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BRIEFLY Forsan ISD sets bond seminars

Forsan Independent School District will host two information sessions concerning the \$4.9 million bond election, scheduled for Sept. 11.

The sessions will be held in conjunction with an open house on each campus.

Forsan Junior/Senior High School will host one meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium. An open house will immediately follow and early voting will be conducted beginning at 7 p.m.

The information session and open house at Elbow Elementary is scheduled for Sept. 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Early voting will be held that night beginning at 6.

Everyone is invited to attend either or both sessions and the open houses.

Early voting began Wednesday and will continue through Sept. 7 at the superintendent's office. If passed. the bond package will fund upgrades to district facilities, construction of a multipurpose athletic facility and new buses.

Cossacks, Legion slated fund-raiser

The Permian Basin Chapter of 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, beginning at noon at the Legion Post, 3203 W. Highway 80

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Trustees set tax rate, adopt budgets, approve arts center bidding process

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By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

Howard College trustees voted Monday to approve unrestricted fund budgets in the amount of \$17,141,626 for Howard College and \$3,445,845 for SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

They also approved the adoption of a tax rate of 27.561 cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate that was approved last year. **Howard College President** Dr. Cheryl Sparks told trustees taxpayers will see no change in their tax



value of their property goes up or down. Five years of

hard work and dedication culminated trustees voted

to begin the bidding process for construction of the two-story, multi-million-dollar structure that will house the theater and arts pro-

"We are very pleased to move to the point of a bidding process for the visual and performing arts

the center," said Sparks.

At a construction workshop before Monday's meeting, the board was presented with cost-cutting ideas for the new facility, such as reducing some of the millwork, using king-sized bricks and reducing the height of the building by two

At the board meeting, the question of timing for the bidding process was addressed by Sparks.

"It should take about three weeks to make some

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Howard College freshmen Daniel Rodriguez from Big Spring and Cruz Montoya from Stanton purchase their books for the first day of class. The fall semester began Monday.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Living Memorial Tree Program Coordinator Gloria McDonald, left, Terrie Johansen and Cody Hare plant a tree at Comanche Trail Park to help begin the newly formed program.

Memorial Tree program special way to remember a loved one

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Living Memorial Tree Program got its first spade of dirt thrown Thursday afternoon, as committee members and city employees planted a "symbolic tree" near Cotton Mize Field at Comanche Trail Park.

Project coordinator Gloria McDonald said the tree, an eldarica pine, is a symbol of what the program has planned and helps an area of the park that has already lost several trees due to unchecked growth of mistletoe.

"I worked with (City Parks and Cemeteries Supervisor) Cody Hare, so we could put this tree in an irrigated area

"This program is for anyone who wants to remember a loved one with a memorial of a tree. This isn't limited to any particular



McDonald

and an area that would be protected," said McDonald. "This is just our symbolic tree. This isn't one of our funded memorial trees, which we'll begin

entity or organization."

planting in the fall. "This is an area that has See TREES, Page 3A

already lost six trees due to mistletoe and other infestations - it's very bare and it's very hot around the pavilion."

McDonald said during a recent trip to Utah she witnessed the controlled burn of an entire forest of trees infested with mistletoe, which helped her realize the danger it poses to trees.

"They tried chemicals and tried other means to get rid of the infestation, but there was no way," said McDonald. "They had to burn the forest to keep it from spreading and killing all of the trees.

"We came back to Big Spring and had been looking at the park for some time, knowing

GOP turns to domestic issues after saluting Bush

NEW YORK (AP) - Republicans are turning to conditions at home after saluting President Bush as a wartime president whose leadership is "rock solid." California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger gets star

billing on the second day of party's the convention as GOP the extends its outreach to moderate Democrats and independents.

As the Republican National Convention headed Tuesday's session scrambled to



Akron Beacon Journal/Paul Tople at U.S. Senator John Madison McCain (Ariz.) speaks S q u a r e during the evening ses-Garden under sion of the 2004 extremely Republican National heavy securi. Convention at Madison ty, Bush sup. Square Garden in New p o r t e r s York City on Monday.

explain the president's day-old comments that the war against terror could not be won.

First lady Laura Bush defended her husband, saying on ABC's "Good Morning America" that "this isn't a war with a country where you're going to have a surrender at some point, but the fact is, as we look around the world, we are already winning the war on terror."

Democrats pounced on the president's remark in hopes of stealing some convention-week spotlight from Republicans. Asked by reporters whether the war on terror could be won, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry replied, "Absolutely."

In Monday's opening session, Republicans invoked the memory of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as a test of Bush's mettle as a strong and decisive leader.

"Since September 11th President Bush has remained rock solid," former New York Mayor Rudolph

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Broadway returns to Big Spring with Sept. 11 tribute

By MEGAN KNIGHT

Special to the Herald

Broadway comes to Big Spring on Sept. 11 with Howard College's rendition of "The Guys" by Anne Nelson.

Howard College Associate Professor Clay Grizzle said the play was performed by Bill Murray and Sigourney Weaver in 2001 to benefit the Fireman's Relief Fund, and revolves around

the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. "It's about healing, and takes heroes, and turns them into real

people -- the guys next door," Grizzle said.

Howard College will perform "The Guys" in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. 3rd Street, for \$10. All proceeds will be used to purchase new communications equipment for

the Big Spring Fire Department. "The play is about a fire captain who loses his company during 9-11 and has to deliver their eulogies. He has a hard time, and

hires a writer to help him write next year, and using the perforthem," Grizzle said.

The headlining actors will be Pat Barrera, a Big Spring High School teacher, and Bill Kersh, of Midland.

Grizzle said, "Bill has been acting for decades and Pat does a great job; the play should be wonderful."

Grizzle said he had read the play, and wanted to perform it, but the rights are hard to obtained because it is going to be

mance as a benefit just made sense.

"Part of what a community theater does is provide services to the community, and that's what the fire department does, too," Grizzle said.

Grizzle added that the troupe will also be delivering performances of "The Guys" in Lamesa and Stanton to benefit the local volunteer fire departments there.

For more information contact turned into a film within the Clay Grizzle at 432-264-5068.

