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Citizens group for Fisd bond issue to convene

The Forsan Independent School District Citizens Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library.

Anyone interested in supporting the upcoming bond election is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Amy Burchett at 267-5626.

Forsan All-Class Reunion slated

The Forsan School All-Class Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 7, in the Forsan High School cafeteria. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends of the school are invited. Dress is casual.

Admission is \$15 per person, \$7.50 for students.

The reunion will begin at 9:30 a.m. with lunch to be served at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Boyce Hale at 432 267-6957 or e-mail txablo@yahoo.com

Salvation Army taking donations

The Big Spring Salvation Army is accepting donations for its annual "Back to School" program, which provides school supplies for area low-income students. Donations can be made at the Salvation Army office, 811 W. Fifth Street.

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Values mean more for college, school district budgets

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Only one Howard County public education entity failed to see an increase in its certified taxable values, posted this week, but all four are expecting to bring more dollars to their 2004-2005 fiscal budget.

Taxable value for the Big Spring Independent School District, the largest school system in the county, dropped by \$10,890,243.

The appraisal district reports

the district's values at \$614,591,913 this year, down from \$625,482,156, but the final number was welcomed news by school BSISD officials.

"It was better than we expected," said BSISD Business Manager Sandra Waggoner. "We had budgeted at the workshop for about \$609,900,000 million. We had expected a decrease of \$16 million."

With the release of the certified taxable values this week, the BSISD budget now stands at \$24.5 million with a projected surplus

of \$130,000. At the proposed tax rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation, BSISD should bring in about \$150,000 more in tax revenue.

Howard College received the biggest boost in values with a \$30,475,523 increase. Howard County taxable values came in at \$1,142,979,337, up from \$1,112,503,814 in 2003.

"This will give trustees a little more room when they meet Monday for a budget workshop," said HC President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Values for the Forsan

Independent School District increased by \$17,703,173, which should translate into about \$280,000 more in revenue collected at a \$1.50 per \$100 valuation tax rate, according to Superintendent Randy Johnson. Values increased from \$215,329,526 in 2003 to \$233,032,699.

"Our earlier projections were at \$209 million and after talking with Mr. (Keith) Toomire (Howard County Chief

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USHGA championships under way

Week-long soaring fest has returned to Big Spring

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Competitors from all over the nation will get the chance to see who is the best hang glider pilot in the nation this week, as the United States Hang Gliding Association National Championships get under way Sunday at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

This year's competition will mark the second year in a row the competition has been held in Big Spring, an impressive "first" thanks to the flying conditions in the area, according to competition organizer and director David Glover.

"It's an interesting crossroad between community and the flying conditions that keep bringing the pilots back to Big Spring," said Glover. "The community support was so good and the pilots felt so welcome that they really enjoyed the time they spent on the ground. Also, the conditions are so special here that people can fly really high up in the air and



A hang glide competitor takes to the wind Friday afternoon as the pilots in the United States Hang Gliding Association National Championship get ready for the start of the tournament on Sunday afternoon.

there are really strong thermals. So they really enjoyed the time they spent in the air as well.

"It's very unique to have the Hang Gliding Nationals every go back to the same location,

much less go back to the same location the very next year. It was because the pilots had such a great time and felt that this is such a good venue for testing the skills of the best pilots in the nation to

find out who is really national champion.

"The terminal building and the support from people like Bobby Joann (McDonald), Joann (Staulcup) and Jim Little just makes it perfect for

us. Community and conditions — those are the big things that put everything together to make us want to come back."

Glover said the condi-

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Spring may be flowing again thanks to volunteers

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Tommy Churchwell and his father-in-law, Carroll Choate, aren't waiting for the city to fix the pump at the Comanche Trail Park spring, they've taken on that project themselves and hope others follow suit.

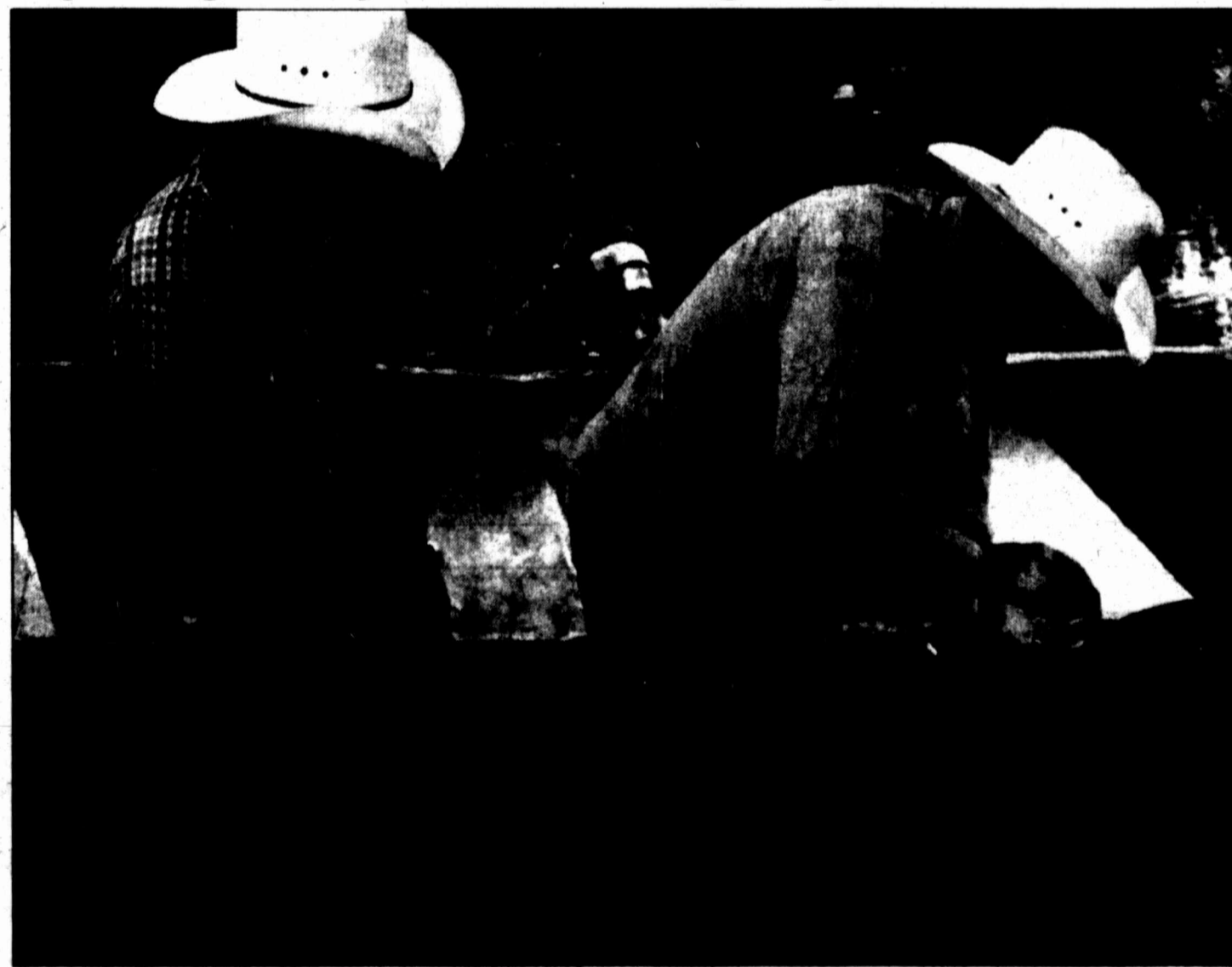
"I'd like to see the community use this," said Choate, the owner of Choate Well Service Inc. "It seems like there's an awful lot of people who come out here and I had several people tell me that they were disappointed because they didn't see the spring running."

Choate along with his grandson, Logan Churchwell, spent the last few days at the park getting the pump working and circulating water from the lake to the spring again.

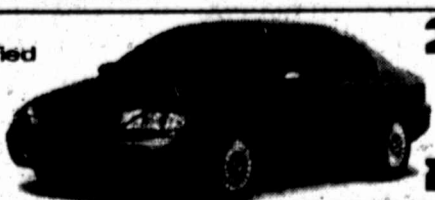
Efforts to keep the spring flowing has spanned more than a decade through the endeavors of community volunteers and leaders.

Unfortunately, mechanical problems have played havoc with the pump, but Choate feels new adjustments to the machinery and moving the device to a deeper location in the lake may have hammered out the problem this

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Logan Churchwell, left, and his grandfather, Carroll Choate, prepare to take the pump that circulates water into the spring at Comanche Trail Park farther into the lake. Thanks to the two men, the spring is flowing again.



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Obituaries

Allen J. "Mr. Mac" McClinton



Allen J. "Mr. Mac" McClinton, 96, of Big Spring, died on Friday, July 30, 2004, in a local nursing home. The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel in Big Spring with Dr. David Kimberly, director of the Baptist Area Missions, officiating.

Mr. McClinton was born on Jan. 30, 1908, in Snyder and married Grace Lockhart on December 5, 1932, in Howard County. They moved to Big Spring in 1947. She preceded him in death on Jan. 8, 2000.

Allen was employed as an engineer with the Texas and Pacific Railroad until retiring after 35 years of service. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. Mr. McClinton was a member of the Retired Senior Citizen Volunteer Program. He also volunteered at the Big Spring Senior Citizen's Center and loved to play pool and was the local pool shark at the center.

Survivors include a son, Alan Dale McClinton of Littleton, Colo.; a daughter and son-in-law, Nan and Perry Schulze of Muskogee, Okla.; two granddaughters, Casey Ivie of Odessa and Nicole Gibson of Big Spring; and three great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, Oliver and Georgia McClinton, five brothers and two sisters. The family sends a special thanks to the staff of Home Hospice and the staff of Mountain View Lodge.

The family suggests that memorials be made to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg, Big Spring 79720.

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

Take note

MARANATHA BAPTIST ACADEMY begins classes Monday. Enrollment for students 4 through high school is accepted. An open house is set for Aug. 2 through Aug. 16 and the public is invited. Contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon, administrator, at 213-1046.

A FUND FOR CLAY "GOONIE" VICKERS to help with expenses for life-threatening surgery has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union, 264-2600. He is a 2003 graduate of Forsan High School and a Howard College theater student.

FORSAN ALL-SCHOOL REUNION begins at 9:30 a.m. with lunch set for 12:30 p.m. in the Forsan High School cafeteria. Open to all ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends. The dress is casual and cost is \$15 per person or \$7.50 for students. Contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

MANNA RELIEF, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1994 10-year reunion is set for October 8-9. For more information, or to update name or mailing address, please call Kendra Carey Willingham at 1-888-820-4911 pin No. 6414 or e-mail BigSpringReunion94@yahoo.com.

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15-year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. Saturday:

- **CHANCE PERRYMAN**, 20, of Sand Springs, was arrested Friday on a city warrant for minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage.
- **DONALD DAVIS**, 28, of 603 Caylor, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended - enhanced.
- **VICENTE GONZALES**, 33, of Lubbock, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ARNULFO GONZALES**, 48, of Lubbock, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **JESUS ARMENDARIZ**, 54, of Lubbock, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **LARAJO LITTLE**, 31, of Hooks, was arrested Friday and held for the HCSO.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

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

- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 300 block of Gregg Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 177 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 5300 block of Wasson Road.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-14-29-35.
Number matching five of five: 0.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night:
5-0-0

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon:
0-1-9

Support groups

MONDAY
All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY
The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY
Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

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

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

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

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Bulletin board

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SUNDAY
Hang gliding competition at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

MONDAY
District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.
Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.
Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.
Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.
Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St.
Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

TUESDAY
Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon is set for 11 a.m. in the Coahoma Community Center.
Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
Forsan ISD Citizen's Committee meeting at 7 p.m. in the high school library for anyone interested in supporting the upcoming bond election. Call Amy Burchett at 267-5626.
VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY
Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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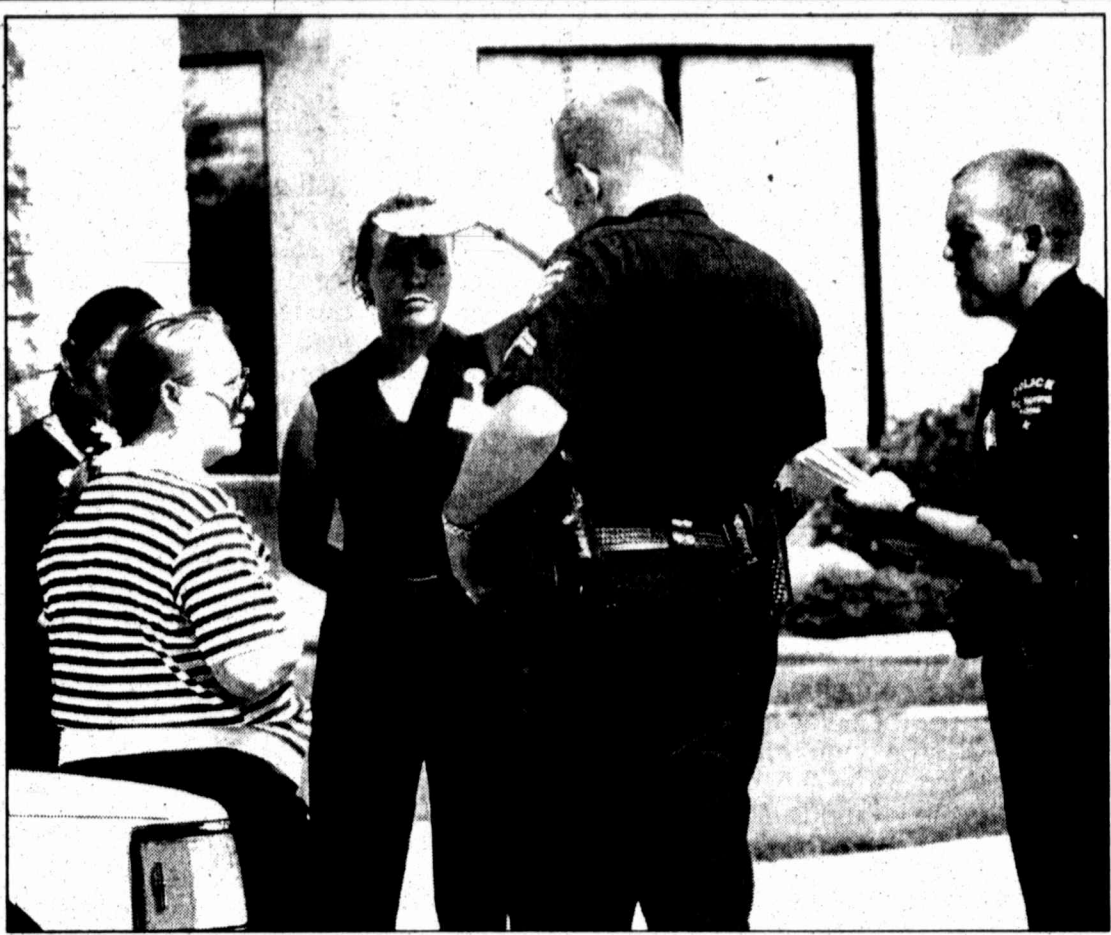
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GET IN THE COLLEGE ZONE



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring police officer Nathan Londenberg, left, and Keith Jones respond to an accident involving a pedestrian and a vehicle which occurred Wednesday afternoon in the 2300 block of Gregg. A car driven by 65-year-old Mocell Osborne collided with 50-year-old George Gonzales who was crossing Gregg Street. Gonzales was taken to the VA Medical Center for non-incapacitating injuries.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring paramedics treat a victim involved in a one-vehicle accident that occurred near the 176 mile marker on Interstate 20 Friday evening. At least one person was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center, according to law enforcement personnel at the scene. Additional information was unavailable as the Herald went to press Saturday afternoon.

GLIDERS

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tency in the conditions and the heat reflected off of the ground make the Air Park and Big Spring area "perfect" for the competition.

"The consistency of the conditions here means we can fly everyday," said Glover. "We're not wind-ed or weathered out. The sun hits the ground and the ground heats up, so thermal layers of air go up. The base of the clouds are really high, which means we can fly up really high into the air and the thermals are strong, so you don't have to fly

around too much before you hit a thermal that pushes you up.

"Our desire is to see how long we can stay up and then fly around a course as quickly as we can. It just has the right combination of meteorology and geography to allow us to fly for a long time and fly fast. The men and women that come here just love the flying. It's excellent."

Beside being the first time the national championships have been held in the same location two years running, competition organizer and director David Glover said they have a technological "sideshow" that could bring the competition to

people around the world.

"We're going to try to do something with the ham radio club here, where we going to try to put some special ham radios that are tied to GPS (Global Positioning Satellite) units in a few of the pilots' sails," explained Glover. "They will actually broadcast their position and people will get to see some of the pilots fly in real-time on the Internet."

"There will only be four or five of these special trackers, but it will be neat for people at home to be able to see them taking off and coming back. Hang gliding contests aren't very watchable, but this makes it able to be

seen and understood. The whole world will be able to click on a map that shows Big Spring and be able to see the pilots flying. It's going to be very unique and special."

Glover said the links for the competition and GPS visuals can be found at www.ozreport.com.

In addition to the national championship, Glover said area residents can get a first hand "feel" for hang gliding for a minimal cost.

