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Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

Moss PTA slates 'Bash' this evening

The Moss Elementary School PTA will hold its first meeting of the school year followed by a "Welcome Back Burger Bash" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today.

The meeting will include a singing performance by students.

The 'Burger Bash' is \$3 a plate.

Bauer Magnet

Burger Bash planned

Bauer Magnet Elementary will be having its 12th annual Back To School Burger Bash from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Call Monika Kennemur at 816-1506 for information on tickets.

Blood drive set

Saturday afternoon

Maranatha Baptist Academy will host a blood drive from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds, be in good general health and have valid identification. A free pizza party will be held for the classroom with the most donors. Call 263-7696 to schedule a donation time.

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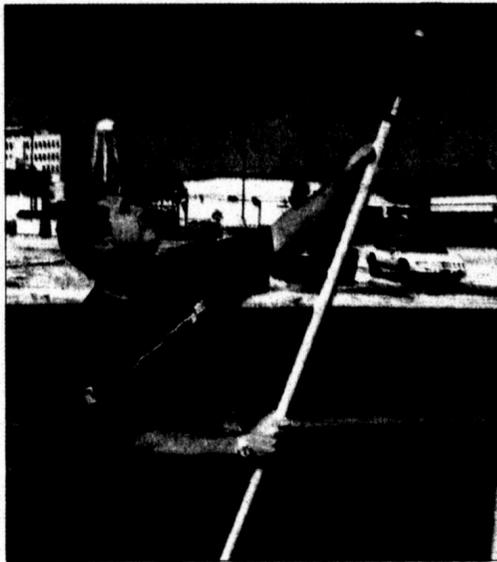
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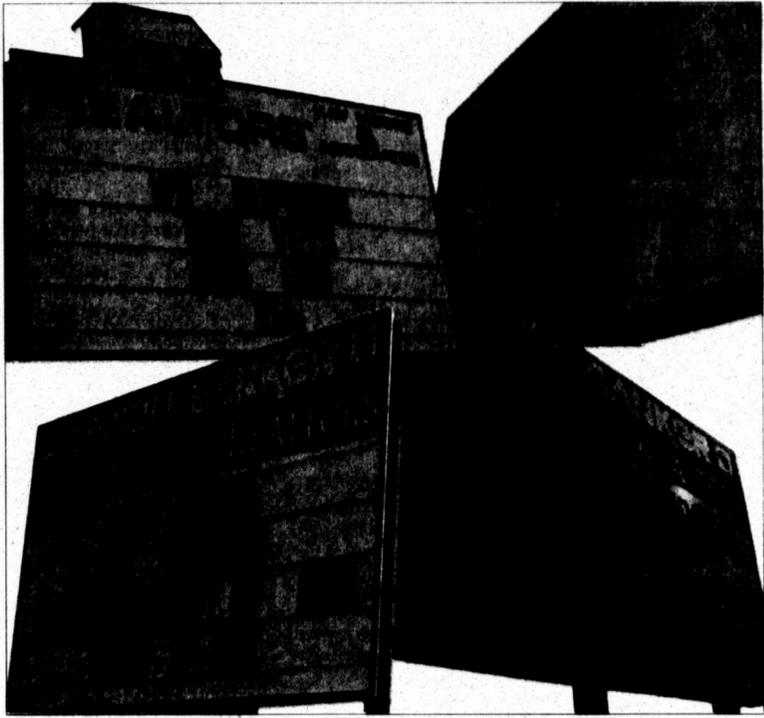
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ANTICIPATING SECRETARY PRINCIPI'S VISIT TO BIG SPRING



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Ronnie Chavarria, an employee of Elrod's Furniture, helps the business show its support of the VA Medical Center. Many area businesses put up signs showing their support in preparation for today's visit by Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi. The Secretary was to be at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for a 2 p.m. forum.



Howard County Fair sushied

"In Texas, we call that bait!" Japanese native Yuka Kato didn't quite understand the joke at first; then she hastened to assure us that all the fish used in her sushi rolls is cooked. She explained that sushi is many different kinds of fish, vegetable and rice combinations, but what she she will be demonstrating at the Howard County Fair Friday evening, is sushi roll, sometimes called California roll.

"It's hard to make sushi here because it's difficult to get all the ingredients," she explained. "But you can find everything for sushi roll, if not in Big Spring, at least in nearby Asian markets." The most exotic ingredients in sushi roll are seaweed and Japanese rice, which is small-grained and cooks stickier than regular rice. Inside the seaweed and rice roll can be anything, but it is usually some kind of fish and fresh vegetables. She uses crab and shrimp, avocado and cucumber. "You can put almost anything in sushi roll, but something like salmon with cream cheese, like I saw in America once, that would never happen in Japan!" she said with a chuckle.

To make a sushi roll, one puts a nori (square) of seaweed on a special bamboo mat, covers it with a layer of Japanese rice then places pieces of seafood and vegetable on it, and rolls it up. The roll is cut in about one-inch slices, which the

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eater dips in a Wasabi/soy sauce mixture before eating. Wasabi is Japanese horseradish. One roll makes about six or seven pieces.

Yuka will make a sushi roll and tell about the makings; then she will

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NANCY KOGER



Nancy Koger photo
Yuka Kato will show fair-goers how to make sushi rolls or California rolls Friday evening at the Howard County Fair. The fair officially begins Wednesday at the fairgrounds off FM 700.

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Declining enrollment hits BSISD

May lose thousands in funding from state

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

A decline in enrollment could mean a loss of up to \$300,000 in state funding for Big Spring Independent School District, Superintendent Michael Downes said Monday.

"This will have a huge impact on the surplus budget we had before, and in all likelihood, we will face a deficit next year," said Downes.

Enrollment is down 185 students from last year. By the fifth day of school last year, there were 3,916 students enrolled; this year there were only



DOWNES

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County tax rate to see 3-cent hike

Salaries will receive \$115 per month boost

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners gave the go-ahead for a 3 percent tax rate increase Monday morning during a budget work session.

Although commissioners indicated in previous meetings and work sessions that they planned to keep taxes at the effective rate of 53.72 cents per \$100 valuation, commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the increase, which will place the rate at 55.33 cents.

"I think we need it because our fund balance, our carry-over, has decreased to the point that we really need to pay attention to it," said commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "Hopefully we won't spend all that we have in the budget and have a little bit extra going in to a larger fund balance for

"The county needs to keep pace with the salary levels, particularly in our general geographical area."



Bill Crooker

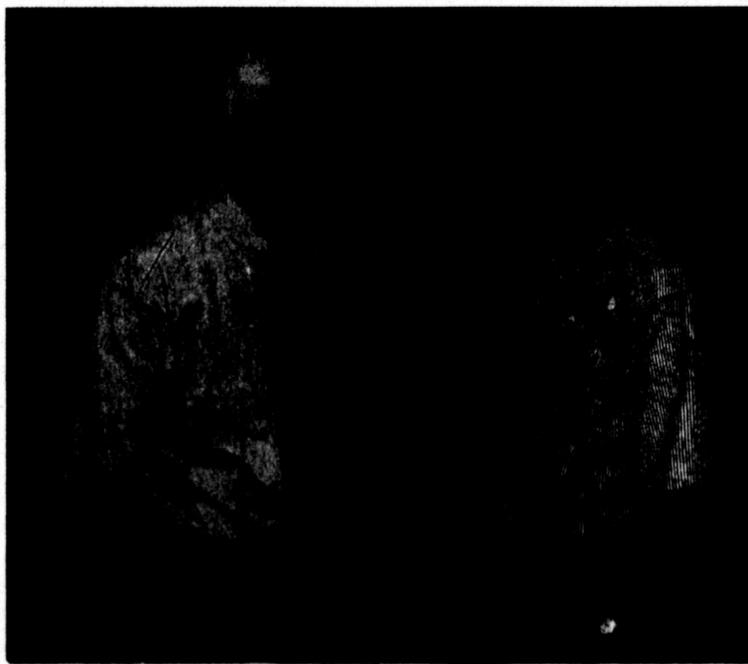
next year. "We're down to about two or three months of operating (costs) now, and we need a little more than that."

Commissioner Bill Crooker agreed, saying the increase will help the county fight inflation.

"We've discovered through the years that there are a number of increases in doing busi-

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CANDIDATE OPENS CAMPAIGN OFFICE



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
James "Buddy" Barr, right, takes a moment to talk to Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, Monday afternoon during a special opening ceremony for the congressman's Big Spring campaign office. Stenholm will face off against Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, in November for the right the represent District 19, which pit the two congressmen against one another following redistricting.

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Obituaries

Ila Mae Newsom

Ila Mae Newsom, 92, of Lubbock, formerly of Garden City, died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, in a Lubbock nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, with Bro. Dan Collom, pastor of Faith Temple Foursquare, Lamesa, officiating.

She was born Feb. 18, 1912, in Groesbeck, and married A.H. "Al" Newsom Oct. 17, 1931, in Loraine. He preceded her in death April 9, 1991. She was a Baptist. Survivors include two sons, Glenn Newsom of Lubbock and Bob Newsom of Lamesa; six grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.

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

Marion E. "Gene" Thomas

Marion E. "Gene" Thomas, 82, of Big Spring died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, in a San Angelo hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

□ **MOSS ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING AND BURGER BASH** is set for 6-8 p.m. tonight. Tickets are \$3 and are available during lunch time or call the PTA at 267-4650 or 267-6009.

□ **A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY** the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was recently attacked and killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

□ **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.

□ **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.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

□ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

Police blotter

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

• **GLORIA ARGUIJO**, 20, of El Paso, was arrested Sunday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, failure to identify and two counts of theft.