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Take note

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

☐ THE 1969 BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL class has a 35th class reunion set for Oct. 8-9. Please contact Shelane Parnell Roberts at 267-6013, 267-5858 or 267-2798 if you have any information regarding: Charles Arbuckle, Johnny Arguello, Steve Austin, Rhonda Barger, Jessie Ladd Bennett, Linda Gail Benson, Jay Berry, Brenda Bradbury, Dwight Brown, James Brown, Mike Brumley, Sherry Buford, Mary Beth Burcham, Bobbie Beatrice Byrd, Allen Carlile, Candace Carothers, Yvette Casillas Padilla, Lucy Cervantes, Ema Chavez, Gwen Clark, Steve Cofer, Elodia Corralez Cherry, Benjamin Rush Crocker, Alanda Deans, John Deats, Linda Dennis, Santa Diaz, Glenda Kay Digby, Robert Domino, Alfred Doporto, Janie Duke, Rodney Dunman, Debra Miller Erhardt, Michael Evans, Clifton Ray Fidler, Patie Lue Finke, Marva Elizabeth Foster, Debbie Fritz, Larry Froman, Laura Fulbright Jones, Dee Ann Gibson Jones, Wanda Sue Gipson, Cindy Gressett Trim, Darwin Griffin, Thomas Ham, Theresa Heard, Wanda Heckler Ingram, Bill Henry, David Hilario, Llascio Hilario, Lewis Hinojos, Francis Holt Hodges, Dale Hughes, Arthur Huse, Deborah Ann Jensen, Bill Jones, Jimmy Jones, Nancy Kasch, Juanice Ann Key, Linda Key, Cathy Kirby Murray, Bertha Kirk, Victoria Lynn Knoepfel, Mary Francis Lee, Joy Legg, Kennth Charles Le Roy, Roger Leviere, Barbara Long, Norma Luvano, Roberta Hazel Marks, Gerald Matin, Elizabeth McCarra, Wanda Jane Mesimer, Gene Willard Meyers, Debbie Miller Craig, Earsie Jean Miller, Thomas Molina, Carolyn Ann Montgomery, Karen Marie Moore, Irene Munoz McCurdy, Coleman Nalls, Garland Newton, Larry Newton, Doris Virginia Noble, Mary Jane Ovalle, Rosalinda Palomino, John Pannel, Richard Barry Payne, Angelina Carmen Phillips, Cynthia Jane Pinson, Sara Elizabeth Pohl, Cathy Poole, Arthur Porras, Judy Pruitt Cook, Paula Ramirez, Mary Rhodes, Peggy Riherd Williams, Ophelia Alaverez Rios, Deola Maureen Rivers, Terry Joan Robertson, Jamie Rouch Ethun, Pam Rowland, Karen Joyce Russell, Larry Russell, Adrian Saldivar, Jennifer Schneider, Larry Sloan, Candice Smith Spivey, Gary Smith, Gerald Wayne Smith, Gwnthe Gayle Smith, Stanford Stewart, Wendell Stewart, Tommy Switzer, Dana Sue Templeton Townsend, Robert Gale Thompson, Fidel Tovar, Jesse Trevino, Antonio Subia Valencia, Carl Van Vleet, Armando Flores Vera, Joyce Walker Gibbs, Terry Walton, Roy Lee Warren, Glee Webb, James Webb, William David Webb, Michael David Wiggins, Rocky Wooley, Viola Yanez Barrera, Manuel Ybarra.

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Police blotter

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

STEPHANIE POWELL, 31, of 1430 Dixie, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

MELISSA VALLES WILTSIE, 30, of 509 S.
 Benedict, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• REGINALD SCOTT SHAW, 41, of 600 W. 15th Street, was arrested Monday on a warrant for driving while license suspended/invalid.

 JORGE ANTONIO ESCAJEDA, 29, of 616 Caylor, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended - enhanced.

• DALLAS INEZ JORDAN, 34, of 620 State, was arrested Tuesday on three local warrants.

THEFT was reported:

in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
in the 400 block of Birdwell.

in the 1700 block of FM 700.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 2500 block of Cindy.

 DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 1000 block of Second Street.

 ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson Road.

 POSSESSION/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARA-PHERNALIA was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 900 block of Gregg Street.

 ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.

Sheriff's report

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

 ANDREW CLAUDE TALLEY, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of criminal trespass.

• STEPHANIE SHAE POWELL, 31, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less and a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• JOSEPH LYNN CHANCE, 37, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less and a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• JAIME DE LOS SANTOS, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of a controlled substance.

Support groups

TUESDA

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY D Alcohol

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

MONDAY

☐ 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.

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TODAY

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

• Comanche Trail Nursing Center Open House from 2-4 p.m. for the Alzheimer's Secure Unit. The public is invited.

• A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

 Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

 Line densing begins at 1 n m at the Spring City.

• Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

 Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

• Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

• Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard

College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.

 Genealogy Society of Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

• Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY
• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.

Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Lottery

· Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 9-11-16-19. Bonus Ball: 32. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$400,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-15-25-27-32.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$39,176.

Winning tickets sold in: San Antonio.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-2-4

Weather

Tonight – Scattered thunderstorms during the evening. Mainly clear skies after midnight. Low 61. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40 percent. Wednesday – A mainly sunny sky. High 87. Winds ESE at 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday night – Clear skies. Low 62. Winds E at 5

to 10 mph.

Thursday – Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the low 60s.

Friday – Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s

and lows in the mid 60s.

Saturday – Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the mid 60s.

lows in the mid 60s.

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Child dies in hot car

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Authorities said miscommunication between two sisters may have led to the death of an 18-month-old girl who was left in a hot car for about two hours.

Jasmine Morin died of heat exhaustion Saturday afternoon after her aunt, 17-year-old Ana Lopez, left the child in a car with the windows closed.

Police said Jasmine was in the car when Lopez dropped off the child's mother, Blanca Lopez, 24, at work Saturday afternoon.

"The mother indicates she told the aunt the child was in the back seat, but she (the aunt) didn't hear that," Lt. James Paschall said in Tuesday's editions of The Brownsville Herald. 'There was some miscommunication there."

Morin was found several hours later in the back seat of the car by relatives. Ana Lopez has been charged with felony abandonment of a child and is being held on a \$20,000 bond.

Funeral services set for siblings

SEMINOLE (AP) — Funeral services were scheduled for Thursday for three young siblings killed in a weekend traffic accident.

Rachel Lindsey, 10, Madelyn Lindsey 6, and Yates Lindsey, 1 month, died Saturday after the truck they were riding in was hit by a driver who failed to stop at a stop sign, Seminole police Sgt.

Chad Hallum said. Their parents, Dirk and Tara Lindsey were injured, Hallum said. They and the driver of the other truck, Eloisa Quintanilla, were in stable condition.

Bush says diplomacy best option with Iran

Bush said he will continrather than military options to try to get Iran to halt its nuclear program.

Earlier this month, Iran confirmed it had resumed building nuclear centrifuges, which can be used to enrich uranium to weapons grade, and declared it should have the right to advanced nuclear technology.

While he's "deeply concerned" by Iran's actions,

Bush was addressing

TAYLOR, Mich. (AP) - Bush said diplomatic problems, not to pass Calling war divisive for efforts are just beginning the country, President there and he's hopeful they will be successful. ue pursuing diplomatic He noted military action topple to Hussein's regime in Iraq came only after more than a decade of failed diplomacy.

> "The military option is always the last option for a president, not the first," he said in an interview broadcast Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show.

"Going to war is divisive," he said later in the interview. "I've always said my job is to confront

them on. The best thing I know to do is to continue to explain to people why the decisions I have made Saddam are going to make the world a more peaceful place." Bush comments came as

he continued a campaign swing that will take him to New York, where he'll speak Thursday night to the Republican National Convention.

