by the Texas Secretary of State's office:  
• Prop. 1 Funding veterans' housing. For 1,110,956 (81.46 percent) - Against 252,783 (18.54 percent)  
• Prop. 2 Mineral interests property redemption. For 817,243 (62.40 percent) - Against 492,391 (37.60 percent)  
• Prop. 3 Exemption for religious groups. For 719,343 (52.90 per-

cent) - Against 640,571 (47.10 percent)  
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• Prop. 6 Permits reverse mortgaging. For 944,181 (70.91 percent) - Against 387,290 (29.09 percent)  
• Prop. 7 Allows six-person jury. For 1,016,533 (74.60 percent) - Against 346,055 (25.40 percent)  
• Prop. 8 Taking office without election. For 769,069 (56.35 percent) - Against 595,638 (43.65 percent)  
• Prop. 9 Permanent school fund. For 647,244 (50.37 percent) - Against 637,655 (49.63 percent)  
• Prop. 10 Volunteer fire departments.

For 1,263,678 (91.63 percent) - Against 115,404 (8.37 percent)  
• Prop. 11 Dispensing of Texas wine. For 838,848 (62.40 percent) - Against 505,445 (37.60 percent)  
• Prop. 12 Suits Against doctors and providers. For 738,074 (50.95 percent) - Against 710,541 (49.05 percent)  
• Prop. 13 Tax freeze on certain homes. For 1,109,091 (80.98 percent) - Against 260,560 (19.02 percent)  
• Prop. 14 Transportation agencies funding. For 798,522 (61.03 percent) - Against 509,890 (38.97 percent)  
• Prop. 15 Retirement systems benefits. For 950,065 (71.55 percent) - Against 377,727 (28.45 percent)  
• Prop. 16 Home equity loans and credits. For 848,942 (65.40 percent) - Against 449,110 (34.60 percent)  
• Prop. 17 Tax freeze on

homes of disabled. For 1,047,176 (77.69 percent) - Against 300,747 (22.31 percent)  
• Prop. 18 Assuming office without election. For 710,194 (53.12 percent) - Against 626,712 (46.88 percent)  
• Prop. 19 Eliminating rural fire districts. For 747,747 (58.74 percent) - Against 525,238 (41.26 percent)  
• Prop. 20 Assisting defense-related communities. For 731,215 (56.83 percent) - Against 555,568 (43.17 percent)  
• Prop. 21 Compensation for government service. For 683,056 (52.36 percent) - Against 621,385 (47.64 percent)  
• Prop. 22 Elected officials on military duty. Details for this proposition were unavailable at press time. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

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monies, for education," he said. Located in a very agriculture-based community, Hollingsworth envisions working closely with an already established Glasscock County program, 4-H. "4-H and FFA compliment each other," Hollingsworth said. "Mr. Steve Sturtz does an excellent job in the county. We're hoping to work together because our goals are the same and

that's to help young people." The new chapter has already jumped into action. On Tuesday, the chapter held a district-wide conference on the high school campus, hosting all of the area's FFA chapters. On Thursday, the Texas FFA president and the first vice president will be at Garden City High School from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Elected officers for the Garden City high chapter are President Taylor Willis, Vice President Logan Willis, Secretary

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## OUR VIEWS

## Is third time going to give new results?

Is the third time a charm? Who knows, but today the 78th Texas Legislature began its third special session of the summer today, again facing what has become one of the most contentious issues in recent memory — congressional redistricting.

Now, let's see...

There was the first special session, when the Texas House passed a redistricting plan similar to that which had prompted an exodus of that house's Democrats to Ardmore, Okla., at the close of the Legislature's regular session. But Senate Democrats, with the help of Sen. Bill Ratliff (R-Mount Pleasant), thwarted those efforts by keeping the issue off the Senate floor.

Then Gov. Rick Perry called a second special session and it became clear Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst would change the Senate's rules that had thwarted GOP leaders in the first session. As a result, 11 of the 12 Democrats in the upper house bolted for the New Mexico border and hold up in a Marriott Hotel in Albuquerque throughout the entire 30-day run of the session.

But Sen. John Whitmire of Houston returned home unilaterally, giving GOP leaders the edge they need to finally get redistricting debated on the Senate floor this time around.

Republicans, who control the Legislature, have been trying to redraw the state's political lines to increase their party's representation in Congress.

Democrats hold a 17-15 edge in the state's current congressional delegation.

The plan approved by the Texas House could give Republicans as many as 21 seats in the delegation. It would also place Howard County in a congressional district stretching from the Midland-Odessa area on the west to San Antonio on the east, a plan representatives of several West Texas communities — Big Spring and Howard County among them — have voiced strong opposition to. It's a plan that several senators in both parties have also denounced.

Make no mistake, however. The pressure is now back on the shoulders of West Texas' contingent in the Senate. During the first special session, it became clear that Sens. Robert Duncan, Troy Fraser and Teel Bivins will again be between the proverbial "rock and a hard place" — facing pressure from their party's leaders on one side and their constituents on the other.

That's one of the reasons Ratliff very early on noted that even a good congressional redistricting bill wouldn't justify "the pain, the blood, the sweat, the tears that are going to be necessary for the Senate" to pass it.

The Democrats are still running down the clock on getting a redistricting plan approved before congressional candidates begin filing to run for office. Candidates may start filing for the 2004 primaries on Dec. 3, but any new congressional boundaries must be sent to the U.S. Justice Department at least 60 days before filing starts.

We still believe it's not too late to stop wasting state resources. Surely there's other work that needs to be done and it's time the governor, lieutenant governor and the legislature get on with the state's business.

When it comes to the redistricting issue, what's needed is bipartisanship. Right now, that simply doesn't exist in Austin.

It's time Perry, Dewhurst, Speaker Tom Craddick the rest of the GOP's leadership — let's not forget U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's role in this mess — needs to consider whether any long term gain will come of this redistricting battle.

Because we will remember.

## Arnold needs to do something

How can Republicans who bashed President Bill Clinton for his boorish behavior with women support Arnold Schwarzenegger?

Any good Republican can point out the obvious differences between the two.

Clinton lied about sex. In 1992, Clinton could have argued that what he did in his private time was not the public's business. Instead, he lied on "60 Minutes" when he said that Gennifer Flowers was "a friendly acquaintance," not a lover. Clinton committed perjury when he denied having sex with Monica Lewinsky. And he lied when he told the American people he "did not have sexual relations with that woman, Miss Lewinsky."

Oh yeah, and Clinton was married, which is probably why he chose the Arkansas governor's quarters, and later the White House Oval Office, as bachelor pads of sorts.