• **STEFANIE POWELL**, 31, of 1300 Dixie, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• **CRYSTAL COBLE**, 17, of 3729 Adams, was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

• **JOSEPH CHANCE**, 37, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

• **MICAH PEARSON**, 18, of 538 Westover Road, was arrested Monday on charges of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

• **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 21, address unknown, was arrested Monday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1700 block of Third Street.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 2300 block of Morrison.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Third Street.

• **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - 2 OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

Sheriff's report

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

• **TORY DEON MITCHELL**, 24, was arrested Monday by DPS on charges of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less and no driver's license.

• **DEVIN MICHAEL JOHNSON**, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

• **OSCAR VELAQUEZ JR.**, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated and evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

• **DEBRA FAYE MATHIS**, 44, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of forgery.

• **JOSEPH EDMOND MORRIS**, 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

• **EPIFANIO HINOJOSA III**, 20, was arrested Tuesday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and liability insurance.

• **VANDALISM** was reported in the area of FM 821.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported near Larry Tubb Road.

• **GAS THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of N.E. Broadway.

Support groups

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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TODAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• 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.

• Moss Elementary PTA meeting and burger bash is set for 6-8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 and are available during lunch time or call the PTA at 267-4650 or 267-6009.

• The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

WEDNESDAY

• Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• 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.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in 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.

• Howard County Fair opens at 4 p.m.

• Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 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. Call 267-6479.

• Howard County Fair from 4-10 p.m.

• Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

• Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

• Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

• Blood Drive at Maranatha Baptist Academy from 2-6 p.m. Call 263-7696 to schedule an appointment.

• Howard County Fair from 4-10 p.m.

• Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.

• Howard County Fair from 10 a.m. -10 p.m.

Weather

Tonight - Partly cloudy skies. Low 73. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday - Sun and a few passing clouds. High around 95. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday night - Clear skies. Low 72. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday - Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the mid 70s.

Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

Saturday - Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 1-18-24-35. Bonus Ball: 23. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$250,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-12-20-23-35. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-6

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Teen takes plea in bomb threat case

BEAUMONT — An 18-year-old from Port Arthur has pleaded no contest to charges of calling in bomb threats to Memorial High School several times last spring.

Ronnie Dewayne Brown appeared Monday before District Court Judge Charles Carver, who will decide Brown's punishment on Sept. 27.

The charge is a state jail felony and could result in 180 days to two years in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

Brown's attorney, Audwin Samuel, said he is requesting deferred probation of five years.

"He has no prior criminal history," Samuel said. "It was basically a prank. But after 9-11 these matters are taken very seriously."

The bomb threats in March 2003 led to repeated evacuation of the high school and disruption of classes at least three times, the Port Arthur News reports in its Tuesday editions.

"He never intended to harm anyone or to cause pandemonium," Samuel said. "Ronnie knows he made a big mistake, but he did not understand the severity of the actions at the time."

Brown, a senior at the time, has since graduated and pre-enlisted in the military.

"He is basically a good kid and we have many letters attesting to his good character," Samuel said.

Two men found shot to death in Dallas

DALLAS — A man and his nephew were found shot to death Monday at a residence where hundreds of roosters were being kept.

Authorities said they had few details but believed the two were feeding the roosters when they were shot.

The bodies were found Monday afternoon by a relative, Dallas Police Sgt. A.R. Martinez said.

"We're just trying to work what we have and it's not too much right now," he said.

The shootings occurred in a rural area of Dallas.

A&M apartment explosion victim released

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A pregnant Texas A&M University graduate student severely burned in a campus apartment explosion that killed her 4-year-old daughter last month has been released from a Galveston hospital.

"She is in a lot of pain physically and mentally," said her husband, Saquib Ejaz, on Monday in a phone interview from Galveston.

"The rehabilitation is a long process," he told the Bryan-College Station Eagle for its Tuesday editions. "It will go on for at least a month."

Preparations to cap gas well blaze continue

MOSS BLUFF (AP) — Experts were preparing to cap a blaze at a natural gas well that has been burning since last week.

The fire shooting up from the underground natural gas storage cavern east of Houston once soared as high as 1,000 feet, but diminished to about 300 feet Monday, authorities said.

Authorities have revised the number of evacuees from one family to 30. All live within a mile of Duke Energy's Moss Bluff storage facility.

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Downes explained that although the ramifications of this type of drop in enrollment mean funding from the State will be lower and shortages can be expected, teachers, students, and staff will be protected.

"We will be able to fulfill all of our personnel contracts. Our budget was developed with an effective cushion to absorb this type of loss," replied Downes. "There is a difference between what we must have and what we would like to have. Our basic student services and instruction will have no interference due to this decline."

"One way the deficit can be avoided is by cut-

ting out some of the capital improvements that were approved last year."

However, Downes says that he believes most of the improvements, such as buses and electrical upgrades, are necessary. Downes said the enrollment loss is not from one grade level or campus, but is a result of a general out-migration of students from the area.

There was some good news, however, at the administration building on Monday. The school enrolled 23 more students at eight of their campuses. Downes said that another enrollment comparison will be evaluated the week after Labor Day.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

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let someone from the audience try his hand at making one. She enjoys sharing this and every aspect of her Japanese culture.

"I was pleased to be asked to do this demonstration; I want to contribute to this community," she said.

Yuka, who is married to Dr. Juan Carlos

Gonzales, came to West Texas when her husband finished his residency in Buffalo, and looked for someplace to practice that was warmer than upstate New York.

"We really like living here, first, because of the hospitality; then we love the weather and the food," she said. She and her husband, who is from Colombia, both especially like steak, a taste they share with most West Texans. They also enjoy Mexican food.

Japan met Colombia when Yuka and Dr.

Gonzales were taking English classes at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Yuka has a bachelor's degree in English from a university in Kyoto and earned a master's degree in Teaching English to Students of Other Languages at UI-Chicago. She has had experience teaching English to those students of other languages from all over the world in California and New York.

"When I came to the U.S. because I wanted to learn English and get my master's degree in an authentic environment, I had to do everything by myself. I would like to share the things I learned with others who are having the same experience."

Yuka is taking Spanish classes to help her in communicating with her husband in his native language and to speak to Spanish-speaking Texans. She finds Big Spring a nice-sized community and appreciates the

friendliness she has experienced here. She has a real desire to respond to that friendliness by sharing her knowledge of Japanese culture, not only with Japanese food, but also with other aspects such as origami and Japanese customs.

"We feel very fortunate to be in Big Spring, and I

am so happy to show Japanese food at the county fair," said the Big Spring sushi maker with a smile.

Nancy Koger is a freelance writer who has written about the Howard County year for several years.

HOWARD COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

Today 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. — All fair entries for agriculture products, art and photography, baked goods, canned goods and hobbies and crafts will be received.	Friday 9 a.m.-noon — School tours 1 p.m.-3 p.m. — School tours 1 p.m.—Weigh and classify steers 1 p.m.-7 p.m. — Lambs arrive 4 p.m. — Fair opens 7 p.m. — Lamb weight cards due 7 p.m. — Fiddler Jana Jae 9 p.m. — Fiddler Jana Jae
Wednesday 4 p.m. — Fair opens 7 p.m. — Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys 9 p.m. — Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys	Saturday 8 a.m. — Lamb showmanship 9 a.m. — Lamb show 10 a.m. — Fair opens 10:30 a.m. — Kountry Kids 1 p.m. — Steer show, showmans! 1 p.m. — Tractor pull 3 p.m. — Goats arrive 7 p.m. — Battle of the Cheerleaders 9:45 p.m. — Quilt drawing
Thursday 9 a.m.-noon — School tours 2 p.m.-4 p.m. — Senior citizens ice cream and bingo. 3 p.m. — Steers begin arriving 4 p.m. — Fair opens 7 p.m. — Colgate Country Showdown	Sunday 11 a.m. — Goat showmanship 1 p.m. — Goat show

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ness each year," said Crocker. "This 3 percent helps us keep up with the inflation factor that we see each year along with the budget."

The county's estimated general fund balance on Oct. 1 is expected to be \$3.1 million, and according to a report furnished to the commissioners by County Auditor Jackie Olson, is expected to decrease to \$1.4 million at the end of September 2005.

The 2004-2005 budget includes pay raises for all county employees, and although costly, Kilgore said they are most certainly necessary.

"The raises are going to cost \$200,000," explained

Kilgore. "That will amount to about 2 cents on the tax rate. Those funds will go strictly toward the pay raises."

"Instead of just giving percentage-based raises, where one position would get more of a raise than another, we divided those funds up equally. Out of the \$200,000, it comes out so that each employee gets approximately \$115 per month increase. That keeps the gap from getting wider between the higher paid positions and the lower paid positions."

"I think these are extremely important," said Crocker. "The county needs to keep pace with the salary levels, particularly in our general geographical area. Our employees work hard and we feel there have been increases in the cost of

living each year, and we're lucky to be able to give an increase this year. We're pleased to do so."

Kilgore said he's happy with the budget, and while the county's monetary "rope" is still stretched thin, they're still moving forward.

"I'm satisfied with the budget at this point," said Kilgore. "The things that I was concerned about — that we cut out of the budget last year — we've been able to bring some of that back in. That's equipment and vehicles, not to mention a slight raise for county employees, which they haven't had for several years. They have to have a cost-of-living increase."

"We had to add a little bit more to pay for inmate housing outside of the

county and some sa equipment for the sheriff's office. At this point, though, it's looking right."