On Tuesday, Bush continues his pre-convention barnstorming, traveling to Nashville, Tenn.

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Giuliani said, likening the president to Winston Churchill and Ronald Reagan. "We need George Bush more than ever."

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prompted That Democratic Party chief Terry McAuliffe to recall "a certain Churchill quote that, after the last four years, certainly applies to George Bush: He's a humble man with much to be humble about."

Democrats and some Sept. 11 victims say Republicans are politicizing a national tragedy. Giuliani denied that, saying Democrats made frequent mention of Sept. 11 at their convention last month in Boston. He said if Republicans did not cite Bush's response to the tragedy it would be like President Abraham Lincoln not mentioning the Civil War when he ran for re-election in 1864.

"How do we as Republicans defend the president that we think has gone a good job with

Sept. 11 without mentioning it?" Giuliani asked during an appearance Tuesday on ABC. "It wouldn't even be a fight with one hand tied behind your back, this would be a fight with two hands tied behind your back.

At the convention, Schwarzenegger sharing billing Tuesday with Mrs. Bush and **Education Secretary Rod** Paige. The actor-turnedpolitician was the latest in a march to the convention podium of moderates and other politicians with broad popular support.

the American Legion in Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday before heading to Iowa to campaign. Kerry was spending most of the day at his beachfront home Massachusetts, then flying to Nashville to spend the night. He talks to the American Legion on Wednesday.

On Monday, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., drew enthusiastic cheers when he voiced strong support for his 2000 GOP presidential rival.

McCain heartily

Iraq and anti-terrorism policies, saying the United States had little choice but to invade Iraq. "Don't let anyone tell

endorsed the president's

you otherwise. Not our critics abroad. Not our political opponents. And certainly not a disingenuous filmmaker." McCain said in a clear dig at filmmaker Michael Moore that delighted his audience. Moore, who was sitting in the press section, was roundly booed by the crowd.

Moore's box-office hit, "Fahrenheit 9/11,"

sharply questions Bush's motives for invading Iraq. McCain said the filmmaker, whom he did not name, "would have us believe that Saddam's Iraq was an oasis of peace when in fact it was a place of indescribable cruelty, torture chambers, mass graves and prisons that destroyed the lives of the small children

held inside their walls." Scores of "We Salute Our Troops" banners waved as McCain spoke.

McCain did not single out Kerry, a good friend, for criticism.

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we had some mistletoe. You don't pay too much attention to it because it's green in the winter and you can't see it in the summer or spring. We began looking at it, and it has just gotten to be more and more each year and we're losing trees — we're losing them rapidly."

While the newly planted tree begins to take root in the park, McDonald said it should have plenty of "company" come fall, when the program will transform itself from numbers on a bank into flora account throughout Big Spring's parks.

"The memorials that

we've received thus far will be taken out of the account and used to buy as many trees as possiexplained ble," McDonald. "After that we'll get with the parks department and city crews to look at the area in most need, and that's where the trees will be planted.

idea that the Living Memorial Tree Program is a city project — the city employees are doing it and it's just for them. this program is for anyone that wants to remember a loved one with a memorial of a tree. This isn't limited to any particular entity or organization. This is for everyone."

"A lot of people have the

The program, which recently got its start with a nod from the Big Spring City Council, began out of the grief of a daughter who wanted to memorialize her mother with some-

thing that lasted longer than a week.

"When my mother passed away, I received a memorial for a tree in a forest," national explained McDonald. "It got me to thinking. Big Spring is in need of this type of program and we need to underplant our trees. We have so many parks that are losing trees to disease.

"May saying is to plant a tree under which you'll never sit. I'm planning and planting for 40 years basic idea behind this somewhere within the

program. It's for our children and grand children."

McDonald said the longevity of trees appeals to her, and she believes once people see the idea in action, it will certainly catch on.

"It was very important for me because the flowers that I received when my mother passed were gone within a week," she said. "This is something in your heart that will go on for a long time, and maybe my mother's greatgreat grandchildren will from now, and that's the be able to know that

city limits of Big Spring there is a tree in her honor."

Program board meminclude bers Terrie Johansen, Jan Hansen, Public Works Director Todd Darden and Hare.

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of the approved changes and get the specs out for bidding," said project architect Phil Furqueron.

of taking bids, we can come back and analyze the bids and we should be able to award the contract shortly after that," he

said. The board should have

"After four to six weeks an approved bid by the first week of November.

> Trustees also approved: Catalog and handbook changes concerning children in class and in the workplace.

Bids for athletic insur-

ance, athletic equipment, janitorial supply, electrical supply and office sup-

 Articulation agreements between the college and Midwestern State University and the

University of Texas at Brownsville.

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Agustin "Gus" Fierro, 81, died Friday. Funeral Mass was at 10:30 AM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



BECKY, THE HARDWORKING LITTLE COMPUTER

In a big office building, in a big city, there was a little computer named Becky. Now, Becky had been around that office building for a very, very long time. She knew everything there was to know about how to run an office. Whenever someone asked Becky a question, they just knew that she was going to give them the right answer. She was always there at work and was always handy to have around.

There were a lot of people working in that office, all of them counting on Becky to answer their questions. And Becky always did! One of the people was named Madeline. She asked Luis, another person in Becky's office, how to spell a big word. Luis said, "Wow, that is a big word, and I don't know how to spell it! Ask Becky!" Well, Madeline asked Becky how to spell that big word and Becky, without even thinking, gave Madeline the answer. "Thank you Becky," Madeline said.

Eileen and Myrtle were trying to add some big numbers together one day and could not get the right answer. Do you know what they did? Of course, they asked Becky! And Becky gave them the right answer!

Steve and Rebecca were trying to find out where a country was on the map, but they just could not find out where the little country was. It was so small that the maps did not know, so what did they do? They asked Becky! Do you think Becky told them where the little country was. Sure, she did!

Carolyn and Marylou wanted to know where the White House was. Do you know who lives in the White House? Do you know where the White House is? Becky told them!

Then one day, a terrible thing happened! The person who was the office boss came into the office and told everyone, "Today we are all getting new computers!" Becky is getting older and we need new ones. "Oh no," cried Becky, what will they do with me? I hope they don't throw me away!"

So, later on that day, all of the people in that office had brand new shiny computers, but they wanted to keep Becky because they loved her. She had been a good friend for a long, long time. So, off to the shelf in the back room went Becky! She was so sad, she felt like crying, and she did! No one wanted her anymore! Or did they?

Peggy and Barbara were working on a big problem the very next day. They wanted to send some messages to another office on the other side of the city. But the new computers were young and had not learned everything yet and could not help

them. They thought to themselves, "Becky would have known and she would have been happy to help us!"

Susan and Doris were trying to find out who the first President of the United States was one day. Do you know who the first President was? Ok, who is the President right now? The new computer wasn't working that day. Everyone in that office thought the very same thing. "Let's get Becky out here and off of that shelf in the back room! We need her here!"