"We've been doing the discovery flights since Thursday," said Glover. "We really haven't had that many so far this year, but we expect it will pick up once the championships begin.

"Ultralight flights are \$50 and hang gliding flights are \$99. Hang gliding flights, which will reach an altitude around 2,500 feet, include a roll of film containing pictures of the flight, so no one can say you didn't do it," he said with a laugh. "All discovery flights are piloted by a certified and experienced pilot, and if there's no waiting list, either type of flight is expected to take about 30 minutes from sign up to completion."

Discovery flights won't be available during competition, which is expected to begin at 1 p.m. and end at 5 p.m. each day. Glover said discovery flights will be available

before and after those times, however.

To arrange a discovery flight call the Big Spring Air Terminal at 264-2362.

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

SPRING

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time.

Choate, who donated both his time and money to the project, said he will be following up on the situation to see if the pump continues to stay in working order.

Residents may have to wait about a week to notice a difference, Choate said, as water holes near the spring begin to fill up with the new water.

Once completely filled, the excess water will

begin to spill over to the 50 foot-deep spring, Tommy Churchwell said.

"The park area out here is unique. It ought to be the premiere spot of Big Spring," Churchwell said. "It's what we're named after. It's what people come to see. It ought to look good."

"A lot of people volunteer to give a lot of work here and we just need to keep it up," he continued. "The city is limited and what its limitations are is where we as citizens can pick the slack and find our passion and make a difference."

This is just one project, Churchwell said, where by citizens taking the incentive makes a difference in the community.

"We lost the camp inmates and all that labor we're used to having and making a difference in the park and all over town," Churchwell said. "We see a good way for regular people to step in and take up some of the slack of what we lost."

"Everybody could figure out what they like, a passion about Big Spring, and plug into that," he continued. "Don't ask the city to do it. You are the

city. We are the city so let's just do it."

"I think a lot of people want to participate and would come out to the park, or the baseball field, whatever their passion is, and pick up, fix up, paint up if they know when and where," he said. "So maybe we can put two or three things on list every week and maybe the paper could print it. Here's what we need done this week. If you have time and want to do it, come join us. If we do it all year long, lots of things can happen and we'll look a lot different."

That is the kind of attitude Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said he likes to hear.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," McEwen said. "They're seeing something that needs to be done and they are not sitting back and saying somebody ought to do it. They're going out and doing it themselves. And that's the 'can do' attitude we need in our community."

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VALUES

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Appraiser), we felt like it would be higher so we were working on a budget of \$227 million. \$233 million is good news," Johnson said.

Even with the added infusion of revenue, FUSD trustees may still face a budget shortfall for 2004-2005, but Johnson said that deficit will be greatly reduced from original projections.

The Coahoma

Independent School District also posted an increase of almost \$19 million from last year's value of \$178,752,705 to \$197,701,866.

Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston said added revenue will definitely help to ease the cash-strapped district, although he didn't have final numbers on how the increase translates to projected revenue.

"It will give us more money than we expected," Kingston said. "I haven't calculated our rollback tax rate yet. It depends on where those numbers fall

and we're working on that as we speak. It will mean more money although it's not going to be a windfall.

"It is really going to help compared to where we were last year," he continued. "We've had a deficit budget last year and hopefully we will be able to make up some of the slack from last year. We're not through with our budget workshop, so we don't know exactly where our budget's going to be but we're going to be in better shape than we anticipated earlier."

GET IN THE COLLEGE ZONE



If your child is heading off to college this August - be aware! Meningitis is becoming more and more prevalent in college-aged individuals.

The Meningitis vaccine is recommended for all college students living in a dormitory setting.

Family Medical Center will be giving the vaccine on the following dates:

- Monday, August 9th
- Tuesday, August 10th
- Wednesday, August 11th

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

U.S. Nationals
has the best
in sport here

Brightly-colored wings are already soaring in the skies around Big Spring as the nation's very best competitive hang gliders prepare for the U.S. Nationals Hang Gliding Championships at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The championships are scheduled for today through Aug. 7 and will see more than 60 pilots — both the best the United States has to offer and a sprinkling of strong international talent — vying for top honors.

Of course, one of the reasons the national championships are being staged in Big Spring for a second consecutive year is the reception members of the United States Hang Gliding Association received during last year's championships and that they enjoyed in 2002 when the USHGA's U.S. Open was held here.

As was the case last year, competition in the week-long event will begin on today and will continue through Saturday. Gliders will take off around 1 p.m. each day, taking part in what USHGA spokesman David Glover calls "three-dimensional yacht races in the sky." The gliders are expected to land around 5 p.m. each day.

Clearly, this will be one of the top hang gliding events in the United States this year and spectators are welcomed to show up at the airpark and take in the competitions. They should bring their folding chairs, sunshades and coolers with drinks.

Pilots taking part in the competition are involved in timed "out-and-return" events, as well as distance competitions.

Hang gliders compete in three divisions — fixed wing gliders, fixed wing gliders that sport stabilizers and flaps much like a plane and the even more aerodynamic swift class.

The gliders are here in Big Spring because this area boasts excellent natural qualities for hang gliding. This portion of West Texas has the geography and weather necessary for excellent soaring conditions.

And while competitors are here and preparing for this weekend's start of competition, local residents interested in taking a ride on an ultralight aircraft or soar on a tandem hang glider can do so. Ultralight flights are \$50 each and tandem hang glider flights are \$99. Appointments can be made by calling the airpark manager's office at 264-2362.

Even if you're not as adventurous as others, there's still plenty to see over the next week at the airpark. Take some time and spend a few hours or maybe even a whole day watching the best hang gliders in the world.

And while we're at it, we here at the *Herald* want to welcome all the U.S. Nationals participants. We hope you enjoy your stay here in Big Spring and hope you return for many years to come.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Even when we are in the roughest part of our life, Lord, through prayer our life can be calm.

Amen

The squishy political middle

Monday night, I ran into Andy McLeod, the Bushies' worst nightmare, wearing a T-shirt and blocking people without valid passes from taking an escalator to the second floor of Boston's Fleet Center. McLeod once worked in former California GOP Gov. Pete Wilson's Resources Department. Four years ago, he was an alternate delegate at the GOP convention in Philadelphia. "That was my last gasp as a Republican, because the party has gone too far right," McLeod tells me.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Now, McLeod is an usher at the Democratic National Convention.

McLeod came up from his Florida home to camp at his sister's house in a Philadelphia suburb while he pitches in to help elect John Kerry president. "I'm a centrist," he explains. "I feel strongly about choice and the environment and international affairs."

I have to hand it to the Democrats. They know how to package themselves as centrists, so that even a smart guy like Andy McLeod sees the Democratic Party's platforms as centrist.

The convention is also doing a solid job of conveying to the American public an image of Democrats as regular folk — with very American weight problems, tacky campaign paraphernalia and an earthy take on issues. I am in awe.

Because, while Republicans have most Americans on board with the big issues (the biggest being that Americans don't want to pay higher taxes to fund a bigger government), the Democrats have managed to seize the squishy middle

with issues that the public may not understand.

Bill Clinton delivered a masterful speech Monday night. He made White House policies that represent the middle — and mirror Clinton policy — seem extreme and foolhardy. Note how Bubba was disappointed that President Bush withdrew "American support for the climate-change treaty." Clinton seemed so pained, you would never guess that he never put the global-warming treaty before the Senate for ratification. Or that Kerry was one of 95 senators who, in 1997, voted for a resolution that opposed main parts of the Kyoto global-warming pact.

Yet the delegates cheered Clinton, apparently convinced that Kerry is on the right side of this issue — and Bush on the wrong and extreme side — apparently unaware that Kerry and Bush hold very similar positions.

I'm not saying the Dems have no big "middle" issues: They have assault weapons. Sen. Dianne Feinstein sponsored the popular assault-weapons ban, which is set to expire this year. Bush says he supports the ban, too, but his failure to prompt Washington to pass an extension of the bill lives on as an example of Bush wrongly putting the interests of his backers before the public will and the public good.

But the rest of this convention is straddle and show. The party is for the war in Iraq but against how it was done. The party is for the war on terrorism and yet against it. Convention speakers say they believe in a positive campaign, while denouncing the opposition as evil, venal and stupid.

If it works, why not? Democratic Party biggies know they can allow hatemonger Michael Moore to sit in the presidents' box, next to the Carters. They know that Jimmy Carter can

imply that Bush lied to Congress and America, and the next day, pundits still will marvel at how unusual party discipline muted fevered Bush-bashing.

Now, Team Kerry seeks to convince America that its anti-terrorism approach is "tough and smart," as Kerry intones in his new TV spots. I love how Kerry can be tough and smart — yet misled to vote for the war by the "uncurious" George W. Bush.

The latest big non-story here concerned Teresa Heinz Kerry's telling a journalist to "shove it" after lamenting the incivility in political discourse. It's interesting to note that Heinz Kerry snapped after the writer questioned her about her use of the term "un-American."

Heinz Kerry says she became a Democrat after Republicans questioned the patriotism of Georgia Sen. Max Cleland, a wounded Vietnam vet, because of Cleland's opposition to Bush anti-terrorism policies. Yet, at a press conference Tuesday morning, former Clinton foreign-policy adviser Jamie Rubin would push to implement the 9/11 panel's recommendations because: "This isn't about partisanship. It's about patriotism."

An hour later, I watched the disciplined Kerry say the same words on TV. "This isn't about partisanship. It's about patriotism."

Wrong. After watching the Democrats claim the center, the non-partisan, inclusive center, I've come to believe: This isn't about patriotism — it's about acting.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Well it is time for our city council to deal with its budget for next year and that old question of raising taxes.

I truly believe that the citizens of Big Spring really don't hate the fact that taxes go up, but the fact that taxes go up and the citizens don't see any improvement out in the community. Our city council needs to stop and think of what improvements have really come out of raising our taxes in the past.

I have lived in Big Spring for the last 11 years and I haven't seen any new improvements (i.e. better equipment for our police and fire departments or other city employees, etc.). I feel that our city government is living paycheck to paycheck and is too worried about spending our money and just trying to keep it in a bank somewhere — just sitting there for a rainy day.

I know the city has money. Let's not forget the contract the city has with Cornell Corrections and the federal government to house inmates. I know they get a good chunk out of that deal. Where's the money?

I think Big Spring needs to stop and look around and start to take care of its own before we are left behind thinking what went wrong and why our town is so run down.

If we have the money, let's use it. If the people of Big Spring see improvements they will notice, and when tax time comes around, they will contribute knowing that those few cents more will improve our way of life, not just for us in the present, but for our children in the future.

Remember, you can spend less now or spend more in years to come.

SANTIAGO FLORES
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The Social Security Fairness Act,

H.R. 594, is co-sponsored by 300 members of the U.S. House of Representatives. This bill would abolish the government pension offset entirely. This bill was filed in early 2003. Tom DeLay has refused to place the bill on the calendar for a vote by House members.

To force the bill to be placed on the calendar, a discharge petition has been filed. This would compel DeLay to schedule a prompt vote on the House floor. This petition needs 26 more signatures.

All Social Security beneficiaries are not penalized by a reduction in their benefits. The government offset singles out educators, firemen, policemen, postal workers, etc. by reducing the Social Security benefits that have been earned. Some would call this discrimination.

The discharge petition would allow the above-mentioned people to receive all the Social Security benefits they qualify for. A more fair way for all people.

U.S. Rep. Charles Stenohm has signed the discharge petition. U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, who was a co-sponsor of the bill, has not signed the discharge petition. All Texas Democratic House members have signed the discharge petition. Six Republicans from Texas have not.

When you vote in November remember these circumstances. We want people representing us to look after our welfare. There are people on the poverty level due to the government offset of their Social Security pensions.

Please use the free toll-free telephone number at the Capitol, 1-800-839-5276, and call Congressman Neugebauer's office and ask him to sign the discharge petition. Tom DeLay can be reached at the same number.

MITZI HART
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TO THE EDITOR:

This war may be the war that convinces us that violence only brings forth more violence. War in today's world is not working. Killing to bring peace seems to me to be an obsolete idea. That the nation with the most weapons of mass destruction should rule the world is foolish. We must exert every effort to discover new and wiser ways to solve the challenge of mankind's inhuman behavior.

In my lifetime the enemy has changed innumerable times. It will continue to be so until we understand that the real enemies are spiritual. The real demons are fear, distrust, hatred, selfishness, worry and other unseen thought forms which are destructive. Spiritual weapons overcome spiritual enemies. Love, mercy, joy, peace, kindness and other powerful thought forms are spiritual weapons available to all.

Battles are won the heart and mind. Individuals who decide to follow the upward way and allow the "peace which surpasses all understanding" to guide them bring more peace for everyone.

We can together, bless our world by overcoming with God's help all that is anti-love in our own hearts and minds.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with you and me.

NANCY LEMOINS PATRICK
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

As usual, Big Spring has come through for a grieving family.

The loss of Terry Strickland left an emptiness we can never fill, but thanks to many loving people whose lives he touched, we all feel a healing.

Please continue to keep Terry's wife, children and all of the Strickland family in your prayers.

TRUDIE STOVALL
BIG SPRING

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Strayhorn: \$46 million in savings predicted for sales tax holiday

By NATALIE GOTT
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn predicted Friday that Texas families will save \$46.1 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday next weekend.

"Next weekend is my favorite weekend of the year. It's tax-free holiday," Strayhorn said, surrounded by children at a

Goodwill store in Austin. "You get a double bang for your buck next weekend."

Most clothing and footwear that cost less than \$100 are tax-free during the Aug. 6-8 holiday. Shoppers can save about \$8 for every \$100 they spend on back-to-school and other new clothes, the comptroller's office said.

This year's holiday will be the sixth. The first one was in August 1999. Since then, Texans have saved

an estimated \$193.5 million in sales tax, or about \$152.7 million in state sales tax and \$40.8 million in local sales tax.

It's a win-win for Texas because people come in from Louisiana, New Mexico, Arkansas and while they are here, they spend the night, buy a meal, they buy items that are not sales tax exempt and we get an economic shot in the arm every September from what's

happened in the August sales tax holiday," Strayhorn said.

For her part, Strayhorn, the mother of four sons and grandmother of five girls, said she will be looking for "the girl outfits next weekend."

Strayhorn used Friday's news conference to renew her call to lawmakers that they expand the list of tax-exempt items. She proposes adding backpacks and school sup-

plies, as well as sewing supplies and safety gear for kids, such as bicycle helmets and car safety seats. Plus, she wants to extend the holiday from three to five days.

"I see no reason for a three-day traffic jam," the Republican said.

With those changes, she said, Texans would save an additional \$25 million during the holiday.

Republican Sen. Steve Ogden of Bryan, who

chairs the Senate Finance Committee, declined to comment on Strayhorn's proposal.

House Appropriations Chairman Talmadge Heflin, R-Houston, was not available, his office said.

Lawmakers, facing a \$10 billion state budget shortfall, failed to act on Strayhorn's proposal when they met during the last regular legislative session in 2003.

DHS worker endured abuse before spouse killed her

By ANGELA K. BROWN
Associated Press Writer

DENTON — Kay Pettigrew waited in the parking lot of her mother's nursing home, uneasy about meeting her estranged husband after nearly eight months apart.

She'd left Samuel Pettigrew too many times to count over the past 30 years — sometimes leaving in the middle of the night with a black eye or bloody nose.

As a case worker with the Texas Department of Human Services for 25 years, she knew the dangers of staying in an abusive relationship. She didn't work directly with battered women, but some of her co-workers did. Even they couldn't protect Kay from her own cycle of abuse.

When a desperate-sounding Sam called her one day in May, she agreed to meet him. She called their daughter to tell her where she was, saying she had to go because Sam sounded depressed.

"Well, at least you'll be in a public place," Leah Greene, 28, recalls telling her mother.

The first shot grazed Kay's ear. She turned to run across the parking lot but fell. As she lay on the ground, Sam fired another shot in the back of her head. He then walked between their two cars, put the gun in his mouth and pulled the trigger.

"He could have given the best gift in the world by just killing himself; he was miserable for so long and refused to get help," Greene said. "Instead, he took the biggest gift to so many people. He took so much, and it just makes me sad."

Greene says her parents met in 1973 in Dallas through a mutual friend; each was divorced and had one son. They married about six months later and Sam adopted Kay's son, Nathan. Sam didn't have much contact with his own son. Leah was born about a year later.

Sam had a degree in physics and worked as a general contractor. He was smart — maybe a genius, Greene says — but had severe mood swings and a hot temper, even when he wasn't drinking or smoking marijuana.

"Sometimes he was the most fun, the life of the party and everybody loved him, or he was kicking somebody's ass," Greene said.

Kay, a red-haired beauty with a warm and easygoing personality, and Nathan, who inherited his mother's gentleness,

tried to stay out of Sam's way or calm him down during his rampages. They never fought back, even when he hit them or spewed obscenity-laced insults.

Greene was more rebellious and tried to fight back when her father punched her, poured beer on her or chased her around the house, she said.

Sometimes, Sam would stay gone for days at a time or leave out his address book with women's names and numbers in it. Kay just ignored it.

After the family struggled financially for years, Kay took out a loan in 1988 for Greene to go on a beach trip with a family friend. At the time, Sam was spending their money on a cross-country motorcycle trip.