Schwarzenegger is in the hot seat today because in 1977 he was too forthcoming — OK, and crude — when, at age 29, the then-unmarried bodybuilder gave an interview to the now-defunct Oui Magazine. Ah-nold bragged about an episode when a group of Gold's Gym bodybuilders had sex with one woman. He boasted that women frequently came on to him. He humbly admitted that he would have sex with a woman who is "a

little out of shape," if she was good in the sack.

If only the Running Man had said non to Oui. The interview was tasteless.

But then again, tasteless is a relative term in politics. California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres did a good impersonation of tasteless when he pounced on the Oui story to call Schwarzenegger a "sexual predator."

No surprise there. Team Davis has long engaged in a whispering campaign that suggests Ah-nold is, well, Clintonesque when it comes to women. (Not that they minded Clintonesque under Clinton.) Spread a rumor around for long enough and, whether it is grounded or not, people will assume it's true.

Schwarzenegger spokesman Sean Walsh said of the interview, "Arnold Schwarzenegger is a father of four who has acknowledged that his bodybuilding career was 25 years in the past and that the '70s were a crazy time and he pushed the envelope in his interviews and in the promotion of his sport."

Translation: Different era, different man. And he wasn't married.

Here's something that helped Clinton and could help the Terminator: The public often is more turned off by the spreader of dirt than the spreader.

The fact remains that if a married politician has an affair, it's really none of the public's business. Most journalists don't want to touch stories about married pols gone astray. That's why I didn't write about Gennifer Flowers for The San Francisco Chronicle once

during the 1992 election and was initially highly skeptical of Paula Jones. Only when the stories were overwhelming and Clinton's behavior reckless did I focus on the "bimbo eruptions."

By then, the press was examining Clinton's private life, because he wasn't private. Some men don't know how to have a discreet affair. It seems it wasn't really sex for Clinton unless state troopers or other men knew what was happening behind closed doors. Et tu, Arnold?

Maybe it's not fair — indiscreet at 29 doesn't mean indiscreet at 50-something. Still, I'd like to hear one of two things from Schwarzenegger, both of which will send the message that he won't embarrass California:

Either he can tell Californians that he has grown up and is a true husband, and he'll remain so while he is governor of California. He could graduate from bragging about women to a men's magazine by bragging about a woman to the entire state.

Or he could tell Californians that his personal life is personal, and he'll keep it that way. If he does something that he doesn't want to see in the newspapers, he'll be discreet. And he'll stay away from the help.

I'm not asking for a confession, just proof that the actor knows what it means to be an adult.

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## Dean finding himself a target

It was one of those moments that presidential campaigns struggle hard to avoid. As Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt was barging out of a news conference, he bumped into former Vermont Gov.

Howard Dean, who was barging in.

"We'll have fun tonight," Gephardt said, referring to the first official debate of the 2004 campaign, which would take place in a few hours at the University of New Mexico.

"Fun for some of you," Dean said. "I'm wearing my body armor for this one."

Dean is discovering a hard political truth: The higher you climb up the pole, the more your behind is exposed.

But he has turned out to be a genuine phenomenon, an insurgent who could run away with the Democratic nomination. And the other candidates have watched first in annoyance, then in frustration and now in panic as Dean has continued to gather money, volunteers and media attention.

Though the other candidates do not lack outrage when it comes to Dean, they do lack guts. At least the guts to attack him face-to-face on stage on live TV. The exception during the debate was Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, who previously had attacked Dean as being soft on defending America and now attacked him on U.S. trade policy.

But while it was inaudible to TV viewers and reporters watching the debate in the filing center at the debate, when Lieberman said that if Dean were elected the "Bush recession would be followed

by a Dean depression," the audience soundly booed Lieberman.

To Lieberman, desperately seeking to jumpstart his campaign by launching an attack that would guarantee him airtime and print space, the boos were worth it. The best way to get attention is to attack the front-runner, and Lieberman's attack on Dean only proved that this is what Dean has become.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. Back on a snowy day in January in Des Moines, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts became an early front-runner by drawing about 500 people to an event where only about 50 were expected. With few other measuring sticks available, the media decided that was good enough to anoint Kerry.

Yet now, eight months later, with both polls and fund raising to go by, the momentum has clearly swung to Dean, who leads Kerry by a lot in New Hampshire polls and leads Gephardt narrowly in Iowa. If Dean wins both states, which has happened only twice in Democratic Party history, both Kerry and Gephardt would be severely damaged, if not eliminated.

Dean's strategy for victory is simple: Dean bashes George Bush with every issue he raises, with almost every sentence he speaks, his words falling like hammer blows upon the president. "There are probably more members of Al Qaeda attacking America today in Iraq than before the war!" Dean said at a rally in Santa Fe, N.M., the day before the debate. "Our biggest loss in this country is the sense that we're all in this together — the president has destroyed that! We have got to beat this president; we want our country back!"

Some Democrats are afraid that this message, which may be popu-

lar with the activist Democrats who vote in the early primaries and caucuses, will be a losing message in a general election, where independents, who are less angry with Bush, may fail to provide their crucial swing votes.

Others believe that nobody is going to beat Bush, no matter who the Democrats nominate. This is a view not shared, however, by Democratic Party Chairman Terry McAuliffe, who came to New Mexico to say that polls showing Bush with high personal approval ratings are meaningless. "I couldn't care less if voters want to go fishing with the guy," McAuliffe said. "He is under 45 percent in all the re-election polls. He is vulnerable."

But the leaders of the Democratic Party are being careful about Dean. They want to see if he has staying power or if he is just another shooting star that flames out and falls to earth as the primary season progresses. New Mexico, which Al Gore won very narrowly in 2000, has become a critical state to the Democrats in 2004 as they seek to make up in the West those states out of their reach in the South. And when New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson was asked if Dean could win New Mexico, he played it about as carefully as a human being could.

"Howard Dean is a good candidate, and I think he could win New Mexico," Richardson said. "But so could all the others."

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# Beware of the cyber-stalker

One of the most common questions I get while I'm online helping people in various chat rooms sounds something like this: "There's this guy/girl that just won't leave me alone, and I'm scared... What should I do?"



THOMAS JENKINS

The answer to that question isn't exactly simple. Cyberstalking has been

around for quite some time, and authorities are forced to take it more seriously now that violence in cyberspace has spilled out into reality more often. Viruses that allow would-be hackers to pry into our private lives via our hard drives have also managed to add an element of fear in a place where anonymity once reigned supreme.

What is cyber-stalking? Although no universally accepted definition exists, it is generally considered as use of the Internet, e-mail or other electronic communications device to stalk or harass a person. Stalking is defined as repeated harassing or threatening behavior.