So, all of the people in that office started clearing a spot for Becky. And do you know where they put her? Right in the middle of that big old office! Now everyone could get all of their questions answered once again. They were happy. The boss was happy. But do you know who was the happiest? Tell me! Good Night!

Author's Note'I would like to thank Mr. Preston Hardin, and all of the students at Jenkins Middle School for their help in creating this story.

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to join in the rod run fun on Saturday

ig Spring will observe another of it's "longest running" events this weekend when the Early Cars of Big Spring organization holds its 34th annual Rod Run on Saturday at Comanche Trail Park.

Some 75 to 100 vehicles, and perhaps even more, are expected for the event. They'll come from all over Texas, Oklahoma and Eastern New Mexico.

The Sept. 4 run, according to Early Cars members, is Texas' oldest consecutive rod run, a fact they take great pride in and so, we believe, should this entire community.

In fact, you don't have to own a vintage or classic automobile to participate. All types of automobiles are eligible to participate, simply by ponying up the \$25 entry fee.

Drivers of the first 50 vehicles registered will receive a T-shirt and a dash plaque. And those are just a few of the prizes which will be given away during the day-long event. The automobile judged to be the top vehicle at the run will earn \$50 and a plaque. The top five will receive a plaque, too. The vehicle traveling the farthest distance to attend will win \$100 and there will be lots of door prizes as well.

The run will begin with registration and visiting at 8 a.m. in the park. At 1 p.m., the group will embark on a small tour around Big Spring, with special appearances at the Comanche Trail Nursing Home and Mountain View Lodge. Then the procession will tour Scenic Mountain, then drive through both Sonic Drive-in locations. Gregg Street and FM 700.

Other activities throughout the day will include a hot dog lunch for registered participants as well as horseshoes, fly belt tossing and more.

Club awards will be presented at 4 p.m. and then the vehicles will leave the park and head for Sonic on FM 700, where winners of the Sonic awards will be presented.

The event will be held rain or shine and the public is invited to come out and look at the cars and ask questions.

Best of all, there's no admission fee to just look and watch the tour.

But do be respectful of the vehicles. That way you'll have a good time and so will the vehicle

And that's something we all want — not only to

have a good time, but to make sure those who've traveled to Big Spring to be a part of the run want to return in the future.

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Return of the compassionate conservative

or too long now, the Bushies have been running a re-election campaign focused on getting the Republican Party's base out to vote. This convention will showcase GOP moderates

like California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Finally, the Bushies will reach outside their warm inner circle and — hopefully make people outside the GOP base

feel welcome and



included. It's about time. The biggest shortcoming of President Bush's circle is that Bush overvalues loyalty in such a way that it discourages the airing of differing opinions. As a result, the Bushies are tone deaf to how

their decisions appear outside

their White House cocoon. That Happy Little Family has led to what I see as President Bush's big political mistakes. So as I cover the Republican National Convention, I'll be watching to see if GOP delegates have similar or other complaints about Bush League.

Bush's first big mistake was to pick Dick Cheney to be his running mate. While Cheney has been a fine vice president, he has been a public-relations disaster from Day One. To Democrats and independents, Cheney is R-Halliburton. the veep with a golden parachute. His meetings with corporate energy biggies to help formulate Bush energy policy confirmed their belies that the Cheney is too tight with corporate America.

Cheney had his reasons for talking to Big Energy, but it looks bad. Worse, no one on Team Bush seems to see the damage. I once asked a top member of the Bush administration how he thought it

looked when, for example, the **United Nations investigated** Halliburton contracts. He shrugged that Bush can't win the votes of people who think the Iraq war was about oil. They don't get it: There are Americans who supported the war but still would prefer an administration less cozy with defense contractors. Some of these people are swing voters who have been needlessly alienated.

Bush's second mistake was picking John Ashcroft to be attorney general. Sorry, but Ashcroft comes across like a Sunday school teacher, not a prosecutor. It doesn't help that the Sept. 11 commission wrote that Ashcroft's predecessor, Thomas Pickard, told the panel Ashcroft told him he didn't want to hear about terrorist threats anymore - in the summer of 2001. Ashcroft denies Pickard's charge.

It also doesn't help that Bush never seemed interested in discovering if incompetence contributed to Sept. 11. It's the loyalty thing

Bush's third mistake was not vetoing the pork-rich 2002 farm bill - a move that told Congress he would be an easy touch. If Bush had been tougher then, this year's federal deficit might not be a record \$445 billion. But it is. And he has to know that Washington's big spending thanks to his signature - will cost him votes. (Yes, John Kerry talks like a big spender, and also voted yes on the farm bill, but he wasn't president when the federal budget returned to the red.)

I won't go into mistakes related to the war in Iraq, because the consequences are too serious to lump into a column on political miscalculation. Besides, no war is waged without mistakes, and it may take years to know what they were. So I'll move to the issue of where Bush goes, or doesn't go, as in the Bush refusal to speak at this year's NAACP annual meeting. Sure, some NAACP members

might have heckled Bush. But when Bush limits his appearances to friendly audiences, he reinforces his image as an isolated president, unwilling to even try to win over people outside his circle.

Worse, it makes him look small. There are areas where Bush has reached out beyond his base — for which he gets little credit. Consider how Bush has increased funding for AIDS programs across the world or his push for human rights in Africa.

Bush signed the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance reform measure - so dear to America's newspaper editorial boards - but rarely do critics note that signature without also pointing out that Bush snubbed Sen. John McCain when he signed it.

Oh, and under his leadership, U.S.-led forces liberated Afghanistan, freeing countless women from the oppression of the Taliban.

As happens with all great men, Dubya's strengths are his weaknesses. He doesn't want to boast about his accomplishments, so he settles for being misunderstood. He is the rare politician who rewards loyalty - but goes too far. He is steadfast and sure of who his friends are - but insufficiently aware of who his friends could be. He confuses having nicknames for Democratic congressmen, or hosting a ceremony for the Kennedys, with bipartisan-

He does not understand that bipartisanship is not about perks and shoulder pats but giving the other side a place at the table.

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Inside report: The anti-Kerry campaign

n the eve of the Republican National Convention, one of the party's foremost leaders from the South was asked about George W. Bush's chances in November. He

replied, in a moment of rare candor: "If this campaign is about Kerry, Bush will win the election. If this campaign is about Bush, he will win my state." That is, the GOP must make sure the focus is on Sen. John Kerry to avoid being reduced to the solid Republican South -

ROBERT and a lost election. That is no insult to President Bush, who this year has faced and weathered one political mishap after another, along with a Democratic opposition fiercely determined to remove him from office. Rather, the Southern

leader's formulation signifies the realization in Republican ranks that they have dodged a bullet. Kerry had the opportunity to open a formidable lead against an incumbent president, and he failed. Tom Rath, the New Hampshire Republican leader who is one of

the nation's shrewdest political observers, told me: "I don't think any candidate has ever experienced a worse month of August since (Michael) Dukakis (in 1988)" when that earlier

Massachusetts Democratic nominee dissipated a double-digit lead. Rath contends the Democratic nominee in the last month has given the GOP an inestimable gift. The Republican challenge for its four days at Madison Square

Garden is to simultaneously present a kinder, gentler face to the nation while still pounding away at Kerry.