When he returned, he "was absolutely livid," Greene said. He bloodied Kay's nose and blackened her eye, the worst beating yet. Something in Kay snapped; she grabbed clothes, ran with the kids to the car and left.

She went to her parents' house in a nearby town, parking the car at the police station to hide it. But Kay stayed away only two weeks.

"He would write letters and call and say things perfectly, so we went back," Greene said. "If he could have done the things he promised, our lives would have been so much different."

Kay never told the police about the abuse because she thought the injuries weren't serious and didn't want to incite Sam even more, Greene said.

After leaving Sam about once a year, Kay divorced him in 1993. She and her daughter moved to an apartment in another town. Sam met a woman and married her three months later.

But Sam's new marriage lasted less than a year, and he started calling Kay

"I think he wanted to see if he could kill something that he loved."

Leah Greene
Victim's daughter

again, Greene said. Kay felt too old to start over, and without a social life, she'd been lonely. Sam wooed her and promised to change.

The couple remarried in 1997 on the same day as their first wedding.

"He had to have somebody; he had never been without a woman. I always asked her, 'Why him?' She didn't know, really," Greene said.

The couple bought land in Denton County, but the good times didn't last. Kay left a few more times, once renting an apartment and getting a second job as a cashier to support herself.

She tried to hide from her husband but usually broke down and called him, which led to a reconciliation. Sometimes, Kay went back out of guilt after Sam threatened to kill himself.

Last summer, after Kay's father died, she had to find a nursing home for her mother, who has Alzheimer's. Kay was grieving, but Sam was insensitive and mad that she couldn't devote as much time to him.

"She'd been telling him, 'You have to cut me some slack,'" Greene recalled. "She said, 'You don't have to make me happy — just don't hurt me anymore.'"

The final straw came last fall after what started as a minor argument over how Kay took medicine. Sam pushed her against a wall, forcing her to take the pills without throwing her head back. She then left for a doctor's appointment and never returned.

Kay rented an apartment in a renovated barn, planted begonias out front and learned how to cook on a grill. She made lists of all the movies she

wanted to see. She talked to a divorce attorney and started seeing a counselor at a women's shelter.

She started spending more time with Greene, her husband and their infant son.

"She was on the verge of being so happy," Greene said.

It was only after leaving Sam for good that Kay, 57, finally opened up to her co-workers about the turmoil hidden behind her effervescent smile.

Kay had worked with DHS food stamp clients for several years before moving to the Medicaid eligibility division eight years ago. While she didn't officially counsel bat-

tered women, she took a special interest in her clients, often listening to their problems, her co-workers said.

That's why her years of abuse came as a surprise to those who worked closely with her.

"We were horrified that we had not known," said Gaye Thomas, who worked with Kay in the Medicaid division.

Her supervisors decided to move her to one of the Fort Worth offices to protect her and her Denton colleagues. Even they didn't know where Kay had been transferred.

A few months later Kay returned to her old office, saying Sam had not threatened her in a while. She started talking to him and saw him at least once earlier this year to give him money — but only after her co-workers and daughter made her promise to let them know the meeting place and

time.

"I don't believe in her heart she thought he would hurt her," Thomas said.

While Kay was building a new life, Sam, 59, wasn't doing as well. He met a woman from Mexico on the Internet but still seemed obsessed with Kay, calling Greene to talk about it.

He started drinking more, going days without food or sleep. In early May, he was stopped in East Texas and arrested for drunken driving. It was his third such arrest, and he faced a lengthy jail term.

Soon after that, he borrowed a gun from a neighbor, saying he had a snake problem. Later, Greene found out that he shot a few of his beloved dogs.

"I think he wanted to see if he could kill something

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Dallas chief bans neck hold for police officers

DALLAS (AP) — After months of protest from civil rights groups, Police Chief David Kunkle has banned the department's use of a neck hold that contributed to a man's death last year.

Kunkle said Friday he plans to brief Dallas City Council members on his decision Monday and ask them to buy 400 Tasers, a type of electrical stun gun.

The chief's briefing paper to the council said the neck hold is "difficult to apply in field conditions" and officers may not know about suspects' pre-existing medical conditions.

The Rev. L. Charles Stovall of the Unified Organizations for Justice, an activist coalition, welcomed the ban.

"This is something that needed to be done, and it's something that we rejoice is happening," Stovall said.

But Cpl. George Aranda, president of the Latino Peace Officers Association, criticized Kunkle's decision.

"To ban a tool that has been effective for so many years due to community pressure is an insult to our Dallas officers," Aranda said in Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News. "I think with some updated training and better techniques, we could have saved this tool."

The neck hold, known as the lateral vascular neck restraint, has been under review since Allen Simpson died in December. Simpson was placed in a neck hold during a fight with two police officers who were investigating a drug complaint.

Training experts have said the restraint is safe when used correctly, but many departments have banned it.

If the council agrees to buy the Tasers, they could be used against suspects who resist arrest, fail to follow orders or threaten bystanders, officers or themselves.

"All the research we've seen on the Taser shows that it's very effective and can be used without the officers having direct contact with subjects," Kunkle said.

Suspect in rap producer's death pleads guilty

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — One of six people charged in the slaying of a College Station rap producer has pleaded guilty to burglary.

Bradley Jessup Padrick, 24, entered the plea on Friday, accepting the maximum possible sentence of 20 years in prison as part of his plea agreement.

Most of the other suspects in the August 2003 death of Tommy Joe Andrade have been charged with murder or capital murder, which both carry substantially higher sentences.

Padrick received the lighter sentence partially because he cooperated with prosecutors and investigators, Assistant District Attorney Bill Ballard said in Saturday's edition of the Bryan-College Station Eagle.

Michele Esparza, Padrick's attorney, declined to comment.

According to court documents, investigators believe Padrick, Jesse Mancuso and Boris "Short Fat" Mogilevich were hired to kill Andrade, who was found shot to death in his home. Mancuso was found dead in Andrade's front yard, and Mogilevich remains at large.

Investigators believe brothers Trey Logan Davis of Bryan and Chad Fenley Davis of Point Blank hired the men to kill Andrade after he stole about \$100,000 in drugs or money from them.

Both brothers have been charged with capital murder. They also are suspected of running a multistate drug-trafficking ring.

Padrick also is charged with second-degree felony robbery. He likely will plead guilty to that later.

He originally was charged with aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony punishable by up to 99 years or life in prison, but the charge was dismissed Friday as part of the plea agreement.

Drug store sells to uninsured at no profit

McKINNEY (AP) — One of Texas' oldest drugstores is selling prescriptions at no profit to uninsured and underinsured customers, a move some industry experts called unprecedented.

"It's really not fair to the customers to take advantage

of them," said Kaylei Mosier, who owns Smith Drug Co. in McKinney, about 30 miles north of Dallas.

The Texas Pharmacy Association and the American Pharmacists Association said they haven't heard of another pharmacy with a similar program.

"This is the first experience I've heard of somebody willing to sell at cost," Texas Pharmacy Association spokesman David Gonzales said in Saturday's editions of The Dallas Morning News.

Carla Chandler's insurance covers three of her five medications. For one of the others, she called every nearby pharmacy and said she was quoted about \$240 at one store. Smith Drug charged her \$16.68.

"My mouth dropped open. I said, 'Excuse me, that can't be right,'" said Chandler, 42. "If it wasn't for them, it would mean we would have to go without paying one of our major bills."

Man accused of burglary in the buff

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man accused of breaking into a woman's home wearing nothing but running shoes and a fanny pack has been charged with burglary.

Miguel Ramos, 23, was arrested Friday and charged with burglary of a habitat with intent to assault. He faces five to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine if convicted.

Police say the suspect entered the woman's home through a back window on July 20, pointed a gun at her and told her to remove her clothes. She screamed and he fled after firing two shots from a .40-caliber handgun. No one was hurt.

The suspect stole the woman's wallet and used one of her credit cards at an automated teller machine, where a video camera recorded the transaction, police said.

Ramos already faced trial on the same charge in another case, plus aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

He also is awaiting hearings for several other charges, including criminal mischief, unlawfully carrying a weapon, evading detention, interfering with an investigation and driving while intoxicated.

MURDER

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that he loved," Greene said.

On May 13, Kay met Sam in the parking lot of the Good Samaritan Village nursing home where she was about to visit her mother. Witnesses said the couple got out of their cars and exchanged words when the man pulled out a gun and began shooting.

Earlier that day, Greene found out, Sam called some old friends and told them it was his last day alive. He had done this before, so they did not take him seriously. The suicide note he

left was an e-mail to the Mexican woman, who had no idea about his plans or that he was still married.

In the months since the deaths, Greene has read her mother's journals and searched her father's computer, trying to make sense of the tragedy.

What she hasn't found was a letter she wrote to her father in early May,

cutting off communication with him until he decided to get sober and get help. Greene had not been in regular contact with him in years, deciding that to overcome her own struggle with drugs and alcohol, she needed distance from him.

She wishes desperately that her mother could have done the same.

"The last sentence in the latest entry in her journal was, 'I'm so tired,'" Greene said, tears streaming down her face, referring to the entry a couple of weeks before the shootings. "It breaks my heart to know how much she still thought about him. She just couldn't make a clean break."



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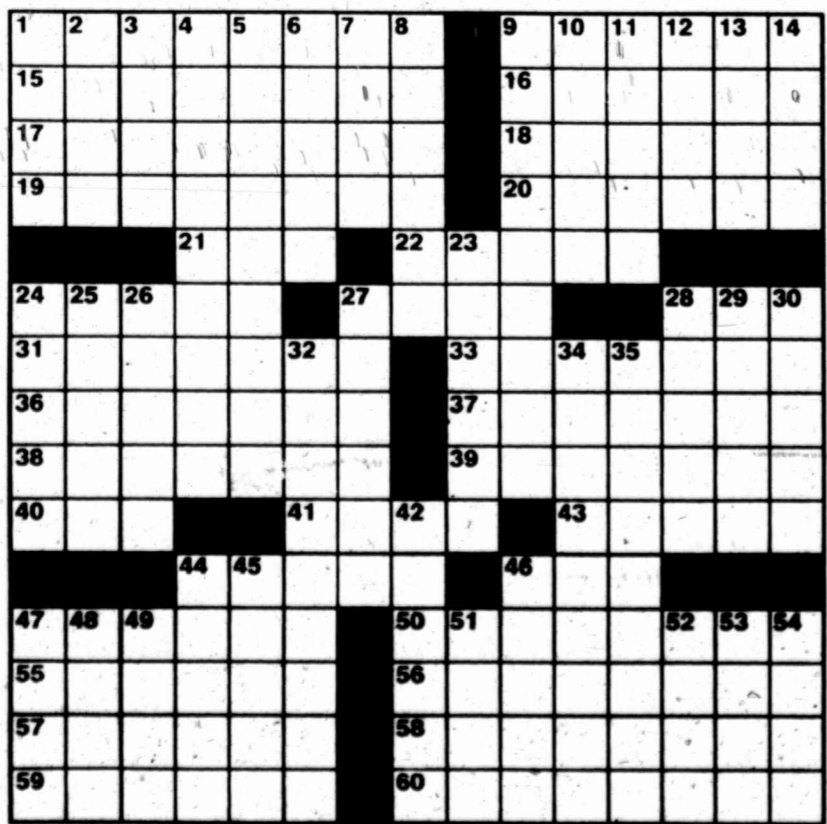
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Newsday Crossword

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- 1 Mensch
 - 9 Expression
 - 15 Lemmon/Matthau film
 - 16 Asian peninsula
 - 17 Pool place
 - 18 Knocks down
 - 19 Hitchcockian quality
 - 20 Not so
 - 14 Down
 - 21 Schooner contents
 - 22 Paul Pry
 - 24 Will Rogers Follies prop
 - 27 Shift neighbor
 - 28 Health agency
 - 31 Performer
 - 33 Chico, in Animal Crackers
 - 36 Exploit
 - 37 18th-century Russian ruler
 - 38 "Suit of lights" wearers
 - 39 Condition
 - 40 Fleece source
 - 41 Conservative
 - 43 Fulfills
 - 44 Star at Sarajevo
 - 46 Needle producer
 - 47 The Hermit and Temperance
 - 50 Still
 - 55 Mythical lyricist
- DOWN**
- 56 Work underground
 - 57 Polite declination
 - 58 Faithful followers
 - 59 Thin
 - 60 The Way of Perfection writer
 - 1 Important components
 - 2 Elaborate feast
 - 3 Sources of funds
 - 4 Quit
 - 5 Ungracious type
 - 6 Jointly
 - 7 Board bigwigs
 - 8 Least lively
 - 9 Batman portrayer
 - 10 Pax's equivalent
 - 11 Bask in
 - 12 Foster
 - 13 Fancy layer
 - 14 Tractable
 - 23 One at Exeter
 - 24 Foamy drink
 - 25 Pointer
 - 26 It may be blank
 - 27 Expurgate
 - 28 First two-time Nobel
 - 29 Thomas Jefferson, e.g.
 - 30 Agency awards
 - 32 Delicious
 - 34 Post-WWII period
 - 35 Emphatic denial
 - 42 Turns back
 - 44 Grinding
 - 45 Moon of Saturn
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 - 47 Turns brown
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Bush optimistic about economy despite record deficit

By DEB RIECHMANN
Associated Press Writer

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — The federal deficit is at a record high and economic growth has slowed, but President Bush is insisting on the campaign trail that the U.S. economy is on a "rising path."

In his weekly radio address Saturday, which he taped Friday while on a stop in Michigan, Bush worked to convince voters that the economic rebound is not stalling.

His optimistic forecast came a day after the White House projected that the deficit for the budget year ending Sept. 30 will soar to \$445 billion — the highest in history.

That analysis came as the Commerce Department said economic growth slowed this spring to an annual rate of 3 percent, well below

the 3.8 percent spurt that many economists expected. Consumers, hit by high gasoline prices, cut back their spending, the department said.

For his part, Bush said consumer confidence reached a two-year high in July, existing home sales hit a record in June and the home-ownership rate has climbed to a record level.

"All of this added economic activity is creating opportunity," he said. "Since last August, Americans have started work at more than 1.5 million new jobs, many of them in high-growth, high-paying industries."

Administration officials noted that the projected deficit was less than the \$521 billion forecast in February, and said they were on their way to their goal of halving this year's shortfall in five years.

"The impact of our growing economy is being felt in Washington, where estimates of government deficits are shrinking," the president said. "Because of my policy of strengthening the economy while enforcing spending discipline in Washington, we remain on pace to reduce the deficit by half in the next five years."

Democrats view the statistics differently. They say the budget shortfall is the third consecutive — and ever-growing — deficit posted on Bush's watch, following four annual surpluses in a row under President Clinton. Democrats say it's evidence of the damage done by Bush's tax cuts and his poor stewardship of the economy.

"Just today, we've learned more tough economic news. The growth

of our country has slowed to 3 percent, oil prices are at a record high level, and wages are not keeping up with inflation," Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry said while campaigning Friday in Pennsylvania.

The Massachusetts senator drew a contrast with the economy during the Clinton administration, saying: "Guess what? In the last four years, the income of average Americans has dropped by \$1,600 even while the cost of health care, education and gasoline have gone up."

Bush said tax cuts have spurred growth, and he called anew on Congress to make them permanent.

"To millions of hard-working Americans, tax relief has been the difference in helping make ends meet," he said. "This is a crucial time for our

economy. We have emerged from a period of great challenge.

"Terrorist attacks, recession and corporate scandal hurt the wallets of millions of Americans, but these shocks to our economy did not damage our spirit. We're a hard-working and resilient nation. Our economy is on a rising path, and together we will bring our prosperity to every corner of America."

Regarding the red ink, White House budget director Joshua Bolten said: "The deficit remains at a level that we think is unwelcome. The good news is that it is much lower than we projected just six months ago."

The White House said this year's actual deficit could well be smaller because federal agencies often overestimate expected spending. Final figures

for the fiscal year will be in shortly before the Nov. 2 elections.

Democrats said that by extending only five years, the projections ignored the longer-term budget crisis looming as the baby boom generation starts retiring later this decade.

The report also boosted the estimate of Medicare spending by \$67 billion over the next five years. It said \$26 billion was to correct costs left out of Bush's budget last February, with the rest reflecting new estimates for program spending.

Medicare, the government's health insurance program for the elderly and disabled, spends about \$300 billion a year. It already faces questions about its solvency because of the burden the baby boomers will place on it, and growing medical costs.

Lawyer for Bryant's accuser calls judge's apology 'insulting'

By JON SARCHÉ
Associated Press Writer

EAGLE, Colo. — A courtroom apology from the judge in the Kobe Bryant rape case for mistakes that included revealing the accuser's name was described by the woman's lawyer as "self-serving" and "insulting."

At a hearing Friday, District Judge Terry Ruckriegle told the woman's parents that he is treating the gaffes — among them putting her name on the Internet twice — as a learning experience.

The accuser's lawyer, John Clune, wasn't at the hearing but later said the judge's "self-serving generic apology was insulting to the victim and her parents."

Clune said Ruckriegle should have personally contacted his client and her family before apologizing publicly.

The judge's comments came during one of two hearings scheduled before jury selection begins Aug. 27. The attorneys and Bryant later met behind closed doors to discuss evidentiary motions.