Can cyber-stalkers really be dangerous? If a stalker takes it offline and you start receiving snail mail or harassing phone calls from the stalker then they know where you live. You should contact your local law enforcement agency or the FBI immediately. When a stalker takes it "offline" they are far more likely to pose a physical threat to the individual being stalked.

What should you do if you think you are being stalked or harassed online? Tell the person harassing you in straight forward terms. "Leave me alone, stop harassing me. Do not contact me again." If you are on ICQ or IRC log off immediately and stay offline for at least 24 hours.

Do not reply to anything else the harasser says. No replies to e-mails, taunts or lies said about you. Do not reply! Harassment is a form of power over you. If you take that power away from the harasser and refuse to "play their game" then you have become empowered instead. You are now in charge.

Are all cyber-stalkers 40-year-old adolescents living in their parent's basement? Not all cyber-stalkers are shadow people who are unknown to their victims.

Very often the most dangerous cyber-stalkers are known by their victims, usually impersonally through a public mailing list or chat room. Unknown to the victim, this type of cyber-stalker appears benign, friendly, and even helpful at first as the stalker works his way into his victim's confidence. It's at this stage that the cyber-stalker is developing his own unhealthy mental attachment to his victim, as he hides his

growing obsession with, and delusions about, his victim.

The victim has no way of knowing that the person they know over the Internet is actually a time bomb waiting to go off. Most cyber-stalkers are men who stalk women. Their initial desire is to raise their self-esteem, through association with their victim, feeding the cyber-stalker's mental states of delusion and obsession. The stalker may also harbor secret romantic feelings toward his victim, which also factor into his delusions.

It's only a matter of time before the mental state of the cyber-stalker pushes him over the edge, and the imaginary slight occurs. Once the cyber-stalker believes himself slighted by the object of his obsession and delusion, the state of his mental illness intensifies and escalates into the cyber-stalker.

If the problem only exists on ICQ, IRC or one of the other major chat engines such as Yahoo, MSN, or AIM, then go offline and completely change your online identity. This means changing your nickname and all the information you have listed in your IRC setup. Everything must be changed! If the harassment is coming on ICQ then you need to open a new member account and change everything in your profile.

In the case of e-mail harassment you need to contact the harasser's ISP (Internet Service Provider) and make a complaint. Stay out of problem chat rooms and don't give out your ICQ number or messenger ID except to "very" trusted friends and tell them not to give it out to anyone else.

Be certain all of your online profiles do not contain any personally identifying information about you, such as age, sex, address, phone number, school attended and teams you play on or where you work. This is one of the most common mistakes made, and one of the most dangerous. If a potential stalker knows what school you go to or where you work, and they are even slightly clever, they can have your home phone number and address in a matter of minutes.

In you use ICQ (instant messaging) and IRC (chat) clients, be sure logging is enabled. Keep all ICQ and IRC log files that pertain to the stalker for evidence. Keep all e-mails that originate from the harasser or stalker and any replies you sent for evidence.

If you feel you or your family is in physical danger from this stalker, or the stalker knows where you live or has made physical threats against you, call your local law enforcement immediately.

Cyber-stalking is a calculated, systematic, and malicious crime against the innocent. It is pure "net evil." Cyber-crime education is the first line of defense against becoming a victim of a cyber-stalker, whether you're an individual or a group.

# Austin City Limits event growing

By KELLEY SHANNON  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Bring together country, blues, rock and gospel musicians. Add tens of thousands of eager fans. Spice it all up with Texas barbecue and wild sausage tacos.

The result? The weekend-long Austin City Limits Music Festival, a party that has Austin making good on its self-proclaimed title "Live Music Capital of the World." Only in its second year, the festival set for Sept. 19-21 has gotten plenty of notice in music circles. Part of the reason is its partnership with the long-running television show Austin City Limits, a popular music program aired on public television stations nationwide.

"With the marriage of Austin City Limits and the festival, it was perfect," said Charlie Jones, festival producer and principal of Capital Sports & Entertainment. "The word has spread really fast." The three-day festival boasts more than 130 bands ranging from nationally known acts like R.E.M., Lucinda Williams, Dwight Yoakam, Nickel Creek, Ben Harper, Steve Earle and Rosanne Cash to up-and-coming musicians and regionally known bands. Making appearances this year are Spoon, The Derrailers, Patrice Pike, W.C. Clark, Robert Earl Keen, Liz Phair and Los Lonely Boys.

At least 26 bands playing at the festival have performed on Austin City Limits since the television show began in 1975, said Mary Beth Rogers, vice chair of the board at public television station KLRU,

which produces the TV show. In its early years, the program was known mostly as a country music showcase. It has since branched out and in its 13 one-hour shows each season offers a variety of "roots" music.

"It's anything that really gets to the heart of American roots, whether it's country, whether it's

city known for its laid-back lifestyle and live bands that play every night at clubs and coffee houses.

Like the Austin City Limits show, with its trademark Austin skyline shown on the studio set, the festival scene is highlighted by views of downtown buildings, the Texas Capitol and the University of Texas tower.

"It is wonderful to have the real city of Austin backdrop for the music of the festival," Rogers said. In its inaugural run in September 2002, the festival drew an attendance of 43,000 on its first day, a Saturday, and 35,000 on Sunday.

This year the event was expanded to include Friday, and Jones predicts a capacity crowd of 65,000 each day.

To accommodate the growth, more food vendors, music stages and entertainment for children were added.

Grammy-nominated country musician Pat Green played last year's festival and he's going back for another dose this year.

"We had a big crowd, had a lot of fun," said Green, who lives in Austin and has a huge Texas following.

Green views the festival as a chance for fans who may have come to see a particular band to roam around and check out other acts. For old and new fans alike, Green promises his usual high-intensity performance.

"I don't leave too much to doubt," he said. "I'll do the work."

On the Net:  
Austin City Limits Music Festival:  
[www.aclfestival.com](http://www.aclfestival.com)

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blues, whether it's jazz," Rogers said. "That's really given us a broad latitude in booking acts for the show."

The festival concept was in the planning stages for three years, but it came to fruition last year after Capital Sports & Entertainment united with Austin City Limits in the venture. Leaders of both organizations said it seemed to be just the right fit.

As a bonus, Rogers said, the festival helps to satisfy the public's desire to connect with the television show. The TV studio at the University of Texas seats only 400, and music fans constant lament that tickets for the taping are hard to get.

"We saw it as an opportunity, as a gift to people in Austin," she said.

Aside from the musical acts, the event venue — Zilker Park in the heart of Austin — is a main attraction. The park is in a part of the

# Try an Indian Summer picnic

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Don't put away that picnic basket: Summer-style favorite foods need not be banished yet.

