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Howard County unemployment rate dips to 4.1 percent

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The unemployment rate in Howard County continued to decrease during July, with a considerable drop in the number of unemployed residents compared to the same time a year ago.

According to Virginia Belew, area manager for the Workforce Network of Big Spring, Howard County reported a 4.1 percent unemployment rate for July, down 0.2 percent from the 4.3 percent reported in June.



rate for Howard County dropped twotenths of a percent from the previous month," said Belew. "A drop was expected due to the typical increase in summer

BELEW and seasonal jobs. It remains lower than last year's figures, which in July of 2003

was 5.3 percent." Belew said Howard County will

"The unemployment until the work season and recent cator Fiberflex, which laid off 20layoffs catch up with the paper trail.

> "As trends follow, the unemployment rate is expected to decrease once again until temporary summer jobs end and until we add the recent layoffs to the unemployment rolls," said Belew. "We've also seen a decrease in the number of people participating in the labor force and employed since July.'

Recent layoffs include a num-

plus employees two weeks ago. The company recently confirmed that some of the employees that were laid off have been recalled, but declined to comment on how

The civilian labor force in Howard County dropped from 14,323 to 14,126 between June and July, with the number of employed residents falling by

Despite the downslide in

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Spy probe conducted Pentagon analyst may have provided information to Israel

By CURT ANDERSON

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON - The FBI is investigating whether a Pentagon analyst fed to Israel secret materials about White House deliberations on Iran. The investigation could strain U.S.-Israeli relations and muddy the Bush administration's Middle East policy.

No arrests have been made, said two federal law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the continuing investigation. A third law enforcement official, also speaking anonymously, said an arrest in the case could come as early as next week.

Two of those officials raised the possibility the government might not bring espionage charges, but rather lesser ones that could include the mishandling of sensitive government material.

The officials refused to identify the Pentagon employee under investigation but said the person is an analyst in the office of Douglas J. Feith, undersecretary of defense for policy, the Pentagon's No. 3 official.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, traveling with President Bush on a campaign visit in Dayton, Ohio, said he was not in a position to discuss a continuing investigation.

"Obviously, any time there is an allegation of this nature, it's a serious matter," he said.

Pentagon officials refused comment.

David Siegel, a spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Washington, said, "We categorically deny these allegations. They are completely false and outrageous."

Feith is an influential aide to

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most likely continue the trend of ber of positions that were recentdeclining unemployment rates ly nixed by local fiberglass fabri-



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Four-year-old Tyler Croft, left, and 3-year-old Myka Blissard walk away with top honors at the 2004 Kountry Kids pageant Saturday morning, distinguishing themselves from more than 20 competitors to take home the top trophies. Tyler is the son of Atyka and Steven Croft, and Myka is the daughter of Amanda and Mike Blissard.

Youngsters take center stage early Saturday at the county fair

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Despite a shortage of male contestants, the 2004 Kountry Kids competition managed to put smiles on the faces of fairgoers of every age Saturday morning.

Fair results begin on Page 5A

vied for the title of Kountry Kid during the competition, which featured 10 age divisions, but it was 3-year-old More than 25 contestants Myka Blissard and 4-year-old See KIDS, Page 3A

Tyler Croft who walked away with top honors.

Tyler Croft, the son of Atyka and Steven Groft, was one of several children that "broke out of their shell" during the pageant and took to the microphone like a fish to water.

State hospital chaplain counsels military families

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

State Big Spring Hospital Chaplain Rick Foster's years of training in the mental health field

prepared him for the next phase in his life.

Foster joined the Texas State Guard following the Sept. 11 attacks on American soil.

"I wanted to make some contribution to the war effort," the soft-spoken, longtime chaplain said. "I wanted to help out."

As a member of the Texas State Guard,

Chaplain Foster and other volunteers work alongside the Texas National Guard providing state and local authorities with assistance in homeland

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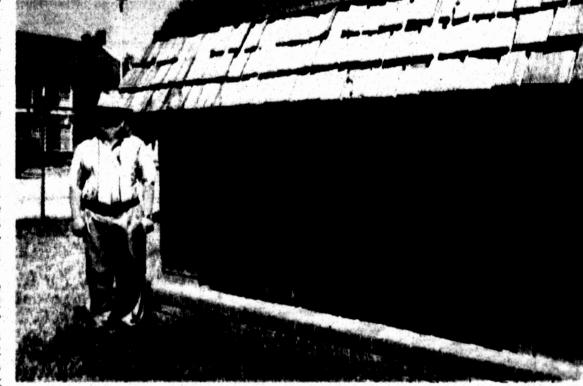
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provided security during a leg of the annual MS Tour Bike from Midland to Post.

Foster trains Saturday a month and serves as the chaplain for his brigade providing an inspirational activity at each meeting. He was ordered to Fort Hood last

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Big Spring State Hospital Chaplain Rick Foster joined the Texas State Guard to be able to counsel and work with military families.

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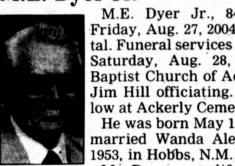
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Obituaries

M.E. Dyer Jr.



M.E. Dyer Jr., 84, of Ackerly died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, in a Lamesa hospital. Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Ackerly with the Rev. Jim Hill officiating. Interment will follow at Ackerly Cemetery.

He was born May 18, 1920, in Whitt and married Wanda Alexander on Nov. 26,

Mr. Dyer was a lifetime resident of the Ackerly area and had farmed in the Ackerly community since he was a child. After retiring, he enjoyed spending his time on Lake LBJ in Kingsland. He loved

his granddaughters. He was a 42-year member of the First Baptist Church of Ackerly and served as assistant Sunday school superintendent, trustee and treasurer. Mr. Dyer served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II as a gunner and flight engineer in the

European Theater. Survivors include his wife, Wanda Dyer of Ackerly; his son, Buddy Dyer of Ackerly; his daughter and sonin-law. Marsha and H.T. Gleason of Clyde; his granddaughters, Callie and Marleigh Gleason of Clyde; three sisters, Gracie Martin of Weatherford, Cordie Oaks of Ackerly and Inez Bearden of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, M.E. and Callie Mae Dyer and two sisters, Beatrice Horne and Katie Brown.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

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Doris Gibson



Doris Gibson, 74, of Big Spring died at 10:20 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

She was born Nov. 29, 1929, in Martins Mill to William Jefferson Blanton and Opal White Blanton. She lived in Midland from 1952 until 1996, when moving to Big Spring. She owned Gibson Custom Tailoring in Midland for 18 years and also

worked for In-Home Care in Midland. She was a member of the Sew and Chatter Club in Big Spring. She was a Catholic.

She is survived by one daughter, Kay Wilson and her husband Glenn of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Shawnda Aaron and her husband Robert, and James Wilson, all of Big Spring; four great grandchildren, .. Big Spring, and Rebecca Wilson of Lubbock; and one www.npwelch.com brother, Pete Blanton of California.

The family will be at 201 Tonn Road.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com Paid obituary

Deborah Joyce Brand

Deborah Joyce Brand, 46, died at her home in Monahans Aug. 24, 2004.

"Deb" was born in Cambridge, England Oct. 22, 1957, and came to the United States February 1958. She

attended schools in Corpus Christi and Big Spring. She graduated from The University of Texas at the Permian Basin summa cum laude with a degree in sociology. She was a social worker with the Texas mental health and mental retardation department for

many years. She is survived by her husband, Darin, and beloved stepchildren Jason Brand, serving with the U.S. Army in Irag, and Ashley, of Dallas; step granddaughter Naley; her mother and stepfather. Pat and Mike Craddock; her father and stepmother, Bobby and Louisa Smith, of Canyon Lake; two brothers, Todd Smith and his wife, Sandie, of Midland and Mark Smith of Coahoma; nephews, Ian Smith of Lubbock and Tyler Smith of Midland; nieces, LeAnne and Ashley Smith of Coahoma and great niece Elizabeth; stepsister Micki Craddock of San Angelo; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins in England and in the

United States. Deb will be cremated and a memorial service will be

held pending Jason's arrival from Iraq. Services are set for 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, in the Heritage Funeral Chapel, 210 S. Allen, Monahans. Services are entrusted to Heritage Funeral Home.

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Mr. Herbert Immel

Mr. Herbert Immel, Age 76, of Universal City, died on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, in a Kerrville hospital. Mr. Immel, a lifelong resident of Universal City, was born on Aug. 1, 1928, in Stonewall to Richard Immel and Hulda Meier Immel.

Herbert served his country faithfully in the United States Air Force, retiring as a master sergeant. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War and the American Legion. Mr. Immel was a member of the Christ the King Lutheran Church in Universal City.

Survivors include two daughters, Carol Gutierrez of Kerrville and Catherine Parsons and husband Robert of Big Spring; two sisters, Lucille Morris of Fredericksburg and Irma Mecom of Shreveport, La.; two grandchildren, Lindy Beth Parsons and Miranda Jane Parsons.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Kerrville with Pastor Todd Dittloff officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Stonewall.

Memorial remembrances may be made to the American Heart Association, PO Box 291231, Kerrville

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Vaurine Smith



Vaurine Smith, 83, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, in an Odessa care facility. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. She was born on Oct. 2, 1920, in Ira.

Vaurine married Ozro Allison on Nov. 18, 1939, in Colorado City and he preceded her in death on Oct. 14, 1971. She then married Alvin Smith on Oct. 23, 1976, and he preceded

her in death on May 5, 1989. She was a member of Coahoma United Methodist

Survivors include two sons, Preston Duane Allison of Austin and Rodney Allison of El Paso; one sister, Vera Lee Hunter of Marble Falls; two brothers, Russell Milliken of Florence and Bill Milliken of Coahoma;

two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Kayla Aaron, Caitlin Aaron and Ashlie Aaron, all of Online condolences can be made at:

Agustin "Guss" Fierro

Agustin "Guss" Fierro, 81, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Support groups

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

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

With great pride, we are proud to announce the graduation of Ysa Rubio Jr. from the United States Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) in San Diego, Ca. We have celebrated his achievements at a party in his honor with close family on Saturday August 28th, 2004 at the home of his proud grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Pascual Porras. At the young age of 20 he graduated on Friday, August 27th, 2004 as guide of his platoon and with honors. Attending the graduation was his mother, Juanita Porras, his father, Ysa Rubio Sr., his sister Brandi Pelletier of Austin, TX, and a few close friends of his also from Austin, TX. We have missed him for three long months and are happy to have him back home, even if it is for a short time. We would like to say we love you Ysa, and are so proud that you have accomplished your dream.

May you accomplish so much more!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Brandi, Buello, Buella and Chico & Sophia Rubio

Police blotter

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

LONNIE GREEN, 45, of 1501 Chickasaw, was arrested Friday on a local capias warrant.

 ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 45, of 107 19th Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxica-

 DARLENE WHITE SHELDON, 46, of 907 E. Interstate Highway 20 No. 33, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

· JAMES DEWAYNE HEADRICK, 32, of 1311 Madison, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• FELIX G. OLIVAS, 36, of 407 N.W. Ninth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxica-

 EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was reported in the 200 block of Austin.

ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:

· in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

- in the 600 block of S. Runnels.

- in the 600 block of Owens. DRIVING WHILE **LICENSE** SUSPENDED/INVALID was reported in the 600 block

of 18th Street. • BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

- in the 1500 block of Robin.

- in the 1400 block of Sixth Street. ASSAULT - ELDERLY/DISABLED was reported

in the 12900 block of Highway 87. THEFT was reported:

- in the 1700 block of FM 700.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place. - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

Sheriff's report

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

· CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the Howard County Library.

Take note

□ YOUNG LIFE MUCKFEST for all high school students is set for 7:59 p.m. Monday at the Cotton Mize Field in Comanche Trail Park.

□ HOMECOMING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR ALL COAHOMA EXES is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Christene's Cafe. Officers will be elected and a date set for Homecoming. Dinner will be dutch

□ 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.

Weather

Sunday: Some clouds and possibly an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 84F. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Sunday night: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low near 65F. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.

Monday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm.

Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s. Wednesday: Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-15-23-24-27. Number matching five of five: 0. Matching four of five: 126. Prize: \$460. Matching three of five: 4,000. Prize: \$11. Matching two of five: 41,580. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-5



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"It was great and Tyler had a blast," said Atyka Croft after the show. "I thought he would clam up when he got up there and not sing or anything, but he just had a field day with it.

"I just think he's the cutest, and he is," she said with a laugh. "I've never done anything like that, so I thought it would be fun to

Myka Blissard also surprised her parents, Amanda and Mike Blissard, when she described her cow "Cassie" to the audience.

"I think what really set Myka apart from the rest of the contestants was when

she talked on the microphone and talked about her Amanda said Blissard. "I really didn't think she would do it, but she surprised me.

"It's fun and a good way to support the fair. All of the kids that were in the competition were really cute."

Kountry Kids Coordinator Sonya Metcalf said entries in the annual competition were down from last year, especially in the boys competition, but it still made for a great time for children and parents alike.

"The largest year we ever had was last year," said Metcalf. "We had 34 contestants, and this year we had 25. We were a little low on the boys this year, but it was still a good turn out.

"The kids did really well. Mid-morning is usually nap time, so that can be really tough. It's always fun and exciting to watch their personalities come out."

Divisional winners for the girls' 2004 Kountry Kids include Hailey Beall, 6 months and younger; Hailey Grant, 7-12 months; Brenley Atkinson, 12-23 months; Madison Corgan, 2 years old; Kari Dawn Gross, 4 years old; and Alexis Stillwell, 5 years old.

In the boys competition divisional winners included Riley Jenkins, 6 months or younger; and Hunter Rich. 12-23 months.

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

SPY

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Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld who works on sensitive policy issues including U.S. policy toward Iraq and Iran. Feith's office includes a group assigned specifically to work on Iran.

He also oversaw the Pentagon's defunct Office of Special Plans, which critics said fed policy-makers prewar intelligence on President Saddam Hussein's Iraq, especially involving purported ties with the al-Qaida terror network. Pentagon officials have said the office was a small operation that provided fresh analysis on existing intelligence.

The Pentagon said in a statement that the investigation involves an employee at "the desk officer level, who was not in a position to have significant influence over U.S. poli-

cy. Nor could a foreign power be in a position to influence U.S. policy through this individual."

One of the law enforcement officials said the person was not in a policy-making position but had access to sensitive information about U.S. policy toward Iran.

The investigation centers on whether the Pentagon analyst passed secrets about U.S. policy on Iran to the main pro-Israeli lobbying group in Washington, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, which then was said to have given the secrets to the Israeli government, one official said. Both AIPAC and Israel deny the allegations.

In Israel, the chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee said Saturday that Israel worries about Iran's nuclear policies. But Yuval Steinitz said he is confident the government has not abandoned a 20-year-old decision not to spy on the United States.

CHAPLAIN

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month to learn proper military protocol when meeting with family members whose loved ones were injured or have died while serving in the war effort. Approximately 1,800 men and women die from combat, illnesses or accidents each year while serving in the military. A chaplain and a casualty notification officer, who assists families, typically meet with the next of kin and notify them of the death.

Although, the years of training and first-hand experience working with people who are grieving losses, his knowledge of handling loss during wartime is limited.

"If a family member is killed or wounded, usually the chaplain goes in and visits with the family," Foster said. "The military has its own procedures. I wasn't in the military, so I went to learn how this is done." "You hope you don't have to use it, but it's something that's always ever-present."

Typically, the National Guard takes responsibility for notifying family members of tragedies, but many have been deployed overseas leaving a shortage of chaplains, Foster

"The Texas State Guard chaplains serve as a backup," he said.

The military has always held an interest for Foster, whose twin brother served in the armed forces. After September 11, joining the Texas State Guard seemed the natural way for him to assist in the war effort.