Bryant, 25, has pleaded not guilty to a felony sexual assault charge, saying he had consensual sex with the woman, an employee of the Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

The mistakes began in September, when the woman's name was included in a filing on a state courts Web site that was quickly removed. Last fall, the Glenwood Springs hospital where she and Bryant were examined accidentally turned over her medical records to attorneys in the case.

In June, a court reporter accidentally e-mailed transcripts of a closed hearing to The Associated Press and six other news organizations, revealing details of defense arguments about the accuser's sexual activities and money received from a victims' compensation fund. This week, a sealed order by Ruckriegle was mistakenly posted on the Web site, divulging her name again and information about DNA evidence collected during Bryant's

hospital exam.

At that point, Clune demanded an apology, saying his client and her family had lost confidence in the justice system.

In his remarks, the judge said he would try to do everything he could to keep more mistakes from being made.

"For all of those who come through these doors, victims and defendants alike, whose names are never known and never sought, I can only assure you I have learned lessons from these mistakes, and that we will give our best human effort not to let it happen again," he said.

"Again, I apologize," the judge said, looking at the parents of the 20-year-old accuser. They nodded in response.

State courts spokeswoman Karen Salaz said a letter of apology was being prepared for the family on behalf of the court staff. The judge is considering a request by Clune to halt use of the court Web site and e-mail to distribute information about the case.

Earlier this week, Ruckriegle released a partial, edited copy of the June 21-22 transcripts accidentally e-mailed to the media. In it, defense attorneys claimed the woman was pursuing the case in part because she has received nearly \$20,000 from the compensation fund, most of which compensated her for mental health care.

Clune scoffed at the claim, saying that money was only a fraction of the amount spent by his client's family since the charge was filed. He called the suggestion of a financial incentive "obscene."

Under pressure from the Colorado and U.S. supreme courts, Ruckriegle said he expects to release edited versions of the entire June hearing transcripts next week.

Also Friday, the prosecution and defense said they had agreed on how to use DNA evidence obtained from Bryant during his hospital exam. Prosecutor Ingrid Bakke later said the only DNA evidence she plans to use was from the alleged victim's blood found on Bryant's T-shirt.

The DNA evidence collected from Bryant was thrown out this month.

Sept. 11 commission leaders urge adoption of intelligence reforms

By KATHERINE SHRADER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Senators promised swift consideration of proposals to revamp the nation's intelligence structure after leaders of the Sept. 11 commission warned that bureaucratic wrangling leaves America dangerously vulnerable to another terrorist attack.

At a rare hearing Friday during the Senate's typically quiet August recess, Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Chairwoman Susan Collins, R-Maine, urged fellow lawmakers to "be bold but not reckless" in considering a reorganization that would amount to a "fundamental overhaul of our intelligence structure and a sea change in our thinking."

Added the committee's top Democrat, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut: "We're going to get this job done and get it done with unprecedented thoughtfulness and speed."

As Congress continued its debate, a working group appointed by President Bush was meeting Friday about a possible administration package of changes. A senior White House official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the panel was close to presenting its recommendations to Bush.

Among ideas prompting discussion is the establishment of a new national intelligence director, a major proposal from the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States. The official said the administration's internal debate has centered on the scope of that person's authority and the individual's working relationship with the CIA.

Without providing specifics, the official said the working group is looking at options that could go beyond the commission's recommendations and indicated that one focus might be in the area of protecting privacy rights and civil liberties.

"Reform is not easy," Bush said at a campaign stop in Springfield, Mo. "Achieving reform requires taking on the special interests, requires challenging the status quo."

During the Senate hearing, the 9/11 commission's chairman, Thomas Kean, and vice chairman Lee Hamilton acknowledged institutional resistance to change will make reforms difficult but said the status quo is not an option.

The panel has recommended more than 40 changes, but Friday's hearing focused on creating a new national counterterrorism center and the job of intelligence director, who would oversee the 15-agency intelligence community.

"We have concluded the intelligence community is not going to get its job done unless somebody really is in charge," Hamilton, a former Democratic congressman

from Indiana, told the committee. "That is just not the case now, and we have paid the price."

Intelligence reform has become a key issue in the fall election, with Kean, Hamilton and other commissioners vowing to keep the pressure on Congress and the Bush administration to make changes.

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has endorsed the commission findings. Bush created the working group, which he instructed to draft executive orders that could immediately implement some of the proposals.

The commission's report recounted numerous intelligence missteps

in the months preceding the 2001 terror hijackings that killed almost 3,000 people in New York, the Pentagon outside Washington and a Pennsylvania field.

The 10 commissioners, traveling in pairs, are embarking on a nationwide tour next week to share their report with the public and to draw attention to the need to overhaul U.S. intelligence gathering and use. Kean said the commission is seeking private donations to continue its work past Aug. 26, when it is scheduled to dissolve under the law that created it.

Collins and Lieberman support the proposed national intelligence director and national



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Sudan denounces Security Council resolution, promises to cut down violence

By BARBARA BORST
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS — Sudan denounced a U.N. Security Council resolution that gave the government 30 days to stem ethnic violence in the western Darfur region or face sanctions, saying Khartoum needed international help, not threats.

Sudan said the resolution, passed 13-0 on Friday, violates a previous agreement with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, in which it promised to crack down on the militias who have killed thousands of people and forced more than 1 million to flee in Darfur.

"Sudan expresses its deep sorrow that the issue of Darfur has quickly entered the Security Council and has been hijacked from its regional arena," Information Minister El-Zahawi Ibrahim Malik said in a statement.

But the violence has continued despite a ceasefire called in July and Sudanese promises of a crackdown. The three African countries on the council — Algeria, Angola and Benin — backed the U.S.-sponsored resolution.

"We believe that the international community cannot be passive and indifferent to the ongoing humanitarian crisis ... or to the horrendous crimes committed against the civilian populations," Algeria's U.N. ambassador Abdallah Baali told the council on behalf of the three countries.

The 17-month-old conflict over dwindling resources has led to some 30,000 deaths in a western region the size of Iraq that has a population of about 6 million. The United States didn't specify what sanctions might be considered but said the council issued a tough warning to Sudan to rein in the militias, known as Janjaweed.

The resolution demands that Sudan disarm the Arab militias and requires states to prevent the sale or supply of weapons and ammunition to individuals and groups, including the Janjaweed, operating in the Darfur region.

The document was adopted after extensive debate over the use of the word "sanctions," which the United States removed from its final version after several countries objected to the explicit threat. The

United States and other supporters, however, insisted the threat of sanctions remained.

"The resolution in stern and unambiguous terms puts the Sudanese government on notice," U.S. Ambassador John Danforth said. "Sudan must know that serious measures — international sanctions — are looming if the government refuses to do so."

Though it was angered by the resolution, Sudan promised to abide by its July 3 agreement with Annan. Sudan defended its efforts and said what it really needed from the international community was more humanitarian assistance.

"We will do the right thing in spite of the way we have been treated," Sudan's U.N. Ambassador Elfatih Mohamed Erwa told The Associated Press.

China and Pakistan, which abstained, insisted the Sudanese government was trying to rein in the pro-government Arab militias accused of slaughtering thousands in a brutal campaign to drive out black African farmers. The U.S. Congress has called the killings genocide.

China "hopes and believes that the government of Sudan will continue to actively honor its commitments," including disarming the militias, said the Chinese deputy ambassador, Zhang Yishan.

Instead of relying on the threat of sanctions, the resolution refers to Article 41 of the U.N. Charter, which authorizes measures including "complete or partial interruption of economic relations and of rail, sea, air, postal, telegraphic, radio, and other means of communication and the severance of diplomatic relations."

The resolution requires Annan to report to the Security Council every 30 days on Sudan's progress.

The Darfur conflict stems from long-standing tensions between nomadic Arab tribes and their African neighbors over water and farmland. Those tensions exploded into violence in February 2003 when two African rebel groups took up arms over what they regard as unjust treatment by the government. Both sides are Muslim.

France, Spain, Britain, Chile, Germany and Romania co-sponsored the resolution.

New violence reflects strife in Palestinian crisis

By ARTHUR MAX
Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM — Palestinian militants briefly kidnapped three foreign church workers, including an American, while other gunmen set a Palestinian government building ablaze — violence similar to the internal strife that sparked a government crisis earlier this month.

Five gunmen seized the foreigners, an American, a Briton and an Irishman who had been doing missionary activity in Nablus for about three weeks Friday evening near their apartments, Palestinian security officials said.

No reason was given for the abduction. Officials said the kidnapers belonged to a renegade group of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades. The main militant group

joined Palestinian security authorities in searching for the hostages, who were taken to the Balata refugee camp.

The men were released after about three hours, but details were sketchy. The hostages were taken to the Palestinian intelligence headquarters. They declined to speak to reporters, and their identities were not released.

State Department spokeswoman Joanne Moore could not confirm the abduction but said they were looking into the reports.

Around the same time, about a dozen armed militants wanted by Israel burned a building of the local Palestinian government in Jenin to demand financial help from the Palestinian Authority, officials said.

The gunmen from the Al Aqsa Martyrs'

Brigades, which is affiliated with Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, broke into the building after work hours, fired automatic weapons into the offices and set the building on fire, said the officials.

The militants say they need public support since they cannot work and must remain under ground to avoid capture by Israel.

The violence, which appeared unrelated, was the most serious internal unrest in the Palestinian territories since Arafat and his prime minister, Ahmed Qureia, resolved a leadership crisis Tuesday by agreeing to share control of the Palestinian security forces.

A similar spate of kidnappings and attacks on the Palestinian Authority in the Gaza Strip earlier this month triggered the

crisis, one of the toughest Arafat has faced in the last decade. Four French volunteers were among those briefly kidnapped in Gaza.

Earlier Friday, Israeli helicopters destroyed a bomb-making factory in a crowded district of Gaza City, gutting a building owned by a young mother who blew herself up in a suicide bombing early this year.

Palestinian medics said two bystanders were injured when one missile slammed into the middle floor of a three-story building, sending a fireball high into the night sky. The building was empty.

Israel said the metal shop in the building was used to build bombs for the Hamas militant organization. Palestinian officials said it was a factory for car batteries.

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Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 2
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 3
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Retirement Living - 10:00 am
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 4
*Stretch & Tone (Hospital) - 11:00 am
*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 5
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
*Supper Club "Furr's" - 5:30 pm
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 6
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 7
Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
2nd Floor (Hospital) Call To Enroll 268-4550
Laurie Burks, Instructor
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 8
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 9
*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 10
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Lunch Bunch & Birthdays - 11:30 am - "Hunan's"
Bus Fare & Hotel (Cut off of trip) Aug. 10
Openings Still - Open - Call - \$225 per person</p> <p>Reception For Dr. Thein & Wife
New Radiologist - 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Open To The Public - Refreshments</p> <p>Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 11
*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am
*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 12
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
*Supper Club "Hermans" - 5:30 pm
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 16
*Shreveport Trip For Seniors
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 17
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Shreveport Trip For Seniors
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 18
*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 19
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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*ROCKHOUND BASEBALL & Fireworks - 5:00 pm
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 22
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 23
*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 24
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes</p> <p>August 25
*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am
*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
*Supper Club "La Posada" - 5:30 pm
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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BSISD sets season ticket
Big Spring scheduled its football season sales. Previous season ticket holders may purchase new season tickets starting through August 1, 2004. Tickets are \$11.30 a game (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and \$11.30 a game (6 p.m. to 9 p.m.) at the Training Center. The general public may purchase tickets from August 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. noon to 1 p.m. However, all sales are for to noon only. For questions contact Kay Cook at 268-4321.

Crossroads sign-up date
The Crossroads Youth Association announced ticket sale dates for the 2004-2005 season. Football sign-ups will take place from Friday, August 21 on through Saturday, August 28. For more information call 268-4321 or Robert at 4321.

YMCA to host skateboard contest
Big Spring YMCA will host a skateboard contest at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 21. The contest is for two divisions: Youth and Adult. There will be trick contests for ages 12-13 and 14-17. The event is sponsored by the Big Spring YMCA.

BSYFL and to host contest
The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Big Spring Cowboys will host a contest in the Pepsi/NFL stadium on August 21, north of the stadium. The contest starts at 8 a.m. and girls 8-10. For more information contact George 264-7313 or BSYFL@msc.com.

Big Spring Club sets dates
The Big Spring Shriners moved its 25-26 after scheduling 17-18. The tour rescheduled competing dates. The tour take place Spring Co

IN BRIEF

BSISD sets football season ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket sales.

Previous season ticket holders may purchase 2004 season tickets starting today through Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) at the Athletic Training Center.

The general public may purchase season tickets from Aug. 9 through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.).

However, all Friday sales are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has announced the sign-up dates for the upcoming season.

Football sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall. Football players can sign up through Aug. 21 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

YMCA to host skateboard contest

Big Spring's YMCA will host a skateboard contest at 7 p.m. Aug. 6.

The park opens at 6 p.m. and the cost is \$5 per person. The event will have two contests for two different age groups.

There will be a best trick contest and an age group competition for ages 12-and-under and 13-and-over.

The event is sponsored by Skate Zone, which is located in the Big Spring Mall.

BSYFL and Cowboys to host competition

The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Dallas Cowboys will be hosting the local Pepsi/NFL punt, pass and kick competition Aug. 21, at the field north of the ATC.

The registration starts at 8 a.m. and the contest is free to boys and girls 8-15.

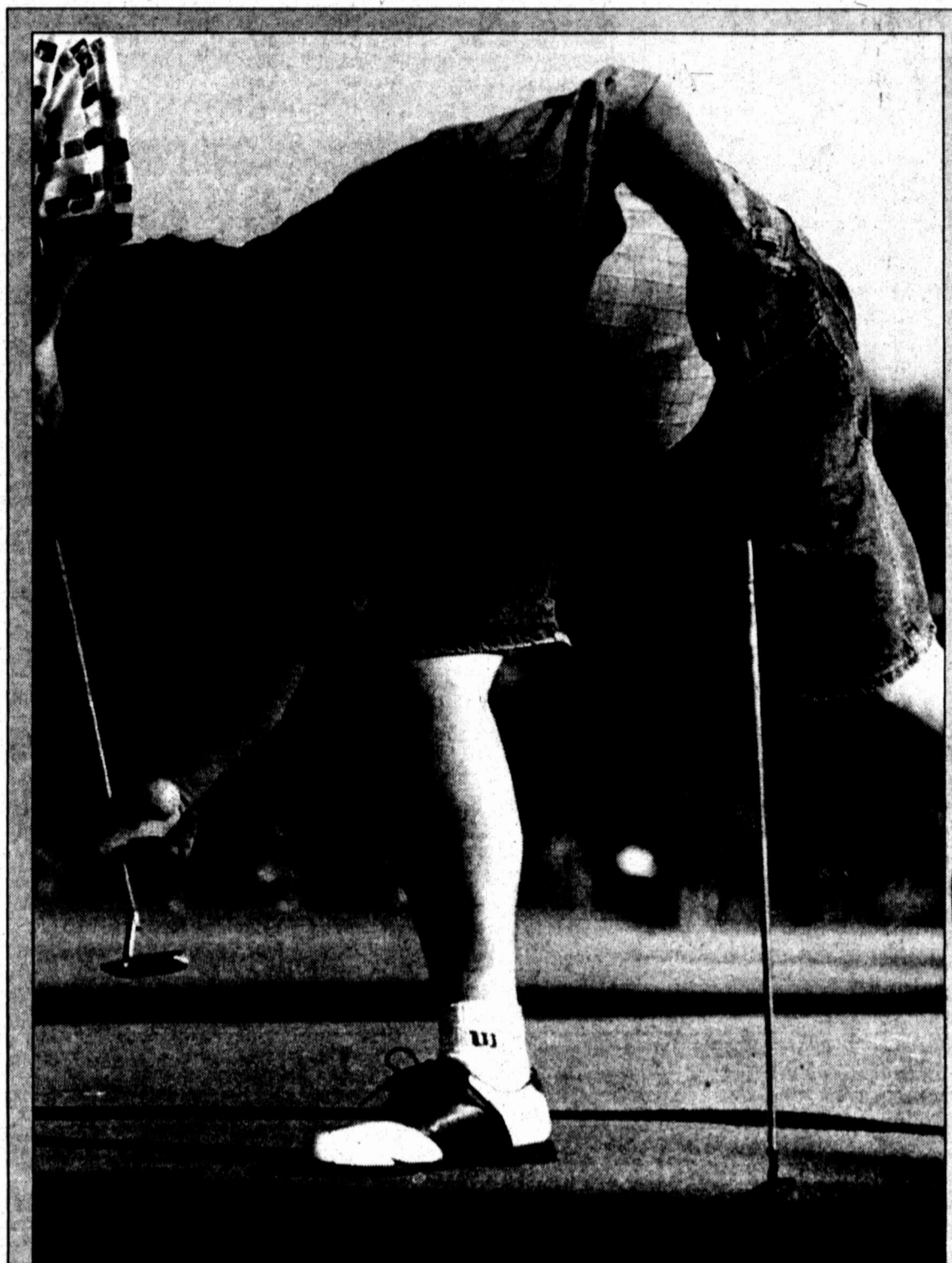
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Big Spring Shrine Club sets toumey

The Big Spring Shriner's Club has moved its annual golf tournament to Sept. 25-26 after originally scheduling it for July 17-18.