An al fresco feast with a menu of mustard-fried chicken, crunchy citrus coleslaw and flaky biscuits would be a fine plan for a warm day, as one season blends into the next. The "al fresco" element can be a country picnic, a quiet escape to the beach, or your own back yard or porch.

Preparation can be a breeze for the cook. The fried chicken can be made more conveniently by starting it on the stovetop and finishing it in the oven. Marinating the chicken in advance, then combining pan-frying with oven-frying, will give the chicken a delicious, crispy coating and a tender, juicy interior.

Try these pan-frying tips:

— Rinse and dry the food for pan-frying, and coat as desired. Make sure the food is dry before seasoning and coating, to reduce unwanted moisture and make a crispy crust. Season generously with salt and pepper before you apply the coating ingredients.

— Heat the oil to the right temperature. Chef Eve Felder, associate dean for curriculum and instruction at The Culinary Institute of America, says that the

way to get crisp texture and golden is to ensure that the pan and oil reach an optimal temperature before the food is added.

"When a faint haze or slight shimmer is noticeable, the fat is usually hot enough," Felder says. To test the temperature, dip a corner of the food in the fat. The fat should bubble around the food and begin to brown the coating within 45 seconds, indicating the fat is about 350 F, the proper frying temperature.

— Add the food carefully to the hot oil and pan-fry on the first side until a crust and color has developed. Avoid overcrowding the pan, or the food may not develop the color and texture you want.

— If you are pan-frying large quantities, skim or strain away loose particles between batches. Add more fresh oil or replace the oil (and reheat) to keep the level constant and to prevent smoking or foaming.

— Turn the food once and continue to pan-fry until the second side is golden. Once even color is achieved, you may remove the food from the pan and blot it gently, then place it in the oven to finish cooking.

The following recipes are among 150 described and illustrated in "An American Bounty: Great Contemporary Cooking from The Culinary

Institute of America" (Rizzoli). The book is the signature cookbook of the American Bounty Restaurant, located on the CIA's Hyde Park campus.

- Mustard-Fried Chicken**  
2 frying chickens, cut into 8 pieces each  
2 cups buttermilk  
1/4 cup Dijon-style mustard  
1 teaspoon chopped fresh tarragon  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
2 cups vegetable oil

Rinse the chicken in cool water and pat dry. Blend the buttermilk, mustard, tarragon, salt, and pepper in a large bowl. Add the chicken pieces, turn to coat and marinate for 2 to 3 hours, or overnight in the refrigerator.

Remove the chicken from the marinade and let it drain briefly. Roll in the flour, and transfer to a baking sheet. Set aside for about 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350 F.

Heat about 1/2 inch of oil in a cast-iron or other deep-sided, heavy gauge skillet over medium heat. When the oil is hot, but not smoking, add the chicken pieces, a few at a time. Pan-fry, turning to cook all sides, until the chicken is well browned, a total of 6 to 8 minutes.

As the chicken is browned, transfer to a baking sheet. Bake the chicken pieces in the oven for 30 to 40 minutes, until they are fully cooked (when the thigh is pierced, the juices should run clear).

Blot the chicken briefly on paper towels and serve.

- Citrus Slaw With Avocado and Red Onion**  
1 cup fresh spinach leaves, washed thoroughly, stems removed, and finely shredded  
1 cup finely shredded red cabbage  
1 cup finely shredded Savoy cabbage  
1/2 cup julienned red onion  
3/4 cup Grapefruit Vinaigrette (recipe follows)  
1 avocado  
1 grapefruit, peeled and cut into segments  
1/2 teaspoon cracked black peppercorns

Toss together the spinach, cabbages, red onion, and 1/2 cup of the vinaigrette in a salad bowl.

Peel, pit and cut the avocado lengthwise into slices; toss gently with the remaining vinaigrette until evenly coated.

Arrange the avocado, and grapefruit on top of the cabbage mixture and top with the cracked peppercorns.

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## TEXAS TODAY

**Can Baylor balance mission, on-court wins?**

WACO (AP) — With the Baylor basketball program at a low ebb and reeling from probation for serious rules violations, the world's largest Baptist university turned to a coach praised for his ethics and integrity.

"Success is not just measured in wins," said the man named to rebuild Baylor's faltering program.

The year was 1999 and the coach — Dave Bliss. Now, a new coach, Scott Drew, faces the challenge of cleaning up Bliss' mess and answering this question: Can Baylor practice the Christian mission it preaches and still succeed in the pressurized world of NCAA Division I athletics?

While emphasizing that no one is immune from potential problems, officials at Brigham Young and Notre Dame — two renowned universities with religious ties — say it's absolutely possible.

**Texas organization adds to Latino voice**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Association for the Advancement of Mexican Americans spent the past 30 years working in Texas communities to improve education and health care opportunities for Latinos. On Monday, it will make its mission a national one.

The group will open an office in Washington D.C., with a focus on helping shape legislation that benefits "underserved children, youth and families across the United States," said Gilbert Moreno, the association president.

"Our communities face many issues that at this time are not addressed by our national leaders," he said.

The AAMA will lobby for funding for education, technology, health and social services, particularly drug and alcohol abuse prevention and treatment, that will help Hispanics and other minorities.

**Students face marathon trips to class, home**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some Central Texas parents are asking why their children have to spend as much as 2 1/2 hours a day in un-air conditioned school buses.

Kindergarten student Dianna Hartsfield says the bus she rides gets a little hot for her liking and the winding, hilly route around the Canyon Lake area sometimes leaves her nauseated.

"Sometimes I feel sick, but I try to hold it in," she said as her brother Kevin, a pre-kindergarten student, drowsed off to sleep on a nearby seat.

Their school days start at 6:30 a.m. with a one-hour bus ride to Rebecca Creek Elementary School, ending with a 90-minute bus ride home in rural Blanco County.

The Hartsfields' bus ride is 50 miles each way, one of the longest in the Comal School District that covers 589 square miles, taking in parts of Comal, Bexar, Guadalupe, Blanco and Hays counties. School buses, which travel 130 routes, log 12,000 miles a day.

**Hayes first to die for killing a black in Texas**

HOUSTON (AP) — When convicted killer Larry Allen Hayes voluntarily went to his death last week, his lethal injection marked the first time since capital punishment resumed in Texas 21 years ago that a white person was executed for killing a black person.

State records go back to 1924, when Texas took over execution duty from individual counties. They show no white inmate executed for killing a black person; although there are three instances where the victims, all women, are listed as race unknown, said Mike Viesca, spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The last time Texas killed a white for killing a black may have been 1854, when James Wilson was executed in Tyler County in East Texas for the death of another white man's favorite slave, meaning the punishment essentially was for a property crime, said Bill Hayes, a capital punishment historian based in Florida.