The assessment of what has been going on the last four weeks is much the same in both parties. By stressing his professions of military valor in Vietnam, Kerry opened the door to an examination of his questionable performance both during and after his four months of combat. His campaign was slow and then ineffective in its response, got off message, and finally switched from offense to

Repeated Kerry blunders have benefited grateful Republicans. His statement that he would still vote for war in Iraq even with his current knowledge undercut a major emotional support base for him. Sending wheelchair-bound former Sen. Max Cleland to the Texas desert to be turned away at the gates of Bush's ranch was foolish. So was his predictably ineffective challenge for Bush to engage him in a weekly debate.

Bush in the end will agree to debates, though impending negotiations may result in only two encounters rather than the three customary in recent years. The call for weekly debates, which was brushed off by a routine Bush campaign press release, had been predicted by the president's political aides. The Kerry campaign book, a pattern developed during three decades of him seeking office, is well known but not respected by Republican oppo-

Kerry's lackluster performance has lifted Republican morale, which had been sagging going into the Democratic convention a month ago. Like the Democrats. the Republicans have set aside their serious doctrinal disputes for

the sake of a united presidential front. Unlike the Democrats, the Republicans permitted a semblance of contention over the platform. But it was only a semblance.

Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, serving on the platform committee for the first time, was unbelieving when he read in the White Houseapproved draft the opening line of the education plank: "Public education is the foundation of civic society." What about faith and family? Yet, as a loyal Republican, Barbour helped hold the line that the White House desired for this language (with the slight modification that "the foundation" was changed to "a foundation").

When I relayed to Republican National Chairman Ed Gillespie complaints by conservative activists that the White House was "running a railroad" in imposing platform discipline, he replied that Barbour was "the conductor.' Another staunch conservative — Colorado Gov. Bill Owens — was similarly resigned to performing any platform tasks that the White House wanted.

These Republicans were determined to avoid a real platform fight or a fight about anything at the New York convention. They intend to showcase the party's most attractive and glamorous faces. President Bush's acceptance speech is supposed to set an agenda for the second term. But the party's strategists also are determined that this convention keep John Kerry in the cross hairs.

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Muckfest proclaimed a great success Volunteer readers needed



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YoungLife volunteers Bethany Nixson and Ken Noble prepare a shaving cream bucket for YoungLife Muckfest, which brought about 100 teen-agers Monday night to the Cotton Mize Softball Field in Comanche Trail Park. In spite of the pelting rain, the youth covered each other in shaving cream, powdered one another with flour and then mucked it up with an ooey, gooey mix that consisted of spiced bread mixes, corn meal, various types of feed and other mysterious ingredients. Muckfest is an annual event that heralds the beginning of YoungLife Club, which meets each Monday night at 7:59, coordinating with the school year, in the YoungLife building, located two blocks south of Big Spring High School on **Owens Street.**

Humane Society has puppies and kittens ready for good homes

Herald photo/Kendra Wiss This puppy was available for adoption from the Big Spring Humane Society. He has now found a home, but others are waiting for a good, loving home. All canine and feline adoptions include vaccinations and come with a certificate for spaying or neutering when the animal reaches the appropriate age, for a cost \$52. To adopt an animal from the Humane Society, contact the animal shelter at 267-7823.



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Chamber seeking vendors for Business Expo

Chamber of Commerce is seeking vendors for the "Crossroads Cuisine and **Business Expo Featuring** the Taste of Home Cooking," set for Oct. 21 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"The sky is the limit for what a business chooses to promote. We invite any business that has something new or a special service they provide, whether for the holidays or not, to secure a booth and promote themselves at this event," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director of the chamber.

She added that all businesses are asked to provide special gifts to be placed into goody bags that will be distributed to every person attending

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event are \$7.

"We'll make more than 1,000 goody bags," she said.

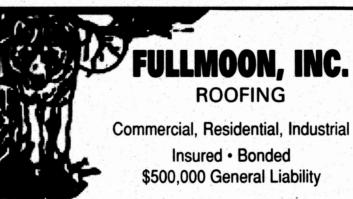
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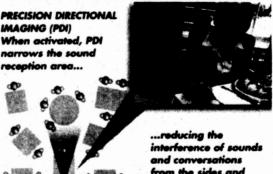
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Recurring nightmares about school

I felt as if I was waltzing in wet cement. The faster I tried to move, the slower my motions became. Up and down shadowy hallways I went, frantically trying to keep from being late.

Suddenly, I was at my locker. The combination lock loomed large. What were the magic numbers

that opened this device? They were on the edge of consciousness, however they remained elusive.

Sweat dripped down my

forehead and suddenly I noticed I was in my bathrobe. Bad turned to worse when the halls suddenly emptied.

CHRISTY

ALTON

I decided that the books could be hanged. I'd rather get to the classroom. For some reason, I couldn't remember where my next class was being held.

As I wandered from doorway to doorway in my non-appropriate attire, I again began to fear being tardy. Oh no. Not that.

Anything but tardy. What if I actually DID find my classroom, but had to go get a tardy slip? How would I ever find the principal's office?

I spoke, but no sound came out. It was very akin of trying to talk under water. An instructor materialized for an instant, then vanished.

Then, I awoke from a nightmare that has plagued me since about

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1981. I have determined that the cause for this recurring, atrocious dream can be traced back to the

evil times of junior and senior high school, where students are given only five or six minutes between class changes.

In this time frame, they are expected to unlock a lock (torture), change out textbooks that have disappeared, find homework pages their dog ate, swap gossip and get to their next classroom.

This room may be anywhere from across the hall to down two flights of stairs, over eight doors and past three halls. It could even be outside in a portable building.

The combination locks are enough to scare a senior to death, much less a fifth grader. These wonderful inventions twirl and swirl like magic under a parent's fingers, but become a horror in times when speed is a necessity.

Another set of numbers to remember can be daunting. Forgotten lock codes can mean tardies, which lead to detention. Searching a long hall-

way on the wrong floor is just plain scary. Wearing clothes inside out and two different colored shoes can also pose pesky social problems.

It's no wonder I still have unnerving visions of class-switching.

Christy Alton is mother of two, a full time student, works part time, and is married to her park ranger, Ron.

Her column appears in Tuesday's Big Spring Herald.

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Bluebonnet Books

"Locomotion" by Jaqueline Woodson

By CHELSEY PARKER

Special to the Herald "Locomotion" is a book

about a boy named Lonnie who was separated from his parents and he and his sister, Lilli, were put up for adoption. His sister got adopted

by a lady who hates boys and he got adopted Mrs. by Edna, a lady that raised two boys, and now has He has a

CHELSEY teacher PARKER named Mrs.