The tournament was rescheduled due to competing tournament dates.

The tournament will take place at the Big Spring Country Club.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Dutch Barr takes his ball out of the hole at Comanche Trail Golf Course during action at the Big Spring Herald's City Golf Championships Saturday Morning. The tournament lasted all day Saturday and is scheduled to finish up Sunday evening.

Wells steps down as director of All-Americas bowl classic

Special to the HERALD

The only thing guaranteed in life is nothing ever remains the same forever. Even football games. Change hit the six-man football ranks last month when All Americas Bowl founder Tommy Wells announced he was stepping down as the director of the annual international six-man all-star football game following the July 3 game in Garden City.

Wells said he was turning the game over to Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins.

"It was time to do this," said Wells, who will still help field the World all-star team next year. "From the very beginning, (co-founder) Joe (Nash) and I said we wanted to make this one of the premiere games in the world when it comes to six-man football. I think this is another step toward doing that. I know Coach Hoskins has a great passion for the game. I really think he's the perfect person to elevate the All Americas Bowl."

Wells and Nash founded the All Americas Bowl in 1996 in Ranger. The two operated the game jointly until 1999 when Nash decided to retire.

Wells, along with his wife, Pattie, and younger brother, John, operated the game since then and added the All Americas Basketball Classic.

"It's been a lot of fun," said Wells, who also published Six-Man Illustrated, an international publication covering the sport. "A piece of me will always be with the All Americas Bowl, but I think at some point you have to sit back and realize someone else can do it better than you. That someone else can make it better."

"That's what I think I've

done. I think I've put the future of the game in very capable hands," he added. "I think when everyone sees the caliber of game Ken stages, they'll be very impressed."

For his part, Wells said the success of the game really belonged elsewhere, namely to Nash, his wife and brother.

"Without them, there wouldn't have been an All Americas Bowl," he said. "Everything that you see was a result of them. I can't tell you how many long nights Joe, Pattie and John put into the game."

Wells said he began thinking about stepping down three years ago while holding the game in Gordon. Ironically enough, Hoskins was serving as the Texas head coach that summer. When he learned of Wells, plans to step aside, Hoskins — then the head coach at Whitharral — said he might be interested in taking over.

Neither changed their minds over the ensuing two years.

"When I met with Ken at the game I told him I was planning to step down after 10 years and that I was going to approach them (the Texas Six-Man Coach

Association) to see if they wanted it. He told me he might consider taking it. One thing led to another and here we are.

"It's been a lot of fun over the years," he said. "I've had the pleasure of meeting a lot of great players, coaches and fans. Part of me will miss it, but it's time to let it grow beyond what I could do."

Wells said he will make one final All Americas Bowl "official" presentation at the half of next July's game.

In addition to honoring the 2004 SI 6-man all-American team, he plans to present Nash and his younger brother with awards for the efforts in starting the game. "They deserve it," he said. "Especially John. He was always there to help, even when it wasn't fun."

Despite stepping down as the director of the world's oldest international six-man all-star game, Wells said he will still remain active in pushing the game. He said he plans to establish an international 6-on-6 passing league next summer for six-man schools in the U.S. and Canada in addition to opening a six-man hall of fame and publishing his annual preseason magazine.

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OFF the BENCH

Former-Mississippi football All-American Eli Manning has not played one game in the NFL and already I am tired of him.

Why? First, I am irritated with him — for complaining about which team he was going to play for.

He was picked first overall in this year's National Football League draft by the San Diego Chargers and said that if he wasn't traded he would sit out this upcoming year.

I didn't know draft picks had the right to choose where they wanted to play. That is why it is called a draft. In a draft, everyone is open game and each team has its own choice.

I guess that excludes Mr. Eli.

The fans never saw older brother Peyton do this. I am sure when Peyton was coming into the league he wanted to play in several other cities other than Indianapolis.

However, he lived with it and it hasn't been too bad for him. Do you think LeBron James wanted to play for the worst basketball team in the Cleveland Cavaliers the year he was drafted into the NBA? Maybe, but I am sure it was not his first choice.

Eli's reasons for not wanting to go to San Diego were not just either. He wanted to play for a good team and wanted to market himself so he can make more money. So, instead of San Diego, he chose the New York Giants, who really aren't any better than the Chargers. And they play in a much tougher division.

I don't know how much of a role Eli and Peyton's father — Archie Manning — played in this whole deal, but it is clear he is involved in the decisions of his youngest NFL son.

Also, to get me even more tired of him, the Giants just completed his contract earlier this week. He just signed a six-year deal, which includes a \$20 million signing bonus.

The man gets \$20 million of guaranteed money and he hasn't even stepped on the football field yet.

He hasn't even played a down in the NFL.

And according to the latest rumors, he may not see the field much this year if Kurt Warner has the year most are expecting him to have.

I guess being a baby has not only gotten him the

team of his choice, but it has also gotten him the money and anything he wants to buy with it, as well.

When Peyton came into the league, his signing bonus was worth a shade over 11 million. And he has become one of, if not, the best quarterbacks in the league today. At the time nobody knew what he was capable of.

And the same can be said about Eli. He will most likely have a great career. I am not even upset at the fact that a team was stupid enough to give a rookie \$20 million of guaranteed money. I am upset because of the way Eli has gone about things so far. He has shown no class whatsoever.

Eli might want to take a few notes from his older brother. Because the way he is going, he will not only be a great football player. He will also be a darn good crybaby.

Last year, Carson Palmer's signing bonus was 10 million and he played exactly zero downs.

David Carr signed for over 10 million the year before and he still hasn't been what the Texans have wanted. Granted, he hasn't got a lot of help from his teammates.

Michael Vick, one of the most exciting and talented players in the league today, only signed on with Atlanta for three million.

Twenty million dollars is enough money to just sign and quit and be good for the rest of your life. Well, as long as your name isn't Mike Tyson.

And that \$20 million was based on Eli's four-year college career at Mississippi. But I am sure, having Archie, who was also an NFL quarterback, as a father doesn't hurt your cause.

By the way, Archie entered the league for only \$600,000.

And most people who aren't playing in the NFL would take that in a heartbeat.

Let's just hope Eli has a career in the NFL worth \$20 million. Otherwise, the Giants will be sorry.

I really hope Phillip Rivers — who was the rookie quarterback traded to the Chargers for Eli — and San Diego do well this year.

Then maybe Eli will be sorry too. Or maybe the crybaby won't.

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Texas regains AL West lead with win over A's

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON — No matter how many times the Texas Rangers seem on the verge of falling out of the AL West race, they keep finding ways to keep their dream season going. They added another wild victory to their collection Friday night, capping a rally from an early four-run deficit by scoring four times with two out in the bottom of the eighth to beat the Oakland Athletics 7-5 and reclaim first place in the division.

The Rangers came in having lost three straight and five of six. That skid, combined with a six-game winning streak by Oakland, let a 4 1/2-game lead over the A's turn into a half-game deficit in just one week.

And in the bottom of the fourth of this game, their starter was already knocked out — for the second straight night — and they'd yet to get a hit off A's starter Rich Harden.

"We have it ingrained in our heads that we can come back," said Texas' Michael Young, who drove in the final two runs. "That's why we never give away at-bats. There's a definite vibe among guys that in any situation, we can get it done."

The comeback began with two runs off Harden in the fifth, but the Rangers blew a chance for more in the sixth.

Harden gave way to the bullpen in the seventh, but that was no relief for Texas because A's relievers had a streak of 20 scoreless innings until closer Octavio Dotel gave up a harmless run in the ninth Thursday night.

Mark Teixeira revived hopes by hitting a solo homer off Justin Lehr with one out in the eighth.

Chad Bradford (5-5) took over and loaded the bases with two out by intentionally walking David Dellucci and hitting pinch-hitter Kevin Mench on the foot.

Layne Nix, the No. 9 hitter who had been in a 3-for-33 slump, fouled off several 0-2 pitches then lined a two-run single into right field to put Texas ahead for the first time.

Dellucci scored the go-ahead run by diving head-first and stretching to touch home while avoiding a tag attempt by catcher Damian Miller.

"You want to do something like this for your teammates," said Nix, who added a nifty slide of his own when Young followed with another single.

A's manager Ken Macha said seeing Dellucci and Nix score from second was pretty demoralizing. He added that he didn't turn to Dotel because he'd saved two of the previous three games and warmed up in the other.

"They got it going in that eighth and we just couldn't stop them," Macha said. "Those guys play hard, they run the ball out, they've got speed and they put pressure on you."

Rangers closer Francisco Cordero, who on Thursday signed an \$8 million, two-year extension, allowed an RBI double to Miller in the ninth but stranded him at second for his 31st save in 33 chances.

Frankie Francisco (2-1) pitched a hitless eighth for the victory, just the

fourth for Texas in 11 games against Oakland this season. The A's are 1-7-1 in their last nine road series since late May.

Had they held their early lead and won the first two games of this four-game series, they could've really opened up the division race, especially with their recent history of dominating in August and September.

"We're not even two-thirds of the way through the season," Macha said. "It would've had a big bearing if there would've been a sweep. But we've got a long way to go."

Harden gave up two runs on five hits, striking out five and walking two. He's now allowed two runs or less in four straight starts and five of his last six.

The A's should be especially pleased with this performance because it showed his arm is fine despite having thrown 119 and 125 pitches his last two outings.

Oakland knocked out Texas starter Sam Narron, who was making his big-league debut, after 2-3 innings.

He gave up four earned runs on three homers, two of them by Eric Byrnes.

"Surprisingly, I was not as nervous as I thought I was going to be," Narron said. "When you make a mistake in Triple-A, they hit it hard. Here, they hit it out."

Hank Blalock broke up Harden's shutout bid with a two-out RBI single in the fifth. Another run scored on a wild pitch.

Texas had runners on second and third with two out in the sixth, but Harden struck out Gerald Laird on a high fastball clocked at 97 mph.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

as of Saturday, July 31

American League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
New York Yankees	64	38	—	36-13	28-25	Won 1
Boston	56	45	7.5	33-18	23-27	Won 1
Tampa Bay	48	54	16	29-22	19-32	Lost 1
Baltimore	46	55	17.5	22-29	24-26	Lost 1
Toronto	45	57	19	27-25	18-32	Won 2

Central	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Minnesota	57	45	—	28-23	29-22	Lost 1
Chicago White Sox	52	48	4	30-21	22-27	Lost 6
Cleveland	53	50	4.5	32-23	21-27	Won 3
Detroit	49	54	8.5	26-24	23-30	Won 2
Kansas City	35	66	21.5	22-28	13-38	Lost 8

West	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
TEXAS	57	44	—	31-15	26-29	Won 1
Oakland	57	45	.5	36-15	21-30	Lost 1
Anaheim	55	48	3	28-24	27-24	Won 1
Seattle	39	63	18.5	25-27	14-36	Lost 1

National League

East	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Atlanta	56	46	—	28-22	28-24	Won 3
Philadelphia	52	51	4.5	29-24	23-27	Lost 5
Florida	52	51	4.5	28-23	24-28	Lost 1
New York Mets	49	53	7	27-23	22-30	Lost 1
Montreal	40	63	16.5	23-29	17-34	Won 1

Central	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
St. Louis	66	36	—	31-20	35-16	Won 5
Chicago Cubs	56	47	10.5	30-20	26-27	Won 2
Cincinnati	51	52	15.5	29-21	22-31	Won 1
HOUSTON	51	52	15.5	27-27	24-25	Lost 2
Milwaukee	50	52	16	27-23	23-29	Won 1
Pittsburgh	48	53	17.5	26-28	22-27	Lost 3

West	W	L	GB	Home	Road	Streak
Los Angeles	60	42	—	32-19	28-23	Won 2
San Diego	57	46	3.5	29-23	28-23	Lost 1
San Francisco	56	49	5.5	29-23	27-26	Won 3
Colorado	45	58	15.5	25-27	20-31	Lost 1
Arizona	33	72	28.5	16-37	17-35	Lost 1

Glossary:

W: Wins L: Losses
GB: Games Back
Home: Home record
Road: Road record
Streak: consecutive games won or lost

Friday's AL scores

Texas 7, Oakland 5
Cleveland 7, Kansas City 6 (11)
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Anaheim 6, Seattle 5
New York Yankees 2, Baltimore 1
Boston 8, Minnesota 2

Friday's NL scores

Montreal 9, Florida 0
Chicago Cubs 10, Philadelphia 7
Milwaukee 5, Pittsburgh 0
Houston 2, Cincinnati 2 (susp.)
St. Louis 7, San Francisco 4
Colorado 4, Arizona 1
Los Angeles 12, San Diego 3
Atlanta 3, New York Mets 1

Cowboys sign top pick to multi-year deal

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys agreed to a six-year deal with running back Julius Jones, their top draft pick, in time for him to board the team's charter flight to training camp Thursday.

Jones received a \$1.8 million bonus on a deal that likely will last only four seasons as the last two years are voidable. The extra seasons, however, help lower his salary cap figure.

"I'm just happy we got it done in time," Jones

said. "I'm glad to be here and now I'm ready to go."

Dallas also signed cornerback Bruce Thornton, a fourth-round pick.

The only unsigned draft pick is offensive lineman Jacob Rogers, another second-rounder.

Rogers is from Oxnard and is expected to be signed in time for the first practice Saturday morning.

Once he joins the team, the Cowboys will have to cut someone to maintain

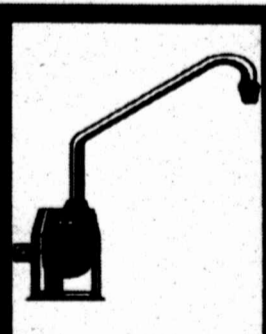
an 85-player roster.

Jones, the 43rd overall pick, was the fourth running back drafted.

He was expected to be the starter until Eddie George was signed last week.

The two will compete for the job in training camp, which officially begins with a practice Saturday morning.

"I've always had to compete for everything," Jones said. "Nothing is ever handed to you, especially in the NFL."



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Chancellor set to lead U.S. women's squad into Athens

By **CHUCK SCHOFFNER**

AP Sports Writer
Long ago, Van Chancellor made the easy decision to get serious about basketball. For starters, it sure beat the heck out of chopping cotton.

Chancellor, who'll coach the U.S. women's basketball team at the Athens Olympics, grew up on a farm in east-central Mississippi. He spent much of his childhood baling hay, milking cows and cutting cotton — unless he was playing or practicing basketball.

"That was one of the reasons I played ball," he said, chuckling at the memory. "It got me out of work."

Not that Chancellor was afraid of work. One year at Noxapater High School in Mississippi, Chancellor coached the seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade basketball teams, the junior varsity team and the varsity boys and girls teams.

"I coached 121 games one season," he said. "Somebody said, 'How did you do that?' Well, if you've been in the cotton fields and chopped cotton all day, coaching 121 games, (it) didn't seem

like there was much to that. That seemed like fun."

Fun has been a recurring theme throughout Chancellor's career, from his 19 seasons as women's basketball coach at Mississippi to his four WNBA championships with the Houston Comets and even in his pressure-packed position as the Olympic coach.

He's the consummate jokester and story teller, spinning tales in a relaxed southern drawl that leave his listeners shaking with laughter.

"He is a coach that can have a good time," said Carol Ross, who played for Chancellor at Mississippi and is now the coach. "He can keep things lose and fun and sometimes, because he has such a fun demeanor and reputation, you lose sight of the fact that he's a wily bench coach."

"He is a tremendously skilled offensive and defensive tactician. He pushes the right buttons at the right time."

The 60-year-old coach often is at his liveliest poking fun at himself.

At Louisville, Miss., High School (pronounced lewis-ville), Chancellor said his senior class picked five graduates who would never succeed and he was No. 1 on the list. He calls himself the greatest bench warmer in junior college basketball history, saying he was the 12th man on an 11-man team.

"When I graduated from high school, only two teachers would claim that they taught me," he said. "After I'd been named the Olympic coach, in a little ol' town, there's over a thousand people that taught me now."

"If you graduated anytime from 1958 to 1962, you graduated with me."

That fun-loving spirit might seem counter to the serious business of trying to win an Olympic gold medal. When he isn't joking with his players, Chancellor will be trying to beat them at cards. He says he wins all the time; his players insist otherwise.

But Chancellor has a way of quickly donning his game face when it's time to work. He doesn't believe in long practices. He just wants them to be productive.

"He's the most different USA Basketball coach we've ever had," said center Lisa Leslie, who'll be playing in her third Olympics and has been on three world championships teams.

"In the past, USA

Basketball was a lot more structured, and I think that's what we needed at the time. Now, we're professionals. We know what we have to do to win. He gives us a lot of plays but also a lot of freedom to execute and read the defenses."

"He's probably the perfect professional coach," added guard Dawn Staley. "He understands what we need. He's not going to be in the gym for three or four hours being intense and trying to pull things out of us."

"(It's) get to the gym, work on these three things and if we get it done in an hour, we're out."

His players respond by treating Chancellor as if he were their father. They carry his bags and shuttle him through crowds. Overseas, they'll order for him in restaurants to make sure he gets exactly what he wants.

"Lisa Leslie will wait and help my wife off the bus," Chancellor said. "It's the most amazing thing I've ever seen. It's not that I'm the Olympic coach, but how these players are that has made this so good."