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- 8/18-Deadline to Enter Queen Contest
- 8/21-Crowning of Queen
- 8/24-ALL Entries Taken
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 - Art & Photography
 - Hobbies & Crafts
 - Baked Goods
 - Canned Goods
- Wed 25th-Fair Opens @4:00pm
 - ♪ Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys @ 7 & 9 pm
- Thu 26th-Senior Citizens 2pm
 - Steers Begin Arrival 3pm
 - Fair Opens @ 4:00 pm
 - ♪ Colgate Country SHOWDOWN 7:00 pm
- Fri 27th-Lambs Arrive
 - Fair Opens @ 4:00 pm
 - Calf Roping @ 6:00 pm
 - Cooking Demonstration 8pm
 - California Rolls (similar to Sushi)
 - ♪ Jana Jae @ 7 & 9 pm
- Sat 28th-Lamb Show @ 9 am
 - Fair Opens @ 10:00 am
 - Kountry Kids @ 10:30 am
 - Steer Show @ 1:00 pm
 - Tractor Pull @ 1:00 pm
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OUR VIEWS

Howard County fair promises to be family favorite

If you are in need of something to do this week, we have a great suggestion. Let the fair entertain you. That's right, the Howard County Fair officially opens Wednesday at the fair grounds off 700, and this year's version has something of interest for every member of the family.

From art displays to wild carnival rides and live-music to live music, there's always something going on at the fair.

Exhibits are going on all the time, of course, but here are some specialty events.

For instance, evenings will be filled with toe tapping and hand clapping. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will headline the first night of the fair. Thursday's big entertainment will be the Colgate Country Showdown, a chance for budding musical performers to hit the big time. Winners advance on to regional, state and the national competition with \$100,000 at stake.

On Friday, talented fiddler Jana Jae will take the stage. And on Saturday, there will be the annual Battle of the Cheerleaders.

In between will be livestock shows — steers, goats and lambs. Other events include the Kountry Kids contest, an antique tractor pull and a domino tournament.

Some 60 booths set up by businesses, civic organizations and individuals will offer products and information for fair-goers.

As usual, there will be plenty of food and drink to go along with the fun and excitement.

So if you are looking for something to take the whole family to, look no farther than the fair grounds. Check out the Howard County Fair. It's good, down home fun.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We had a local business come to our house on July 30 to do some work for us. When the crew left my house, so did a diamond ring and a digital camera.

The diamond ring's main value was the fact that it was made using stones that had belonged to my husband's mother. The ring was in our house in an armoire on Wednesday night. My husband and I looked at it, debated whether to hide it or not, decided it would be OK and, regretfully, closed the lid and walked away. The crew was scheduled to start the job on Thursday morning. They called to cancel the job for Thursday, reset the time for Friday morning.

The crew finished Saturday night, and left the house about 6 p.m. I checked the armoire around 9 p.m. and the ring was gone. When the police officer arrived we decided we had better check camera equipment and discovered the digital camera had also been

taken.

I called the store owner on Monday morning to inform him of the missing items and he became hysterical and blasted me for calling him and telling him something like that. I guess his theory was that the ring had raised the lid, made it's escape and was hiding somewhere in the house. I've had that ring since 1969 and it has never had a need to go hide before now.

The moral of this story is: Never let someone come into your home until you have asked for references, several of them, and then taken the time to call those references and check on the folks you are letting into your house.

I'm pretty sure that I won't be listed as a reference, so if you want the "rest of the story," I'm in the phone book.

I cannot stress enough, check them out before you let them in your home.

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Colorful politics alive in Texas

And some people have the nerve to claim that colorful politics in Texas are a thing of the past. Pish. Piffle. Poppycock. Consider, just for fun, the case of state Rep. Gilbert Serna, Democrat of El Paso, who was the subject of an 18-month El Paso Times investigation.



MOLLY IVINS

In some of the leading items of interest the paper turned up, Serna is accused of: — having sexually harassed a male employee with repeated requests for oral sex.

— offering pay raises to some employees on the condition that they share the extra money with him.

— encouraging employees to work on political and campaign matters in state offices and on state time.

Serna rallied gamely to rebut these unpleasant allegations, telling the Times: "People will always talk. It's a political time. As an innocent individual, I know it is just politics."

Of course, the El Paso Times investigation is only about new accusations against Serna; the old ones are fairly peppy, too. Here are some highlights of his lively past, compliments of the El Paso Times:

— July 1989: Serna is indicted by an El Paso grand jury on charges of having sex with a 16-year-old boy. The boy later recants, and the charges are dropped.

— January 1990: Serna surrenders to El Paso police in connection with a break-in at a pet shop. He is arrested but never indicted on the burglary charge.

— August 1992: A Houston concert promoter accuses Serna of paying him with a bad check. El

Paso prosecutors say it is a civil matter.

— March 1994: Serna is fined \$100 by the Texas Ethics Commission for failing to file financial disclosure of his assets. Serna swears in an affidavit that he has no assets, saying, "My life has been full of disappointments." The commission, deeply moved, waives the fine.

— February 1995: Serna acknowledges that he owes \$230,000 to the IRS. He blames the problem on a former business partner.

— November 1995: State records show a claim by Serna that he drove more than 17,000 miles on state business during his first eight months in office. Other El Paso reps averaged 3,375 miles during the same period. Lawmakers are reimbursed at 28 cents a mile.

— June 1997: Serna is arrested by Austin police on allegations of passing a bad check. He initially claims that someone might have stolen his checks and later admits insufficient funds.

Next, just to add insult to injury, the El Paso Times claims that Serna doesn't live in his own district. Serna claims that he lives with his father in the district. However, his employees claim that he lives with a wealthy lady friend, 32 years his senior, who is not in the district. The lady friend confirms that he lives with her.

Serna says, "I spend time there with my friend. I care very much for the lady. ... She's the woman I love, and I spend some time with her there." All agree this is quite touching, and it worked for the Duke of Windsor.

Serna's district has a snappy history. Before Serna was elected in '94, it was represented by "One-Term Tony" Parra, who got elected by toting a wooden cross through the district; he was a major piece of furniture in the Texas House and lost his re-election

in the '94 Democratic primary. He became a Republican and died six months later of AIDS complications. Parra's predecessor was Nick Perez, who was frequently investigated by the Austin police on charges of domestic violence, according to the El Paso Times.

This is actually not the most singular history of a Texas legislative district. Amarillo had a district in the 1970s that went from felon to felon to felon. The first murdered his wife, the second bought a pickup truck with state stamps, and the third took to writing bad checks. They can get electorally careless in Amarillo, too.

The reason we dwell on the problems of Rep. Gilbert "It's a Bunch of Lies" Serna is not only to salute the El Paso Times for its excellent work but to pause to cherish the Texas tradition of malefactors in the Legislature. Our last legislative convict, state Sen. Drew Nixon, Republican of Carthage, completed his 180-day prison sentence in January for hiring a prostitute and illegally carrying a handgun. He was allowed to serve his sentence on weekends and got credited time as well, so he actually spent only about 60 days behind bars.

Nixon plans to return to work as a "full-time legislator" and told the Associated Press that he will benefit from the time he spent in jail. "It was definitely a learning experience," he said. "I see how some of the stuff we've done in the Legislature has its application. I think it's going to help me in the next session." We are all infinitely grateful.

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Behind the troop movement

The dirty little secret about the Bush administration's decision to move U.S. troops out of Europe and

Korea is what part BRAC played in these plans. BRAC is the acronym for Base Realignment and Closure Commission. It is also a sound that professional politicians in Congress dread hearing.

BRAC is a process that periodically puts in the hands of a commission which U.S. military bases should be shut down, without appeal to Congress. A fifth BRAC — despite bipartisan efforts in the House to stop it — is scheduled for 2005. High-level Pentagon sources confide that worrying about base closing significantly influenced the decision to move troops. That seems like doing the right thing for the wrong reason.

One former Pentagon official who took part in these discussions over the last four years puts it this way: "Putting BRAC considerations up front in determining our global posture seems to be putting the cart before the horse. Strategy and defense requirements should drive the train, not whether or not we might have to close (Fort) Carson or (Fort) Riley."

It is deplorable that BRAC influenced these serious and justifiable decisions. Writing in last Thursday's Washington Post, Under Secretary of Defense Douglas Feith painted a compelling case for the Pentagon's plan. The question is whether Feith's goal — "heavy forces being redeployed out of Europe" to make

way "for lighter, more rapidly deployable, more technologically advanced forces" — compensates for the cost and other negative factors.

Feith's essay does not mention whether the troop-moving plans will decrease pressure for base closing, but that does not mean it was not discussed behind closed doors at the Pentagon. In an era of partisanship, that pressure to maintain all 425 major installations in the U.S. is bipartisan and intense. The House this year voted to put off the next BRAC until 2007 in the face of a threatened presidential veto, but that provision did not reach Bush's desk.

Fighting hard to keep military installations in their states and districts, members of Congress seized on Bush's troop-movement plan as a justification for shutting down BRAC. Rep. Heather Wilson of New Mexico, a rising Republican star and faithful Bush backer, last week wrote Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld: "It does not make sense to go ahead with a BRAC process that was authorized before the current situation was envisaged."

BRAC also has become entangled in the presidential campaign. Sen. John Kerry voted in 2001, before he was a presidential candidate, to authorize the 2005 BRAC but has since switched positions. "I'm going to stop the next round of BRAC, for the time being," Kerry declared last week. While Kerry now attacks Bush's troop movements, on Aug. 1 he hinted at his own reductions in Korea and Europe. So the Democratic presidential candidate opposes both overseas troop movements and domestic base closures.

Members of Congress are so

obsessed with keeping their bases open that they seem oblivious to bigger issues. Reducing Cold War installations around the world is long overdue. It is hard to find any legitimate argument against the Korean troop withdrawal. The South Korean government is eager for it, and Kerry's argument that this will embolden North Korea reeks of campaign hokum.

The German question is another matter. The same former senior official critical of the BRAC connection said he has "significant misgivings" about withdrawing troops from Europe: "Our heavy forces are in Europe today because it puts them closer to potential hot spots in the Middle East. Taking them home puts the hardest (air)lift problem farther from the objective."