His willingness to volunteer one day each month and provide services to help family members comes as no surprise to his supervisor, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Activity Therapies Gail Zilai, LMSW. His skill at speaking with patients and employees has earned him much respect from patients and his co-work-

ers. He often is sought

after when someone needs an encouraging word.

"Rick always behaves in a manner that demonstrates his priority — the patients," Zilai said.

"Not long ago, a patient's father died unexpectedly. We called Rick, who was off for the day, and he came right out and spent time with the patient. He is very welltrained in the area of grief and loss. He'll always come in whenever he's needed to help the patients."

Foster initiated a Grief and Loss Support Group because he felt as if it was necessary for the amount of loss that patients experience, she said.

"People who come here, come with extraordinary grief and often those losses contribute to the depression," Foster said. "People may try suicide

because they feel bad or use alcohol or drugs as a reaction to their losses. Grief is a normal part of life, and the class is to lead the patient through the normal process of grief and talk about the normal stages of grief."

His journey toward helping people in need began as a young pastor, which led to a master's in divinity and later a master's degree in psychology. When he graduated, he searched for a position in which he could use his years of training in the church and the class-

Foster walked into the Mental Health Clinic in Snyder and applied for a position more than 15 years ago. He eventually became the Mental Health Center manager in Sweetwater in 1989, where he managed the

caseload and ensured that the patients made their appointments and stayed connected with services.

More than 10 years ago, the need for a chaplain arose at the hospital and Foster moved into that position. It's a job that blends both of his strengths.

"The people here are in crisis situations, and they are certainly more aware of spiritual needs that they might have. My job is to have them get in touch with those spiritual and needs resources."

Patients are from all faith traditions, and Foster assists them in meeting their spiritual needs, whether it's mass or an Easter Sunday service.

"It's an all-faith chapel here. I'm well-versed in helping them talk about

and their own history and faith."

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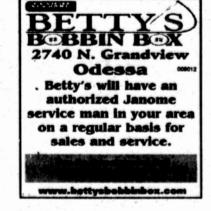
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employment, the number of unemployed persons fell from 617 in June to 574 in July.

Belew said Howard County's unemployment rate remains one of the lowest in the Permian Workforce Basin Development area. Surrounding county rates include Andrews County, 3.7 percent; Borden County, 3.3 percent; Dawson County, 6.4 percent; Ector County, 6.3 percent; Glasscock County, 3.8 percent; Midland County, 3.8 percent; and Martin County. 4.4 percent.

The unemployment rate for the region decreased from 5.5 percent to 5.1 percent, the lowest July rating since 2001, according to Belew. The unemployment rate for the state also dropped, 6.2 percent for July compared to the 6.5 percent reported in June.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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Susanne Reed

John A. Moseley Managing Editor Bill McClellan **News Editor**

OUR VIEWS

Remember, it's time for voters to get registered

t is now time to remind the public to register to vote in the Nov. 4 general election. The deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4, so there's plenty of time to get that small, but very important task accomplished. Registration is held at the County Annex building, east of **Howard County Courthouse.**

The right to vote gives us the opportunity to choose who we want to serve as our voice in the local, state and federal levels of government. It's an important election. In addition to two local county commissioners seats, voters will be asked to elect a U.S. representative and a state senator and a state representative.

Voter registration is simple and free. It takes only a couple of minutes.

To be eligible to vote, residents must be 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. You do not need to have resided in Howard County for a specific length of time before registering here.

Anyone who has moved since they last obtained a voter registration card should also register.

One misconception some people have is that because they did not vote in a March primary, they are ineligible to vote in November. That is not the case. It doesn't matter whether you voted, or for whom you may have voted. The only thing that matters is that you have a valid voter registration card.

Please, take the time to register to vote. Today, you might have no interest in the election; you may have no desire to vote. But something may happen that causes you to decide to exercise your right. If you haven't registered, it will be too late.

From our point of view, voting is an important process in which all U.S. citizens should participate. It's their voice. The Herald encourages you to register if you haven't, study the candidates and their platforms, and vote.

Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

In the days leading up to last Tuesday's veterans forum, I asked the people of Big Spring to show how much you support keeping the VA hospital open. I can't tell you how proud I was when Secretary Principi and I walked into the room to see how Big Spring people met the challenge, and then some.

From the American flags flying throughout the city streets and signs welcoming Secretary Principi to town, to the more than 2,500 people of all ages who attended the forum, Big Spring showed that when it comes to supporting its veterans and its hospital, this city is second to none.

Secretary Prinicpi's visit accomplished precisely what I intended when I invited him. He witnessed the excellent care provided by the VA hospital staff, experienced wonderful West Texas hospitality and came to understand what the hospital means to this region.

I, and my colleagues in Congress have worked hard with our commander-in-chief on the values and principles we share with our veterans. We successfully secured record levels of funding for veterans programs in 2004, which included a \$1.4 billion increase over 2003 levels for the Health Veterans Administration. While we should be

proud of the progress made so far, there is still more work to be done. You can be assured that I will continue to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with our veterans and their families by fulfilling our responsibilities now and in the future. I will continue to work with President Bush, Secretary Principi and the leadership in Congress to make sure that the Big Spring VA hospital stays here and stays open. The veterans of today and tomorrow who call West Texas home deserve nothing

Thank you, Big Spring, for your overwhelming show of support for the VA hospital and our nation's veterans.

RANDY NEUGEBAUER U.S. CONGRESSMAN 19TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Surprise! Surprise! Surprise!

t's an early Labor Day SUR-PRISE! Congratulations, if you make between \$23,660 and \$100,000, you have just very likely lost your right to overtime pay, courtesy of the Bush administration. If this comes as news to you,

thank your friendly media, who are much too busy reporting lies abut John Kerry's heroism in Vietnam to bother with this story affecting your life. But

next time you hear someone say, "Oh, I just don't care much about politics," you might want to recall this particular connection — especially

if it means you have to go out and get another job. This stunner is brought to you

by President Bush and his bigbusiness campaign donors. The Senate has voted twice to stop the change, so there's no point in raising hell with them. The House of Representatives, the "people's house," dodged the question. So **Bush's Department of Labor just** up and issued hundreds of pages of new rules on who gets overtime

The administration contends there is some good news buried in the big pile of bad — that 1.3 million of the working poor, making between \$8,000 and \$23,000, will be eligible for overtime for the first time. That would be good news except a study by the Economic Policy Institute says only one in seven of those workers actually works overtime.

Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO estimates 6 million people will lose overtime. It's the people in the middle who are getting screwed. Works sort of like Bush's tax cuts: a little help for the poor, lots and lots of goodies for the rich and everybody else — too bad.

It is true that the numbers on who benefits and who loses are not yet exact. There are over 500 pages of new regulations involved here, and a good bit of it will have to be thrashed out in court. Nevertheless, there is no question

about the overall effect of the new regs: The AFL-CIO is up in arms, and the Chamber of Commerce is just ecstatic about this.

I can only assume the lack of news coverage on this issue stems from the fact that most journalists are unaware that they are among those who are about to lose overtime rights. Chefs, cooks, sous chefs, computer workers, nursery school teachers, many nurses, funeral directors and embalmers, "team leaders," some cops — to find out if you are among the lucky 6 million, you can go to the

AFL's website workingamerica.org. You can email questions to a wage-andhour specialist under its "Ask a Lawyer" feature.

Of course, employers are standing ready to promote everybody and his dog to "management" so they won't be eligible for overtime under the new rules. All they have to do is rename the busboy "assistant night manager," and voila, as the Economic Policy Institute titled its report, "Longer Hours, Less Pay." Large companies can just reclassify entire groups of workers.

Another new trick redefines "salary." Under the old rules, a salaried worker was not entitled to overtime — but now "salary" can be defined as an hourly wage. Under the new regs, if you spend even a fraction of your time on supervisory or "leadership" tasks, you're out of luck on overtime.

And of course penalties for employers who illegally dock the pay of salaried workers have been reduced.

In one of those Bush administration maneuvers that just makes your teeth hurt, one of the groups that lobbied hardest for these new rules is the National Federation of Independent Business, and its top spokesman was Ed Frank. Guess where Ed Frank is now: spokesman for Bush's Labor Department on overtime pay. Isn't that special?

Sen. Tom Harkin of Iowa has put up a rearguard political action against this coup and continues to fight. The new rules went into effect Aug. 23, but they can still be blocked or repealed by Congress. In the House, Republican leaders have refused to let the issue come up for debate — too busy changing the constitution to outlaw gay marriage. Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin will bring it up again on Labor Day.

As usual, there is much spin and counter-spin about this, but it seems especially pointless to blow smoke - the facts are actually quite clear. But then, they're quite clear on John Kerry's war record, too, but that doesn't seem to have stopped that idiotic "debate."

In this case, however, the reality check is in the numbers on your paycheck. Good luck now and in the future on this one. Oh and do please relish the Bush line that this is a gift to workers because comp time will give you more time with family.

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The Bay bridge story - safety last joined the stalling game, demandand work out who pays for it

n 1989, the Loma Prieta, Calif., earthquake left a hole in the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. While the state got the bridge working within a month, engineers needed time to study how best to

make the bridge safe before the next big quake. Fifteen years later, it still isn't safe thanks to politicians who put pork and political correctness before safety.

In 1991, U.S.-led forces devastated Iraq's infrastructure in the Persian Gulf War. By 1992, every bridge spanning the Tigris River was in

service. In 1994, the Northridge, Calif., earthquake destroyed two freeway bridges. Southern Californians wanted their freeways running, pronto. Gov. Pete Wilson made sure they were functional within

84 days. Meanwhile, back in the Bay Area, it took 13 years before the state began reconstruction of the eastern span of the Bay Bridge. The delay was, in part, due to the time it took for Caltrans to determine that it made more sense to build a new span than retrofit the old one and, in part, due to squabbles over who would pay for it.

In 1997, when then-Gov. Pete Wilson signed a measure pushed by state Sen. Quentin Kopp authorizing the new span, the projected cost was \$1.3 billion. The new bridge was supposed to be completed in 2004 — this year.

Enter Willie Brown, then Da Mayor of San Francisco, who held up the project by withholding title to land on Treasure Island, the meeting point of the bridge's western and eastern spans. Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown

ing that the new span design be tony enough for Oakland. In 1998, the Mayors Brown,

along with then-Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean, backed local advisory ballot measures calling for the state to consider running a transit line on the Bay Bridge -- as if it made sense to eliminate traffic lanes on a gridlocked bridge.

"We're saying 'time out,' we don't need to rush," explained the patient Dean.

Rush? Insert bitter laugh here. Ever since 1997, if there has been a politically correct idea - a new design, another study, a \$50 million-bike lane that would not go all the way to the city — that promised to drive up the cost of the bridge, local politicians have embraced it.

Lo and behold, in 2001, the cost was up to \$2.6 billion. Now, it is \$5.1 billion.

No wonder Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is demanding that the Bay Area pay for the higher

Area Democrats insist that it is the state's responsibility to pay for. state roads and bridges. When catastrophe strikes, the state should pay the freight for fixing the damages. They are right.

But Schwarzenegger is right to insist that locals pay for the costs incurred thanks to their very own elected officials. Schwarzenegger also proposes an

audit that explains how the costs skyrocketed. To the extent the cost overruns are the doing of Caltrans, state taxpayers should be stuck with the tab. But the Bay Area can pay for its costly dither-

Today, state pols will be haggling over who pays for the Bay Bridge's big price tag. Senate President Pro Tem to Be Don Perata wants Schwarzenegger to agree to allow bids to go forward

later. No matter who pays, it is vital that the Legislature pass a bill forthwith and make it a bill that will be signed, or the construction that already has begun on the bridge could be stalled for another two years. Area voters don't seem to mind that they have to drive over an unsafe bridge to go to work — but if there's another quake, they won't have trouble figuring out whom to blame.

And what is Perata protecting? He has bristled at the governor's suggestion that voters be allowed to vote to funnel the recent \$1 toll increase — the new toll is \$3 into the bridge construction rather than the projects for which it was earmarked. Building a safe bridge hasn't been a top priority, but protecting transit projects somehow

As a result of these priorities, some Democrats are willing to push for a \$5 toll. Bay Area commuters will be lucky if Schwarzenegger can negotiate a toll hike to only \$4. So Bay Area commuters will pay dearly for the Oakland-inspired design, for Da Mayor's delays and for all the other political stunts that did nothing for safety. **Ever since Quentin Kopp was**

term-limited out of the state Senate, there has not been a single politician in the Bay Area who demanded the bridge be rebuilt safely and promptly. I won't even address the issue of cost. Money, like safety, was no object for Bay Area politicians.

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Elizabeth Klaus **Brownies** 1. Amanda De Elizabeth Klaus



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Safety first

County fair gives 9-1-1 director, volunteer fire chief another opportunity to talk about safety

ou might say they are a fair "fixture." "This is our 14th year out here," explained **Howard County** Volunteer Fire Department Chief Tommy Sullivan. "We come to the fair to reach as many people as possible with the message about safety."

Sullivan has been director of the Howard County 9-1-1 service for four years and a volunteer fireman for 20.

His interest in safety and firefighting began when he was 5. Pointing to burn scars on his legs, Sullivan related his childhood story of starting a fire by playing with matches.

He says he did what he had been told to do by Smokey the Bear and tried to stomp out the

"We have to be careful with the safety messages we teach kids because they listen and do what they're taught, just as I did. Unfortunately Smokey the Bear didn't say that gasoline fires shouldn't be stomped

With his leg broken in seven places and both

legs covered in thirddegree burns, he was told that he might not be able to walk; but he recovered and played sports during his Big Spring school career. Some people seem surprised that a burn victim would be fighting fires, he said. But having been in a burn center, Sullivan wanted to make a career of trying to keep others around him from having such an experi-

This local "Smokey the Bear" feels that the 9-1-1 program and firefighting go hand-in-hand to ensure the safety of Howard County residents. He and his wife Valerie are both paramedics, and all the volunteer firemen are trained in first aid and CPR so they can not only save victims but also themselves.

"We're out here Wednesday through Saturday year after year doing demonstrations for the kids and sometime we get to see the results of what we do," he said with a smile. Parents often mention that their children came home and insisted the family have an "Edith" drill. EDITH is the acronym for Exit

2. Meagan Kothmann,

Grand Champion: Darlene

Hipp, Sand Springs, Peanut

Reserve Champion: Ruth

Marshmallow Peanut Butter

1. Darlene Hipp, Ruth

Beverly Sunday, Carol

3. Rae Nell Best

Jamison, Mary Churchwell,

2. Darlene Hipp, Walter

Gleason, Carol Grantham

3. Stephani Nixson

Amanda Denton

BAKED GOODS-ADULT

Jamison, Big Spring,

S'more Bowls

Grantham.

Candy

Patties

Drill in the Home.

The safety director stressed they try to keep instruction short, interesting and fun. He has the children repeatedly clap and sing the 9-1-1 name, telling them,

"When you're scared, that'll come into your head, and you'll know what to do."

He has had appreciative calls from survivors of house fires, who said their child's knowledge of the basic "stop, drop, and roll" technique had saved their lives.

One of the educational tools for children is Valerie Sullivan's clown and puppet program. She makes all the puppets and appears as "Giggles the Clown and friends." The children respond well to this light-hearted way to learn about the serious subject of fire

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Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Chief and 9-1-1 Director Tommy Sullivan and his wife Valerie man a booth at the fair.

safety.

In addition, the state of Texas has produced a video program, "The Great 9-1-1 Adventure with Red E. Fox," which Sullivan gives to schools and children's groups.