Chancellor, the first male to coach the U.S. women's basketball team, knows some disagree with his practice methods.

"I'm going to do what I think is best," Chancellor said. "I'm going to work them enough. We won't get beat because I didn't work them hard enough, I guarantee you that. But we won't get beat because I overworked them, either."

His way has worked so far. Chancellor's 2002 world championships team went 9-0 en route to the gold medal in China and he's 13-0 in exhibition games as the Olympic coach, despite not having the full roster together.

But none of that matters because what happens in steamy Athens is the only thing that counts, and the heat is on Chancellor to win the gold medal. Forget that the Americans will have less than two weeks of practice before their Aug. 14 Olympics opener against New Zealand. They're supposed to win.

Chancellor's thoughts on that: What pressure?

"Pressure's a single mom coming home at night and you've got two babies and don't have any food," he said. "Pressure is a guy in Iraq right now dodging a bullet. All I've got to do to represent my country is coach basketball."



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Mike Spivey just misses a long putt on one of the greens at Comanche Trail Golf Course during action at the Big Spring Herald's City Golf Championships Saturday morning.

AUGUST 2004

College Football ESPN USA Today Preseason Coaches Poll

Rank	Points
1. USC	1,500
2. Oklahoma	1,426
3. LSU	1,387
4. Georgia	1,328
5. Miami, Fla.	1,246
6. Florida State	1,177
7. Michigan	1,128
8. Texas	1,067
9. Ohio State	1,030
10. Florida	891
11. West Virginia	684
12. Iowa	642
13. Kansas State	639
14. Tennessee	598
15. California	566
16. Clemson	503
17. Missouri	502
18. Auburn	473
19. Virginia	453
20. Maryland	443
21. Utah	438
22. Wisconsin	248
23. Minnesota	187
23. Purdue	187
25. Oregon	175

Receiving Votes:

26. Nebraska	151
27. Oregon State	101
28. Boise State	99
29. Washington St.	86
30. NC State	84
31. Louisville	78
32. Virginia Tech	62
33. TCU	60
34. Oklahoma St.	41
35. Toledo	33
36. Memphis	27
37. Georgia Tech	25
38. Notre Dame	25
39. Bowling Green	22
40. BYU	21

Also:

54. Texas Tech	6
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Williams takes down Tyson in fourth

By **TIM DAHLBERG**
AP Boxing Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The end came with the shocking suddenness of many Mike Tyson fights. First, the flurry of devastating punches, then a fighter falling bleeding to the canvas.

Even more shocking was that fighter was Tyson himself.

A comeback born out of financial desperation didn't go past the fourth round Friday night when an unheralded British heavyweight by the name of Danny Williams knocked Tyson out with a savagery that may have once and for all exposed Tyson as a shot fighter.

At the age of 38, Tyson ran out of energy after trying to put Williams down for the first three rounds and was driven to the canvas with a final right hand that may have signaled the end of his hopes to become a serious heavyweight contender again.

"Once I hurt him I just let go," Williams said. "I just kept punching and punching."

Beaten and battered, Tyson laid helplessly along the ropes, blood flowing down his face. The former baddest man on the planet stared ahead with a look of resignation on his face as his latest comeback — and perhaps his tumultuous career — collapsed along with him.

In his corner, Tyson

apologized to his trainer. Across the ring, Williams celebrated and then proposed to his girlfriend — who accepted.

And somewhere, lawyers began trying to figure out how Tyson could pay off \$38 million in debt when his asking price will surely plunge after such a devastating defeat.

"People forget this isn't a peak Mike Tyson. This was a Mike Tyson who was 38 years old," Williams said. "I thought I could win."

Williams ended a wild slugfest with a flurry of punches that sent Tyson sprawling into the ropes late in the fourth round.

With blood streaming down his face, Tyson appeared to contemplate the end, then made a half-hearted effort to get up before the fight was called to an end at 2:51 of the fourth round.

"I'm sorry. I'm disappointed," Tyson told trainer Freddie Roach.

"You don't have to be sorry with me," Roach replied.

Tyson's handlers said later he injured his knee late in the first round. He was taken to a hospital to get stitches for a cut near the corner of his right eye and a precautionary CT scan.

"I felt like I had him," Williams said. "I just remember (Evander) Holyfield fighting him that Holyfield kept coming with shot after shot."

The fight was a free-for-all from the opening bell before an excited crowd at a nearly full Freedom Hall. Tyson landed some huge left hooks early, only to take punishment himself when Williams got over his initial stage fright and began brawling.

Fighting in Muhammad Ali's hometown before a crowd that cheered his every move, Tyson tried with every punch to score the kind of spectacular knockout that would make him a heavyweight contender once again.

But Williams wouldn't go down, weathered the storm, and then came back to dish out more punishment. He improved to 32-3 with 27 knockouts. "He was a strong guy with a lot of heart," Roach said of Williams. "He showed us things that we didn't see in films. He seized the opportunity of a lifetime."

Tyson, who left without talking, won the first three rounds, but Williams was landing well to the head. When he began throwing punch after punch with Tyson near a neutral corner, Tyson couldn't answer back.

It was Tyson's first fight in 17 months, and only his second since taking a beating from former heavyweight champion Lennox Lewis two years ago. But Lewis was a legitimate world champion, while the 31-year-old

Williams' biggest claim to fame was winning the British heavyweight title.

Tyson was desperately trying to resurrect a career that made him more than \$300 million which he squandered, but the loss to a 9-1 underdog perhaps signals the end of an era in the heavyweight division.

"We didn't think he could stand up to the pressure of the first few rounds," Roach said. "Danny Williams surprised a lot of us."

The crowd of 17,253 came to see a knockout by Tyson, and when Tyson rocked Williams with a big uppercut and some left hooks in the first two rounds it looked like they would get what they came for.

But Tyson was cut in the third round, and Williams showed he was going to be the bully in this fight. He hit Tyson

on the break, losing a point, then hit him low, and the referee took another point.

The bully was being bullied, and Tyson couldn't stand up to it. "Every single round that went by, his punching power seemed to grow less," Williams said. "So I knew I was going to take him out."

Williams, who had fought only once in the United States, said before the fight he wouldn't be scared and would beat Tyson in the late rounds. Tyson's record fell to 50-5-2 and the loss was his first in a non-title fight.

Tyson earned about \$8 million for the 57th fight of a pro career that began 19 years ago. He could only keep \$2 million of it, with the rest going to pay off some of the \$38 million he owes to creditors, under a bankruptcy reorganization plan.

IN BRIEF

Softball tournament in Snyder announced

A men's softball tournament in Snyder has been set for Aug. 7-8 at Winston Field. For more information, call Luis 325-573-7321.

Big Spring volleyball practice set to begin

Big Spring volleyball practice will begin at 7 a.m. Monday at the high school track.

On-the-court practices will take place Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon and from 2-6 p.m. Weightlifting will take place Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. and court practice will follow at 9 a.m.

For more info, call Coach Revis Daggett at 816-9560.

2004 Property Tax Rates in Howard College

This notice concerns 2004 property tax rates for Howard College. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$3,063,789
Last year's debt taxes	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$3,063,789
Last year's tax base	\$1,111,639,273
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.27561 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$3,061,076
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,138,779,622
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.26889 /\$100
x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	\$0.27695 /\$100

In the first year a hospital district or city collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year.

- Sales tax adjustment rate	/\$100
= Effective tax rate	/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$3,061,076
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,138,779,622
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.26889 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.29040 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate	\$0.29040 /\$100

A hospital district or city that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collect the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	/\$100

For a taxing unit with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If HOWARD COLLEGE adopts a 2004 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.26889 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2003 taxes by \$9,568

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered Fund	\$0

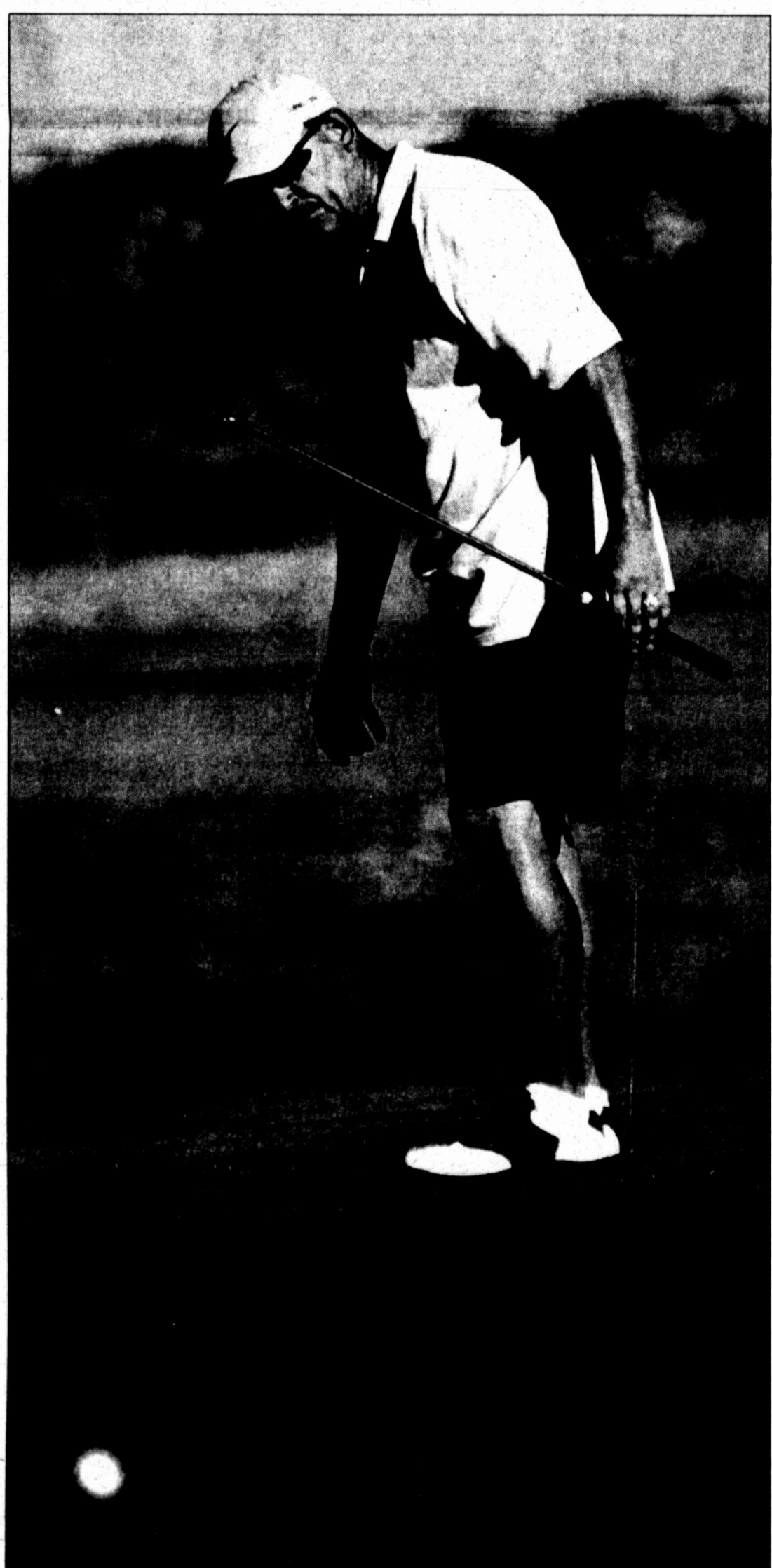
Schedule B - 2004 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total required for 2004 debt service				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2004				\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0.00% of its taxes in 2004				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 MAIN ST. (COUNTY ANNEX BLDG.) BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720.

Name of person preparing this notice KATHY A. SAYLES
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Date prepared July 29, 2004



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Tim Strain watches his ball as it approaches the cup during action at the Big Spring Herald's City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course Saturday Morning.

KEEPING BIG SPRING BEAUTIFUL



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant
KBSB Summer Troopers, all Key Club members, recently gathered at Kids Zone in Comanche Trail Park to clean up the litter in the play area. Front row left, are: Key Club members Ryan Ward, Rosie Alcantar, Veronica Villarreal, Jessi New, Patricia Trevino, Lorissa Rodriguez and KBSB state coordinator Pat Simmons. Top row: KBSB president Jan Hansen, KBSB Summer Trooper's chairperson JoAnn Staulcup, Key Club members Kate Smiley, Lisa Shaffer, Marissa Vierra, Gabriel Moreno, Ashley Martinez and Key Club sponsor Tabatha Wright.

Summer Troopers give to community

The Big Spring High School Key Club worked as Summer Troopers for Keep Big Spring Beautiful, devoting part of their vacation to cleaning up several areas in the community this summer.

"We wanted to be more involved in the community and we wanted to give back to our community," said Key Club President Gabriel Moreno.

Moreno, along with nine other club members, assisted KBSB by working to remove litter and debris from the Roy Anderson Complex, the National League baseball park, the American League baseball park and Kids Zone at Comanche Trail Park.

The group devoted at least two hours to each project, even cleaning the area in the recent rains.

"We wanted to involve our youth in the community and to provide them a sense of ownership for the environment. We hope that as they pick up trash and debris and see how much work it is, they will be a good spokesperson to their peers," said JoAnn Staulcup, KBSB Summer Trooper committee chairperson.

And Pat Simmons, KBSB executive member, said,

"We hope they will show the other kids responsibility."

The Key Club, sponsored by the local Kiwanis Club, may be best known for their calendar project each year. BSHS English teacher Tabatha Wright, works as the adult coordinator for the club.

"This is a member led, student led organization," Wright said.

National projects the club members participate in include the March of Dimes, the Ronald McDonald House and Unicef. Club members have sold candles and steer ornaments as fund-raisers.

Locally, the club members provide cookies for the Big Spring State Hospital, travel to area nursing homes and assist Bauer Magnet School with their fall festival.

Working with KBSB was a change of pace for the club members. And they intend to continue assisting the organization with their projects.

Most of the club members said they joined Key Club to meet new people and to be more involved with school. But the number one reason the high school students gave for being involved with Key Club

— "It's fun!"

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- Recycling and Composting
- Beautification
- Clean-Up
- Civic and Neighborhood groups

Want to help to make Big Spring a place of peace and refuge? Volunteers are needed. Call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or Barbara Brumley at 263-8235



Photo far left, Key Club member Patricia Trevino removes debris from Kids Zone; left, Gabriel Alcantar, Marissa Vierra and Wesley Porras work together cleaning up the park; lower left, KBSB President Jan Hansen presents Harold Davis and Paschal Odom the O.P. Schnabel Senior Citizen Award from Keep Texas Beautiful for a landscaping project they designed and completed in their Capri Court cul-de-sac; bottom left, Ryan Ward and Ashley Martinez remove trash at Kids Zone.

Photos and stories by Marsha Sturdivant, Feature's Editor. E-mail life@bigspringherald.com



Keep Big Spring beautiful committee encourages pride in community

The Keep Big Spring Beautiful committee hopes to encourage all citizens of Howard County to take pride in their community.

"I want Big Spring to be a city of refuge, a place of peace and safety," said Pat Simmons, Keep Texas Beautiful state affiliate coordinator and executive board member for the local organization.

KBSB started through the diligent efforts of Simmons, also known for her work with the Texas Trash-Off and the annual Festival of Lights. Simmons is often instrumental in creating enthusiasm and eliciting hard work from any volunteer she recruits.

Today the committee boasts a membership of nearly 40 others that reads like a Who's Who of Big Spring, including Mayor Russ McEwen, who was made an honorary member, his wife, Laurie, city councilwoman JoAnn Staulcup, Joyce Crooker, Howard College's director of institutional advancement, Jan Foresyth, KBST's news anchor Mike Henry, Pam Welch of Moore Development for Big Spring, convention and visitors bureau director Barbara Brumley, city director of public works Todd Darden, chamber of commerce executive director Debbye Valverde, Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman and city code enforcement official Kenny Davis.

The executive board members are Simmons, Foresyth who serves as treasure, Jan Hansen, president, Judy Little, vice president and Barbara Brumley, secretary.

Also Liz Adamson, Sara Bavin, Shirley Beachamp, Terri Blackshear, Janice Bishop, Irene Bustamante, Phil Bustamante, Janell Davis, Verna Davis, Fran Emerson, Lee Emerson, Bill Holden, Bobbie Holden, Freda Hoover, Terri Johansen, Bonnie Lambert, David Lambert, Willia Ledford, Kathy Lusk, Gloria McDonald, Georgie Newsom, Kit Owens, Laurie Platte, Loyce Phillips, Charlene Ragan, Harriet Richardson, Debbie Wegman and Sherry Wigington complete the roster.

And the committee, just shy of being two years old,

has several projects in mind that will add to the charm of our home town, as well as keep us competitive with other Texas cities when Big Spring competes for state awards at the Keep Texas Beautiful convention in the summer of 2005.

"We received an honorable mention on our scrapbook this year, which we consider very good since we compete against so many others. And if we had won, we'd receive \$95,000," Hansen and Brumley said.

And while the committee has little in the way of funds, just \$89 in their last treasurer's report, they have big dreams and big plans for ways to improve the aesthetics for the city.