Such problems are ignored on Capitol Hill in the quest for relief from BRAC. Using the expensive overseas troop shutdown as a pretext for retaining unneeded bases is grounded in the congressional concept of U.S. military bases as jobs providers. Rep. Mark Kirk, a two-term Republican from suburban Chicago, has noted it is not the military's role to guard empty buildings, adding: "We are at war, and it's time for the Congress to treat the military budget as a defense bill and not a jobs bill." Recognizing this would rule out reducing overseas commitments for the purpose of retaining old forts at home.

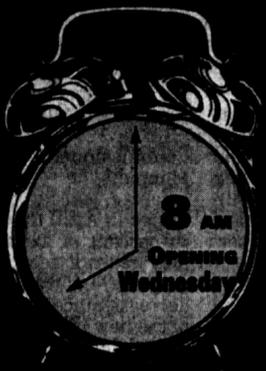
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Governor says medical liability reform working

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry and other proponents of state limits on medical malpractice damage awards cited surveys Monday they say show hospitals and patients are benefiting under the new Texas system.

Doctors, however, aren't fully experiencing the reduced malpractice insurance premiums they'd hoped for after passage of the new law and state constitutional amendment a year ago, according to a survey by the Texas Medical Association.

"We've started to turn the corner, but we still have a long way to go," said Dr. Bohn Allen, TMA president.

Lawsuits against hospitals have declined, as have hospital malpractice

insurance premiums, a survey by the Texas Hospital Association found. Liability premiums decreased 17 percent overall for 2004-05 among 172 acute-care hospitals, the survey determined.

Some medical centers are finding it easier to recruit new doctors, the governor said Monday in an interview with The Associated Press.

"It was always about access to health care and places in the state that had really seen their health care rationed" because of lawsuits and resulting damage awards, Perry said.

On Tuesday, the governor is embarking on a five-city trip to talk up the new system, which he says has improved access to medical care. He's taking that message to

Dallas, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, San Antonio and McAllen, joined by Dr. J. Edward Hill, president-elect of the American Medical Association.

"We're going back into some of the communities that had some of the worst examples of physicians leaving, hospitals cutting back," Perry said.

He cited Nueces County as having improved. Driscoll Children's Hospital has hired 11 new pediatric specialists in the past year, and Christus Spohn has recruited a neurosurgeon after losing four of them in the past three years, according to the governor's office.

A state law was enacted Sept. 1, 2003, that limited non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, in medical malprac-

tice lawsuits. Voters narrowly approved a proposition that month cementing the damage award caps in the state constitution.

The new law set a \$750,000 cap on non-economic damages in medical malpractice lawsuits and limited awards against individual doctors to \$250,000 in each case. Actual damages incurred by a plaintiff aren't capped.

Opponents claim the new law shuts off court access for legitimate lawsuits and that it hasn't resulted in lower malpractice insurance rates for physicians.

"Doctors haven't seen premiums come down. They were promised lower premiums. They deserve lower premiums. They haven't seen it," said Alex Winslow, program director for the con-

sumer group Texas Watch, which worked against the lawsuit limitation law.

The survey by the Texas Medical Association, a physicians' group, found that doctors are starting to slow their pace in cutting services; some have reinstated certain services.

Thirteen percent of the 1,259 doctors responding said they have stopped providing certain services since September 2003. Neurosurgeons, orthopedic surgeons and obstetrician/gynecologists were still cutting back on services at higher rates than doctors overall, the survey found.

"But the pace of improvement will pick up when and if all professional liability insurance carriers cut their rates," Allen said.

One major insurance

carrier, the physician-owned Texas Medical Liability Trust, has cut its premiums by 12 percent. Others have not.

Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor testified before a legislative committee in April that about 60 percent of Texas doctors had not seen a malpractice insurance rate decrease since enactment of the new law and constitutional amendment.

Perry said physicians' insurance rates are declining more slowly than those of hospitals because of the volume of lawsuits filed against doctors immediately before the Sept. 1, 2003, enactment of the new law.

"It will take another year for those frivolous lawsuits that were filed under the old system to work their way out of the process," he said.

Peterson mistress takes stand for cross-examination

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Defense attorneys prodded Scott Peterson's one-time mistress about wiretapped calls between her and the former fertilizer salesman accused of murder, implying she did not fully cooperate with police.

Defense attorney Mark Geragos also attempted to portray Amber Frey as a calculated seductress and liar who was more obsessed with Peterson than he was with her.

Last week, jurors heard 40 wiretapped calls between Frey and Peterson during which he is apologetic for lying to her about being married but evasive in his answers about his wife's disappearance and the couple's relationship. He continued to romance Frey even as police searched for his missing wife.

According to police reports, authorities were suspicious that Frey may not have been taping all of her calls with

Peterson or may have neglected to turn over some tapes, Geragos noted during the cross-examination Monday.

Nearly a third of Americans have high blood pressure

DALLAS (AP) — Nearly a third of American adults have high blood pressure, putting them at greater risk of stroke, heart attack, kidney failure and other problems, according to a new government analysis.

The obesity epidemic and an aging population are to blame, experts say. Just over a decade ago, closer to one in four Americans had high blood pressure, and two decades ago the rate actually was declining.

About 65 million American adults now have high blood pressure — 30 percent more than the 50 million who did in the previous decade, according to a report published Monday in Hypertension: Journal of the American Heart Association.

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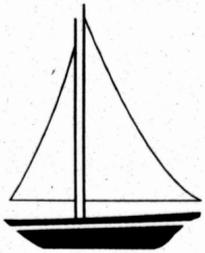
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Billy Boat and the Billy Goat

On a seashore, by a lighthouse, very, very far away, lived a boat named Billy. Billy Boat was a nice little boat. He had a pretty sail. The top part of that sail was red. The middle part of that sail was white. And the bottom part of that sail was blue. Billy loved to sail around on the cool blue water.



Goat get to that island? Will he ever find a way?

One clear summer day, Billy Boat was sailing on the cool water all by himself, having a good time when it happened! The bottom of Billy Boat hit a big rock, and that sharp old rock put a big hole right in Billy Boat's bottom. "Oh, no," he cried! "What am I going to do?" Just as fast as his sail could push him, Billy Boat ran towards the shore where it was safe. Because if he had not done that, he would have sunk to the bottom of the sea, and then no one would have ever found him! Billy Boat made it to the seashore that day, thanks to his friend, the wind!

But, once he got there, what was he to do? He couldn't repair himself! He needed help! And there was none! Or, was there?

Billy Boat sat there on that seashore for a long time, thinking that there was never going to be any help for him. He was scared! He was sad. He tried to be a big boy, but one night he started crying. It was ok for him to cry! We all cry sometimes!

Billy Boat was on that same seashore that night crying, too. He was still so lonely. He wanted to be with his friends! After he dried his eyes, he heard something! It was Billy Boat crying. He sounded so sad!

Billy Goat went over to Billy Boat and asked him, "What is wrong?" Billy Boat said to Billy Goat, "I am broken and have no one to repair me! I guess that I will have to stay here forever!" "No, you won't," Billy goat said, "I know how to repair you, so just sit still and I will have you fixed up in no time at all." So Billy Goat started hammering and nailing and glueing. By morning, Billy Boat was as good as new! He was better than before because he had new paint on him, too!



So, Billy Goat pushed Billy Boat back into the water. Boy, did that feel good to Billy Boat! He slowly raised that pretty sail and he was once again on the water, doing what he loved to do. He looked back at Billy Goat to wave goodby and noticed that sad look on his face. "What is wrong, Billy Goat, I thought that you would be happy this morning." "I was happy to help you, Billy Boat, but I miss my friends on that island and I can't swim far enough to go see them and play with them!"

Billy Boat turned himself around and went back to the seashore and told Billy Goat, "Why didn't you tell me last night? We can fix that problem right away! Jump on and I will have you there before you can count to ten."

So, Billy Goat jumped onto Billy Boat and sure enough, before Billy Goat could count to ten, he was on that island with his friends. They were all glad to see him and they wanted to play with him, too. Billy Goat was so happy! "I will come pick you up tonight and take you back home, Billy Goat," Billy Boat said. And he did! Forever and ever!

Billy Goat thought to himself, "I did just one little kind thing and look at how much happiness it brought me!"

Billy Boat thought to himself, "I did just one kind little thing and look at all the happiness it brought me!"

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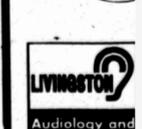


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Stamp-collecting news and notes

By DOMINIC SAMA

Knight Ridder Newspapers

A pane of 10 jumbo-sized commemoratives will be issued Aug. 21 to celebrate the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

The 37-cent stamps depict American Indian artifacts from the 11th century to 1969 that are on exhibit in various museums across the nation. A description of each subject is printed on the back, or gumside, of the stamps.

While the opening of the museum will be Sept. 21 in Washington, the first-day ceremonies will be at the Santa Fe, N.M., Indian Market, an event that attracts more than 1,200 Indian artists and more than 100,000 visitors. The sponsor is the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts.

The stamp designs fea-

ture a Mimbres bowl, a Kutenai parfleche (a bag or case), two Tlingit sculptures, a Ho-Chunk (Winnebago) bag, a Miccosukee-Seminole doll, a Mississippi sandstone effigy, an Acoma Pueblo pot, a Navajo tapestry, a hand-carved Seneca ladle, and a Luiseno basket.

First-day requests should be sent to Art of the American Indian Stamps, Postmaster, 120 S. Federal Place, Santa Fe, N.M., 87501-9998.

Information on the stamps is available at www.usps.com.

ARNOLD HONORED

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California didn't have to wait long to receive postal honors.

Last month, the onetime bodybuilder was honored on a 100-euro commemorative from his native

Austria. The stamp was issued in the country's continuing series of "Austrians living abroad." The print run was 600,000 stamps.