The local 9-1-1 program and the firefighters have applied for a grant to get

a "smoke house," an impressive device for giving children safe, firsthand experience in fire safety. The children enter the house and can see and feel smoke from various rooms, feel hot doorknobs and practice going out windows. The chief emphasizes that

there is no "smoke house" in West Texas, he thinks it would be valuable to use in this part of the state.

"We're willing to give these demonstrations for one or 100 as long as it helps save lives, Sullivan asserted.





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HOWARD COUNTY FAIR RESULTS

Editor's Note: The following is a list of all fair results turned in to the Herald. Other results may pe publisnea at a later date if submitted.

BAKED GOODS-YOUTH Breads

Grand Champion: Kadden Kothmann, Sand Springs, Apple Praline Bread

1. Kadden Kothmann

Candy

Grand Champion: Amanda Denton, Sand Springs, Cashew Brittle

Reserve Champion: Nicholas Emerson, Big Spring, Peanut Butter Delights

1. Amanda Denton, Nicholas Emerson, Savanna Scott

Cookies

Grand Champion: Amanda Denton, Sand Springs, Chocolate Chip Expresso Cookies

Reserve Champion: Elizabeth Klaus, Big Spring, **Brownies**

1. Amanda Denton, Elizabeth Klaus 2. Kadden Kothmann

Pie Grand Champion: Darlene Hipp, Sand Springs, Cherry

Reserve Champion: Loma Jean Wynn, Coahoma, Coconut Cream Pie

- 1. Darlene Hipp, Loma Jean Wynn
- 2. Darlene Hipp, Krista
- Blagrave 3. Walther Gleason, Nellie

Kerby, Darlene Hipp

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Cakes

Grand Champion: Loma Jean Wynn, Coahoma, Banana Nut Bundt Cake Reserve Champion: Darlene Hipp, Sand Springs, Strawberry Coffee Cake 1. Loma Jean Wynn,

- Darlene Hipp 2. Bill Gilbert, Darlene
- Hipp

3. Loma Jean Wynn, Bill Gilbert, N. Kerby, Nelda Snodgrass

Decorated Cakes 1. Beverly Sunday

Cookies

Grand Champion: Walter Gleason, Big Spring, Apricot **Oatmeal Squares**

- Reserve Champion: Ruth Jamison, Big Spring, Banana Jammer Cookies 1. Walter Gleason, Ruth
- Jamison, Bill Clark, Nellie Kerby, Betty Gross 2. Darlene Hipp, Mary

Sarah Kinard, Ruth Jamison,

Krystal Coates 3. Darlene Hipp, Joyce Ditto

Churchwell, Nellie Kerby,

Bread

Grand Champion: Robbie . Crenshaw, Big Spring, Bread Pudding

Reserve Champion: Darlene Hipp, Sand Springs,

- Hushpuppies 1. Robbie Crenshaw,
- Darlene Hipp, Betty Gross 2. Robbie Crenshaw, Nellie
- 3. Nellie Kerby

ANTIQUÉ KITCHEN GADGETS -ADULT

Grand Champion: Corrine Priest, Butter Churn Reserve Champion: Connie Cline, Aunt Jemima Pie Bird

CANNED GOODS

Fruits Grand Champion: Joyce

Ditto, peaches Youth: Alex Emerson, cher-

- Reserve Champion: Leona Duffer, tomatoes
- 1. Dean Priest, Joyce Ditto, Carol Grantham, Ruth Jameson, Helen Crandall, Leona Duffer
- Youth: Alex Emerson 2. Melba Camp, Mamie Lee Dodds. Marie Hughes. Patsy Allen, Ruth Jameson
- 3. Kim Crowley

Vegetables

Grand Champion: Leona Duffer, black-eyed peas Youth: Nicholas Emerson,

sour carrots Reserve Champion: Dean Priest, green beans Youth: Brittini Blagrave,

green beans 1. Kim Crowley, Dean

- Priest, Leona Duffer, Krista Blagrave, Mamie Lee Dodds Youth: Nicholas Emerson. Austin Mize, Brittni Blagrave
- 2. Kim Crowley, Melba Camp, Robbie Crenshaw, Dean Priest, Joyce Ditto, Linda Winterbauer, Walt Gleason
- Youth: Brittni Blagrave 3. Kim Crowley, Robbie Crenshaw, Krista Blagrave

Pickles & Relishes

Grand Champion: Walt Gleason, green tomato pick-

Youth: Brittnei Blagrave, bread & butter pickles Reserve Champion: Jan Rouille, zesty zuccini relish

- 1. Mamie Lee Dodds, Ruth Jameson, Walt Gleason, Ruby Lewis, Krista Blagrave, Michelle Hamlin, Jan Rouille Youth: Brittni Blagrave
- 2. Robbie Crenshaw, Walt Gleason, Betty Gross, Kathleen Cline, Carol Grantham, Linda Winterbauer

Jams, Jellies, Preserves

Grand Champion: Elizabeth Young, plum jelly Youth: Nicholas Emerson, peach jam

Reserve Champion: Dean Priest, peach jam Youth: Alex Emerson,

peach jam 1. Ruth Jameson, Helen Crandall, Nellie Kerby, Corrine Priest, Dean Priest, Sue Ringner, Elizabeth Young, Robert Avalos, Mamie Lee Dodds, Marie

Hughes, Patsy Allen Youth: Nicholas Emerson, Alexandria Smith, Alex **Emerson**

2. Ruth Jameson, Lisa Emerson, Neal Squires, Carol Grantham, Melba Camp, Robbie Crenshaw, Nellie Kerby, Corrine Priest, Kathleen Cline, Walt Gleason, Ruby Lewis, Marie Hughes, Patsy Allen

Dried Foods

Grand Champion: Ruth Jameson, cherry tomatoes &

Reserve Champion: Ruth Jameson, cherry tomatoes 1. Ruth Jameson

Juice & Syrup

Grand Champion: Ruby Lewis, cherry syrup

1. Ruby Lewis

Peppers Grand Champion: Ruth Jameson, nacho sliced jalapeno peppers

Reserve Champion: Melba Camp, jalapeno peppers 1. Ruth Jameson, Melba

Camp 2. Ruth Jameson, Walt Gleason, Ruby Lewis, Michelle Hamlin, Carol Grantham

Salsa/Hot Sauce Grand Champion: Lisa

Emerson, salsa Reserve Champion: Sue Fruits

Colgate Country Showdown winner Alisha Bullard of Ozona

relaxes following the KBST-sponsored contest.

Ringner, salsa

1. Lisa Emerson, Sue

Grand Champion: Carol

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Ringner, Joyce Ditto

Jameson, R.C. Hunt

Miscellaneous

1. Carol Grantham

are of home canning.

Grantham, chilli

BALL AWARDS

2. Janie Hunt, Ruth

1. Joyce Ditto 2. Leona Duffer

Vegetables

1. Mamie Lee Dodds 2. Krista Blagrave

Pickles 1. Walt Gleason 2. Jan

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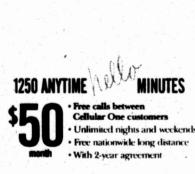
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Decorated Shirts

2. Candy Andrews

Grand Champion: Elizabeth

Reserve Champion: Bess

1. Elizabeth Young, Bess

Grand Champion: Candy

2. Mamie Lee Dodds

Wall Hangings

Candy Andrews

Candy Andrews

2. Mamie Lee Dodds,

Sewing and Clothing

Reserve Champion:

Grand Champion: Mamie

Andrews .

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Frances Zant

Infant Wear

1. Dean Priest

Two-Piece Dress



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Billye Grisham, left, and Tolbert Grisham, owners of Creative Expressions, give samples of wedding cake at the Howard County Fair.

FAIR RESULTS

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Soft Spreads (jams, jellies, preserves)

1. Ruth Jameson 2. Helen Crandall

Best of-Adult

Best of Pickled Food: Dean

Best of Soft Spreads: Elizabeth Young

Best of-Youth

Fruits: Alex Emerson Vegetables: Austin Mize Pickles: Brittni Blagrave Soft Spreads (jam, jellies, preserves): Nicholas **Emerson**

HOWARD COUNTY **Ag Products Show**

- 1. Wayne Johnson
- 3. Wayne Johnson
- 4. Jesse Saenz
- 5. Wanda Johnson 6. Ned Crandall
- 7. Ned Crandall
- 8. Ned Crandall

Pepper — Hot

- 1. Tucker Lane Thixton 2. Tucker Lane Thixton
- 3. Tucker Lane Thixton
- 4. Tucker Lane Thixton JB Eppler

6. Tucker Lane Thixton

- Pepper Sweet 1. Tucker Lane Thixton
- 2. Kim Crowley
- 3. Tucker Lane Thixton 4. Charles Camp
- 5. Don Lasater 6. Jesse Saenz

Pepper — Ornamental

- 1. Roy & Joy Hester 2. Roy & Joy Hester
- 3. JB Eppler
- 4. Tucker Lane Thixton
- 5. Tucker Lane Thixton 6. JK Eppler

Tomatoes — Cherry

- 1. Roy & Joy Hester
- 2. Jesse Saenz 3. Donna Lasater
- 4. Koby Nichols
- 5. Lyndon Priest Koby Nichols

Tomatoes — Large

- 1. DW Overman
- 2. Bryce Hamlin
- 3. Koby Nichols
- 4. Reagan Hamlin 5. Walter Gleason 1 5 7 6 7

6. Koby Nichols

- 1. Kim Crowley
- 2. Charles Camp 3. Donna Lasater
- 4. Landon Priest
- Walter Gleason 6. Donna Lasater

Beans/Peas

- 1. Roy & Joy Hester

2. Donna Lasater

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3. Donna Lasater

4. Walter Gleason

Squash

- 1. Jesse Saenz
- 2. Donna Lasater 3. Mason Porter
- 4. Walter Gleason
- 5. Landon Parker

6. Koby Nichols

Cantaloupes 1. Gary Bayes

- **Most Unusual** 1. Troy Hyden —
- Sunflower 2. James Banks — Gourds
- 3. Gil Rouille Armenian Cucumber
- 4. Jesse Saenz —
- Gourd/Birdhouse
- 5. Jesse Saenz —
- Standard Gourd
- 6. Kenneth Duffer Sunflower

Pumpkins

- 1. Hannah Tucker
- 2. Falon Newton
- 3. Granger Newton

White Pumpkins 1. Debie Ruppard

Miscellaneous Vegetables Roy & Joy Hester — Egg

Fruit

- 1. Roy & Joy Hester -**Granny Smith Apples**
- 2. Roy & Joy Hester -
- 3. Patsy Lindsey Figs
- 4. Kim Crowley Pears

Tallest Stalk — Troy Hyden 1. Candy Andrews, June Most Unusual Stalk — Wiggins 2. Beth Moron

Quilts

Russell

Grand Champion: Charlotte

Reserve Champion: Sue

1. Charlotte Gilbert, Sue

2. Donna B. Lasater, First

Manuela Moron, Alice Irizarry

Grand Champion: Candy

Reserve Champion: Mamie

1. Candy Andrews, Mamie

Miscellaneous Handwork

1. Candy Andrews, Melba

2. Candy Andrews, Beth

1. Joyce Hollingsworth,

Gloria McDonald, June

Crocheted or Knitted

Grand Champion: Candy

Reserve Champion: Mamie

2. Dean Priest

Wearing Apparel

Camp, June Wiggins,

Moron, Rae Nell Best

Baby Accessories

Grand Champion: Candy

2. Mamie Lee Dodds

Russell, Thelma Ditto

Throw Pillow

Andrews

Lee Dodds

Lee Dodds

Andrews

Frances Zant

McDonald

Wiggins

Andrews

Lee Dodds

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HANDWORK & NEEDLEWORK-GOLDEN AGE

Afghans Grand Champion: Joyce Hollingsworth Reserve Champion: Wilma

Henderson 1. Joyce Hollingsworth, June Wiggins, Beverly Sundy, Candy Andrews, Wilma

Henderson, Pearl Armstrong,

Pillowcases

- Grand Champion: Candy
- Andrews 1. Candy Andrews,
- Charlotte Gilbert 2. Charlotte Gilbert

Mamie Lee Dodds

Tea Towel Candy Andrews

Tablecloths

Grand Champion: Candy

- Andrews Candy Andrews
- **Scarves & Doilies**
- Grand Champion: Thelma Ditto
- Reserve Champion: Manuela Moron 1. Thema Ditto, Manuela
- Moron, June Wiggins, Candy Andrews, Mamie Lee Dodds

2. Mamie Lee Dodds, June

Wiggins, N. Kerby **Potholders**

Grand Champion: June

Reserve Champion: Candy

Candy Andrews 2. MamieLee Dodds,

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1. Mamie Lee Dodds, Frances Zant, Candy

- Andrews Grand Champion: Gloria
- HOBBIE & CRAFTS-GOLDEN AGE Reserve Champion: Joyce **Holiday Crafts**
 - Grand Champion: June Wiggins
 - 1. June Wiggins 2. Candy Andrews, June

Wiggins

- Grand Champion: Elizabeth Young
- Reserve Champion: N.
- 1. Elizabeth Young, Nell Kerby

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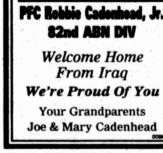
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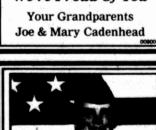
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2. Lee Hooper

Pictures

Grand Champion: Ray McKennon

Reserve Champion: Dottie

1. Ray McKennon, Virginia Oliver, Candy Andrews,

Dottie Jones 2. Candy Andrews, Ruth Ann McKay, Rosie Jackson

Miscellaneous Hand Crafts

Grand Champion: Lois Ray Craft

Reserve Champion: Elizabeth Young

1. Elizabeth Young, Candy Andrews, Lois Ray Craft, Lee Hooper

2. Frances Zant, Candy Andrews, Beverly Sunday

Non-Professional Jewelry Grand Champion: Annie Johnson

1. Annie Johnson

Wood Crafts

Grand Champion: Joe M. Whitaker Reserve Champion: Lois

Ray Craft 1. Bob Kennedy, Lois

McElreath, Joe M. Whitaker, Lois Ray Craft 2. Lee Hooper

Ray

Decorative Painting

Grand Champion: Lois Ray Craft Reserve Champion: Bess

1. Bess Ray, Lois Ray Craft

Wreaths & Baskets 2. Beverly Sundy

HOBBIES & CRAFTS **Holiday Crafts**

Grand Champion: Laurie Reserve Champion: Debra

1. Debra Franklin, RaeNell Best, Nancy Avalos, Laurie

Hyden

2. Nancy Avalos, Debra. Franklin, Lupe Robles, Elaine Matteson

Dolls

Grand Champion: Nancy Avalos

Reserve Champion: Elizabeth Young

1. Elizabeth Young, Nancy

2. Nancy Avalos, Debra Franklin, Elizabeth Young

Pictures

Grand Champion: Mary Zitterkopf

Reserve Champion: Brenda Concienne

1. Brenda Concienne, Mary Zitterkopf

2. Wilma Covington 3. Rosie Jackson

Flowers

2. Kathy Daniels

Miscellaneous Hand Crafts

Grand Champion: Gary Nelson

Reserve Champion: Troy Hyden

1. Deanna Foresyth, Kem Hooper, Kris Ivey, Troy Hyden, Gary Nelson

2. Kathy Daniels, Debra Franklin, Connie Booth, Kem Hooper, Robert Cline, Kris Ivey, Robbie Crenshaw, Brenda Concienne

3. Debra Franklin, Kathy Daniels, Connie Booth

Non-Professional Jewelry

Grand Champion: Diane Dyer

Reserve Champion: Deanna Foresyth

1. Diane Dyer, Deanna Foresyth, Kris Ivey, Elaine Matteson

2. Kris Ivey, Diane Dyer

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Wood Crafts Grand Champion: Kenneth --

Duffer

Reserve Champion: **Delbert Donaldson**

1. Monroe Casey, Delbert

Donaldson, Kenneth duffer, Paul Schlipf, Garth Hyden,



Herald photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Young Life volunteer Brandon Hughes gives Amanda Allen information about Muckfest, which is set for 7:59 p.m. Monday at Comanche Trail Park. Young Life's Muckfest is open to all high school students.