Brumley, Simmons and Hansen returned from the statewide convention-with lots of ideas and new enthusiasm for local projects.

"I was really impressed with a mural I saw in a photograph," Brumley said. "We have talked about doing something like that here, maybe in the downtown area, if we could get our local artists and art students together."

Other projects the group is discussing are educational campaigns to involve students, creating recycling programs for the city, obtaining grants to assist with the community projects and adopting a mascot and logo to create instant identification for the group.

Also, members are discussing creating various subcommittees, so volunteers may select projects based on their own desires and experiences.

"We're getting larger now and we want to have something going on in all areas. This way when we apply for government awards, we have a better chance to get funded," Brumley said.

Simmons said volunteers for the committee are always needed and welcome. Dues for the local chapter are \$5 per year, and to join the statewide Keep Texas Beautiful organization, which provides additional information, ideas and community projects, the cost is \$25 annually.

► Anniversary

Longs celebrate 60 years of marriage

Virgil and Jeanette Long were the guests of honor at a Celebration of Life Luau on July 31, 2004. The Luau was hosted by their family and attended by friends and family.

The event celebrated the couples' 60th wedding anniversary, Virgil's 80th birthday and Jeanette's 78th birthday.

Virgil Long and Jeanette McCormick met at the movie theater when he threw popcorn at her. They were married at 3 p.m. Aug. 3, 1944, in the Big Spring Bombardier Chapel in Big Spring.

They moved to Bentonville, Ariz. in 1990 from Big Spring. Virgil, a 32nd degree Mason and member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, was a medical laboratory technician for 32 years at Medical Arts Hospital. After leaving the medical profession he began work for Wal-Mart Stores in Big Spring until he retired in



Mr. and Mrs. Virgil and Jeanette Long

1990.

Jeanette was the owner/operator of her beauty shop before retiring to move to Bentonville. They have two daughters, Sandra Ward and Kandis Wright

who reside in Bentonville, Ariz., one son (deceased), six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

They commented on their marriage of 60 years — "What a Ride!"



Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Helen Walters today. Right, Helen Compton in 1944; and Russell J. Walters in 1944.

Walters to celebrate 60 years wed

Russel J. Walter and Helen Compton Walters will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 11, 2004. Their children, Craig and Sharon Walters and Kent and Brenda Walters, will host an open house at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, from 2-4 p.m.

Aug. 7.

Russel and Helen were married by the Rev. Hall at the United Brethren Church in Sumner, Ill. Aug. 11, 1944. They have lived in Illinois and Texas most of their married life. They have been blessed with two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Helen has worked as a public health nurse and school nurse here in Big



Spring. Russel has schooled horses and had a leather repair shop.

We invite our friends to join us in our celebration. No gifts please, just your presence and your loving thoughts and prayers will be appreciated.

► Wedding

Martinez and Jackman marry

Devyn Elyse Martinez and Michael Shae Jackman exchanged wedding vows at 5 p.m. July 22, 2004, at the Howard County Courthouse with Bennie Green officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Augustine and April Martinez and the granddaughter of Manuel and Lupe Martinez and Cruz and Olga Sanchez.

The groom is the son of Lisa and Earl Hanke and Bucky and Tammy Jackson.

He is the grandson of Roland and Sara Fryar

and Betty Jackman. Given in marriage by her father, Augustine Martinez, the bride wore a white strapless gown and carried a white flower bouquet.

Michelle Fryar served as matron of honor.

Jay Fryar served as best man and Augustine (A.J.) Martinez Jr., brother of the bride, served as ring bearer.

A reception party was held at the home of Roland and Sara Fryar on July 24, 2004.



Mr. and Mrs. Devyn Elyse and Michael Shae Jackman

► Engagement

Harmon and Stevens to wed

Randi Rene Harmon and Landon Jared Stevens, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 28, 2004, in the Grace Museum in Abilene.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Rolland and Lisa Rose of Big Spring and Michael and Becky Harmon of Abilene. She is the granddaughter Harold and Gaile Shelton of Abilene, the late David E. Harmon of Abilene and Mary Lou Botoroff of Soldotna, Alaska.

She is a 2002 graduate of Forsan High School, attended Howard College for two years and is pursuing a bachelor's degree

in nursing. She is employed by Scenic Mountain Medical Center

The groom-to-be is the son of Vance Stevens of Houston and Lana Follis of Houston. He is the grandson of Don and Marijann Stevens of Big Spring and Bud and Angel Grantham of Elbow.

He is a 2002 graduate of Forsan High School, received an associate degree in science from Howard College and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing. He is employed by Sherwin Williams of Big Spring

The couple will be moving to Abilene to finish their education.



Randi Rene Harmon and Landon Jared Stevens

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Forsan all-class reunion set

Forsan School All-Class Reunion is set for Aug. 7 beginning at 9:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. in the Forsan High School cafeteria.

All ex-students, spouses,

teachers and friends of the school are welcome.

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► Poetry

The Country Store
By Louise Burgess

My Grandpa ran a country store
When I was a little girl
And going there would always set
My childish mind a-whirl

I could wander there for hours
With so many different things
There were milking stools and farming tools
And dinner bells that ring

It was way out in the country
About 20 miles from town
And all the farmers traded there
They came from miles around

I would count the days till Saturday
And nothing would please me more
Than to get to go and spend the day
At Grandpa's country store

There were bolts and bolts of pretty cloth
All lined up in a row
There were gingham silks and satin
pongee and calico

There were saws and hammers, bolts and nails
There were overalls and slippers
There were chains and ropes and scented soaps
And water buckets and dippers

There was livestock feed and flower seeds
And dolls with china faces
A cracker barrel and women's apparel
And ribbons, buttons and laces

If I could go back to my childhood days
And relieve the days of yore
The very first place I would visit
Would be Grandpa's country store

My Grandpa's up in Glory Land
Where he'll live for evermore
And in some part of heaven
There may be country store

If there is I'm sure he'll find it
And when I enter Heaven's door
He'll say "Welcome Home, my darling
Come and see my country store."

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Weylin Agricultural Development Tarleton State has begun internship Farms in C under the Steve Wol farmer/rancher

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Who's Who

Weylin Wolf

Weylin Wolf, senior Agricultural Services and Development major from Tarleton State University, has begun his student internship with Wolf Farms in Coahoma. He is under the supervision of Steve Wolf, the local farmer/rancher.

Weylin will be in the community for 10 weeks for the purpose of receiving training in cotton and cattle production activities. This arrangement has been made by mutual agreement between Wolf Farms and Tarleton State University. The intern will assist with all activities concerning the local farm and ranch program. Upon completion of this training period, he will receive a bachelor of science degree in agricultural services and development from Tarleton State University.

Texas Tech University

President M. Roy Wilson, M.D. presided over his first Texas Tech University Health science degree Center graduated 695 students from all regional campuses, including the Graduate School of Biomedical science degrees and the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, Allied Health science degrees and pharmacy May 22, at the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock.

Local students receiving degrees were Mandy Jo Anderson, a bachelor of science degree in nursing; Kari Lyn Blausler-Howard, doctor of pharmacy; Amy Beck Clemmer, a bachelor of science degree in nursing; Kandace Denise Gard-Dawson, master of science degree in patient assistant studies; Jason Bradley Lentz, doctor of medicine; Michael Kristopher Nichols, a bachelor of science degree in nursing; Terra Lynn Proctor, master of

science degree in speech language pathology; Brandi Renae Wilde, master of science degree in speech language pathology; Lisa K. Williams, master of science degree in rehabilitative counseling and Harold Hampton Yearwood II, doctor of pharmacy.

Dr. Lillian Bohannon

Dr. Lillian Bohannon of Big Spring has been selected to be included in a biographical directory published by Marquis Who's Who, a leading biographical reference publisher.

Dr. Bohannon will be profiled in the 2005 edition of Who's Who in America, which will be available in October, 2004.

Jonathan Richardson

This summer, Jonathan Richardson of Big Spring attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville. Jonathan was sponsored by Paul H. Smith of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club.

The Texas Lions Camp offers camping sessions to children ages seven through 16 who have visual, hearing or physical disabilities. The camp offers a wide variety of activities for camper's enjoyment, including arts & crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming, theater and camping out over night. The camp is a nonprofit organization, funded by the Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.

Texas A&M University Kingsville Dean's List

Catherine D. Jaure of Big Spring was named to the Dean's List of Texas A&M University Kingsville for the spring 2004 semester.

To make the Dean's List, a student must earn a grade point average of

3.65 on all work attempted for the semester with a minimum of 13 semester hours completed.

Texas A&M University

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 5,047 Texas A&M University graduates during spring commencement ceremonies.

Among those recognized were Drew Berton Mckimmey of Big Spring, a bachelor of science degree in industrial distribution; Heather Nicole Harris of Big Spring, a bachelor of science degree in animal science; John Marion Newton of Big Spring, a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering; Tiffany Ann Sayles of Big Spring, a bachelor of science degree in animal science; Lorin Shae Wolf of Coahoma, a bachelor of science degree in biomedical science; and Jill Denise Hoelscher of Garden City, a bachelor of science degree in agricultural science.

Texas A&M

Dean's Honor Roll

Justin Wayne Nichols of Big Spring, who is pursuing a bachelor of arts history degree and Ryan Jay Batla of Garden City, who is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in agricultural systems management was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M. Batla received a distinguished recognition. The Dean's Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours or first semester students taking at least 12 semester hours who have maintained at least a 3.75 grade point ratio (GPR) out of a possible 4.0 during the most recent grading period. A distinguished recognition is awarded to students who earned a 3.25 to 3.75 GPR while taking at least 15 hours or 12 hours for first semester students.

Maranatha begins classes Monday

Maranatha Baptist Academy, 903 Johnson, begins classes Monday for students 4 years old up through high school age.

The school uses the Accelerated Christian Curriculum from the School of tomorrow program out of Florida.

An open house is set to begin Monday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and continue through Aug. 16, to allow the public an opportunity to tour the school and review the materials.

Maranatha Baptist Academy has been operating in Big Spring since 1980. It was formerly the

Sand Springs Christian School.

For more information or to enroll contact Dr. Lillian Bohannon, administrator of Maranatha Baptist Academy, at (432) 263-7696 or (432) 213-1046. She may be contacted through e-mail at lilyless@crcom.net.

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Births



Madison Ann Cusick

Madison Ann Cusick, a girl, was born June 6, 2004, at 8:08 a.m. weighing 4 pounds, 5 ounces and was 17 3/4 inches long. Her parents are Marc and Misty Cusick of Monument, Colo. Her grandparents are Marley Cusick of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Dean and Marilyn Turner of Big Spring.

Analeah Christine Ybarra, a girl, was born July 19, 2004, at 3 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. Her parents are David Ybarra and Rebecca Rodriguez, both of Coahoma. Her grandparents are David and Mary Rodriguez and Luis and

Lisa Porras, all of Coahoma.

Raelynn Renee Claxton, a girl, was born July 20, 2004, at 2:57 weighing 8 pounds, 2 1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Cody Claxton and Maegan Lee. Her grandparents are Ray and Peggy Lee of Coahoma and Belinda Claxton of Big Spring.

Isaac Joseph Chavarria, a boy, was born July 22, 2004, at 4:58 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, and was 20 inches long. His parents are Lacey Chavarria and Bobby Agüero Jr. His grandparents are Karla and Manuel Chavarria and Ida and Frank Garcia.

Audrie Nicole Brito, a girl, was born July 15, 2004, at 9:40 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Kendra Tatum and Sackie Brito Jr. Her grandparents are Tanna Brito of Vidor, Diana Sanders of Houston and Sackie Brito and Tom Tatum, both of Big Spring.

Marlie Kate Kennedy, a girl, was born July 27, 2004, at 3:46 p.m. weighing 8 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are John and Angela Kennedy. Her grandparents are Dickey and Barbara Murphy of Big Spring, Robert and Lisa Kennedy of Midland and Bill and Sheryl Tarleton of Gail.



Kolby Austin Denton

Kolby Austin Denton, a boy, was born June 25, 2004, at 1:28 p.m. weighing 5 pounds, 12 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. His parents are Kari and David Denton. His grandparents are Ray and Doris McKinnon and Randy and Barbara Hull, all of Big Spring. His big brother Kaleb Denton welcomed him home.

Win a date and benefit CASA

Area residents are invited to enter a contest that may win them a ticket to the country Music Awards with country and western artist David Kersh while helping CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) of West Texas.

This campaign is sponsored by Wrangler Jeans and Cowboys for Children to promote awareness of the national

CASA program, which serves abused and neglected children.

Register for the contest at www.davidkersh.com.

One lucky winner will be David's guest to the Country Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 9.

The winner will receive free round-trip airfare to Nashville, two nights hotel accommodations, a full day of pre-show spa

treatments and makeovers, plus evening attire specially designed for the winner by Denver-based, international fashion designer, Doug Paris.

The contest ends Sept. 17. The winner's name will be announced Sept. 20. Donations made by music fans in West Texas will be distributed by National CASA to CASA of West Texas

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Former Enron Broadband exec pleads guilty, agrees to aid prosecutors

By KRISTEN HAYS
AP Business Writer

HOUSTON — The man who once led Enron Corp.'s high-speed Internet unit pleaded guilty Friday to securities fraud and agreed to help federal prosecutors on other cases related to the energy giant's collapse.

Kenneth Rice faces a maximum of 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$1 million for the single fraud count. Sentencing

was set for Jan. 31. The plea deal also requires him to forfeit \$13.7 million in cash and property.

Rice was charged in May 2003 with selling 1.2 million shares of Enron stock for more than \$76 million while he knew Enron Broadband Services was failing.

Enron had heavily touted its broadband unit and claimed it was responsible for millions in profits, but according to the

Justice Department, it never made a dime. It was abandoned shortly after Enron's bankruptcy filing in December 2001.

Rice, who has been free on \$3 million bond, is one of 30 people charged in the government's 2 1/2-year investigation into the Enron collapse, including the company's founder and former chairman, Kenneth Lay, and former CEO Jeffrey Skilling, a major broadband cheerleader during Enron's halcyon days.

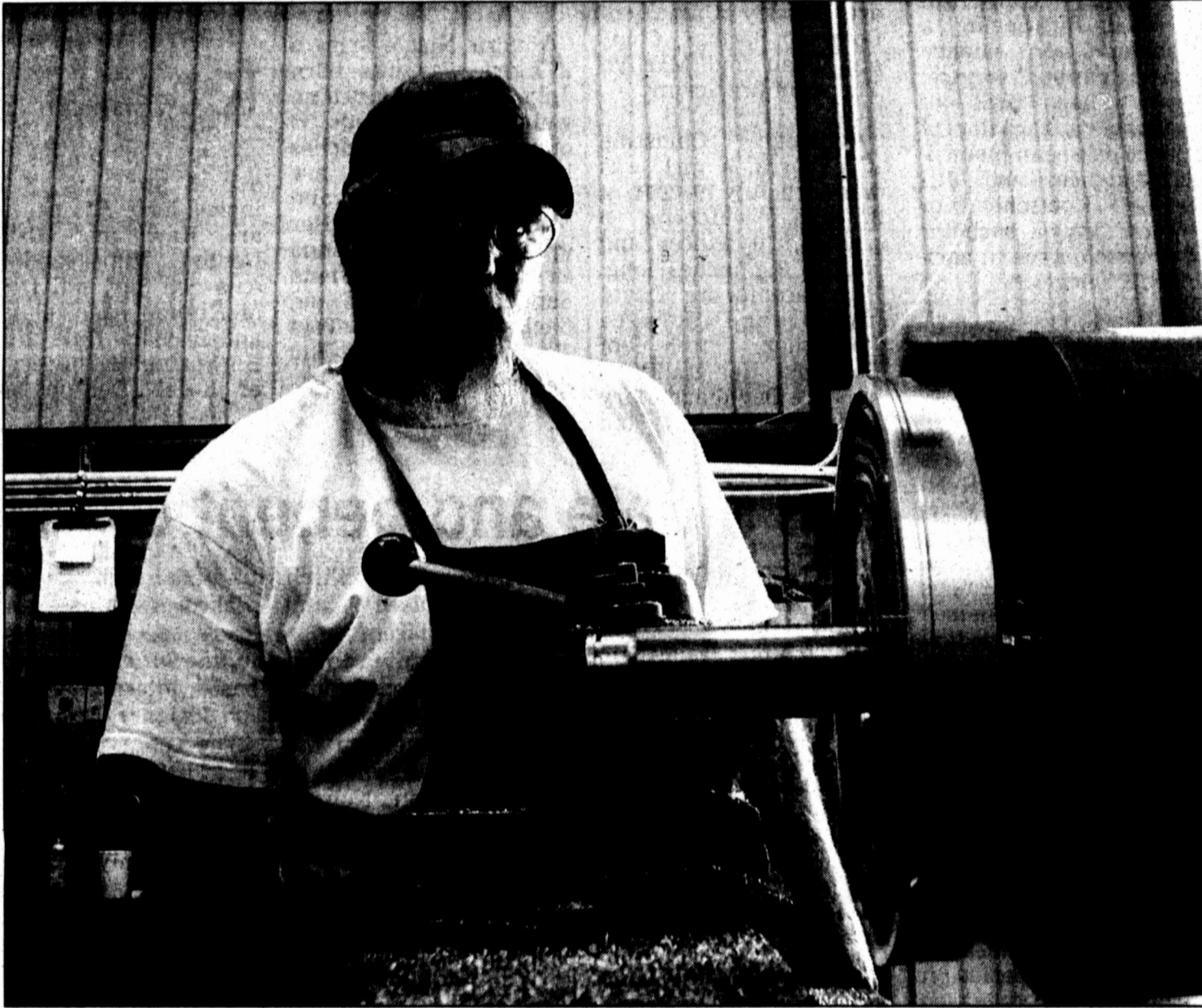
Rice quit the company in 2001, months before Enron went bankrupt, prosecutors said. He had served as CEO of Enron's trading unit, then called Enron Capital and Trade, from 1996 to 1999 before taking over the broadband unit.