Most crimes are white against white and black against black, and more than half of all people executed in the U.S. have been white for crimes against whites, said Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center.

## Will he or won't he?

**Senate Democrats wondering if Whitmire will show up**

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Democratic lawmakers were holding their breath to see whether Sen. John Whitmire attends the latest legislative session, a decision that could make or break their strategy to once again block GOP redistricting plans.

The latest round in a bitter fight over the composition of Texas' delegation to the U.S. Capitol was scheduled to start Monday when lawmakers open their third special legislative session.

Several Democratic senators said they would wait and see if Whitmire showed up for the session before they returned to the Capitol. His presence is crucial if Democrats hope to continue denying Republicans a quorum — the two-thirds of members needed to pass bills.

"We assume that he will, but there are some who believe that he won't. I believe that he will," said Sen. Judith Zaffirini, speaking on behalf of her

fellow Democrats.

"The fight is now in the legislative arena," she said.

At issue is the shape of the state's congressional districts. Currently, Democrats have a 17-15 majority in Texas' congressional delegation. The GOP's redistricting plan could give Republicans as many as 21 seats.

States normally redraw districts once a decade following the U.S. Census. But when the Texas Legislature couldn't agree on a plan, a federal court implemented its own.

The GOP maintains the Legislature needs to draw the congressional districts to reflect voter approval of Republican control at the state level. Democrats argue the GOP plan would hurt minority representation in Congress.

The efforts to address redistricting in the Legislature have already failed three times this year, even though Republicans now hold a majority in both chambers.

In the first attempt to vote on the GOP plan, during the regular legislative session, more than 60 Democratic House members fled to Oklahoma to successfully thwart a quorum. They left the state so Texas law officers could not arrest them and force them back to the Capitol.

The bill later passed the House after Republican Gov. Rick Perry called a special session. But when it reached the Senate, the bill couldn't make it to the floor because of a rule then in place requiring a two-third supermajority vote.

Before the second special session, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst announced he was lifting the two-thirds requirement. That's when 11 Democrats fled to New Mexico. The boycott, starting July 29, left the Senate without enough members required by law for a quorum.

Shortly after that special session expired, Whitmire returned to Texas, saying he would attend the next special

session. That left only 10 holdouts, not enough to prevent the 31-member Texas Senate from voting on legislation.

The remaining Democrats returned to Texas last week.

The defecting Democrats face \$57,000 in fines imposed by their Republican colleagues for missing session days, and they were stripped of some Capitol perks, such as prime parking spots. The personal cost to each for staying in New Mexico was estimated at more than \$7,500.

Zaffirini's staff members, defying the Republican sanctions, placed her car in her Capitol parking spot and Monday morning found a blue notice on the vehicle saying it was subject to being towed because of the Senate sanctions. Zaffirini has a broken shoulder and her office staff plan to drive her to and from work.

On the Net:  
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<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us>

## Top California names pitting star power

By BETH FOUHY

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arnold Schwarzenegger and Gov. Gray Davis brought out the big names as they headed into the final three weeks of the gubernatorial recall campaign, with the actor turning to Oprah Winfrey and the governor enlisting the help of former President Clinton.

Schwarzenegger and his wife, television journalist Maria Shriver, were flying to Chicago to appear on Monday's season premiere of The Oprah Winfrey Show. Polls show the Republican is struggling to win over women, the talk show's primary audience.

Davis was scheduled to make a second day of campaign stops with Clinton, following a joint appearance Sunday at a predominantly black church in Los Angeles.

Davis and Clinton were the marquee names at the scheduled dedication of the William Jefferson Clinton elementary school in the impoverished suburb of Compton. The two were later to attend a fund raiser at the home of financier Ron Burkle.

Clinton spoke passionately against the recall during the Sunday morning service, mixing Scripture with politics in a 40-minute address at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, the city's oldest black congregation.

He repeated his party's theme that the Oct. 7 recall election is part of a right-wing power grab, and said removing Davis could scare future officeholders away from making difficult choices.

"Gray Davis and I have been friends for a long time, and I don't want this happening to him. But this is way bigger than him. It's California I worry about. I don't want you to become a laughing stock, or a carnival, or the beginning of a circus in America where we throw people out for making tough decisions," Clinton said.

After a pause, he said: "Don't do this. Don't do this." The congregation erupted in applause.

Davis was scheduled to campaign this week with other prominent Democratic figures, including former Vice President Al Gore, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and

several of the 2004 Democratic presidential candidates.

His appearance with Clinton came a day after state Democrats held an emergency meeting to address their campaign strategy, re-emphasizing their opposition to the recall while endorsing Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante if voters remove Davis on the ballot's first question.

Bustamante spent the weekend out of state raising money. Mechanical problems with his charter plane caused him to arrive too late in Orange County Sunday to receive an endorsement from the Mexican American Political Association.

The group's president, Nativo Lopez, said rules prohibited the organization from endorsing the lieutenant governor's "No on Recall, Yes on Bustamante" strategy unless he appeared in person to request the association's support.

"I'm a supporter of Bustamante but rules are rules," Lopez said.

Republicans were struggling to unite behind a common message and a single candidate.

Schwarzenegger, the leading GOP candidate, appealed to Republicans

to rally behind him during the state party convention Saturday in Los Angeles. His chief Republican rival, state Sen. Tom McClintock, refused to drop out.

The struggle is important because many Republicans feel the two candidates will split the GOP vote, handing the governorship to Bustamante if voters oust Davis.

Schwarzenegger did not address the issue Sunday when he spoke in Orange County to a statewide firefighters' association. Instead, he repeated a campaign theme that the state is on the wrong course and that he can set it straight.

With the help of Clinton and other Democratic luminaries, Davis is trying to show he is working to address the issues that prompted the recall. He signed an overdue budget that reduced the state's multibillion dollar deficit, and has convened town hall meetings to show he is in touch with voters.

Davis and Clinton were joined Sunday by other prominent Democrats, including Los Angeles Mayor James Hahn and state Attorney General Bill Lockyer.

## RECIPES

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**Grapefruit Vinaigrette**

3/4 cup peanut or safflower oil

A few drops of dark sesame oil

1/4 cup grapefruit juice

A few drops of soy or tamari sauce

1/2 teaspoon dry mustard

1/2 teaspoon salt, or to taste

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste

2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs such as chives, parsley, tarragon, chervil, basil, dill, or others (optional)

1 teaspoon brown sugar, maple syrup, or honey (optional)

Whisk or shake all the ingredients together in a small bowl or jar. Add brown sugar, maple syrup or honey, if desired (to smooth out the flavor). Shake or whisk the vinaigrette again before using if it has stood for more than a few minutes.

Makes about 1 cup, or enough for 12 servings.