Marcus that tells him to write a poem book so this book is a don't rhyme. Each poem is like a chapter of his

Lonnie and his sister don't get to see each other much so his sister gives him a bible and says to find God.

He already has enough problems — his older brother is coming and he has to keep a secret for Eric or Eric will beat him up. And there's a girl with a crush on him and a new boy that has a strange accent.

I don't think the author could of done anything to are make the book different! This book made me feel out how he solved out all his problems.

I give this book two for a favorite.

poem. But the poems thumbs up! I think that you should read this book because it has wonderful stories and surprises. I think that the author and illustrator Jaqueline Woodson had quite a mind and imagination!

> Chelsey Parker is a Kentwood elementary student.

This is an installment in a series of book reviews written by Big Spring elementary students.

Texas Bluebonnet Books award-nominated juvenile literature available for check-out at the like reading and finding Howard County Library. Read 10 of the Bluebonnet Books to be eligible to vote

Shakespeare Festival at the Globe Theater

The Globe of the Southwest Theater in Odessa has set the 2004 Southwest Shakespeare Festival from Sept. 2-19. Tickets are available by calling (432) 332-1586 or (432) 580-3177.

"Othello" will be performed at 8 p.m. Sept. 3, 11-12 and 17 and at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 5 and Sept. 19. "Goodnight Desdemona (Good Morning Juliet)" will be performed at 8 p.m. Sept. 2, 3-5, 10 and 18 and at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 12.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be performed at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 4,6, 11 and 18.

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August 9 • Monday

'Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)

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August 12 • Thursday

*Mall Walking 8:00 am

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

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August 13 • Friday Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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August 16 • Monday

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August 18 • Wednesday

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August 19 • Thursday

Mall Walking - 8:00 am

*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

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August 20 • Friday

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August 21 • Saturday

*ROCKHOUND BASEBALL & Fireworks - 5:00 pm

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

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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

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August 25 • Wednesday *Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am

*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

*Supper Club "La Posada" - 5:30 pm Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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*Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am (Hospital)

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August 30 · Monday *Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital) Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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

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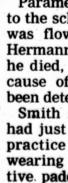
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Howard College to assist in telethon

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.

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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 and drop it off at the athletic office with attention Tana Howard. For more informa-

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Another teen collapses at hot practice

HOUSTON(AP) - A 15year-old high school football player died after he collapsed at the end of a two-hour afternoon practice session, a school district spokeswoman said.

Ivan Okafor, a member of Alief Taylor High School's junior varsity team, was walking off the field at the end of practice Monday when he complained he didn't feel well, Alief Independent School District spokeswoman Paula Smith said.

He was taken by golf cart to a field house and lost consciousness while attempts were made to cool him off with ice, Smith said in Tuesday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Paramedics were called to the school, and Okafor was flown to Memorial Hermann Hospital, where he died, Smith said. The cause of death had not been determined.

Smith said the players had just finished a light practice and were not wearing their full protective padding. There had been three scheduled water breaks, and trainers were on hand.

Philadelphia picked as early NFC East favorite

By DAVE GOLDBERG

AP Football Writer

Joe Gibbs and Bill Parcells have-five Super Bowl wins between them. Tom Coughlin took an expansion franchise in Jacksonville and had it in the AFC championship game in its second year.

The NFC East, however, belongs to Andy Reid.

Reid took over the Eagles in 1999, went 5-11 with Donovan McNabb as a rookie and is 46-18 since, not counting the playoffs. The only stain on his record is three straight losses in NFC title games and even that is a dubious blemish give him credit for getting back there every McNabb the first premier year.

With the addition of Terrell Owens and Jevon Kearse, the Eagles have McNabb said of his new more than a decent shot at doing it again, although it would be considered another disaster in Philly if they stop there. Never mind winning the NFC East — that stand exactly what we are Sheldon Brown step in for

players and the city will be satisfied with nothing less than its first NFL in Philadelphia. title in 44 years.

First things first.

the class of the NFC East, winners of the last three division titles and probably up against weaker opposition than last season. Dallas, which finished 10-6 and made the playoffs in Parcells' first season, could take a step back; Washington, 5-11, has a long way to go, even under Gibbs; and the Giants are rebuilding under Coughlin.

So Philadelphia it is, with Owens giving receiver he's had.

"I feel very comfortable back there with T.O.," receiver whose tempestuous behavior got him run out of San Francisco. "We are doing some different things now. I think that we've been able to under-

are seeing out there."

The Eagles are clearly and Bobby Taylor to free agency, especially Vincent, a leader in the locker room whose influence was the exact opposite of Owens' in San Francisco. The second is injuries: Defensive end N.D. Kalu and running back Correll Buckhalter already are lost for the season and a dozen others are banged up.

> But Kearse can be a devastating pass rusher when healthy (and he has been this summer) and Owens is the one thing the Eagles have lacked a No. 1 receiver for McNabb. The load at running back now falls on Brian Westbrook, who is more suited for spot duty.

The main defensive problem will be at cornerback, where youngsters Lito Sheppard and

seems easy. Reid, his doing and know what we Taylor and Vincent. It Henson, who is promising There are two negatives Dawkins, one of the game's best safeties and One is the loss of cor- the leader of the secnerbacks Troy Vincent ondary, has been a training camp casualty.

The rest of the division can bask in the glory of its coaches.

Among them, Reid, Gibbs, Parcells and Coughlin are 427-274-1, with those five Super Bowl wins, seven Super Bowl appearances and 13 championship appearances. And their record would be even better if they hadn't struggled in their first seasons, Parcells with the Giants and Patriots, Reid in 1999. and Coughlin with a firstyear expansion team.

Gibbs also started poorly, 0-5 in 1981 before finishing 8-8 that year and winning the Super Bowl the next.

So Washington fans have made a savior out of Gibbs, who won three Super Bowls in his first tenure with the Redskins (1981-92). This year, his presence alone should the team, improve although past spending sprees by owner Daniel Snyder have come to nothing under Norv Turner. Marty Schottenheimer and Steve Spurrier.

Gibbs has weapons, with the biggest upgrade at running back with Clinton Portis, who in two years in Denver rushed for 3,099 yards. But Portis came at a steep price when the Redskins surrendered Champ Bailey, one of the league's best cornerbacks.

Bailey will be replaced by another free agent, Shawn Springs. But the key to the defense will be linebacker LaVar Arrington, whom Gibbs and his new/old assistants plan to turn loose to rush the passer.

Another offseason acquisition. Mark Brunell, won the starting quarterback job from Patrick incumbent Laveranues Ramsey. Coles is a first-rate wide receiver, but the offense could be hurt because of a season-ending Achilles' tendon injury to right tackle Jon Jansen, probably the Skins' best offensive lineman.

Dallas will begin the season with 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde at quarterback after Parcells cut looks of it. Quincy Carter, last year's starter, reportedly for failing a drug test. Behind Washington 9-7; Dallas 7-

doesn't help that Brian but spent the last three seasons playing baseball and has never taken a snap in the NFL.