Dixie McClellan

2. Paul Schlipf, La Donna Hudgins, brenda Concienne, Monroe Casey, Ascencio Robles, Dixie McClellan

3. Ascencio Robles, **Brenda Concienne**

Decorative Painting

1. Sue Ringener

Wreaths & Baskets

1. Kem Kemper 3. Kathy Daniels

Juvenile Crafts Ages 5-8

1. Lane Slate, Trent Slate, Sarah Slate

2. Blake Zitterkopf, Austin Mize

Juvenile Crafts Ages 9-13

1. Cassandra Sulatan 2. Cassandra Sulatan,

Brooke Zitterkopf HANDWORK & NEEDLEWORK

Afgans Grand Champion: Nancy

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1. Robbie Crenshaw, Nancy Avalos, Brenda Concienne

2. Joyce Hollingsworth, Lube Robles, Debra Franklin, Maggie Moron

Scarves & Doilies

2. Kris Ivey

Potholders

1. Debra Franklin 2. Robbie Crenshaw

Quilts Grand Champion: Polly

Reserve Champion: Barbra Cooley

1. Barbra Cooley, Patsy Allen, Gladys McBrayer, Debbie Newton, Polly

Sission, Hollis McCright 2. Lupe Robles, Manuela Moron, Gladys McBrayer,

Tina Marcum 3. Lupe Robles

Throw Pillows

2. Robbie Crenshaw, Kathy Daniels, Brenda Concienne

Miscellaneous Handwork

1. Prissy Stanley, Debra Franklin, Brenda Concienne

2. Robbie Crenshaw

3. Nancy Avalos, Rose Ann Williamson

Baby Accessories

Grand Champion: Pepper Sullivan

Reserve Champion: Helen Crandall

1. Pepper Sullivan, Helen Crandall, Wilma Covington, Suzanne Markwell, Brenda

Concienne, Gloria McDonald 2. Elizabeth Young, Maggie Moron, Mary Churchwell, Rose Ann Williamson, Lupe

3. Maggie Moron, Lupe Robles

Crocheted or Knitted Wearing Apparel

Robles

1. Suzanne Markwell

Sewing-Clothing

1. Kathy Daniels





Melanie Gambrell and her dog Lucky show students in Mrs. Seal's fourth grade class from Elbow Elementary how to behave around dogs. From left are Alexis Armstrong, Kelcee Hillis, Amanda Grisham, Katyana Campbell, Danielle Drury, Gambrell and Lucky.





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West Texas rainfall eases long-term drought

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK - Front yards, pastures and medians are green around West Texas, an odd August sight in a region that is technically still under drought conditions.

This normally brown area is downright lush. Rainfall totals in the South Plains region already are more than all of 2003, at 17.64 inches compared with the normal annual total of 18.69 inches.

"We're not in drought out here," said Ron McQueen, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Lubbock who monitors drought conditions in the area. "Isn't that nice for a change, not to be in one?"

It's the same story elsewhere in the state after above-average rainfall in most regions, Texas State Climatologist John

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Texas droughts since the early 1900s

- 1909-1918: Severe drought across the state. 1917 is the

- 1931-39: Dust Bowl days when drought choked most of the

- 1950-1957: The worst drought since the beginning of

detailed record-keeping. It was uninterrupted by a single "wet"

year. By the end of 1956, 244 of Texas' 254 counties were clas-

- 1970s: Several less severe and short droughts occurred in

- 1980s: A massive heat wave started a severe drought that blistered most of Texas during the early 1980s. It reached

- 1996-2000: Drought led to agriculture losses of more than

- 2001: Drought in West Texas and the Lower Rio Grande

- 2002: Drought in Trans Pecos, West Texas, Lower Rio

Sources: Texas State Historical Association, Texas Water Foundation, Texas

Department of Agriculture, John Nielsen-Gammon, Texas' state climatologist

the 1970s. Most were ended by rain from tropical storms.

extreme proportions in the Pecos River Valley in 1983.

Nielsen-Gammon said.

"This has been an excellent water year across the entire state," he said. "No areas are considered to be in short-term drought."

But that's just the short

West Texas is still considered to be in the same long-term drought it's been under since the 1990s. The only other area in the state that was in such a drought was South Texas, but rains this year ended that, said National Weather Service meteorologist Alan Moller.

droughts Long-term occur when rain is lacking for several years. Streams and rivers dry up and levels drop dramatically in lakes and reservoirs. Short-term droughts occur when an area receives less than 75 percent of its average rainfall in a year. These droughts can have a devastating effect on agriculture.

The long-term drought in West Texas is on despite standing water in fields, playa lakes that have gained substantially and even summer flooding along the Brazos River. Although levels in most West Texas reservoirs are up, they still are very low.

"If we go back into another period of below normal rainfall in the next year or two, then we're going to have the potential to have even worse water shortages," McQueen said.

John Grant, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, put it more

succinctly. "We could use a flood,"

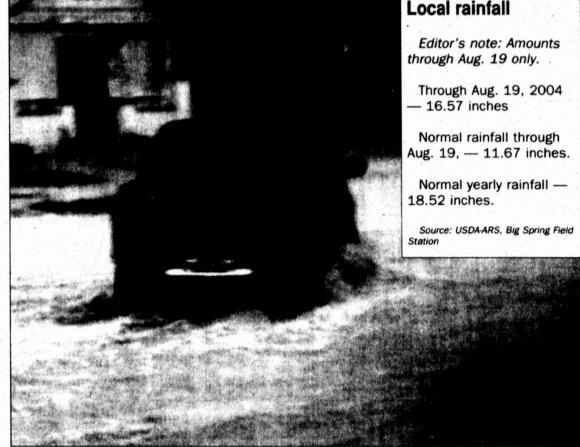
said. he "We're getting enough rain and inflow to get by, but we're not getting ahead."

The story is similar across much of the western United States, where drought has plagued those states for years.

Exceptional drought the worst classification by the National Oceanic Atmospheric and Administration — continues in parts of Montana, Wyoming and Idaho.

Drought is severe in parts of Colorado, Nevada, California and Wyoming. Large portions of New Mexico and most of Utah also have been hit hard.

"Any kind of moisture now is good news," said David Miskus, a meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who frequently prepares national drought reports. We really do need a wet snowy weather to break the longterm drought."



Rain pours down, flooding a busy street in Big Spring.

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Attention Forsan ISD Voters

The brochure sent out by the District on August 25, 2004 in reference to the September 11, 2004 bond election has an error in calculation. The correct "Increase in Tax Payment" figures are listed below:

On a \$50,000 house, the annual tax increase would be \$57 which is \$4.75 per month. A \$50,000 house is taxed on \$25,000 because there is a \$15,000 standard homestead exemption and Forsan gives an optional 20% exemption.

This bond and its' correction does not impact voters 65 or over since their taxes are frozen.

Home Value After Exemptions	Annual Increase	Monthly Increase	Weekly Increase	
\$25,000	\$57	\$4.75	\$1.10	
\$50,000	114	9.50	2.19	
\$75,000	171	14.25	3.29	
\$100,000	228	19	4.38	
\$150,000	342	28.5	6.58	
\$200,000	456	38	8.77	

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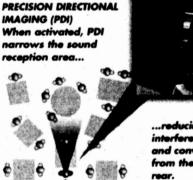


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Howard College offers new course

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

Students at Howard College have a new class available to them.

The course, Introduction to the Humanities, is an interdisciplinary look at the various cultural, artistic, religious and historical forces that helped shape western society.

The class will include presentations on the history, religion, art, music, literature and philosophy from the earliest civilizations until the 14th centu-

ry.
The class will be taught by the team of Shirley Shroyer, associate professor of sociology and history; Susan King, professor emeritus; and Father James Liggett, adjunct instructor of philosophy and religion. The three instructors will team-

teach, each concentrating on his or her specialty while contributing in all course areas.

"The idea is to expose students to, as many aspects of the foundations of western civilization as we can, using a variety of resources and teaching styles," said Liggett.

Introduction to the Humanities has no prerequisites and fulfills the humanities course degree requirement.

Registration ends next week but students still have time to sign up before the first class on Aug. 31.

The class will meet each Tuesday and Thursday at 1 p.m. at Howard College.

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

Construction workshop on tap for college board

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

The Howard College board of trustees will meet Monday at the Tumbleweed Room in the Student Union building for a construction project workshop for the new visual and performing arts center. Following a recess for lunch, the board will reconvene and conduct its regular meet-

After the approval of such routine matters as minutes from previous meetings, July 2004 financial statements, auxiliary 1993 Ford van. service monthly reports and personnel matters, the board will conclude any old business.

New business for the board's discussion will include:

- Bidding process for construction of the visual and performing arts center.
- · Adoption of the annual budgets for Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.
 - Adoption of tax rate. Appointment of dis-

trict auditor.

- · Legislative appropriation request.
- Quarterly investment report. · Annual review of
- investment policy and report on changes in funds investment law. · Catalog and handbook
- changes.
- Bids for: Athletic insurance, athletic equipment and supply vendors, janitorial supply, electrical supply and office supply vendors.
- Interlocal agreement with state for transfer of
- Articulation agreements we have with Midwestern State the University and University of Texas at Brownsville.
- Rural Community College Initiative update. President's report.
- Evaluation of the meeting and discussion of future agenda items.

Following the communication to the board and the chair's report, the board will adjourn.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331.

Poker run planned Sept. 11

Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and American Legion Post 506 will hold a benefit auction and "in-house" poker run for local resident Virginia King, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

The benefit will be held Saturday, Sept. 11, begin- ing event, contact Benny ning at noon at the at 432-213-0654.

The Permian Basin Legion Post, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Southern fried catfish will be served.

> Proceeds from the event will go to help King and her family meet medical and other costs.

For more information concerning the fund-rais-



10-year-old boy fatally shoots his father

HOUSTON (AP) - A 10-year-old boy fatally shot his father after the man came to pick him and his brother up for a weekend visit, authorities said.

Rick James Lohstroh, 41, was shot several times on Friday as he sat in the front seat of his sport utility vehicle, said Sgt. B.E. Williams of the Harris County Sheriff's Department. The boy was sitting in the back

After firing shots through the back seat, the boy got out of the vehicle and continued to fire at it, Williams said. Lohstroh, a doctor at the University of Texas Medical Branch, died on the way to a hospital.

The shooting happened outside the Harris County home where the boy lived with his mother and 7-yearold brother. They were inside the house at the time, Williams said.

Preliminary reports indicate that the boy did not want to visit his father. Lohstroh and the boy's mother shared custody of the children.

The gun belonged to the boy's mother, Williams

TXU to peg some rates to credit scores

DALLAS (AP) - TXU Energy plans to begin pegging some of its customers' electricity rates to their credit scores, charging them more if they have fallen behind on telephone, power or cable television bills in the

The new rate structure, scheduled to take effect Sept. 27, will affect customers outside of North Texas who switched to TXU to save money on their elec-

tricity bills. TXU would be the first major power provider in Texas to use the strategy.

Consumer advocacy groups say the rate plans are misleading and violate rules for the state's three-yearold deregulated electricity market, The Dallas Morning News reported Saturday.

"It's unfair to charge you a price for electricity based on a payment history you may have made to an unrelated industry," said Laurie Pappas with the Office of Public Utility Counsel, the state-appointed consumer advocate.

But TXU spokesman Carlos Santos said the plan is designed to keep TXU competitive in its new territories. TXU is raising rates to all of its 183,000 customers outside North Texas.

Under the new plan, South Texas customers with the best credit histories will be offered an electricity rate that is 8 percent lower than the rate offered by the local incumbent utility, an amount known as the price to beat.

Fifteen percent of the customers will be charged a rate that is 4 percent better than the price to beat. The 15 percent with the worst credit histories will be charged the price to beat, meaning they will have saved no money by switching providers.

New customers who try to sign up with TXU also will be scored and placed in the three categories. Those who fall in the lowest group will be denied ser-

TXU Energy is the state's largest utility with 2.2 million residential customers statewide through the end of June. Because it is an industry leader, TXU's policies could set the standard for future rate plans.

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August 1 • Sunday

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

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 OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

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 @ Gales - 10:00 am

*Supper Club "Furr's" - 5:30 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

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 2nd Floor (Hospital) Call To Enroll 268-4550 Laurie Burks, Instructor

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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

August 10 • Tuesday

OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

'Mall Walking - 8:00 am *Lunch Bunch & Birthdays - 11:30 am - "Hunan's" Bus Fare & Hotel (Cut off of trip) Aug. 10

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August 11 • Wednesday

Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am *Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital) Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 12 • Thursday

*Mall Walking 8:00 am

*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am *Supper Club "Hermans" - 5:30 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 13 • Friday

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August 14 • Saturday

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

> 'Anita Cline Volunteer/Sr. Circle Director

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August 15 · Sunday Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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August 16 • Monday *Shreveport Trip For Seniors

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 17 • Tuesday *Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Shreveport Trip For Seniors Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 18 • Wednesday

*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 19 • Thursday

Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 20 • Friday

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes August 21 • Saturday

*ROCKHOUND BASEBALL & Fireworks - 5:00 pm

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 22 • Sunday Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes August 23 · Monday

'Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)

*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 24 • Tuesday

*Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

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

OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes August 26 • Thursday

'Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Coffee @ Gale's -10:00 am *Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am (Hospital)

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 27 • Friday

Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 28 · Saturday Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

August 29 • Sunday Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes

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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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.

C.G.A. announces monthly tournament

Spring The Big Chicano Golf Association has set up a golf tournament for Sunday, Sept. 11, at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is the ninth annual Father Delaney tournament, which is in conjunction with Knights of Columbus. It will be a four person scramble (pick your own team) and teams must be registered by 9:45 a.m. Sunday for the 10 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information, call 267-7977.

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.

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Texans @Broncos, 7:45 p.m
Saturday
Event, Time Station
Astros @Cubs, 2:40 p.m
Sunday
Event, Time Station
Rangers vs. Orioles, 12:30 p.m

Steers rally in third, fall short in Odessa

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Big Spring turned in a good effort at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa Friday night, but in the end, turnovers and Odessa High's depth were too much for the Steers to overcome as the Bronchos scored 13 points in the final quarter to win, 27-18.

The 13 fourth quarter points by Odessa High came after Big Spring frame to take an 18-14

The Steers picked up three first downs on their opening drive, but the offense stalled after an interception was thrown by junior Andy Lasater. Lasater actually threw two interceptions on the drive, but one was called back because of a roughing the passer penalty by the Bronchos. The inter-

scored 12 in the third ception that counted was Big Spring receiver and returned by Trint Golden to the end zone for the game's first score.

> "Our effort was tremendous, but turnovers hurt us (Friday)," said Steers head coach Dwight Butler.

The Steers also had success on their second drive, but again the drive stalled due to an interception. This time, the ball came off the hands of a

fell into the hands of an Odessa High defender. On that drive, however, the Steers converted a fourth and six after senior Jerry Doporto scrambled and found Curtis Osburn com-

ing back to the ball. Odessa High's next possession also resulted in a turnover. The Bronchos fumbled the ball and Big Spring's Matt Hilario recovered it, giving the See STEERS, Page 2B

Steers the ball inside the Bronchos' 20-yard line.