Nutrition information per serving ( 1/2 tablespoons): 150 cal., trace of protein, 16g fat, 2g carbo., 145 mg sodium, 0 mg chol.

**Angel Biscuits**

1/2 envelope dry yeast

1/4 cup warm water

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 tablespoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon baking soda

2 tablespoons sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup buttermilk

1/2 cup melted and cooled vegetable shortening

1 egg white

Lightly oil a baking sheet.

Stir together yeast and warm water in a small bowl and let stand for 5 minutes, or until foamy.

Combine the flour, bak-

ing powder, baking soda, sugar and salt in another bowl, and stir to distribute ingredients evenly; make a well in the center.

Add the buttermilk and melted shortening to the yeast mixture and pour it into the well in the dry ingredients. Quickly stir the ingredients just until the dough begins to form a heavy, loosely combined mass. Do not overmix.

Turn the dough out onto

a well-floured surface and pat it into a square, then roll it out to about 1/2-inch thick with a rolling pin. Cut the dough into 2-inch circles using a biscuit cutter.

Place the biscuits about 1 inch apart on the baking sheet. Allow to rise slightly in a warm place, 35 to 45 minutes, or until nearly double in volume.

Preheat oven to 425 F.

Whisk the egg white

together with 1 table-

spoon of cold water and brush the tops of each biscuit lightly with the mixture. Bake until the tops of the biscuits are light brown, 15 to 18 minutes. Remove the biscuits from the oven and cool slightly; serve while still warm.

Makes 10 to 12 biscuits.

Nutrition information per biscuit: 190 cal., 4g pro., 8g fat, 23g carbo., 160 mg sodium, 1 mg chol.

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**Lady Steers I set to meet**

The Big Spring Steers Softball Club will meet at 7:30 at the Boothe and Van

All parents encouraged to meet new head coach Lea Daggett.

**Baseball boost meet Sept. 2**

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters will meet Sept. 7:30 p.m. at the

For more info, call 263-8527.

**BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer**

The Big Spring School cheerleaders will be holding a cheer camp for ages 5-13 on Sept. 15.

The cost for the camp is \$20 per participant. For the opportunity to form at the volleyball game on Sept. 15.

**YMCA swim spots available**

The Big Spring Family YMCA team has open for inter-lates.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, you must be at least 12 years of age and a resident of Big Spring. The swim team will hold a swim two week pool with proper breathing. Swimmers are responsible for their own annual USSF membership, all entry equipment, transportation, meals at meetings.

For more information, call Dolline at 264-8252 or 263-8527.

**Steers Basketball Boosters to meet**

The Big Spring Basketball Boosters will hold a meeting on Sept. 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the Spring High School ATC.

Parents of JV and boys basketball are urged to attend.

**Forsan JV suffers 29-8 loss to**

The Forsan junior varsity basketball team suffered a 29-8 setback against the Ploverboys Thursday night at Roscoe.

The Buffs' Sandridge scored 17 points in Forsan's lone victory. Freitag added 10 points and converted point guards.

Also playing offensively were Baker, who scored 5-of-9 passing for 75 yards.

The entire line, consisting of Phillips, Clirley, James, Jeremy Johnson and Jon Sutton, were well.

Defensively, Forsan turned in solid play. Sonora this game for a 7 p.m. kick-off.

**Quarterback meet tonight**

The Big Spring School Quarterback Club will hold a meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring High School ATC.

Everyone is invited to attend.



### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Steers boosters set to meet tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will meet tonight at 7:30 at the offices of Boothe and Vasser.

All parents are encouraged to attend to meet new head coach Lea Daggett.

#### Baseball boosters to meet Sept. 25 at ATC

The Big Spring Steers Baseball Booster Club will meet Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the ATC.

For more information call 263-8527.

#### BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a mini-cheer camp for youths ages 5-13 on Sept. 27.

The cost for the camp is \$20 per child. Participants will have the opportunity to perform at the varsity football game on Oct. 3.

#### YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

#### Steers Basketball Boosters to meet

The Big Spring Steers Basketball Booster Club will hold its first meeting on tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School ATC.

Parents of all freshmen, JV and varsity boys basketball teams are urged to attend.

#### Forsan JV suffers 29-8 loss to Roscoe

The Forsan Buffaloes junior varsity suffered a 29-8 setback at the hands of the Roscoe Plowboys Thursday in Roscoe.

The Buffs' Skylier Sandridge scored on a 1-yard run to tally Forsan's lone TD. Cody Freitag added the two-point conversion.

Also playing well offensively was Tye Baker, who completed 5-of-9 passing attempts for 75 yards.

The entire offensive line, consisting of Tyler Phillips, Clinton Stanley, James Branham, Jeremy Johnson and Jon Sutton, played well.

Defensively, Stanley and Shelby Lefever turned in solid efforts.

Forsan travels to Sonora this Thursday for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

#### Quarterback Club to meet tonight at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting tonight beginning at 7 in the Big Spring High School ATC.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Bearkats snap 11-game losing streak

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

ROBERT LEE — Todd Weishuhn probably felt like he had a target on his chest Friday night. Fortunately for Garden City, quarterback Alex Halfmann saw it.

Weishuhn caught four passes — two for touchdowns — and help spirit the Garden City Bearkats to a 27-15 win over the Robert Lee Steers. Weishuhn also contributed 37 yards rushing and stopped one Robert Lee drive with an interception.

With the win, the Bearkats handed new head coach Ken Hoskins his first 11-man win since 1994 and, more importantly, snapped an 11-game losing

skid dating back to the second week of last season.

The Steers drew first blood in the contest early in the non-district matchup. Robert Lee grabbed a 7-0 advantage on a long pass from Cole Flanagan to Brian Avalos.

Weishuhn and Trey Hillger made sure it was all Garden City from there.

Weishuhn pulled the Bearkats to within 7-6 in the second quarter by pulling in a 60-yard scoring strike from Halfmann.

Minutes later, Hillger handed Garden City its first lead of the 2003 season by taking a handoff and plowing into the end zone from three yards away. Mitch Rider caught the two-point pass from Halfmann to stake GCHS to

a 14-0 cushion.

Weishuhn, who finished with 119 yards receiving, came back to haunt the Steers again in the third. His second touchdown reception came on a 28-yard pass from Halfmann, who finished the affair by completing 6-of-8 attempts for 135 yards.

Hillger's ensuing kick staked the Bearkats to a 21-7 lead.

Garden City was far from through. Hillger added an 8-yard touchdown run early in the final frame to expand the Bearkats' lead to 28-8.

Hillger finished the contest with 91 yards on 14 carries.