Two other old-timers will play big roles in the offense: running back Eddie George, signed after being cut by Tennessee, and wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson, benched in Tampa Bay and obtained in a trade for Joey Galloway. Johnson played for Parcells with the Jets and may still be effective, but George, who turns 31 next month, is on the downside of his career he's averaged 342 carries per season in eight years and just 3.3 yards per carry the last three seasons.

As with any Parcells team, the defense is solid, although safety Darren Woodson, the last player from the team that won three Super Bowls in the '90s, is out after back surgery.

The Giants entered last season with Super Bowl hopes and finished 4-12, thanks in large part to a horrible offensive line and a spate of injuries. Coughlin was brought in to replace Jim Fassel and instill discipline in a team that finished 0-8 and clearly quit.

There are more than 20 new players, including six new starters in the defensive front seven, but the offensive line doesn't seem markedly better.

The center of attention has been quarterback, where the Giants traded for Eli Manning, the top pick in the draft, and brought in two-time MVP Kurt Warner to break him in. Warner's experience and Manning's inexperience were painfully evident in an exhibition against the blitzing Jets, and Warner was chosen to start the season.

The best news of the preseason has been the reemergence of Ron Dayne, kept inactive by Fassel all of last season. So far, he's averaged over 7 yards a carry and could be a major help for the overworked Tiki Barber and for Warner.

"It's the choice that is in the best interest of the New York Giants." Coughlin said when he anointed the veteran.

Not very far from the Predictions:

Philadelphia

Testaverde is Drew 9; New York 5-11. Testaverde leads Cowboys to win over Titans

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer IRVING — Bill Parcells was more interested in the Dallas Cowboys' passing game with his old Jets players than giving Eddie George much of a chance against his old team.

While George ran for just 3 yards on four carries against his former teammates, Vinny Testaverde threw for 240 yards - with eight completions to Keyshawn Johnson for 81 yards — in Dallas' 20-17 exhibition victory over Tennessee on Monday night.

"It was a little bit of emotion to see some of my teammates, coaches and trainers I was friends with," said George, the Titans' franchise rushing leader with 10,009 yards the past eight seasons. "I think our passing attack

carried us pretty well." George was stuffed for 1-

Tramon Douglas of the Tennessee Titans makes the catch over the shoulder of Dallas

Cowboys' Tony Dixon (24) in the second quarter of their preseason game. The

Cowboys defeated the Titans, 20-17, at Texas Stadium in Irving Monday.

yard losses on his first and last carries, all coming in the first quarter. "It was kind of weird,"

Titans defensive lineman Kevin Carter said. "Eddie happens to be in a different uniform. When you get/past it, it's the same game."

It was the best game so far for Testaverde and Johnson, who reunited with Parcells during the offseason. They were all in New York in 1998 when the Jets went to the AFC title game.

Parcells told Testaverde just before the game he was planning to be more aggressive.

Testaverde, the 40-yearold quarterback who became the starter when Quincy Carter was cut fun. the first week of camp,

and threw his first touchdown pass of the preseacatches for 32 yards before George's last carry.

"We started hitting early and often, things just starting coming Testaverde together," said.

Testaverde and Johnson didn't play in the second half, when RaShard Lee scored the go-ahead touchdown for the Cowboys (2-1) with a 6yard run with 19 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Titans (2-1) got TD runs from Chris Brown and Antowain Smith.

signed Smith, Tennessee the day after George was released in a salary dispute just before camp, scored on a 1-yard

Brown had eight carries

completed 17 of 24 passes for 35 yards, including a Testaverde — intercepted nifty 18-yard run to end the Titans' opening drive. son. Johnson had four After hitting a wall on the right side. Brown reversed field and found an open gap. He had to get by only one player, knocking down Pro Bowl safety Roy Williams with a stiff arm.

'That's Chris. That's his style," said quarterback Steve McNair, 7-of-10 for 85 yards in his four series. "I wanted to block somebody, but he turned it up and scored before I even got a chance."

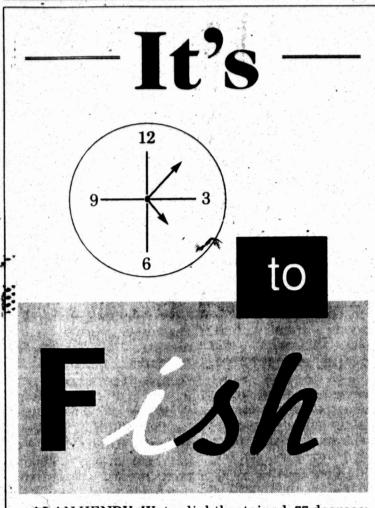
Brown has averaged 5.9 yards per carry, gaining 142 yards on 24 carries during the preseason. McNair has completed 20 of 27 passes for 232 yards with two touchdowns.

After Eric Ogbogu blocked Joe Nedney's 46yard field-goal attempt. by Keith Bulluck near the goal line the previous drive — needed just three plays to move the Cowboys 66 yards against a defense primarily consisting of second-teamers.

Testaverde completed passes of 11 and 38 yards to Terry Glenn before finding Dan Campbell for a 10-7 lead.

Billy Volek replaced McNair, completing a 62-yard pass to Tramon Douglas, who reached across safety Tony Dixon to grab the ball. Smith scored two plays later with 1:13 left before halftime.

Aided by Testaverde's four completions and a 35yard pass-interference penalty against Mike Echols, the Cowboys set up Billy Cundiff's second field goal.



ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained: 77 degrees: 1.7-feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon and albino soft plastics along structure and white spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and

ARROWHEAD: Water stained in upper 1/2 of lake; 78 degrees; 7.5-feet low. Black bass are slow on shallow running crankbaits at 5- to 10-foot depths near rocky areas. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows suspended 14- to 16-feet near derricks. White bass are good on shallow flats 3- to 8feet on shad-imitation crankbaits and jigs with inline spinners. Blue and channel catfish are good on cut shad and prepared baits in the upper lake. The State park boat ramps are now open.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 85 degrees; 6.25feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 86 degrees; 10feet low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees: 16.8-feet low. Black bass are good on shadcolored crankbaits and soft plastics in watermelon or black neon around structure. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair. Catfish are good on live and prepared batts.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees. Black bass are fair on dark jigs and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits. Catfish are fair on live baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 85 degrees; 27.5-feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 28.5feet low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits, green pumpkin or black neon soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 79 degrees; .75feet low. Black bass are fair at 5- to 10-foot depth along old vegetation lines. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair on live shad or sunfish around Stump Patch and Hell's Gate areas in early morning. Channel and blue catfish are good in river just above reservoir on trotlines.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 84 degrees; 61.5feet low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; 4.6-feet low. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are good on live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 86 degrees; 30.7-feet low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live baits. Catfish are fair.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 82 degrees; 22.3-feet low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair on live baits and jerkbaits. Channel catfish are fair on prepared

WICHITA: Water clearing; 77 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and Hybrid stripers are fair on minnows and white Roadrunner jigs along dam early and late in day. Channel catfish are fair on trotlines and rod and reel baited using shrimp or punch bait.