Big Spring cut into the lead after that as Lasater found sophomore Caleb Choate in the end zone on a 15-yard pass play. The Choate touchdown, which came with 5:40 to play in the second quarter, made the score 8-6 Bronchos.

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Ritchey had three kills

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contributed five kills and

Senior Kendal Adams

added 10 assists, while

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Coahoma's football storms onto the field before the team's home opener against Reagan County at Bulldog Stadium Friday. The Bulldogs lost the game, 14-6.

Bulldogs fall in home opener

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Two fumbles plagued Coahoma's football team Friday as the Bulldogs dropped their home Bulldog opener at Reagan Stadium to County, 14-6.

The defenses dominated this contest as all the points were scored in the first half.

Coahoma head coach Robert Wood. moved the ball well but couldn't finish off our drives. Our defense was fantastic in the second half though.'

Reagan County got on the board in the first quarter when quarterback Matt Armstrong scampered for a 29-yard touchdown Armstrong was involved in Reagan County's second touchdown, as well. In the second quarter,

and found Joey Garcia getting their offensive on a 20-yard pass play, production. Coahoma which put Reagan picked up 218 passing County up 14-0.

Coahoma's only touchdown came in the second quarter. Senior Adrian Abrego, who switched to quarterback this year after an all-district season last year as a wide receiver, connected with Gerran Jernigan for a 55-"They were the better yard touchdown strike. The score cut into the team (Friday)," said lead, but the Bulldogs were unable to find the end zone the rest of the

"We need to execute better and play better on special teams," said Wood. "We have to do the little things right to win and right now we aren't doing that."

The statistics show a very even game. Coahoma (0-1) finished with 242 total yards, while Reagan County amassed 240 yards. However, both teams Armstrong used his arm used different ways of

yards and Reagan County recorded 196 yards on the ground.

Reagan County recorded 15 first downs and Coahoma picked up 10. Abrego led

Bulldogs with 22 yards rushing on 12 carries 15-for-25 and was through the air with 218 yards. Jernigan finished with

a team-high 104 receiving yards on five catches, while Lance Roberts totaled 70 yards on four catches. Joe Holguin also pulled down five catches and amassed 48 yards receiving.

The Bulldogs travel to Seagraves next Friday in hopes of getting on the winning track.

"I think our guys will come through," said Wood. "We have a lot of kids that just need to get the experience on the field."

Big Spring knocks off FW Trinity in SA weekend tourney

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Big Spring's volleyball team began the San Angelo Tournament on the right track Friday morning, defeating Fort Worth Trinity

straight in sets.

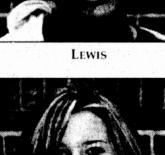
The Lady Steers won the match, 25-15 and 25-20, but were down six in game two. "We showed

a lot of determination and didn't give up in game two and pulled out the win," said Big Spring

head coach Revis Daggett. was extremely happy about

Senior Shannon Higgins led Lady the Steers with

eight points on six kills and two aces. She also added 10 assists. Juniors Raegan Ritchey and Carmen each had six points.



Friday after the Friday morning. unavailable time. Spring also played several matches

Saturday. Check out Monday's edition of the Herald for the rest of the San Angelo tournament results.

Forsan struggles against Iraan in opener

By JEFF LANE

Special to the HERALD

The Forsan Buffalos played host to the Iraan Braves Friday night, suffering a season opening defeat, 38-6.

Hoping to improve on a 1-9 season last year, the Buffs were unable to match the speed and quickness of the Braves.

"We were prepared for their speed going in to the game," said head coach Tommy Thompson. "We simply did not execute as well as we had hoped."

Iraan opened up early, going to the air and scoring twice in the first quarter. Quarterback Dustin McMahon found wide out Matt Ramirez the behind Forsan defense for scores of 31 and 25 yards.

In the second quarter, the Braves continued to rely on a solid passing game and saw McMahon

connect with Simon Quintero for a 17 yard TD. The Braves running attack also took shape and produced another score on the ground.

Coach Thompson said, "We were right there a number of times making the first hit in the backfield. We just didn't wrap up and make the tackle.'

Offensively, Forsan had a hard time achieving any continuity. Thompson praised first year starting quarterback Tye Baker with doing a nice job trying to keep his team focused.

Coach Thompson said Iraan gave the Buffs some difficult match-ups. "There were times they had a man in the backfield before the play had time to develop," he said. "They showed us some formations tonight that we hadn't seen them in previously."

Although there are things to work on Thompson said, "We did a lot of positive things tonight."

Better execution and focusing on fundamental techniques were his main concern adding, "That will get better as the season moves on. I expect us to be much better than we showed tonight."

Thompson praised the effort of running back Adam Johnson and was excited at the potential of a strong running game. "Adam and Tye both had some good runs tonight," he said.

One highlight on offense was a 51 yard burst by Johnson for a touchdown toward the end of the first half.

Forsan wasn't without other opportunities. "One block here or there, one or two less dropped passes and this game looks a lot different," Thompson added.

In the second half, the Buffs were unable to mount any scoring threats as the offense continued to try and find consistency.

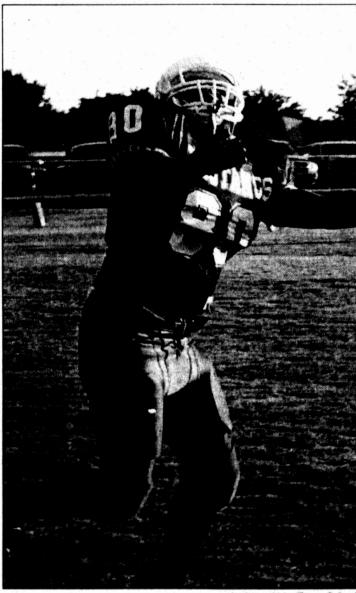
The defense rallied to slow down the Braves and seemed to settle into its game plan, holding the Braves to one score in each of the last two quar-

Coach Thompson said the Buffaloes will review game film and pinpoint areas of needed improve-

Johnson led Buffaloes with 68 yards on 10 carries plus a touchdown.

Iraan outgained Forsan on offense 456 to 121.

The Buffs next objective is a victory over Eldorado in their match-up next Friday.



Ruben Dominguez gets prepared to field a kickoff during Sands' home opener in Ackerly Friday. The Mustangs

Friday Night Football This week's finals

Odessa High - 28 Big Spring - 17

Reagan County - 14 Coahoma - 6

Iraan - 37 Forsan - 6 Roscoe - 34 Stanton - 0

Ropes - 46 Sands - 26

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experience on the field," said Butler. "He also needs to get more comfortable, but he settled down after the first quar-

The Bronchos extended

their lead late in the second quarter, however, as Golden again reached the zone. end This time, he scored on a oneyard run with 11 seconds left in the half.

The third quarter belonged to Big Spring and only Big Spring.

Taviance Senior Clemons, who finished with 102 yards rushing, scored twice in the quarter to put the Steers up 18-

Clemons' first touchdown came after an Odessa High turnover gave the ball to Big Spring on the Bronchos 19-yard line. One play later. Clemons found a hole and sprinted to the end zone.

and out for the Big Spring defense.

Then, back to back 18. turnovers by each team put the ball back into the hands of the Steers. Doporto fumbled first and then senior J. Rich Sparks got the ball back after an interception. After the

> interception, Sparks responded on offense, converting on a third four with a 15 yard catch. That catch Clemons

CLEMONS second touchdown of the game. With

just one second left in the third quarter, Clemons scored on a 15-yard run, giving the Steers the lead.

Just like the third quarter belonged to Big Spring, the fourth quarter belonged to Odessa High. The Bronchos scored 13 points in the quarter and held off the third quarter Big Spring rally.

Odessa High scored its first touchdown on the quarter with 7:47 to go after quarterback Josh Shibler found Bryan Monahan on a 28-yard touchdown pass play.

Odessa High's next pos- Golden later scored his session resulted in a three third touchdown of the game from five yards out to finalize the score at 27-

> "Their depth helped them tonight," said Butler. "We just have to be in better shape because we can't run in as many quality players as our opponents often do.

"But, we are way ahead of where were at last year and that is encouraging. This team is heading in the right direction."

Odessa High outgained Big Spring offensively 256 to 224 and compiled 15 first downs to Big Spring's 13.

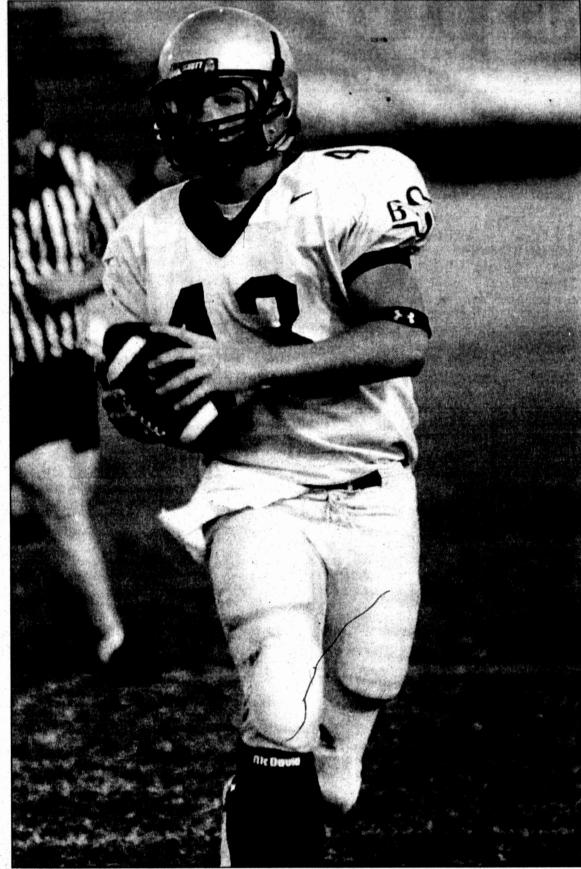
Lasater finished the game nine-for-18 for 94 yards and one touchdown. He also threw three interceptions.

Sparks and Choate led all receivers with three catches apiece. Choate tallied 42 yards, while Sparks totaled 41.

Shibler led the Bronchos with 90 yards rushing on 15 carries, while Golden gained 43 yards on 14 carries from his fullback position.

Big Spring's home opener will take place this Friday against Odessa Permian.

Permian played its season opener Saturday and results were unavailable at press time.



Big Spring quarterback Andy Lasater looks for a receiver during one of Big Spring's scrimmages before the regular season. The Steers opened up the 2004 season on the road Friday night in Odessa and lost to the Bronchos 27-18.

Turnovers, field position doom Stanton against Smith, Roscoe

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Stanton did not start its season Friday like it had hoped as the Buffaloes ran into a very talented quarterback from Roscoe, which is ranked No. 11 in Class A.

The Buffaloes could not handle Caleb Smith or the Ploughboys as Stanton lost its nome opener, 34-0.

"We knew their quarterback was a stud and we knew he was going to be a problem for us," said Stanton head coach Lee "We McCown. just thought we could do a better job than we did."

Roscoe scored seven points in each of the first three quarters and 13 points in the final frame and earned the shutout against Class 2A Stanton.

The Ploughboys recorded 283 rushing yards and picked up 12 first downs. while Stanton could only manage 94 total yards and three first downs.

"We weren't hitting on all cylinders," said McCown.

Smith had a game-high 118 yards on the ground and 46 yards through the air. He also scored twice.

Stanton started off on the wrong foot on its opening drive and never got anything going offensively.

On the Buffaloes first drive, Roscoe recorded a 14-yard sack. Then on fourth down, Stanton got off a five-yard punt, which gave Roscoe the ball on Stanton's 25-yard

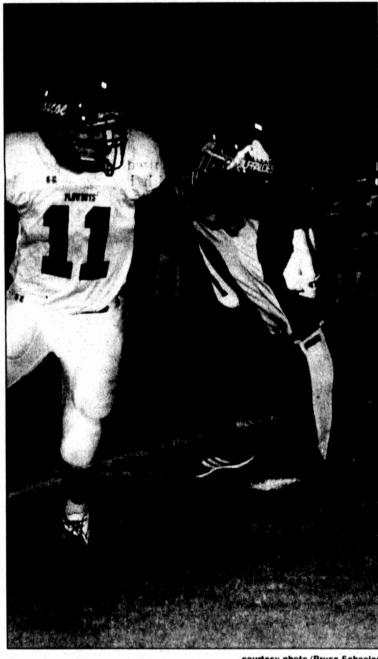
"Field position killed us (Friday)," said McCown. "We can't let them get the ball where they got it and expect to win. The way to fix that is to get our offense going."

Emilio Villa led Stanton (0-1) with 59 yards on 11 carries, while Bobby Decker amassed 35 yards on eight carries. Michael

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Stanton's Bobby Decker tries to get to Roscoe quarterback Cale Smith in the Buffaloes' home opener Friday night. Decker ran for 35 yards on eight carries offensively, but Smith totaled 118 on the ground to lead Roscoe.

Washington defense with 32-yard interception

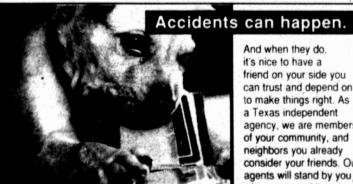
return. Stanton travels to Big next Lake Friday in hopes of earning its first win of the year.



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"We are going to rebound and learn a lot from this and be ready to go next week," s a i

> McCown. Stanton returns home Sept. 10 against Seagraves.



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By STEPHEN AP Sports Wri

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Rangers take out **Orioles**

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas -Eric Young never knows where or even if he'll be playing for the Texas Rangers.

But when he does, he makes good things hap-

Young was the designated hitter in the leadoff spot Friday night. He reached base in all four plate appearances — with two walks and two singles - stole a base, scored a run and drove in two more in the Rangers' 6-4 win over **Baltimore Orioles.**

"This is something new for me," said Young, a 37year-old former All-Star second baseman in his first season with Texas. "I'm just trying to stay prepared as much as possible."

With their 11th win in 14 games, the Rangers remained two games behind Boston in the AL wild-card race. They also beat the Orioles for the first time in 10 tries.

John Wasdin (2-2) pitched six strong innings in his return from the minors, handing the Orioles their 11th straight loss.

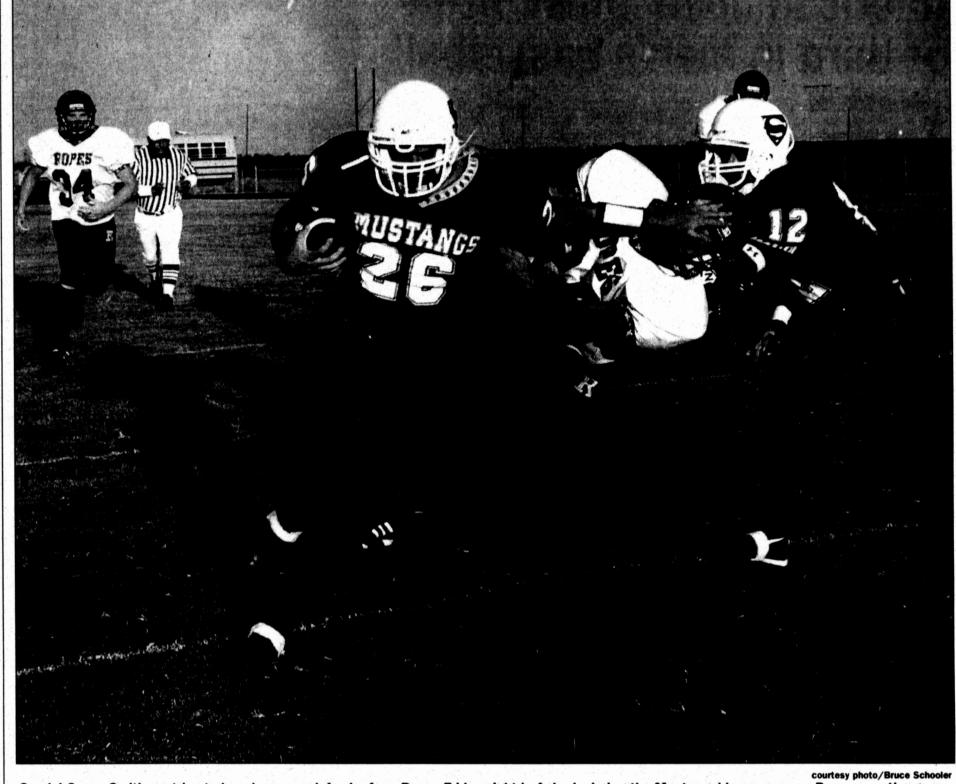
Young walked to start the Texas first and stole second, going to third on catcher Robert Machado's throwing error. He scored on Alfonso Soriano's sacrifice fly, giving the Rangers the lead without a hit.