The design shows a full-face portrait of Schwarzenegger superimposed on the American flag.

In the United States, it usually takes 10 years after a person's death for that person to be considered for postal honors - except for a president, who is honored a year after death. The Postal Service already has announced that a stamp will be issued for former President Ronald Reagan on the first anniversary of his death.

BIRDS, ETC.

Issuing activity is slow in summer, but some postal agencies use the time to honor subjects that they otherwise would

be hard-put to squeeze in during the busier letter-writing seasons.

Sweden was scheduled to issue yesterday three stamps honoring doves and pigeons on the centennial of the Swedish Pigeon Society. The stamps are the wood pigeon, 5 kronor; Swedish tumbler, 5.50 kronor; and collared dove, 10 kronor.

Information on the stamps is available at www.posten.se/stamps.

The Channel Island of Jersey last month issued four stamps depicting rare fauna including the wall lizard, 32 pence; ant lion, 33 pence; field cricket, 49 pence; and Dartford warbler, 70 pence.

The stamps are printed with the World Wide Fund for Nature panda logo.

Information on the stamps is available at www.jerseystamps.com.



Mimbres bowl USA37



Kutenai parfleche USA37



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Iraqi guardsman ring Najaf shrine

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — U.S. and Iraqi forces battled militants in Najaf on Tuesday and Iraqi National Guardsmen surrounded the holy city's Imam Ali Shrine, where insurgents loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr have been holed up for weeks.

Iraqi Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan said the guardsmen will use loudspeakers to urge al-Sadr's followers to evacuate the shrine and surrender.

"If they don't ... listen to reason, then certainly there will be a very simple operation, a very simple raid," Shaalan told al-Arabiya television.

"The decisive hours are near," he said.

When asked if the operation could happen Tuesday he responded: "We will give the humanitarian option a greater chance ... but if we run out of patience, then this will mean that the hour for the military plan has come."

Witnesses in Najaf said the Iraqi forces accompanied U.S. troops into the Old City for the first time in recent days on Tuesday and were stationed about 200 yards from the shrine. Clashes between militants and the com-

bined U.S. and Iraqi forces rang out and plumes of black smoke rose above the city.

Iraqi officials have said that any raid on the shrine would be conducted by Iraqi forces. The presence of U.S. troops at the holy site would infuriate the nation's Shiite majority.

Judge won't query Rumsfeld

MANNHEIM, Germany (AP) — A U.S. military judge Tuesday refused to let lawyers question Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and a key deputy in the case against an Army reservist charged with abusing inmates at Abu Ghraib prison.

Lawyers at a pretrial hearing for Spc. Javal Davis asked the judge to enable them to interview Rumsfeld and Stephen Cambone, his undersecretary for intelligence, apparently to ask about the chain of command down to Davis and the six other soldiers charged with abuses at the prison outside Baghdad.

"I fail to see a connection between this group and any types of action taken in Washington," Judge Col. James Pohl said.

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Survey shows young students are increasingly violent, disrespectful

By CYNTHIA L. GARZA
Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH — A first-grader in Arlington tried to moon his teacher. Another threw chairs and destroyed the classroom.

A kindergartner in Fort Worth tried to poison the classroom ferrets by feeding them crayons and glue. The child also bit other students.

As students return to classes, teachers expect to see a continuation of a disturbing trend: It's the tiniest students who are hitting, spitting, kicking, biting and cursing like sailors.

"We fight before we learn to negotiate," said Michael Parker, who oversees psychological services for Fort Worth schools. "Kids who haven't learned that self-control or self-discipline are going to act out."

Counselors in Fort Worth and Arlington schools say today's kindergartners are experiencing more emotional and behavioral problems than their counterparts five years ago, according to a survey released in February. Several area educators contacted for this report expressed the same sentiment.

The students are violent, lack discipline and show no respect for authority, according to the survey by the Partnership for Children and the Mental Health Connection of Tarrant County.

The survey blamed the problems on issues including fractured families, a lack of structure for children and a growing incivility in public discourse.

The problem is widespread. National studies show that about 10 percent of preschool and young school-age children behave aggressively and that 25 percent of young economically disadvantaged children do.

The impact on schools is substantial: Learning is disrupted, teachers are burning out, and administrators have less time to spend on education.

"If you have a child who is throwing a chair every day or runs away from school or destroys student artwork posted in the hallway, what is happening to the other children in the class?" asked Marcia Gonzalez-Formby, principal at Western Hills Primary School, which serves pre-kindergarten through second-grade students in the Fort Worth school district.

Elementary school teachers are accustomed to unruly children. Most kindergartners commit innocent wrongs, such as picking their noses in class.

But more and more 5-year-olds are lashing out, sometimes violently.

"On occasion you'll find a situation where a child, it may take two or three hours for them to de-escalate with screaming, biting and hitting people that come near them," said Leslie James, the Fort Worth district's assistant superintendent for special services. "While any one of those behaviors may not be unusual, all of the behaviors combined at an intense level that goes on for hours at times is what is unusual and challenging."

In the most extreme cases, "these children sometimes have to be physically restrained to prevent injury" to themselves or others, James said. That may include bear-hugging a child, holding him or her in a teacher's lap or carrying

him or her to the office.

The Fort Worth district has strict procedures for restraint and documents each incident, James said. Even so, because of the potential liability, many employees are reluctant to touch children at all, he said.

Arlington schools remove students from the classroom for the most egregious incidents. Children are placed in timeout in the school or in an alternative school for young students.

Fort Worth schools do not place children in alternative schools until the third grade.

Sandra Sandy, director of research for the Center for Social and Emotional Education in New York, said that children should remain in the classroom if they are not too disruptive.

"Once you isolate the child, that also sends the message that they're different, that they're bad," Sandy said.

Poor parenting, especially a lack of appropriate discipline, and unstable families are the root of the problem, area educators and health care workers say.

Studies show that children from poor economic environments are more likely to struggle with controlling their emotions. Some students enter school hungry or without a sense of trust in the world, Parker said.

To prepare preschool-age children for school, the National PTA recommends that parents encourage them to share, play, converse and socialize.

Darla Chupp, a counselor at Carroll and Durham elementaries in the affluent Carroll school district, said most of the district's children enter school socially prepared and ready to learn.

"A lot of them have already been in day care and other learning environments, so kindergarten is just a learning extension," she said.

While parenting is crucial to a child's preparedness for school, society is also a factor, experts say.

"I think that (the behavior) is a direct impact from society," said Pat Melton, who oversees guidance and counseling for Arlington schools. "The computer games they play, the TV they watch. All of that has an impact on child behavior."

The first few weeks of school are all about socializing students, kindergarten teachers say.

"I think you have to spend the first few weeks getting them accustomed to the rules and the routines," said Debbie Gardner, who has been a counselor for nearly two decades at Midway Park Elementary in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford school district. "There's academics going along with it, but if you don't get the social skills down first, it's going to make it hard to learn."

In the Birdville school district, Smithfield Elementary kindergarten teacher Shawn Serviente's 5-year-olds come from many different backgrounds. Some have never left their mother's side; others have been in day care most of their lives. Some have been home alone or have cared for siblings.

Sometimes, all it takes is showing children how to share toys or wait their turn on the swings, teachers say. Other children may need time to adjust to the new schedule, including bedtime, said

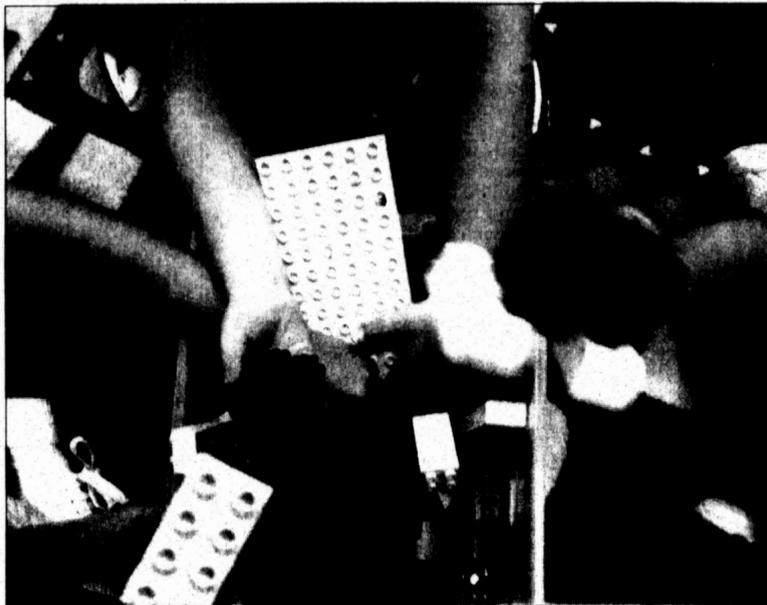
Patsy Wheaton, principal at Keller Harvel Elementary in Keller.

"They don't get to go outside when they want to go outside," she said.

Kindergarten teachers must gauge whether a child's social adjustment is normal or whether it's an emotional issue that requires counseling or psychological services.

"It's very delicate," Gonzalez-Formby said.

Melton said that most children who act out do not have psychological disorders but that it is imperative to deal with aggressiveness while children are young. "The minds are very young, and you're laying the groundwork for expected behaviors. If you do it in a very positive vein, it changes their life," Melton said. "It changes their way of thinking."