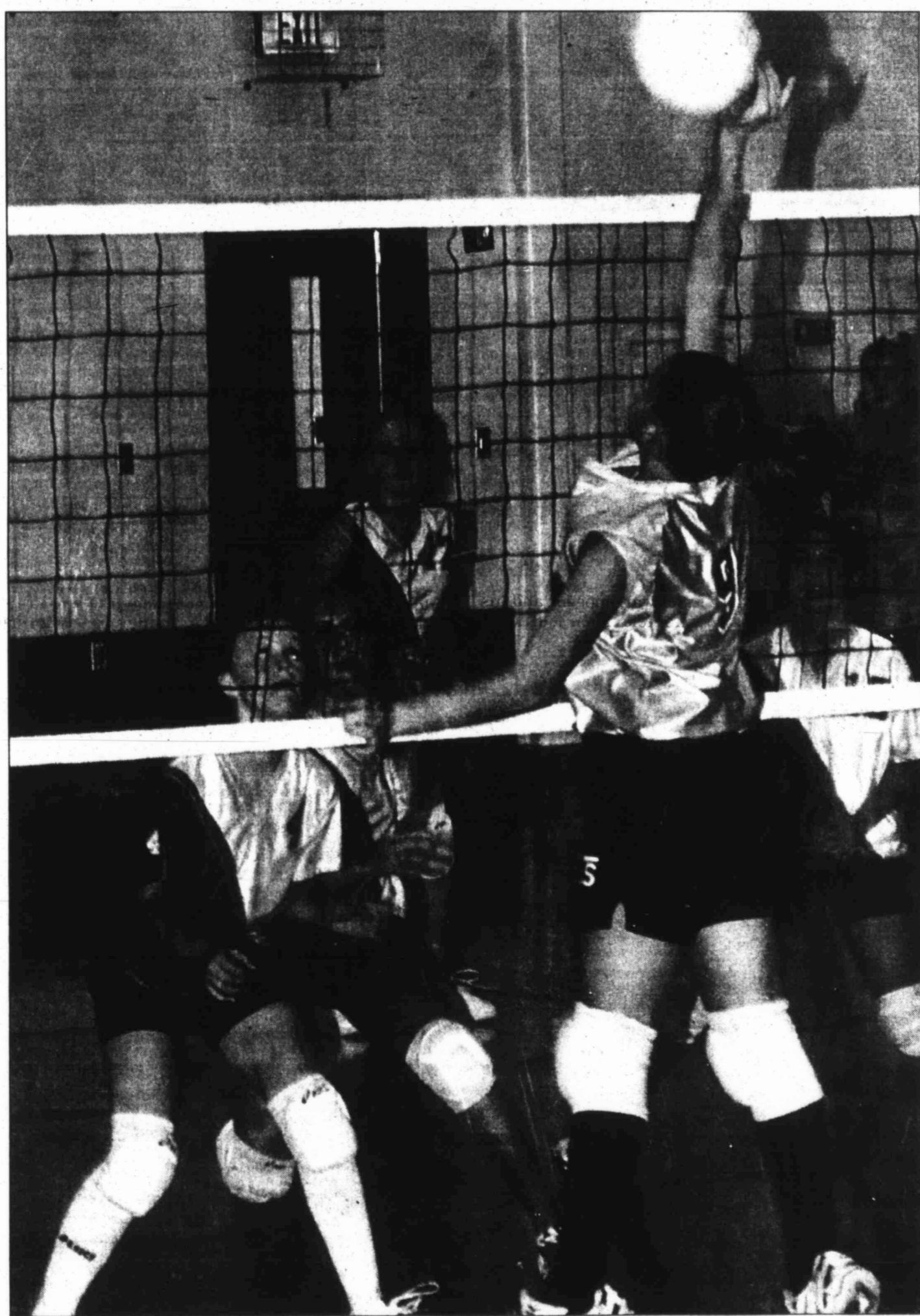
Robert Lee, courtesy of solid defensive performances from Cory Multer, Blake Chudej, Hillger, Colby Hirt and Tim

Schniers, struggled offensively throughout the contest. The Steers managed just 197 total yards and only nine first downs — most of those coming in the final 10 minutes.

Robert Lee's defense ended Garden City's 28-point outburst midway through the fourth by sacking Halfmann in the end zone for a safety.

Later in the frame, the Steers staged their best drive of the evening by marching to a touchdown. Flanagan recorded the RLHS score via a 24-yard run.

Garden City, which rolled up 321 total yards, is scheduled to return home this Friday to host Irion County on Homecoming night. The game is set for 8 p.m. at Bearkat Stadium.



Danielle Jeter goes up for a spike in the championship game of the 3003 Big Spring Junior High School Invitational Saturday evening against the Monahans Lady Loboes. Big Spring fell in three game to Monahans and finished second in the final eighth grade standings.

## BS girls steamroll Loboes, Wildcats

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

MONAHANS — The Big Spring Lady Steers continued to flex their muscles on the volleyball court this past weekend, downing Monahans and Wink in dual action.

With the two wins, the Lady Steers improved to 15-7 for the year — and to 3-0 since head coach Revis Daggett shuffled her starting lineup.

Big Spring dominated the Wink Lady Wildcats, winning three straight games.

Led by Leina Braxton and Ka'Rissa Magers, the Lady Steers jumped on Wink early, dealing the Lady Wildcats a demoralizing 25-7 setback in the first game.

Big Spring finished the win by hammering out back-to-back wins of 25-15 and 25-22.

The Lady Steers had a bit more trouble dispatching Monahans in the final bout. The Lady Loboes, a traditional state power, pushed Big Spring to five games before succumbing.

LaKenya Wrightsil and the BSBS offense taxed Monahans in the first game, leading to a 25-21 win the first game.

The Lady Steers took a 2-0 advantage in the best-of-5 matchup by taking a tough 27-25 win in the second frame.

Monahans rallied back, however. The Lady Loboes stormed back to win the final two games by scores of 26-24 and 26-24 to knot the count at 2-2 and force a fifth frame.

Big Spring sealed its win by collecting a 15-13 advantage in the final stanza.

## Yanez, Pittman not seriously injured

Big Spring Steers head football coach Dwight Butler received good news Saturday morning when he learned defensive tackles Pete Yanez and Brock Pittman were not seriously injured in the Steers' 49-7 rout of Hereford.

Yanez, who lay motionless on the field for several minutes in the first quarter, was released from the hospital shortly after arriving via ambulance. Yanez, according to reports, was not hit on a Whiteface punt but went down.

Yanez will still be undergoing tests to determine the cause of his collapse.

Pittman, who was making his BSBS debut, twisted his knee in the second half. The Steers' coaching staff shut him down as a precautionary move.



Big Spring Youth Soccer Association play continues this weekend at the SWCID fields.