"That's the energy he brings right out of the chute," manager Buck Showalter said.

Wasdin was recalled earlier in the day from Triple-A Oklahoma to take the spot of Scott Erickson, who was designated for assignment. He allowed two runs and four hits with four strikeouts in his first start with the Rangers since July

Francisco Cordero worked the ninth for his 40th save in 42 chances and 20th in a row, breaking his own team record. He retired Tejada on a routine fly with runners at the corners to end it.

Cordero became the first Rangers reliever to reach 40 saves since John Wetteland had 43 in 1999, the last time Texas made the playoffs. Tom Henke also had 40 saves for in 1993, and Wetteland had 42 in 1998.



Sands' Cevan Smithson tries to knock away a defender from Ropes Friday night in Ackerly during the Mustangs' home opener. Ropes won the game,

American women capture gold in round ball

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER

AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Greece — The women bringing home a basketball gold medal celebrated with the unbridled joy of children at

Dawn Staley, Leslie, Sheryl Swoopes and their U.S. Olympic teammates huddled under Old Glory as if it were a sheltering tent. They laughed and giggled and skipped around the court, soaking up the adulation.

This was a team in every sense of the word, the most dominant in women's basketball.

U.S. men, take note!

The United States shook off early shooting woes and sloppy play to claim its third straight Olympic title Saturday, a 74-63 victory over Australia.

They did it by turning up the defense, crashing the boards harder in the second half and, most importantly, finding their shooting touch.

"This is incredible,"

third and final Olympics. "I have to share this with them.'

This is gold medal No. 3 for Staley, Leslie and Swoopes.

They have led the resurgence of U.S. women's basketball internationally disappointing after bronze-medal finishes in the 1992 Olympics and 1994 world championships.

They gave their time to training and travel and were joined by other players similarly committed.

The result: 25 straight victories in the Olympics, three golds and two world * championships.

"We had an ultimate goal and that was to win the gold medal, and we did it," said Tina Thompson, who led the United States with 18 points, including a clutch

said Staley, playing in her 3-pointer in the fourth "It was just pregame then Tina Thompson quarter.

so many people — people instead of scorer, came up in the United States and big with 14 points. Leslie when the United States started to pull away after trailing by four.

> "We held our poise like the veterans always do," said Diana Taurasi, who joined the team after leading Connecticut to its third straight NCAA championship. "This is just the greatest. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

> It certainly didn't hurt that Australian star Lauren Jackson had a miserable game, shooting 4-for-16 and managing just 12 points — a far cry from her games-leading 24.4 scoring average.

Coach Jan Stirling said Jackson was bothered by an intestinal virus. Jackson, the WNBA's leading scorer, said that wasn't so.

"I was fine," she said. helped build the lead, and

nerves, nothing really. I everything on the court."

Penny Taylor gave the Spain, people who come scored 13 and Shannon United States problems kept her concentration from humble beginnings. Johnson had 12, including with her aggressive dri- with teammate Tamika This gold medal is for eight in a short stretch ves to the basket and led Catchings sprawled on Australia with 16 points. But she was ineffective after getting her third and fourth fouls 20 seconds apart in the final minute of the third quarter.

> That was when the United States made its move. With her team trailing 49-45, Taurasi calmly sank a 3-pointer to cut the lead to one.

Johnson tied it at 50 with two free throws and then, with time about to expire at the end of the third quarter, she drove into the lane and banked in'a turnaround shot to make it 52-50.

The game was a long way from over, but the Americans led the rest of the way.

A driving shot and two free throws by Johnson

stepped up, hitting a 3 Staley, usually a passer have no regrets. We left from the right wing after Australia closed to 63-57.

Thompson somehow the floor at her feet.

Then, as if it were scripted, Staley provided the finishing touches.

In the final 1:37, she made two free throws, drove the lane and scooped in an underhanded lavup.

She then made two final free throws as the American fans waved flags and chanted "U-S-A, U-S-A."

"I still have a little bit of offense left in me," Staley said. "I was able to hit a couple of open shots. My teammates found me. Lisa even gave me the ball down in the low post for the first time in 16 years." This team said it would-

n't settle for anything other than gold. This team didn't let it

get away.



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American men must settle for third in men's basketball

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

AP Basketball Writer

ATHENS, Greece — For the first time since the 1988 Seoul Olympics, the team standing atop the podium for the gold medal ceremony won't be wearing red with its white and blue.

Argentina and Italy will play for the gold after a stunning day that included the United States being humbled 89-81 by Argentina and the Italians using their 3point prowess to knock off previously unbeaten Lithuania 100-91.

Allen Iverson promised a full effort in the bronze medal game Saturday night, but that will do little to erase the stigma that always will be associated with this Olympic

They've already lost three times, hammering home the reality that the world has not only caught up to the Americans, it has surpassed them.

"We still have to represent our country, go out Americans with a mixthere and fight as hard as ture of man-to-man and if it were a gold medal zone defenses, confoundgame," Iverson said, "and ed them with an assortmake the people proud of ment of back picks and us back home.'

Since losing in the semifinals of the 1988 brated wildly when the Olympics to the Soviet game ended, and the Union, the Americans crowd yelled "Ole!" had stood above the competition on the medal stands in Barcelona, handshake and hug to his outplayed by an Argentine team that lacks superstars but knew how bronze is the best the U.S. gold in Barcelona.

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team can do.

Manu Ginobili scored 29 points for Argentina. which took control at the start of the second half. went ahead by 18 and waited to hold off a comeback that never came from a hastily assembled assortment of NBA stars that began practicing in late July - a month after their opponents.

Indeed, the Dream Team days are long gone. It's the first time since pro players were added for the 1992 Olympics that the United States will not go home with gold.

"We fought as hard as we could," Iverson said. "We couldn't get it done for whatever reason. They were a better team than us."

Argentina, with almost the same roster that made history in 2002 by becoming the first team to defeat a U.S. squad of NBA players, had a team of better passers, shooters and defenders.

They confronted the deft passes.

Argentina's players cele-

U.S. coach Larry Brown walked over and gave a Atlanta and Sydney. But Argentine counterpart, after being thoroughly Ruben Magnano, who played for Argentina in the Tournament of the Americas against the first to play together better, Dream Team that won

"Our rival today was extremely tough, but in the few hours that passed between yesterday's game and today's, we realized that nothing was impossible," Magnano said. "We had to go out there and attack them on an equal footing, go for them. That's what we did, and that's why we won."

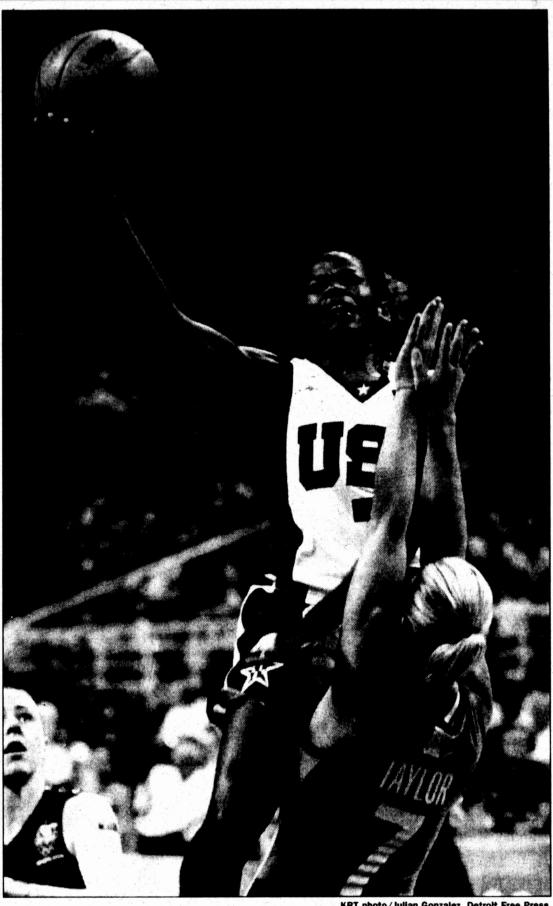
The U.S. team's best effort had come Thursday in a quarterfinal victory over previously undefeated Spain.

But just a day later, the Americans went back to missing 3-point shots, lost Tim Duncan to foul trouble, didn't get a breakout performance from any player and couldn't make a sustained comeback after they fell behind by a double-digit margin.

The Americans gave Argentina credit, but the fact remained that a big part of the U.S. team's loss was its fundamental weaknesses: a lack of familiarity with each other, poor defense and abysmal outside shooting.

It showed that the quarterfinal victory over Spain was an aberration, not an awakening.

"I don't know if we'd have beaten them if Timmy had played 40 minutes - though I'd have liked to have had that chance," Brown said. "Basketball has been getting better around the world because of what the Dream Team did in '92 and, rather than knocking our guys, we should give credit to the guys who won."



KRT photo/Julian Gonzalez, Detroit Free Press Sheryl Swoopes of the United States, top, take a shot over Australia's Penny Taylor in the Americans victory for the gold medal in basketball at the 2004 Olympic Games Alysha Sv

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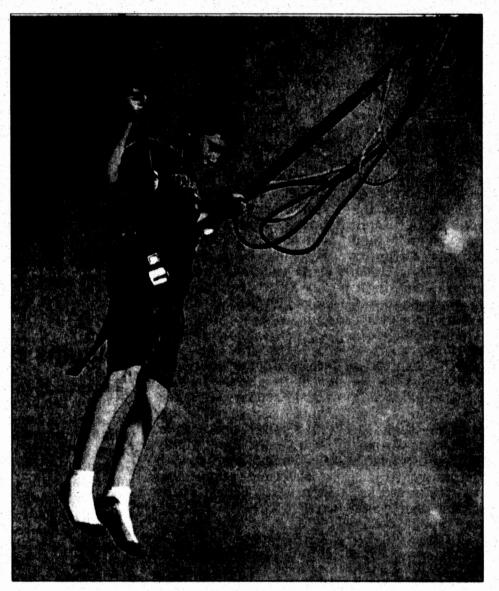
HOWARD COUNTY FAIR





Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant Alysha Swinney, above, pets Indigo, a 2-year-old Italian greyhound, at the K-9 Country Club Training Group exhibit at the Howard County Fair.

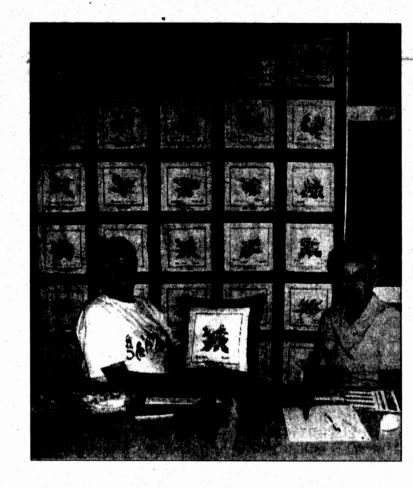
June Wiggins and Jean Sledge, below, sell tickets for a chance to win the state flowers quilt at the Howard County Fair.



Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant Lisa Barnes, top right photo, walks with her 19-month-old daughter Kylie during the pony rides available at the fair.

Charlie Gravell, of Ozona, bungee jumps at an activity at the fair.

This seventh-grader also won \$20 for making it to the top of the wall at the rock climbing activity.





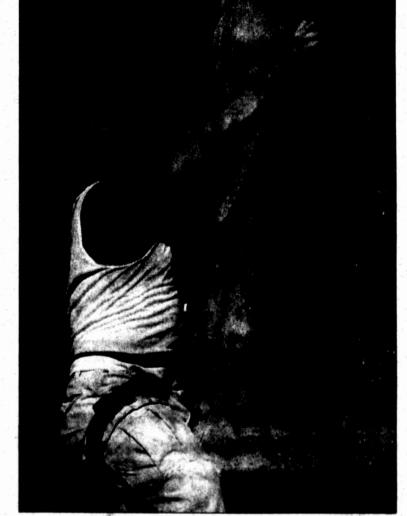




Herald photos/Marsha Sturdlvant
Girl Scout leader Connie
Schooler, above, along with
Karen Wells, left, Emmalee
Schooler and Leela
Schooler, share information
about Girl Scouts at their
booth at the fair.

Dillon Williams, right, of Midland, has his face painted by Jeff Waller of Gospel Ministries for Children, based in San Anglo.

Tommy Bolton, lower right, of Big Spring attempts the \$20 challenge at the rock climbing activity at the Howard County Fair.



Ronnie, Brooke Bailee and Landon Grant, above, of Grant's Country Store, in Sand Springs, admire the exhibits at the Howard County Fair.

Colgate Country Showdown winner Alisha Bullard, right, of Ozona, talks with contest judges Keith Graumann and Jody Nix after the contest.



Anniversary

Wolfe couple celebrate 50 years of marriage

celebrated their 50th wed- Management in Carlsbad, ding anniversary with a N.M. week in N. Myrtle Beach, S.C. with all of their children and grandchildren. space, the research lab at Their children hosted a Texas A&M and insurcatered dinner in the ance, but is mainly a wife country Aug. 8.

Spence was born in Big Spring and the former Janet Floth was born in Fort Collins, Colo. They met in the college Sunday school class at First Baptist Church while attending Colorado State University. They were First Baptist Church in Fort Collins, Colo.

The couple has four sons, David Wolfe of N. Myrtle Beach S.C., Steven Wolfe of Lewiston, Idaho, Kevin and wife, Lynn, Wolfe of Colleyville and Karl and wife, Cathy, of Hyperion Club, a Red Kingwood. They also have four grandchildren.

Spence was in the Army for two years after graduating from college in Newport News, Va., and Manhattan, Kan. He worked in aerospace for Martin Company in Baltimore, Md. and Denver Colo., then for General Electric in support to NASA in Houston. They then moved to Big Spring, where he worked for Fina and later was a consultant for Western

Wedding

Spence and Janet Wolfe Environmental

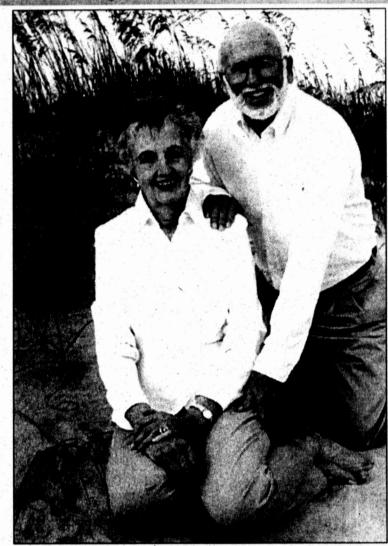
Janet has a math background, worked in aeroand mother.