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Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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- August 2 • Monday**
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 3 • Tuesday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Retirement Living - 10:00 am
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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- August 4 • Wednesday**
*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
- August 5 • Thursday**
*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
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- August 6 • Friday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 7 • Saturday**
Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
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Laurie Burks, Instructor
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 8 • Sunday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 9 • Monday**
*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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- August 10 • Tuesday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Lunch Bunch & Birthdays - 11:30 am - "Hunan's"
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- August 19 • Thursday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
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- August 21 • Saturday**
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*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)
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Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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- August 24 • Tuesday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 (Hospital)
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- August 25 • Wednesday**
*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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*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
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- August 30 • Monday**
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 31 • Tuesday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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IN BRIEF

Howard College to assist in telethon

The Howard College Athletic Department will be helping out with the Jerry Lewis Telethon at the Big Spring Mall Sept. 6. A member from every sport — men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball and rodeo — as well as cheerleaders and trainers will be answering phones and taking pledges.

Howard College opens booth at fair

The athletic department at Howard College will have a booth set up at the Howard County Fair Wednesday through Saturday. The booth will be used to promote the Hawk Flight Club and to begin the selling of athletic season tickets. They will be at the fair from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Big Spring announces tennis club meeting

Big Spring's tennis booster club will be holding a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring Cafeteria. Anyone with an athlete on the tennis team can attend, but the meeting is also to find new members. For more information, contact Royce Islas at 466-1589.

Fall baseball league sign-up date set

The fall baseball league sign-up date for returning little league players only will take place this Saturday. The sign-up is for seven- to 11-year-olds and will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Howard College is seeking singers

Howard College's Athletic Department is seeking National Anthem singers for the upcoming basketball seasons. Anyone interested in being a singer needs to make a tape or CD (with the person singing) and drop it off at the athletic office with attention Tana Howard. For more information, call Howard at 264-5155.

Peloteros announce final tournament

The Texas Peloteros have set up an end of the year softball tournament for Friday-Sunday at Cotton Mize Field. The tournament costs \$115 to enter. The winning team is awarded \$200, while second and third places receive T-shirts and trophies. For more info, call Manuel at 432-263-6219 or Edna at 432-816-8158.

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Softball team dominates, captures gold easily

By TOM WITHERS
AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Greece — They leave the Olympics with gold medals for the third straight time, olive wreaths crowning their heads and a lasting legacy that's just a shade off perfection.

The U.S. softball team not only was the real American Dream Team of these Olympics, it was the most dominant team of the Athens Games — and maybe any other.

"This is the best one I've ever coached," Mike Candrea said. "It's probably the best team I'll ever see. I think it will go down as a team people will talk about for a long time."

Displaying unmatched power on the mound, around the basepaths and in the batter's box, the United States won gold with a 5-1 victory over Australia on Monday, completing a nearly untarnished romp through an Olympic tournament the Americans made their own.

Lisa Fernandez's four-hitter in the final was her fourth victory of the games, beating Tanya Harding and getting ample help from Crystl Bustos, who hit two homers.

The one run Australia scored in the sixth inning was the only earned run she gave up the whole tournament, a minuscule flaw considering the Americans still outscored the field 51-1 in their nine games.

They also outthit it, outran it, and outclassed it while virtually rewriting the Olympic softball record book.

When she got the final out, Fernandez flung her glove high into the air and was swarmed by her teammates, who piled on one after another like kids playing tackle football in the yard.

The pitcher also batted

.545 in her third Olympics, leaving little doubt that she's still the game's best all-around player.

"Our whole team came together today," said Bustos, a two-time Olympian. "The bunting, the people getting on base, the hard-hit balls. Our defense was there. You can't beat it. The pitching was phenomenal. It's the best Olympic team I ever played on."

From their opening-game rout of Italy, to their gut-wrenching win over Japan and capped by their third win over the Aussies, the Americans showed — that at least in the softball world — they are alone on the diamond.

"This is the greatest feeling in the world," outfielder Kelly Kretschman said. "We made it look easy but every game was tough."

Australia coach Simon Roskvist said there wasn't a tougher opponent.

"We had to play fantastic softball to beat them and we didn't," Roskvist said. "I don't think there could have been a tougher opponent."

Women's softball has never been played better, at least not since it became an Olympic sport in 1996. However, it's guaranteed a spot in the lineup only through 2008.

"Softball is dominated by the U.S.A.," said catcher Stacey Nuveman, who homered. "And that's just the way it is."

These women were a special unit, indeed, not just as a team, but as a group united by a common goal and even more so by last month's death of Candrea's wife, Sue.

"It's been definitely an emotional thing for coach and it's definitely an emotional thing for the team," Bustos said. "Sue was with us the whole way."

Candrea drew courage from them during the toughest time of his life,



KRT photo/Dean Rutz, Seattle Times
 Lisa Fernandez has her laurel wreath adjusted by teammate Leah O'Brien-Amico after the U.S. softball team captured the gold medal in the 2004 Olympic Games Monday.

and seconds after his players won their medals, they were there for him again.

They hugged their coach. They cried in his arms. They hoisted him in the air to chants of "U-S-A, U-S-A."

"I thanked them all for the greatest moment of my life," he said. "I will never forget the ride they put me on in these Olympic games."

Nor will anyone forget this team — one that extended its winning streak to 79 games.

Four years ago in Sydney, the United States barely captured gold. This time, it was just a blink from perfection.

Fernandez, as always, led the way.

The right-hander was thrilled when Candrea, who could have started Jennie Finch, gave her the ball against the Aussies — the closest thing the U.S. team has to a rival.

She didn't let him down. And she won it for his wife as much as she did for her teammates.

"The only way I could help him get through it was to at least bring home the gold," Fernandez said, her voice cracking.

During the game, Candrea rubbed his wedding band. It reminded him of the only thing missing from the "greatest day of my life."

When he was chosen coach two years ago, Candrea issued a challenge to his players:

"One, to be special. And two, to leave a legacy," he said. "I think this team has done that."

Americans push aside Angola, now face Spain in quarterfinals

By CHRIS SHERIDAN
AP Basketball Writer

ATHENS, Greece — When a day of drama had ended and the quarterfinal pairings were set, the news was not great for the United States.

In order to get to the semifinals and possibly the gold medal game, first the Americans will have to defeat Spain — the team that left the widest wake of impressed and defeated opponents during the preliminary round.

"I don't know anything about them," Tim Duncan said of Spain after the Americans cruised past Angola 89-53 to finish the opening round with a record of 3-2.

Here's the scoop, Timmy:

The Spaniards have finesse yet are physical, they're led by an NBA player who's tougher than he looks, and they usually shoot 3-pointers the same way your teammates do — not all that well.

Spain's players had an opportunity Monday to take it easy against New Zealand, lose a game and thereby knock Serbia-Montenegro out of medal contention.

Instead, they banged bodies as though it was a wrestling match, won by

four points and let Serbia-Montenegro self-destruct later in the day.

"This is the Olympic stage, the setting for miracles," China guard Liu Wei said after his team stunned the defending world champions 67-66 to advance to the quarterfinals and relegate Serbia-Montenegro to Tuesday's 11th-place game against winless Angola.

In other games with medal-round ramifications, Greece defeated Puerto Rico 78-58 and Italy edged Argentina 76-75.

The matchups for Thursday's quarterfinals are Lithuania-China, Italy-Puerto Rico, Greece-Argentina and Spain-United States.

"We went out and tried to get the victory for the respect of the competition, the respect of our rivals and the respect of ourselves," Spain coach Mario Pesquera said. "There's also another important factor: When you have a winning streak like we have, it's a little dangerous to break it."

Spain (5-0) also won all of its tuneup games before the Olympics, and the Americans would be ill-advised to underestimate them.

"Spain dominated our

group," New Zealand coach Tab Baldwin said. "I think any team going against Spain has probably got to be considered an underdog."

In the opening moments of the first quarter, Duncan found just one defender — not the usual two — guarding him. He gladly took advantage, dropping in a shot.

Duncan scored a team-high 15 points in just 13 minutes, and the Americans dominated the boards Barcelona-style with a 52-17 edge in rebounding as NBA commissioner David Stern watched from 10 rows behind the American bench.

Shawn Marion made the U.S. team's first 3-point attempt 82 seconds into the second quarter for a 28-14 lead, and LeBron James hit another 3 to extend it to 33-14.

The U.S. team finished 3-for-6 from behind the arc and 33-of-60 (55 percent) overall.

The United States finished the opening round 3-2, losing to Puerto Rico and Lithuania and defeating Greece, Australia and Angola.

"I'm really confident in the way we've been playing," Duncan said. "We're happy with where we're at."



KRT photo/Karl Mondon, Contra Costa Times
 Carly Patterson of the United States took the Silver with her performance on the beam in Athens Monday.

Levelland football athlete paralyzed after scrimmage

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Levelland football player has been paralyzed from the neck down after suffering a neck injury in a scrimmage, his coach said.

Jeremy Green, a senior cornerback at Levelland, was injured Friday while making a tackle in a scrimmage in Hobbs, N.M. He's the 10th Texas high school football player in five years to suffer a spinal cord injury.

Levelland coach Brad Thiessen said Green made a tackle and it was

hard to say how he got hurt.

"His head may have been too low and caught a helmet on the top of his head and that may have compressed his vertebra and cracked his neck," Thiessen said in a story for Tuesday's Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Green remains hospitalized in Lubbock in critical condition in surgical intensive care and is on a respirator.

His coach said he has been awake and alert since he was hurt.

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20-year-old Baylor student leads U.S. in Athens sweep

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Greece — Jeremy Wariner is just 20 years old. He just led a U.S. sweep in the 400 meters at the Olympic Games.

So c'mon kid, get excited!

Cool, calm and with a fluid running style all his own, the lean Baylor University student raced to the gold medal Monday night wearing sunglasses, two earrings and a jingling necklace.

After crossing the line, he waved a U.S. flag and embraced the teammates who finished right behind him.

But there was no massive show of emotion.

That's not his style.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," he said. "I have a four-by-four relay I've got to concentrate on. It's going to hit me in a couple of days but I've got to get focused right now."