## Second-half surge carries Wellman-Union past Grady

The Wellman-Union Wildcats outscored Grady by a staggering 24-8 clip in the final two quarters Friday night and rolled to a 45-42 victory.

With the win, Wellman-Union improved to 2-0 for the year. Grady slipped to 1-1.

Grady dominated the action in the first half, scoring five times and building a 34-21 halftime cushion.

Wellman stormed back in the third quarter as quarterback Chris Gibson rushed for a touchdown and threw for another to

key a 16-0 spurt.

Wellman took a 37-34 cushion into the final 10 minutes of the contest.

Grady running back Andrew Villa rushed for 102 yards on 22 carries — including a 15-yard run midway through the final period that gave Grady a 42-37 lead.

Wellman's J.R. Tankersly scored later in the frame to cinch the W-U win.

Grady quarterback Trent May passed for 117 yards and two scores.

## Means carries Sanderson by Sands

Sanderson quarterback Ty Means threw four touchdown passes Friday night and led the Sanderson Eagles to a 54-8 win

over the Sands Mustangs.

With the win, Sanderson improved to 3-0. Sands slipped to 0-2.

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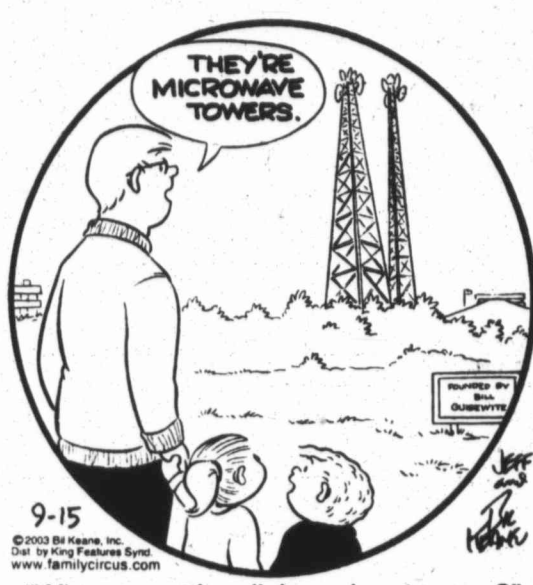
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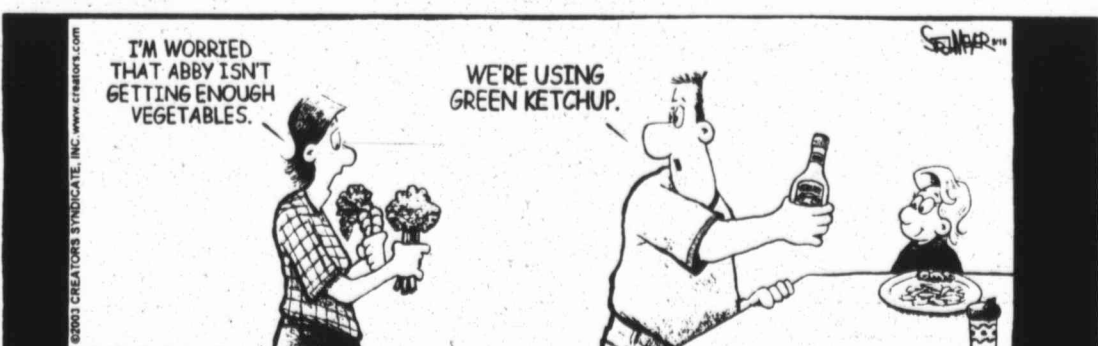
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2003. There are 107 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On, Sept. 15, 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)
On this date:
In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.
In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.
In 1821, independence was proclaimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.
In 1857, William Howard Taft...

Taft who served as president of the United States and as U.S. chief justice was born in Cincinnati, Ohio.
In 1917, Russia was proclaimed a republic by Alexander Kerensky, the head of a provisional government.
In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship and made the swastika the official symbol of Nazi Germany.
In 1940, during the Battle of Britain in World War II, the tide turned as the Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force.
In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Inchon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul.
In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government.
Ten years ago: Former 60's radical Katherine Ann Power, who'd spent 23 years in hiding, surrendered to authorities to face charges stemming from a 1970 bank robbery in which Boston police officer Walter Schroeder Senior was killed. (Power received a five-year federal term, to run concurrently with an eight-to-12-year state sentence; she was released in 1999.)

Today's Birthdays:
Bluesman Snooky Pryor is 82. Actor-director Jackie Cooper is 81. Singer-musician Bobby Short is 79. Actor Forrest Compton is 78. Comedian Norm Crosby is 76. Actor Henry Darrow is 70. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gaylord Perry is 65. Football Hall-of-Famer Merlin Olsen is 63. Opera singer Jessye Norman is 58.

Answer to previous puzzle: A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in.

Newsday Crossword

NOT THE SAME by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
1 Polo or tee
6 Scottish skirts
11 Actress
Lupino
14 Indian coin
15 Mathematician
Newton
16 Ad (improvise)
17 Lamp part
19 Set down
20 Seinfeld role
21 Unlocks
23 Synthetic fabrics
26 Overcharges
27 Acropolis location
28 Kerns of Growing Pains
30 Sherlock's discovery
31 Bart Simpson's mom
32 Simmering setting
35 Overacting actor
36 Certain lot item
38 Common article
39 Venomous viper
40 Dressed to the
41 Bulky
42 Prickly plant
44 Loud sounds
46 For a short time
48 Cook's cover, perhaps
49 Oil-bearing rock
50 Reaches home plate
52 Lapel attachment
53 Afternoon work force
58 Part of ESL: Abbr.
59 San Antonio shrine
60 firma
61 Born: Fr.
62 Gold digger
63 Welles of The Third Man
DOWN
1 Broadway-hit abbreviation
2 Attila, e.g.
3 Wall St.
4 Basketball debut
5 Cookware coating
6 New Zealand birds
7 "The doctor \_"
8 Not on time
9 Tic-toe
10 Big beer glass
11 Traffic violation
12 Sawyer or Keaton
13 Colossal chasm
18 Without, in Toulouse
22 Bit of wordplay
23 Russian villa
24 Map collection
25 Minor amount of money
26 Infatuated
28 Green stones
29 Tolkien beasts
31 Entrée list
33 "Darn it!"
34 Most minuscule
36 "I Want You!" poster guy
37 Location
41 More severe
43 Be unwell
44 Poet
45 Misleads
46 Colorado resort
47 Complain
48 Pay tribute to
50 Quick look
51 "O \_" all ye...
54 Actor Wallace
55 Tax dept.
56 To's opposite
57 Sunbather's goal

A crossword puzzle grid with some numbers filled in.