They are affiliated with **East Fourth Street Baptist** Church. Spence is a County Howard Republican Chairman, has served on the State Republican Executive Committee, is a Red Cross volunteer and an married Aug. 8, 1954, at RSVP member. He is active in East Fourth Street Baptist Church and is on the Boy Scout **Executive Committee.**

Janet is active in church where she leads a women's Bible class. She is a member of the 1953 Cross volunteer, a CPAA and RSVP member. She plays duplicate bridge and served on the Houston school board in the NASA area.

Spence enjoys organic gardening, bee keeping and is a do-it-yourselfer. Janet enjoys reading, crafts, family and friends.

They say they highly recommend marriage. It is a lifetime commitment with Jesus Christ at the center.



Mr. and Mrs. Spence and Janet Wolfe today and right, in 1954.

Holguins celebrate 50 years wed

of Forsan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a dinner at the Barn Door Restaurant in Odessa, and will further celebrate with a trip to New England in October, a gift from their children and their families.

Ramon was born in Imperial and the former Sue Acosta was born in Fort Stockton. They met District. They are affiliaton a blind date, arranged ed with Immaculate by Sue's best friend, Heart of Mary Catholic in Fort Stockton in ing, Bunko, their grand-February of 1954. They children and volunteer were married Aug. 17, 1954, in St. Joseph's Church in Fort Stockton.

California, Silvia Hasak ship to God.

Ramon and Sue Holguin of Cape Coral, Fla., Stella Turner of Bronte, Ramon Jr. of Austin and Ruben Holguin of Big Spring, and four grandchildren.

During their marriage they have lived in Imperial, Crane. Coahoma and Forsan.

Ramon is retired from **Burlington Resources and** Sue is retired from Forsan Indepenent School Nellie, at the drug store Church. They enjoy cookwork.

They say the keys to a successful marriage are The couple has five chil- - being honest with each dren; Rudy Holguin of other and a close relation-





Mr. and Mrs. Ramon and Sue Holguin

Overman and Mitchell wed

Aubrey and David Mitchell of McKinney exchanged wedding vows in a double-ring ceremony July 13, 2004. The candlelight ceremony was held in the parlor of Abbercrombey Bridal Suites, located on the historic square of Decatur. Family members of the couple were in attendance and Bill Hughes, Baptist minister, officiated the ceremony.

are D.W and Jane Overman of Big Spring and Eugene and Grace Mitchell of Moody.

mother's wedding dress, fashioned in off-white crystallete fabric over taffeta. The full, waltzlength skirt fell from the dropped waist of the formed bodice that featured a V-neck, both front and back, and capped sleeves. The back of the dress was fastened with several tiny self-covered buttons and the bride wore a Wedgewood pearl necklace given to her by Parents of the couple the groom. Her hair was adorned with a small headpiece of pearls and

crystals. The bridal bouquet con-

The bride wore her sisted of blue hydrangeas. and off-white ribbons decorated with pearls accented the necklace worn by the bride. Two handkerchiefs that were handmade by the groom's late grandmothers

attached to the bouquet. The bride is a graduate of Big Spring High School, Abilene Christian University and the University of North Texas. She is employed as

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a counselor by the Lewisville Independent School District.

The groom graduated from Abilene Wylie High School, McMurray University and University of Texas of the Permian Basin. He is employed as a system's by analyst Texas Instruments of Dallas.

The couple have made their home in Aubrey.

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Butts, a boy, was born July 20, 2004, at MCH Hospital in Odessa at 4:22 p.m., weighing 4 pounds, 6.3 long. His parents are Russell and Wayna Butts of Big Spring. His grandparents are Wayne and Lois Rhyne and Mickey. and the late Marvin Butts, all of Big Spring.

Tyler He was welcomed home by his sibling Bradlee.

Tatalia Lopez, a Aug. 19, 2004, at ounces and was 18 inches 6:15 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 6 ounces and was 21 inches long. Her parents are Monica Fierro and Johnny Lopez. Her grandparents are Alfaro and Celia Lopez and Mary Garcia.

oel Justen Case Vogel, a boy, born Aug. 19, 2004, at 2:44 girl, was born p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. His parents are Justen and T.J. Vogel. Her grandparents are Donna King of Big Spring and Shirley Richie of Wimberley.

ranham Clark Smith, a boy, born Aug. 19, 2004, at 2:31 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces and was 21 inches long. His mother is Savannah Smith. His grandparents are Floyd and Judy Smith of Glasscock County. His great grandparents are Lou Branham and Wanda Smith.





Michelle Nic and Danny F exchanged we at 4 p.m. Aug the Circle S Camp Taber Stanton.

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Shands and Peugh marry

exchanged wedding vows at 4 p.m. Aug. 8, 2004, in the Circle Six Baptist Camp Tabernacle in Stanton.

The double ring ceremony was officiated by Jeff Scott, youth minister from First Baptist Church in Levelland.

The bride is the daughter of Robert Lusignan of Houston and Karren and Bob Ogg of Brownwood.

Danny is the son of J.E. and Joann Peugh of Stanton.

The bride wore a Maggie Sottero gown of light gold satin. The bodice had a tulle overlay embellished with sequins, pearls beads. Swarovski crystals. The graceful slim gown with asymmetrical gathering at the waist was trimmed with a band of sequins, pearls and beads, Swarovski crystals down the side of the skirt. Michelle wore a beaded pearl band in her upswept hairdo.

A pearl necklace and earring custom-designed gift from the groom was her something new. something old, borrowed and blue was a handkerchief reminiscent of the groom's grandmother, the

Michelle Nicole Shands late Angeline Shaw, and Danny Paul Peugh pinned with a diamond and sapphire brooch belonging to the groom's aunt, Nelda, Tobias. The handkerchief was placed into her bridal bouquet. She carried a large nosegay of Virginia and Anna roses hand tied with a satin and pearl ribbon. She wore a 2004 penny in her shoe, a gift from Joann Peugh.

Attending the bride as matron of honor was Laura Fields of Lenorah. The bride was escorted to the altar by Lane and Casey Shands, sons of the bride. They presented her to the groom with their blessing.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with a black vest and a Windsor tie.

Attending the groom as best man was Johnny Peugh, brother of the groom, also of Stanton.

Ring bearers for the double ring ceremony were T.J. Shands, son of the bride and Bryce Blocker, nephew of the groom. They carried heart shaped, hand smocked ivory satin pillows that were made by the groom's grandmother, the late Angeline Shaw, especially for the wedding of Patty and Kenneth Schuelke in 1975 and have

been traditionally used for family weddings including Koy and Tammy Blocker in 1980, sisters of the groom.

Serving as ushers for the wedding were Bobby Lusignan, brother of the bride and Clint Schuelke, nephew of the groom.

Musical selections played by Jogay Hill of Stanton throughout the wedding included "Canon in D", "Bridal March" and "Wedding March." Soloist Frankie Levings sang the "Parents Prayer" as the parents were seated. "I Will Be There" was sung by soloist, Laura Fields as the couple lit the unity candle.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Tabernacle with more than 200 guests. White ornate bird cages decorated beautifully with Virginia and Anna roses held a pair of white love birds and greeted guests as they entered the tabernacle. Champagne punch was served by Wendy Sawyer. Serving at the bride's table were Tarah Scott, Tandi Stockton and Teresa Gaskins. Attending the groom's cake were servers Cindy and Zada Cave and Tammy Blocker. Serving coffee was Vietia Romine.

Attending the guests register was Patty Schuelke. Kandace and Julia Schuelke, Kaitlyn, Meagan and Kristin Blocker, along with Ashli Stockton, nieces of the groom greeted guests. Shanna Peugh, niece of the groom served as the wedding coordinator. Coordinating the reception were Kathryn Burch and Carla Peugh.

Serving in the house party were Daniel and Zada Cave, Joe Mac and LaVerne Gaskins, Koy and Tammy Blocker, Kenneth and Patty Schuelke, Kevin and Cindy Cave, Rodger and Kathryn Burch, Cody and Shanna Peugh, Kelly and Teresa Gaskins, Tony and Wendy Sawyer, Larry and Vietia Romine, Malcolm and Glynda Tunnell, Lloyd and Sue Robinson, Richard and Tandi Stockton, Carla Peugh, Tarah Scott and Brady Peugh.

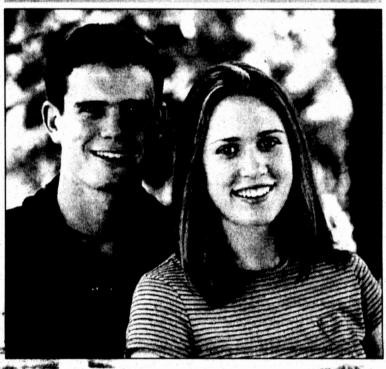
The couple were showered with rose buds as they left the tabernacle.

The couple honeymooned in the mountains of Pocono, Penn. at the Paradise Stream Resort, also visiting in New York City, and will be at home in Stanton.



Mr. and Mrs. Danny and Michelle (Shands) Peugh

Engagement



Duncan and Cypert wed

Big Spring and Bryan well a a limousine ride. A Keith Cypert of Garden video graph of the origi-City exchanged wedding nal ceremony and honeyvows at 9 a.m. July 20, moon site was on display. 2004, on the beach in the The rooms were filled Caribbean.

The bride is the daughter of Tommy and Pam Duncan and Rodney Carr, all of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Emma and the late Dalton Carr, Bill and Dean Baker and the late Frank and Evelyn Hagen.

The groom is the son of Donny Cypert of Garden City and Linda Cypert of Big Spring. He is the grandson of James and Nita Cypert of Garden City and the late Bill and Nadine Williams of Knott, and the great-grandson of Johnnie and the late J.T. Cypert of Garden City.

The bride wore a strapless, floor length gown. The full flowing skirt of the gown displayed several layers of tulle embellished with sequins. She wore a princess tiara with an off-the-shoulder veil. She carried a bouquet of island exotic flowers.

The groom wore a black tuxedo.

A beautiful reception was held for the couple July 31, 2004, at the Big Spring Country Club. It began with a private ceremony of the couple repeating their vows in front of the family. More than 100 guests joined in the reception.

The reception included a room full of hor d'oeuvres, a chocolate foun-

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Emileh Rose Duncan of tain, music and dance as with roses and candle lights. A memory table was set up of pictures of the loved ones the couple miss and wished could have joined them.

> The bride's cake was a four-tiered cake with Italian cream cheese frosting.

> Each layer was a different flavor. The topper of the cake was a bride chasing her groom. Roses and candles adorned the table. The floor-length white tablecloth was covered with 1,000 tiny white lights.

> These lights were covered with a sheer white organza cloth.

> The groom's table included a three-layered red velvet cake that was covered in chocolate squares and surrounded by frosted grapes and strawberries. A vase of four dozen white gladiolas, along with a picture of the couple, sat next to the cake. A toy jet ski and a toy four-wheeler sat on the table with a pair of bride and groom dolls riding aboard.

The guest tables were covered with white tablecloth. A set of three, tall-



Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Keith and Emileh Rose Cypert

tiered candlesticks with associate lit candles as well as a vase of two dozen hot pink and orange roses set on the tables. White chair covers and a hot pink bow embellished the chairs. The couple began and ended the party with a dance to their favorite love song, "At Last" by

Celine Deion. The bride is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2004 graduate with alpha cum laude honors of Howard College Vocational School of Nursing.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Garden City High School and received a certificate in auto body repair in 1996 from Howard College.

He is a 1997 graduate of Howard College with an

degree applied science. For the past two years, he has owned and operated BK Customs.

The happy couple resides in Garden City.

Burgess and Williams engaged

Burgess of Anna Midland and Petty Officer Tyson Williams of Charleston, S.C. are planning to be married at 2 p.m. Oct. 2 at Sacred Heart Cathedral in San Angelo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mark and Oneita Burgess of Midland, formerly of Big Spring.

She is the granddaughter of Fay Smith of San Angelo and the late Owen R. Smith, and Vera Burgess of San Angelo and the late Roy Burgess.

The groom-elect is the son of Kenneth and Betty Word of Lampasas and Nick and Laurie Williams of Leveland. He is the grandson of Bill and Betty Williams of Jayton.



*Some restrictions apply. Bifocals extra. Doctor's prescription required or lenses duplicated.

H&R Block Income Tax Courses starting soon.

H&R Block, leaders in the tax preparation business for nearly 50 years, is currently encouraging people to enroll in their Income Tax Course. Classes begin soon and are held in a number of convenient locations in the area. H&R Block has taught more than two million people how to prepare taxes and develop personal tax-saving strategies during the past 20 years.

H&R Block has experienced instructors and the best teaching materials available. Students taking the six-week course will learn to complete both federal and state tax returns and learn the ramifications of the latest tax laws Students learn through hands-on

experience with actual case studies. After course completion, many students use their skills to generate a seasonal or part time income.* Some even are trained to become H&R Block Tax Professionals.

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GOING OUT OF BUSINESS



Cathia Hildebrand, left and Lucia Morales, both of Big Spring, select clothing from Dunlap's during the closing sale for the department store. The lease for the building expires at the end of October but the store will close when all the mer-

Free doughnuts for good grades program flaky to nutritionists

 Krispy Kreme is offering to reward students with a doughnut for every A on their report card, but the plan seems a little flaky to some officials trying to fight childhood obesity.

chandise has been sold.

Under one promotion, Krispy Kreme stores will give Palm Beach County-students in kindergarten doughnut?" through sixth grade a free doughnut for good grades. Another program has students decorate posters Principals decide whether to allow exercise programs. The district is of doughnuts with "success sprinthe doughnut posters or any other also offering healthier school lunch when children meet goals.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) The posters can be turned in for trict spokeswoman said. 'doughnuts.

> "Krispy Kreme doughnuts are very good, especially when the 'hot' lights are on, but I can't say that there's anything healthy about them," school board member Debra Robinson said Tuesday. "Can't we find something else? I mean, a

many schools are participating. business partnership, a school dis-

Jackie Zepeda, Krispy Kreme spokeswoman, said she was unaware of any concern about the doughnut giveaway in light of child obesity, which has been declared an epidemic by the National Institutes of Health.

The promotion comes as 50 Palm Beach County schools start a \$1.4 Krispy Kreme doesn't track how million program to promote healthier lifestyles with nutrition and menus.

Area business briefs

Weekend Edition, August 28-29, 2004

Annual sheep and goat field day coming up

The 31st annual Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center at San Angelo is set for Thursday. Registration starts at 8 a.m. with the program to follow at 9 a.m.

The center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Morning topics are animal ID issues, country of origin labeling and the agricultural economy, the quality assurance program, recent fiber measurement advances, the center's sheep breeding research, a Mohair Council of America update and a report from the National Sheep Improvement Center.

Following a noon "Dutch-treat" lunch at the center, the field day resumes with talks on embryo transfer and artificial insemination, and soremouth problems in goats.

Updates from Ranchers Lamb of Texas, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the Texas Hair Sheep Association will also be presented. The day's activities end at 3 p.m.

For more information, contact the center at (325) 653-

Ag town hall meetings set in area

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will visit with producers and rural communities at town hall meetings throughout the state to discuss issues impacting rural Texas and the agricultural industry. The meetings are open forums where producers and community members can discuss issues as well as present their own ideas and solutions to he commission-

Area meetings include two on Monday, Sept. 23. One will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the Dal Paso Museum, 306 S. First St. in Lamesa. The other will be held at 4 p.m. at the Center Meeting Room, Texas State Technical College, 300 College Dr., in Sweetwater.

Business conference slated Sept. 24

The Workforce Network of Big Spring will be hosting the Texas Business Conference for area employers on Sept. 24.

The conference is presented by the Texas Workforce Commission in Austin and is comprised of state legal staff who will answer legal questions and provide updates on new employment laws.