So it was left to others to marvel at the talent exhibited by Wariner, who outsprinted teammate Otis Harris down the stretch to win in a personal-best 44 seconds flat, the fastest time in the world this year.

"I've never seen a white man run that fast," said Grenada's Alleyne Francique, who was supposed to be Wariner's biggest threat but finished fourth. "It was a blazing race, man. The kid is good."

Wariner has become accustomed to the race issue, as a rare white man running sprints that traditionally have been dominated by blacks.

"It doesn't matter what race you are," Wariner said. "It's just ability. I've had a great coach, and he knows what he's doing."

Harris, 22, was second in 44.16. Derek Brew, the old man of the U.S. crew at 26, finished third in 44.42.

The United States has dominated the event since 1984, winning 13 of the 18 medals in the last six Olympics.

Americans also swept at the 1988 Seoul Games.

The three Americans hugged in the finish area, then began a slow victory lap with three U.S. flags.

"We're definitely going to take the 400 meters back to where Michael Johnson left off," Harris said. "You know the young guys here are definitely excited about the

future."

Wariner has been tabbed the successor to Johnson, who ruled the 400 for more than a decade, still holds the world record of 43.18, and won gold medals in the 1996 and 2000 games. Wariner even has Johnson's old coach, Clyde Hart.

"I'm happy for Jeremy, but I'm so very happy for coach because I think a lot of people didn't give him the credit he deserved," said Johnson, who was in Athens as a commentator for the BBC. "He's just an incredible coach and it's because he's a teacher. He teaches athletes how to run."

The United States has won 18 of the 24 times the event has been held in the Olympics, including four medal sweeps — 1904, 1968, 1988 and this summer.

Also Monday, world champion Tom Pappas struggled and was in fifth place through five events of the decathlon. U.S. teammate Bryan Clay was in third. Dmitry Karpov of Kazakhstan led going into Tuesday's competition, 95 points up on world record-holder Roman Sebrle of the Czech Republic. But Sebrle was poised to make a strong bid for the gold that eluded him four years ago in Sydney, where he was the silver medalist.

Britain's Kelly Holmes held off three competitors, including defending champion Maria Mutola, to win a thrilling women's 800 in the closest Olympic finish in history.

Holmes, a bronze medalist at the 2000 Sydney Games, finished in 1 minute, 56.38 seconds — her eyes wide, mouth open and arms spread like wings as she crossed the line just ahead of Morocco's Hasna Benhassi and Slovenia's Jolanda Ceplak.

Both were timed in 1:56.43, and it took a photo to determine Benhassi had captured the silver medal.

Mutola faded in the final few strides to finish fourth in 1:56.51.

Jearl Miles Clark of the United States led for most of the race, but ran out of energy on the final stretch and finished sixth.

Hungary's Robert Fazekas won the discus with an Olympic-record

toss of 232 feet, 8 inches (70.93 meters). Lithuania's Virgilijus Alekna, the defending champion, got the silver and Hungary's Zoltan Kovago got bronze.

Francoise Mbango Etone of Cameroon won the triple jump, followed by Hrysopiya Devetzi of Greece and Tatyana Lebedeva of Russia.

In the women's 200, 18-year-old Allyson Felix led three American women into the semifinals Monday, winning her heat in both the first and second rounds.

Felix is the youngest athlete on a U.S. track team that is showcasing its youth in Athens.

"That's the theme," Felix said. "We're just trying to bring a new wave here and get people thinking positive things about track and field. We're just so eager. We have the passion. All this is so new to us. We're just taking it all in."



Jeremy Wariner of the United States, left, gets congratulations from teammate Otis Harris after Wariner won gold in the 400 meters at the 2004 Olympic Games Monday.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The retrograde transit of Mercury brings this communication planet back into Leo's realm now, causing a review of the past few weeks. What did you do that was effective? And what, if anything, could you do better? The answers to these questions will help you use the Virgo solar transit to its highest advantage. Make sure messages are received.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Primitive man never had the worry about whether or not a job was right for him — if he had dinner, it was right. Part of you wishes you had the same simple quest, but working to merely put bread on the table isn't satisfying for you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's a balance

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BABY BOY BEELER May 29, 2004 Big Spring, Texas

The Court has authority in this suit to render an order in the child's interest that will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity, and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

#4302 August 17, 24, 31 & September 7, 2004.

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between effort and ease, and you strike it beautifully now, making all you do look like a graceful dance. Your impressive concentration can be put to use on your pet project.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're so caught up in the question of whether or not you'll survive in a situation that you're likely psyching yourself into an unproductive state. When you stop caring about whether or not you'll prevail, something magical happens.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Though there is some serious business to accomplish, you approach it all like it's a lark. Your sunny attitude attracts folks who, like you, refuse to make too big a deal out of things. Tonight, the universe whispers to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The need to expand your territory is overwhelming. Go exploring! You'll find a place that's really special, somewhere you can return again and again. In regards to your social life, friends are in a delicate mood. Be sensitive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are big, juicy rewards for going solo. Reassess the things you want in your personal life, like sincerity, playfulness and inspiration, and take a fresh look at whether or not the people in your life provide these qualities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Not satisfied with mediocre attachments, you want relationships to be spectacular. Making something special takes creativity and energy. Be sure that short-term decisions about love make long-term sense.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keep your time agreements. In doing so, you show yourself and the rest of the world that you're a true winner. A blast from the past is featured this afternoon. Be careful not to fall into a pattern you've long since outgrown.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The danger is to hold onto a struggle, making it much bigger than it really is. It's time to give up the fight. The universe won't fault you for taking so much time struggling with the problem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A rite of passage is featured. It's a puzzle you must think your way around. You may feel that outside forces determine whether or not you'll move forward, but your internal fortitude has far more influence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're starting to gain power and to realize what your individual strengths are. Protect your autonomy. Make sure your transportation, your income and your home are in perfect order so that you won't have to depend on anyone.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your busy life is foremost on your mind, and everything important, like loving relationships, seems to take back burner. Remedy this problem of priorities early in the day! Friends come through for you.

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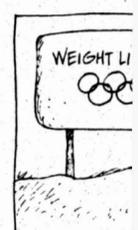
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8:30	Accordings-Less-Perfected
9:30	In the Jury Room (CC)
10:30	News (CC) Nightline
11:30	Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel Live (CC)
12:30	Oprah Winfrey

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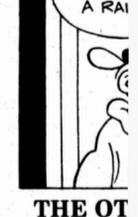
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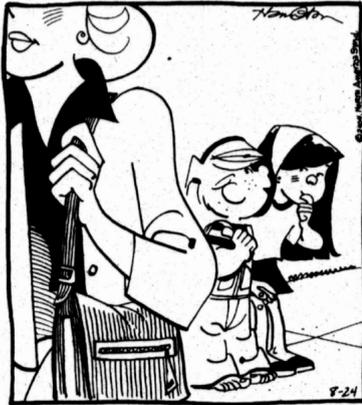


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7	PM Extreme Make-over: Home	Extreme Make-over: Home	Mariana de la Noche	Trading Spouses	Navy NCIS (CC)	Passion-Gavilan	XXVIII Summer Olympics (CC)	Family Guy	Update/Israel N. McBride	Nova (CC) (DVS)	The FBI Files (CC)	Movie: Silver Streak	Widest Police Videos	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	BET Awards '04	Movie: Tiger Cruise (CC)	Little League World Series: Pool Play	ESPN25: Who's No. 1	Movie: In the Army Now (CC)
8	PM According-Jim Less-Perfect	According-Jim Less-Perfect	Amarte es Mi Pecado	70s Show	Big Brother 5 (CC)	Gitanas		Friends (CC)	Light of the Southwest	American Hot Rod (CC)		Movie: Reservoir Dogs (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)				2004 World Series of Poker	2004 World Series of Poker	The Hollywood Sign (CC)
9	PM In the Jury Room (CC)	In the Jury Room (CC)	Casos de la Vida Real	70s Show Dharma-Greg	The Amazing Race 5 (CC)	Zapata		Sex and-City		P.O.V. (CC)	American Hot Rod (CC)	.40 Movie:	Charmed (CC)		Lizzie McGuire Sister, Sister	Boxing: Tuesday --	2004 World Series of Poker	The Hollywood Sign (CC)	
10	PM News (CC)	News Nightline	Primer Impacto Noticiero Univ.	70s Show Raymond	News Late Show	Noticias Fataba		Movie: Father of the Bride	The Hour of Healing	Crown-Contn	The FBI Files (CC)	Tough Guys (CC)	MXC	Angel (CC)	Nightly News Boy World	Even Stevens	Nieves vs. Vinson	SportsCenter (CC)	15 Movie: com for
11	PM Ent. Tonight Jimmy Kimmel	Extra (CC)	En las Mejores Familias Spin City	Becker (CC)	(CC)	Laura	News XXVIII Summer	Joe McGee Rabbi Richman	Sign Off	American Hot Rod (CC)	.40 Movie:	Miramax Hero Widest Police	The X-Files (CC)	Midnight Love	Proud Family That's-Raven	Streetball	Outside-Lines Baseball	Murder (CC)	
12	AM Live (CC)	Live (CC)	Mujeres Enganadas	Blind Date	Show (CC)	Fataba Juegos	Olympics (CC)	Movie: Sweet November	Update/Israel Booker	American Hot Rod (CC)	Silver Streak	Videos Blind Date	The X-Files (CC)	Club Comic View	Kim Possible Lizzie McGuire	ESPN25: Who's No. 1	SportsCenter (CC)	Movie: American	

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"YOU CAN TELL MY MOM HAS ALL THE MONEY IN OUR FAMILY BY THE SIZE OF HER PURSE. MY DAD ONLY HAS A LITTLE WALLET."