The six others charged in the broadband indictment, including Joseph Hirko, the unit's former co-CEO, all have pleaded innocent and are set for trial in October.

Rice had been forced upon indictment to forfeit jewelry including a sapphire-and-diamond necklace and bracelet belonging to his wife.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore also placed a hold on a Shelby sports coupe and a particularly expensive 1995 Ferrari that Rice owned, meaning he could keep them but couldn't sell them. The judge said she didn't want the cars "all dinged up" in an impound lot.

A SECOND BUSINESS



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Rick Morrow, owner of Rick's Transmission and a torque converter specialist, mills down a component for a torque converter at his shop, located at the corner of Fourth Street and Austin. Morrow has been rebuilding torque converters for two years now and hopes to eventually branch out and begin selling his parts throughout the Lone Star State.

Sideline becomes lucrative endeavor for Rick Morrow

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

While many West Texas businesses may simply be testing the "economic waters," Rick Morrow is already reaping the benefits of a simple business idea that has developed into a lot more than he ever expected.

Owner of Rick's Transmission, Morrow has been in the automotive business for 21 years, and when your livelihood is rebuilding transmissions, the quality of your parts can drive you to do some rather drastic things — like start a second business.

"I started the torque converter business a couple of years ago in the back of Rick's Transmission," explained Morrow as he assembled one of the many parts of a torque converter. "The reason we started the business was because we simply couldn't get a good product. So I went to Alabama and bought these machines and started the business in the back of the shop."

"We sort of outgrew it and I got the chance to buy this building," he said, motioning to the shop around him. "Moore Development gave us an interest-free grant which has to be paid back. We bought a muffler tubing bender and we put in a lift, and... here we go!"

If you ask Morrow how a torque converter works, you had best be prepared for a 101 in machine work and industry lore.

"I just happen to have one cut apart over here," said Morrow with a laugh. "We're getting ready to put this one back together."

Moving through the parts that make up a torque converter, which at times seem numerous and overwhelming, Morrow explained how the device, which is approximately the size of a large dinner plate, keeps your car's automatic transmission from turning into a twisted heap of metal.

"You know when your car shifts and it sort of bogs down like this," he said, making a lurching motion.

"That's the clutch glide. You have a certain amount of slippage in an automatic transmission. This clutch applies and you have no slippage at all. You'll lose 500 to 600 rpms (revolutions per minute) in a converter depending on the type of motor."

Morrow said he employs his son during the summer, as well as another employee, and between the three of them they are able to turn out more than a dozen rebuilt converters each day.

"One of the more complicated converters can take between 1 1/2 hours to 2 hours of work," said Morrow. "The more simple converters, which you find on about 90 percent of the rear-wheel drives, can be done in about 45 minutes. It all depends on the type and condition of the converter. On a good day we can pump out between 10 and 15 if everything goes right."

"I bought this equipment from a guy in Alabama — these two-lath-

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San Angelo center sets sheep, goat field day

The 31st annual Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center at San Angelo is set for Sept. 2.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. with the program to follow at 9 a.m. The center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87. Morning topics are animal ID issues, country of origin labeling and the agricultural economy, the



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quality assurance program, recent fiber measurement advances, the center's sheep breeding research, a Mohair Council of America update and a report from the National Sheep Improvement Center.

Following a noon "Dutch-treat" lunch at the center, the

field day resumes with talks on embryo transfer and artificial insemination, and soremouth problems in goats.

Updates from Ranchers Lamb of Texas, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the Texas Hair Sheep Association will also be presented.

The day's activities end at 3 p.m. For more information, contact the center at (325) 653-4576.

Exxon Mobil, Shell post stronger profits on higher oil prices

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Business Writer

DALLAS — Exxon Mobil Corp., the world's largest publicly traded oil company, posted record second-quarter profits of \$5.79 billion Thursday, and the Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Cos. saw its earnings rise 54 percent, thanks to higher prices for oil and natural gas.

The sterling earnings reports, which came on top of strong results from BP and ConocoPhillips, may be small comfort to motorists paying about \$2 for a gallon of regular unleaded — unless they also happen to be shareholders.

Exxon Mobil, for instance, earned a profit of more than \$10 on each barrel of oil it produced, said Pat Mulva, the company's director of investor relations.

Mark Baxter, director of an energy institute at Southern Methodist University, said pump prices should be even higher, given that crude is hovering near \$43 a barrel.

"These profits probably appear gross, and consumers wonder why they're not lowering the prices," Baxter said. "They could do that, but the first time they did, the CEO would get fired."

Baxter said oil companies need to make profits while the getting is good to carry them through times of low prices — oil was \$10 a barrel a few years ago — and to take risks to explore around the world.

Exxon Mobil chairman and chief executive Lee R. Raymond said recently that Exxon Mobil earns no more than 5 cents per gallon for refining and selling gasoline — although he didn't include profit from producing crude oil.

Analysts cite several reasons for high oil prices, notably that OPEC is producing at near capacity, demand continues to grow in the United States, China and other large markets, and fear that events in the Middle East or Russia could curtail supplies and lead to shortages.

Oil prices surged to a record level this week — briefly above \$43 a barrel for U.S. light crude — on new violence in Iraq and reports that Russian oil giant Yukos might be forced to suspend sales, although its production was not interrupted. Both developments were seen as possibly disrupting production in an already tight world market.

Analysts said that oil companies aren't charities, but some faulted the industry for not spending more on finding new sources of oil to meet ris-

ing demand.

"Forty-dollar crude is a big gift to the exploration and production sector," said George Gaspar, an analyst with Robert W. Baird & Co. "They ought to be putting it into the ground, both in the U.S. and overseas. Mr. Consumer is going to be paying \$3 and \$4 a gallon in 10 years unless something is done to increase oil reserves."

Exxon Mobil Corp. Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil earned \$5.79 billion, or 88 cents per share, in the April-June period, compared with \$4.17 billion, or 62 cents per share, a year earlier. That matched the forecast of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Revenue jumped 24 percent to \$70.69 billion from \$57.17 billion, although oil and gas production rose only 1.4 percent.

"They are clicking on all cylinders," said Fadel Gheit, an analyst for Oppenheimer & Co. "Refining (profit) margins are the best in almost 15 years, oil prices are at record highs, and gas prices are near records. It doesn't get any better than this."

Profits rose in all three main areas of Exxon Mobil's business — production, up 36 percent; refining and selling, up about 31 percent to the highest mark in 13 years; and chemicals, up 38 percent to its highest level since 1995.

The company said it would increase the pace of buying back its own shares by about \$1 billion over the \$1.95 billion it spent in the second quarter.

For the first six months of the year, Exxon Mobil earned \$11.23 billion, or \$1.71 per share, compared to \$11.21 billion, or \$1.67 per share, in the same period last year. Revenue rose to \$138.30 billion from \$120.95 billion.

Shares of Exxon Mobil rose 22 cents to close at \$46.03 — near their 52-week high of \$46.82 set this month — on the New York Stock Exchange.

Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Cos.

The Anglo-Dutch company earned \$4.0 billion, compared with \$2.6 billion in the same period a year earlier.

After stripping out the fluctuating value of Shell's oil and gas inventories, the company said its adjusted earnings would have been \$3.77 billion, a 16 percent increase from a year earlier.

Sales rose to \$62.5 billion from \$58.1 billion.

Shell also announced it would pay a \$120 million civil penalty to settle an inquiry by the U.S.

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Morrow has several West Texas businesses that buy his torque converters on a regular business, and as word of mouth continues to rave about the quality of the Big Spring business's product, he's looking to branch out into new markets.

"I've got shops in Lamesa and Leveland that buy my converters," he said. "There's also one in San Angelo, and I have three shops in Brownwood that I'm talking to right now. I also build some for Smith's Transmission, which is right here in Big Spring.

"I can't pay for this equipment building just for Rick's Transmission. It's just not feasible. I love Big Spring and this is my hometown and I've lived here all of my life. But if I can branch out and send these out of town, which is our goal, I don't have to depend solely on everyone that breaks down in Big Spring. The whole object behind this is to sell them."

Was Morrow prepared for the success of his new business venture?

"No, never," he said with a laugh. "I was so upset with the two places out of Midland and Abilene that I had been buying converters from. Once I got my equipment I cut four of the converters I had bought from them open and they had no machine work inside and no new pistons.

"Lynn, the guy that I bought this equipment from, told me there are two things you have to do. Machine them and put new pistons in them. He told me if I do that, these converters will sell themselves, and they have."

For more information on Rick's Transmission or rebuilt torque converters call 267-5044.

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Securities and Exchange Commission into the downgrading of the company's reserves.

The company said it agreed to pay a \$31 million fine to resolve an inquiry by Britain's Financial Services Authority into the issue and will spend \$5 million to improve internal controls.

The company also still faces shareholder lawsuits.

Shell stunned shareholders in January when it downgraded 20 percent of its reserves from "proven" to less certain categories.

Three other smaller downgrades followed, and the series of moves lowered reserves by 23 percent.

Reserves are a closely watched indicator of an oil company's future production, and investors can be alarmed by any reduction.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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District Court Filings:
Crystal Janette Cole vs. Justin Clay Cole, divorce.
Melissa Lafayne McCullough vs. Rocy Wayne McCullough, divorce.
Rose Marie Griffin vs. Jesse Fred Griffin, divorce.
Felicia Leone Ulrich vs. Randy Dean Ulrich, divorce.
Carlos Vega vs. Charlene Dominguez, divorce.
John V. Pantoja vs. Elva Tarrango Pantoja, divorce.
Casandra Nicole Delacruz vs. Johnny Delacruz Jr., divorce
Thornton Capital Advisors Inc. vs. Anna L. Sparks, accounts, notes and contracts.
Kathy Turney vs. Summer Dawn Teeters, injury or damages with a

motor vehicle.
UAH Limestone Ridge L.P. vs. Howard County Appraisal District, other civil.
Marriage Licenses:
Richard Wayne Rains, 38, and Tiffany M. Watson, 20, both of Big Spring.
Warranty deeds:
Grantor: Mary Partlow and Valoise Record
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Grantee: Amanda Cole and Adrian Calvio
Property: Lot 1 and the E/20 feet of Lot 2, Block 16, Edwards Heights
Date Filed: July 15, 2004
Grantor: Monico Quiroz and Teresa M. Quiroz
Grantee: Guo Zhi Lin
Property: Lot 6, Block 13, McDowell Heights Addition
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Property: A tract of land out of the NW/4 of Section 22, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Grantor: Eleanor Garrett
Grantee: Joe David Neff
Property: Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 14, Saunders Addition
Date Filed: July 20, 2004
Grantor: Eva Ditto Heidelberg
Grantee: Beacon manufactured Housing Inc. and Roy R. Taylor
Property: Lots 11, 12 and 13, Block 14, South Haven Addition
Date Filed: July 21, 2004
Grantor: Annie Draper
Grantee: April King
Property: 2305 Morrison
Date Filed: July 21, 2004
Grantor: Jack Buchanan
Grantee: Jerry Iden
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Grantor: Mark L. Gentry and Elizabeth A. Gentry
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Property: Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 20, Fairview Heights Addition
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A PRODUCTIVE FORMATION
 Platinum Exploration, Inc. 550 W. Texas Ave., Ste. 200 Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject oil and gas waste into the Canyon Reef Formation, W.C. Campbell Lease, Well Number 3. The proposed injection well is located 2 miles East of Vealmoor, Texas in the Vealmoor Field in Howard County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7645 to 8100 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). #4287 August 1, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Advertisement for Bids
 The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:

RFB# 04-018 Athletic Equipment and Supply Catalog Bid

Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Sealed bids will be accepted through 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 17, 2004 in the Howard College, Administration Building, A2, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.

All bidding questions are directed to Mr. Dennis Churchwell, Director of Purchasing, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167, e-mail: dchurchwell@howardcollege.edu. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. #4286 August 1 & 2, 2004

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LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE
Public Notification of Nondiscrimination in Career and Technology Programs within the Big Spring Independent School District

The Big Spring Independent School District offers career and technology education programs in Agriculture Education, Consumer and Family Economics, Trade and Industrial Education, Business Education Career Preparation, and Industrial Technology Education. Admission to these programs is based on interest, aptitude, age appropriateness, and class space available.

It is the policy of the Big Spring Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its career and technology programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

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The Big Spring Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the Title IX Coordinator Rey Villarreal, Assistant Superintendent, and/or Bobby Waldrop the Section 504 Coordinator, at Big Spring I.S.D., Administrative Offices, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Phone Number (432) 264-3600

NOTA LEGAL/ DE PUBLICA
La Notificación Publica de No Discriminación en la Carrera y el Programa Tecnología dentro del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring

El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring ofrece la carrera y los programas de la educación de la tecnología en la Educación de la Agricultura, en la Economía de Consumidor y Familia, en el Comercio y la Educación Industrial, en la Carrera de la Educación del Negocio de Preparación, y en la Educación Industrial de la Tecnología. La admisión a estos programas se basa en el interés, la aptitud, la conveniencia de la edad, y la espacian del clase disponible.

Es la política del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring de no discriminar a base de raza, de color, de origen nacional, o sexo, ni a base la desventaja en sus programas de la carrera y la tecnología, en los servicios, o en las actividades como requerido por el Título VI del Acto Civil de Derechos de 1964, cuando enmendado; el Título IX de las Enmiendas de la Educación de 1972; y la Sección 504 del Acto de Rehabilitación de 1973, cuando enmendado.

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El Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring tomara los pasos para asegurar esa falta de habilidades del idioma ingles no sera una barrera a la admision y la participacion en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para informacion acerca de sus procedimientos de derechos o queja, contacte al Coordinador del Título Rey Villarreal, Supendente Ayudane, o Bobby Waldrop, Coordinador de la Sección 504, en las Oficinas Administrativas del Distrito Independiente Escolar de Big Spring, en lugar 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas, 79720, el numero de telefono (432)264-3600. #4283 August 1, 2004

ATTENTION COX COMMUNICATIONS SUBSCRIBERS
 Beginning on August 1, 2004, Cox Communications will make the following changes in the Big Spring franchise area: The Movie Channel (Channel 67) will be removed from the analog channel lineup. Inquires concerning these changes or any other cable-related issue can be made at Cox Communications, 2006 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720 or by phone at 432-267-3821. #4284 July 30 & August 1, 2, 2004

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Horoscope
 BY JOYCE JILLSON
 Mercury, which loves a good conversation, opposes Uranus, which loves to toss in the unexpected twist. Shock and titillation will be the part of the scenario you just can't prepare for. Look out for problems that have to do with taking information out of context or reading too much into a situation. Also, be sure you go straight to the "horse's mouth."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Integrity ensures your success in a relationship. You won't be able to get away with anything at all today, so play it straight. Master your money so your money won't master you. You could have a primo celebrity sighting.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you can at all afford to take the time or use the money, travel! Short trips are just as effective as long ones. You experience what it's like to peer into another world. Your love life opens up when you're not thinking about it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Usually, you love to wing it, but planning is good now — it brings you a sense of satisfaction and helps you remain calm, cool and collected. There are wild rumors flying about tonight. Pay closer attention to your inner voice.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Spontaneity, creativity and insight are your most useful tools today — you can use them to attract new blood to your love life. You're a giver in every sense tonight. You love to be generous, and all you put out multiplies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Inject a stalled project with more juice. All it takes is an hour of dedication to start getting excited again. Being with those who really know you is more important than connecting with business associates or socializing for a cause.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Independent thinking and action are favored. You'll take a logical approach to change. No decision is made on your behalf without careful analysis. You are also likely to put your needs second and nurture the people you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're tempted to upgrade to the latest and greatest, but the timing isn't right. If something is not broken, don't try to fix it. Complicated relationship issues are featured. Give it time, and don't do anything rash.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Others may hesitate and fumble, but you've got to do what's right. Cutting expenses brings you back into balance, and it doesn't affect your life too much, either. Now, you can give money where it can do enormous good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're all afutter over the prospect of something potentially romantic. Jealousy is unfounded, so just forget about it. Tonight, playing the same old role becomes tedious; accept a challenge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Minor problems in a relationship could escalate if they are not dealt with now. You've got the patience to guide that stubborn person toward more positive behaviors. Singles find new romance at community or group events.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Socializing helps you relax, though at first you may be anxious about fitting in. Forget it — you're a hit wherever you go. Remember that you are in control, and don't feel otherwise. Relatives ask for money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have luck following a tried-and-true recipe for success. A slow-moving project begins to take shape. There's a bit of confusion about who is supposed to pay what and how much. Review family budgets.

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