Some of the topics will include workers compensation, unemployment claims, wage and hour laws, taxes and tax credits, policy handbooks and hiring and firing issues.

The conference has been tentatively set for the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Any employer who does not receive a notice concerning the conference should contact the Workforce Network Office at (432) 263-8373.

Event center now open to Big Spring community

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club building at 1607 E. Third Street is now the Event Center.

The former bingo building has been renovated and converted into a meeting and party facility. There are three areas that will accommodate groups of 20 to 250 with catering services available.

"After receiving numerous calls from the community

requesting that the building be available for rent, we worked to renovate the space," said Bob Noyes, Evening Lions Club secretary.

The Event Center is available reunions, receptions, dances, meetings and confer-

The front portion is 50-feet by 70-feet with a band/DJ area and has a satillo tile dance floor.

date up to 250 people and is fully carpeted.

The back room can accommo-

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The den is a small area suitable for meeting or classroom settings.

Each area has its own outside entrance.

The rental rates are \$400 for the entire building, \$250 for the front portion, \$200 for the back room and \$125 for the den. in Big Spring to know that the There is a matching deposit fee for each area.

A fourth area for children will soon be available.

The money from Event Center rentals will be used for Evening Lions Club activities and build-

ing upkeep. Noyes said he is proud to be a part of the Evening Lions Club and that the Event Center is just one of the many outreach

programs of the club. 'We want the senior citizens ald.com

Eyeglass Recycling Program is still located in the building. It is open the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m." said Noves.

For more information, contact Noyes or Janis Dean of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club at 267-5811.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by email at reporter@bigspringher-

Greenspan advises

Painful choices ahead if benefits are not trimmed

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said Friday that the country will face "abrupt and painful" choices if Congress does not move quickly to trim the Social Security and Medicare benefits that have been promised to the baby boom genera-

Returning to a politically explosive issue that he has addressed a number of times this year. Greenspan said that it was wrong for the government to hold out the promise of more retirement benefits than it is capable of providing.

He said this issue was particularly critical given the impending retirement of 77 million baby boomers born in the two decades after World War II.

to our retirees to promise only the benefits that can be delivered," Greenspan said in opening remarks to a two-day conference sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City on the challenges posed by aging popula-

"If we have promised more than our economy has the ability to deliver, as I fear we may have, we must recalibrate our public programs so that pending retirees have time to adjust through channels." other Greenspan said. "If we delay, the adjustments could be abrupt and

painful." Greenspan, as he has done previously, suggested that possible changes would be raising the retirement age to receive full Social Security bene-

"As a nation, we owe it fits, which currently is gradually increasing from 65 to 67.

Greenspan, who is 78 and was recently confirmed for a fifth term as Fed chairman, has been a proponent of raising the retirement age ever since he was chairman of a commission that recommended a number of changes to rescue Social Security from impending insolvency two decades

Greenspan said that the projected doubling of the U.S. population over the age of 65 by 2035 would add to the government's budget deficit woes.

He said it was important to be careful in how deficits those addressed. He said that relying entirely on an increase in the payroll

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News: Wheat producers turn to Web site for planting info

Special to the Herald

Wheat Texas Producers Board (TWPB) reminds producers that the first step to having a successful crop is to begin with an informed decision on which variety of wheat to plant.

"Producers must be armed with the latest and best agronomic research available when planning for next year's crop,' David Moore, said Dumas wheat producer and TWPB Member. "As a result of the TWPB's redesigned Web site, this information is much easier to obtain."

The latest TWPB checkoff-funded research is posted on the Web site (www.texaswheat.org) the minute it becomes available. Producers can view variety trial results to see how the variety they planted last year performed and choose a variety that will best suit has updated newsletters. including topics like tips to improve the quality of farmer-saved seed and U.S. wheat export and World Trade negotiation

"We hope producers will turn to our site first, not only when looking for planting information, but also for news, futures quotes and even current weather."

updates. "Research is vital for the future of the Texas wheat farmer, but making sure producers have access to the research is just as important." said Dr. Jackie Rudd, wheat their needs in the next breeder at Texas A&M

Station in Amarillo. The TWPB is doing its

best to make sure producers have access to the latest research and information 24 hours a day. said Moore. However, the TWPB cannot do it alone. The Web site redesign is due to a grant from Bayer · CropScience, a long-time supporter of state wheat organizations. Bayer CropScience sponsored the Web site as an effort to increase communication between the farm community and the Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association.

The benefits research have long been praised in the form of growing higher yields. drought and insect-tolerant wheats, less chemical use - resulting in lower input costs for producers and better quality for the end user.

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planting year. The site University Experiment

Public records

Hot Checks/Warrants issued: Javier Alcantar, 1513 Scurry Street, Big Lisa B. Aleman, 306 W. First Street.

Stanton Cindy Renee Alexander, 1709 Owens Big Spring Lorie Avina, 603 Steakley, Big Spring Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. O,

Loretta Rae Bryner, 2119 Zephyr,

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Spring Aaron Kyle Henderson, 2107 Carol, Big

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tax on workers to deal

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Greenspan said policy-

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Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg Street, Big Spring District Court Filings:

Mark Daniel Murphree vs. In Re, exp. Claude Delone vs. Melencio F. Juan M.D., injury or damages - other. Alex M. Rodriguez vs. Jessica Rodriguez, divorce.

Alen Dale Mince vs. Delynda Carol Griffis Mince, divorce.

James Michaeld Grantom III vs. Julia

County Court Decisions: Probated Judgment: Jennifer Hill, theft more than \$500 less than \$1,500, \$100 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 18 months probation) Judgment and Sentence: Billy Shawn Kennedy, violation of a protective order \$500 fine, \$361 court costs, 90 days in

Judgment and Sentence: Nathan Alan Ritz, burglary of a vehicle, \$361 courts costs, 180 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Shane Alan

Knowlton, burglary of a vehicle, \$2,000 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail. Probated Judgment: Steven Gamboa, consumption of alcohol by a minor - third offense enhanced, \$250 fine, \$311 c ourt costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspend ed, six months probation).

Judgment and Sentence: Darrin Webb, violation of a protective order, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 90 days in jail. Judgment and Sentence: Tommy Andrew Gonzales, failure to identify as a

fugitive from justice - intentionally giving false information, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 10 days in jail. Probated Judgment: Kendry Lynn Harrison, theft - more tha \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180

days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation). Probated Judgment: Douglas Dean pended, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12

months probation). Probated Judgment: Juan Roberto Menjarez, displaying a fictitious motor vehicle inspection certificate, \$250 fine, \$291 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Probated Judgment: Julian Parras Ramirez, assault witch intent to cause bodily injury - family violence, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months probation).

Warranty deeds: Grantor: Juan Martinez Grantee: Kenneth Baker and Mary Lou

Property: Lot 33, Block 8, Suburban Date Filed: Aug. 11, 2004

Grantor: Rosa Yanez Grantee: Arturo Yanez Property: Lot 2, Block 16, Boydstun Date Filed: Aug. 11, 2004

Grantor: Beverly Rice Grantee: James A. Pope Property: The N/56 feet of the S/76 feet of Lot 3, Block 6, Wrights Second Addition Date Filed: Aug. 11, 2004

Grantor: Shirley Barrett and Sue Sailing Grantee: Shirley Barrett Property: Lot 6, Block 5, Hillcrest Terrace Addition Date Filed: Aug. 11, 2004

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of Section 20, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Date Filed: Aug. 17, 2004

Grantor: Trudy Carter Grantee: Ricardo Balcazar Property: A tract of land out of the NW/4 of Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey Date Filed: Aug. 17, 2004

Grantor: Carroll Kohl Grantee: Bert Hillge Property: Lot 10, Block 2, Marshall Date Filed: Aug. 17, 2004

Grantor: Mary L. Farmer Grantee: Michael Nairn Property: Lot 20, Block 1, Amended Piner Heights Addition Date Filed: Aug. 17, 2004

Grantor: Tom Rountree Grantee: Thomas M. Kelley Property: A 3.6 acre tract out of the NE/4 of Section 32, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Date Filed: Aug. 19, 2004

Grantor: D.T. McGregor Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum Property: Lot 9, Block 3, Monticello Date Filed: Aug. 19, 2004

Grantor: Daniel F. Hembree Grantee: Robert Craig Bronaugh Property: Lot 15, Block 7, Stanford

Date Filed: Aug. 20, 2004 Warranty deeds with vendors lein: Grantor: James F. Hollis Grantee: Justin Cole Jenkins and Koby

Property: The N/120 acres of the N/2 of Sectgion 14, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Date Filed: Aug. 13, 2004

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Grantor: Ronnie Williams and Pamela

Coronado Hills Date Filed: Aug. 13, 2004

Grantee: Donnma Romine Property: A 12 acre tract out of the NE/4 of Section 18, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P Date Filed: Aug. 13, 2004

Grantor: Joseph Budd and Cheryl Budd Grantee: L.B. Hodges Property: Lots 1 and 2 Subdivision A, Block 6, Fairview Heights Addition Date Filed: Aug. 13, 2004

Grantor: Bruce Hanson Property: Lot 3, Block 23, Monticello

Date Filed: Aug. 18, 2004 Grantor: Shon Parker

Grantee: Stan Parker, Bruce Parker and Joyce Parker Property: Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block 1, Boydstun Addition Date Filed: Aug. 18, 2004

Grantor: Wesley T. Watson Grantee: Pete Acosta Property: SC 42, Block 32, T-1-N, Date Filed: Aug. 18, 2004

Grantor: Wallace D. Foy Grantee: L.B. Hodg Property: Lot 11, Block 4, Western Hills

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Grantor: Martha Schawb Grantee: Jerry Jones Property: A tract out of the S/2 of Section 44, Block 32, T-1-S, &P RR Co. Date Filed: Aug. 19, 2004

Grantor: Rodney V. Fuqua and Roe Lynn Fugua Grantee: Steven Gillespie and Amanda

Property: Lot 7, Block 1, Whippoorwill Date Filed: Aug. 20, 2004

Grantor: Brian D. Cooke and Terry L. Grantee: Bryan K. Dobbs

Property: Lot 14, Block 4, Kentwood

Date Filed: Aug. 20, 2004 Grantor: Bernice Darden

Grantee: Edward Roach Property: Lot 2, Block 6, Porter

Date Filed: Aug. 20, 2004 Grantor: Mary Ellen Eckert

Grantee: Lavonda Merie Eckert Property: Lot 3, Block 1, Edwards Hills Date Filed: Aug. 20, 2004 Grantor: Vynona Gale Brewer Grantee: Michale D. Towne

Property: Lot 2, Block 10, Suburban Date Filed: Aug. 20, 2004

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workers in coming years.

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Developing new varieties takes many years of research. Wheat breeders, like Dr. Jackie Rudd, look at current varieties to determine desired traits before they begin to plant crosses in greenhouses. Then, nurseries are planted with 2 ft. seed beds called head rows. Finally, field plots are planted over a number of growing seasons for breeders to select the desired traits. specimens are "weeded out" early on, and very few types make it to state-wide evalua-Because of the TWPB's continued commitment to research, new varieties are available nearly every season.

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will turn to our site first, not only when looking for planting information, but also for news, futures quotes and even current weather," said Moore.

Additional features of TWPB Web site include: Doane Reuters news, futures quotes and charts, county LDP rates, current weather, up-to-date Texas and U.S. wheat crop reports and USDA reports.

RIBBON CUTTINGS



Members of the Ambassadors and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce welcome the Event Center as a new business. From left are Clarance Hartfield Jr., Christy Hernandez, Debbye ValVerde, Lions Club members Jan Noves and Bob Noves, Raul Marquez, Barbara Brumley, Tito Arencibia, Angela Parks and John Weeks.



The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce welcomes the new Best Western Plaza Inn to the community. From left are Clarance Hartfield Jr., Debbye ValVerde, Tommy Churchwell, Christy Hernandez, Gary Fugua, owner Sam Patel, Kusum Patel, Esham Patel, Priya Patel, general manager Bob Patel, Sumam Patel, Usha Patel, Mike Spann, Rashmin Patel, Usha Patel, Manish Patel, Nitin Patel and Tito Arencibia.

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Garage Sales

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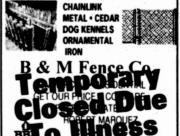
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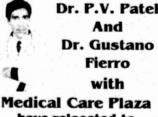
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love is a push-and-pull game; you'll feel better if you push less and let a sweetheart come to you. Insight and imagination are readily available to you. You'll be inspired to break your own records. Condition a new habit, or

train a pet. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Let go of petty concerns, and face the real issue. By making your own happiness a higher priority, you handle problems. Work on your physical self is never a waste, so allow yourself time to exer-

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Dreams you held close to your heart in the past are now resurfacing - how could you have forgotten? Now that you're back in touch, you're also very attractive to anyone who can help you move toward making your dreams

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's lucky to change your plans, especially if you have a funny feeling. You're struck with interesting notions this afternoon. Share your ideas with a group. Children thrive with more to do and be accountable for.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You show generous appreciation to others all the time, and now, it's your turn to shine. A promise you made must soon be fulfilled. Develop new habits for dealing with stress. Tonight, financial opportuni-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S STATE FINANCIAL

Legals

ACCOUNTABILITY RATING Forsan ISD will hold a public meeting at the beginning of their reqularly scheduled Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on September 13, 2004 at the Administration Office located at 411 W. 6th Street in Forsan,

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Forsan ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability sys-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS COAHOMA ISD'S

State Financial **Accountability Rating**

Coahoma ISD will hold A public meeting at 6:30 p.m. September 16, 2004 in the Administration Building **Board Room** 600 N. Main Street Coahoma, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Coahoma ISD's rating on the state's financial accountability system #4309 August 29, 2004

ties are right under your nose.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Close relationships of all kinds are strengthened. There's nothing more exhilarating than being freshly in love. But do be careful not to go on and on about it to people who simply can't relate. A Sagittarius is an accepting

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's time to review - a necessary process in your personal evolution. When you look back and make an effort to employ what you learned long ago, you can avoid pitfalls, both financial and social.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The stars favor trying something impossible. Learning to overcome your fear of rejection is a simple process - get rejected a few times, so you no longer fear it. Confidence grows when others respond to spontaneity

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 Dec. 21). You are dynamic but need to listen as much as you talk. Diplomacy helps secure your financial situation. Share your burdens. Don't worry about whether or not you have done enough — you have.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Take the direct route to what you want instead of hedging around. The more elaborate the plan, the more likely it is to get muddled and misguided. You shine in any situation social encounter, so relax.

Legals

NOTICE of APPLICATION to INJECT FLUID

Just Oil & Gas, PO Box 953, Midland, TX 79702 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive oil and gas. Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Clearkfork formation Well #1. The proposed injection well is located '22 miles northeast of Big Spring, TX in the W.S. Cole lease in Howard County, TX. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurdepth interval face 4358-4418'.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of Texas Water Code as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within 15 days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil & Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, PO Box 12967, Austin. Texas 79711 (512)463-6780. #4308 August 29, 2004

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be wary of anyone trying to control you with rules. Singles: A love interest is now available and ready to take a chance. All kinds of partnerships show improvement. Someone who owes you

money pays up. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Events unfold in the perfect order, so let go of the need to manipulate them. Avoid dealing intellectually with an emotional situation. Keep close to a friend who brings out the best in you, and avoid rambunctious influences.

In compliance with Article 6252-13c.1, revised statues, the following information on persons registering as sex offenders in the county of Howard is hereby published by the Howard County Sheriff's Office, listing sex of offender, age, street name, city, zip code and offense committed:

The following persons have registered with the Big Spring Police Department as a convicted sex offender: Richard Hernandez Martinez. 40-year-old male, 423 South Second St., Coahoma, Texas

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