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I was just trying to make my Olympics shirt look happier."

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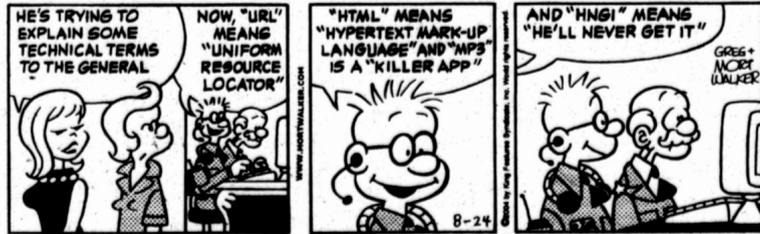
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 24, the 237th day of 2004. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Twelve years ago, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas were blamed on the storm.

On this date: In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash. An estimated 20,000 people died.

In 1572, the slaughter of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began in Paris.

In 1814, British forces invaded Washington D.C., setting fire to the Capitol and the White House.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart became the first woman to fly non-stop across the United States, traveling from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., in just over 19 hours.

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty went into effect.

In 1954, 50 years ago, the Communist Control Act went into effect, virtually outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific.

In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Army Math Research Center in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fasnacht.

In 1981, Mark David Chapman was sentenced in New York to 20 years to life in prison for slaying rock star John Lennon.

In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Pete Rose

from the game for gambling.

Today's Birthdays: Former education secretary Shirley Hufstader is 79. Actor Kenny Baker ("Star Wars") is 70. Composer-musician William Williams is 66. Rhythm and blues singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 62. Rock musician Jim Capaldi (Traffic) is 60. Rock musician Ken Hensley (Uriah Heep) is 59. Actor Joe Regalbuto is 55. Actor Stephen Fry is 47. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 46. Baseball player Cal Ripken Jr. is 44. Talk show host Craig Kilborn ("The Late Late Show") is 42.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword THREE HEADED RELATIVES by R. Hartman Edited by Stanley Newman

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- Ballet skirt
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- Words of comprehension
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- Verdugo
- More than ready for battle
- Syrup flavor
- Hi and (comic strip)
- French cash
- Catches some z's
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- "The Raven" poet
- Made in the
- Extremely long time
- Paid for everything
- Singer Page
- Rich soil
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- Accurately aimed
- Have a snack
- Morales of La Bamba
- Saucy
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- Hodges of baseball
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- Not domesticated
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- Gen. Robert
- Get ready, in golf
- Opening comments
- Western border lake
- Brazilian soccer star
- Cleveland's state
- Sheriff's aides
- Highly regarded
- Memphis-to-Mobile dir.
- Weep audibly
- Off-the-cuff remark
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By BETTY DEBNAM

Celebrate Labor Day

Jobs of the Future

For many kids, Labor Day is the last day of vacation before school starts again. It is a special day set aside to honor workers, and most have the day off work. This year Labor Day is on Sept. 6.

In honor of Labor Day, The Mini Page talked to an expert from the U.S. Department of Labor about where the jobs might be when you grow up.

No one can really see what jobs there will be in the future. There will be careers tomorrow that nobody is even thinking of today.

But experts can predict some areas that will need new workers. These include:

• Biotechnology

Biotechnology is used by people who develop new products or do research dealing with living things. Workers in this field may develop new medicines or medical devices such as heart pacemakers. They may research how to produce more food and grow better crops. They may help solve crimes by doing DNA testing or matching blood types.



The first Labor Day celebration was in New York City in 1882. Workers who were struggling for better working conditions and pay started the holiday. President Grover Cleveland made it a national holiday in 1894.

• Transportation



• Health



• Financial



Site to see: www.careervoyages.gov

The Mini Page thanks Emily Stover DeRocco, assistant secretary of labor for employment and training, U.S. Department of Labor, for help with this story.

• GPS technology

The Global Positioning System (GPS) uses satellites to send signals from space to receivers on Earth. One of the best-known uses is to help drivers find their location. People trained to use the GPS can work in jobs such as planning city growth, protecting the environment or figuring out where crops should be planted.



• Construction



• Education

Advice to kids

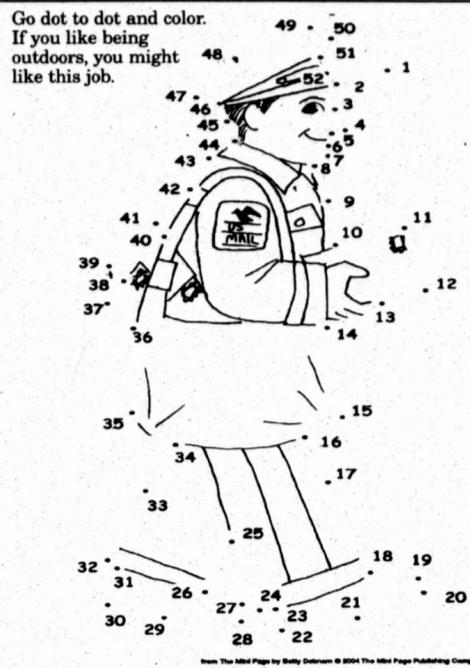
Stay in school. Without a high school education, jobs will be very hard to find.

People with education beyond high school usually make about twice as much as workers with only a high school education.

But you might not need to go to college for four years. Two-year colleges and apprenticeship programs* are also great.

Start thinking now about what you love to do. Then start planning what education you will need for a career doing what you love.

*In an apprenticeship, you are trained on the job.



Go dot to dot and color. If you like being outdoors, you might like this job.

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Breakfast Roll-Ups

- You'll need:**
- 4 pieces bacon
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 4 eggs, beaten
 - 4 (4-inch) flour tortillas

- What to do:**
1. Cook bacon in microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes.
 2. In a frying pan, melt butter.
 3. Add eggs and stir until light and fluffy.
 4. Warm tortillas in microwave for 30 seconds.
 5. Lay tortillas flat and fill each with equal amounts of bacon and eggs.
 6. Fold and eat. Makes 4.

Note: You will need an adult to help with this recipe.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Samantha:** What do you get when you drop your lollipop on the beach?
Tory: Sandy candy!
- Denny:** Why should you never trust the beach?
Frank: Because there's something fishy about it!
- Leslie:** What did the ocean say to the beach?
Sidney: "I'm not shore!"

Labor Day TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Labor Day are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: JOB, AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS, CONSTRUCTION, SALES, ENVIRONMENT, ARTS, HEALTH, RECREATION, CAREER, MANUFACTURING, SERVICE, WORKERS, SCHOOL, CHEF, POLICE, ACTOR.



Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy wants to be a doctor when she grows up. See if you can find: • hamburger • fish • word MINI • saw • gift



Gus Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Chauncey Billups

Height: 6-3 **Birthdate:** 9-25-76
Weight: 202 **Hometown:** Denver

The Los Angeles Lakers had superstars and lots of glitter. The Detroit Pistons had no superstars but lots of grit. Chauncey Billups and the underdog team from the Motor City clicked on all cylinders. With great teamwork and tough defense, they upset the Lakers and won the NBA championship.

Billups was named Most Valuable Player in the series. He shot almost 51 percent from the floor, 92.9 from the foul line, and made more than 47 percent of his three-point attempts.

It was a magical moment for the Pistons and Billups, who had had a nomadic career. Since his days at the University of Colorado, the talented guard has played for five NBA teams in seven seasons. The Pistons are just glad he stopped in Detroit. Billups helped give Motown basketball glitter and glory.

Meet Brian Evans

When Brian Evans was a boy, he liked to listen to the music of singers from the past, such as Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. He never dreamed that he, too, would someday become a musician.

Brian grew up in Massachusetts but moved to Los Angeles with his mother when he was 16. There he got parts in commercials, some TV shows and later some movies.

Brian's heart, though, has always been in music. He moved to Canada to be with friends and made his first CD. It was a hit. His style is much like the singers he admired as a boy. He has been named by a music magazine as one of the newest "crooners" (someone who sings popular ballads) of today.

Brian, 34, likes collecting baseball cards and spending time in his homes in Wailea, Hawaii, and Las Vegas, Nev.

What Do You Like to Do?

What do you want to do when you grow up? You have years to decide, but it's a good idea to look around today. Ask questions. Watch what others do. Read about careers. We have given you some ideas.

Be a job detective. Circle the job that interests you.

Agriculture

Do you enjoy growing things?

- farmer
- florist
- botanist

Consumer and home economics

Do you enjoy thinking of ways to improve family living and buying habits?

- dietitian
- food chemist
- chef

Manufacturing and repair

Are you good at making and fixing things?

- mechanic
- jeweler
- robot designer

Business and office

Do you like to organize things? How are your computer skills?

- computer operator
- secretary
- computer programmer

Environment

Do you want to help save the Earth?

- forester
- marine biologist
- astronomer

Sales

Are you a good salesperson?

- salesperson
- travel agent
- real estate agent

Fine arts

Are you artistic and talented?

- musician
- actor
- artist

Personal services

Do you like working with people and helping them with their personal needs?

- pet groomer
- beautician
- gardener

Communications

Do you enjoy communicating your ideas?

- anchor person
- book editor
- reporter

Health care

Are you concerned about people? Do you enjoy caring for the sick?

- nurse
- dentist
- pharmacist

Public service

Do you want to work for a group or government to help offer services to others?

- firefighter
- police officer
- mail deliverer

Construction

Do you enjoy building things?

- electrician
- heavy equipment operator
- plumber

Hospitality and recreation

Do you like sports and giving parties?

- waiter
- athletic trainer
- camp director

Transportation

Do you enjoy driving and traveling?

- bus driver
- taxi driver
- truck driver

Your local paper is the best source for jobs. Look through the classified ads and circle the jobs that interest you.

Next week, read about some back-to-school homework tips.

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