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Berkman powers Houston past Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) -The Houston Astros are hitting their way into the NL wild-card race.

Brad Ausmus hit a three-run tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning as the surging Astros reached double figures in runs for the third time in the last four games in an 11-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds Monday night.

Lance Berkman homered twice and drove in four runs for the Astros, who have scored a combined 43 runs in their last four games and won for the seventh time in eight games.

'We're taking the pressure off of our pitchers," said Berkman, who had fifth against Cincinnati. "Hopefully, we're getting on a roll at the right time. We had a period of time when things weren't going well, and it was all gloom and doom. Now, it's going the other way."

Houston remained just games behind Chicago, which leads the NL wild-card race. The Astros won the last

three of their four-game series against the Cubs over the weekend before beating the Reds. "You know how many

runs they scored in the Chicago series," Reds manager Dave Miley said. "They're hitting the ball well."

Pete Munro (3-5) went 13th multihomer five-plus innings to win

starts since July 25. He gave up three runs and a season-high six.

Adam Dunn hit his 40th homer for the Reds, and Felipe Lopez added a tworun shot.

"It's just not good timing for us right now," Dunn said. "We're playing as bad as we've played in a while, and it doesn't help to be playing teams that are really hot."

With the game tied at 3, Jeff Kent reached on a leadoff infield single, Mike Lamb grounded into fielder's choice, Jose Vizcaino singled and Ausmus homered to center on a 3-0 pitch from Phil Norton (1-5).

It was Ausmus' first runs four innings.

game of his career and for the first time in seven homer in 59 at-bats since July 25.

"We've been getting eight hits, and struck out 'timely hitting, just 'not usually from Ausmus said. "I was looking for a fastball up and out over the plate, and I was lucky enough to get one."

> Houston broke it open with a four-run seventh, including Berkman's tworun double and Ausmus's run-scoring single. Berkman scored when Dunn failed to catch Kent's drive to the warning track in left for a twobase error.

> Berkman made it 3-0 with his 22nd homer, and second in two days, in the third off Luke Hudson.

Hudson allowed three



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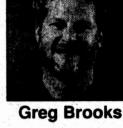
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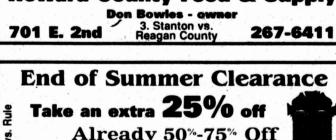
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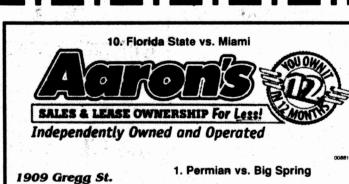


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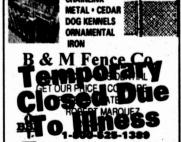
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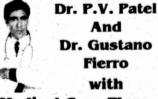
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were over? A review of past lessons in love could reveal a pattern that is still being perpetuated.

ARIES (March 21-April

19). You're ready to get

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current or even futuristic about the way you do business. Abandon antiquated ideas and outdated methods for the modern, streamlined and efficient. Aquarius and Gemini are your technological allies. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll not only know exactly how you feel; you'll also have the courage to act on a romantic impulse. Instead of trying to get all your needs

met in one place, seek

multiple sources of friend-

ship and encouragement.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're driven to attract new business financial goals are looming, and you're eager to meet them! This is done most effectively through the principle of attraction. An environment that is functional and aesthetic wins clients.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The stars give you a sense of accomplishment as an individual who is part of the whole today. Work with others to attain your goals. Much happens in a small group setting, and you naturally assume the leadership role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The secret to happiness is no secret at all. You'll feel happy and complete whenever you choose to feel that way. Relationships become more solid when you live by this principle. Tonight, you'll be in a precarious social situation.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're feeling sassy and have the attitude that you just don't care what people think. This allows you to ask for things you don't even want and certainly things that you do. Negotiate your way into prosperity and fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes, the only mature way to handle serious matters is to laugh out loud. The stars support a big belly laugh this afternoon. When you see the humor in the situation, others will, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Seeing the same people and scenery day in and day out will wear on you. Luckily, it's not difficult to add dimension to your life. If you're using your creativity, your achievements will be satisfying on many levels.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Whether it's joy or sadness, you'll feel it fully, deeply, madly. Be on the lookout for energy vampires, and don't let them near. Emotions are too easily manipulated under these skies. It's also easy to help someone feel better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may feel a bit restless, striving for progress in all things. Relax. Balance is the key to moving forward. By just being, you are enough. Accomplishments happen naturally when you believe you are entitled to abundance.

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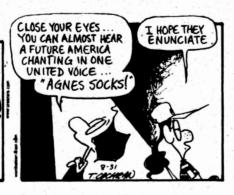


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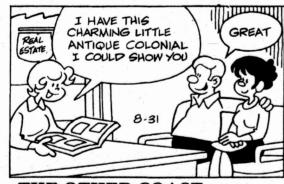








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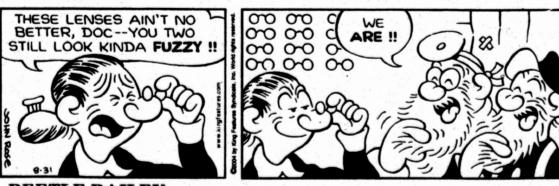
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 31, the 244th day of 2004. There are 122 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Aug. 31, 1954, Hurricane Carol hit the northeastern Atlantic states. Connecticut, Rhode Island and part of Massachusetts bore the brunt of the storm, which resulted in nearly 70 deaths.

On this date: In 1886, an earthquake rocked Charleston, S.C.,

killing up to 110 people. In 1887, Thomas A. Edison received a patent for his kinetoscope, a device that produced moving pictures.

In 1888, Mary Ann Nicholls was found murdered in London's East End in what is generally regarded as the first slaying committed by Jack the Ripper. 1935, President In

Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an act prohibiting the export of U.S. arms to belligerents. In 1962, the Caribbean nation of Trinidad and

Tobago became independent within the British Commonwealth. In 1969, boxer Rocky Marciano died in a light

airplane crash in Iowa, a day before his 46th birthday. 1980, Poland's In Solidarity labor movement

was born with an agreement signed in Gdansk that ended a 17-day-old strike. In 1985, Richard Ramirez, convicted California's Night Stalker

residents of an East Los Angeles neighborhood. In 1986, 82 people were killed when an Aeromexico jetliner and a small private plane collided over

killings, was captured by

Cerritos, Calif. In 1988, 14 people were killed when a Delta Boeing '727 crashed during takeoff from Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

Birthdays:

Broadcast journalist Daniel Schorr is 88. Baseball Hallof-Famer Frank Robinson is 69. Actor Warren Berlinger is 67. Rock musician Jerry Allison (Buddy Holly and the Crickets) is 65. Actor

Today's

Jack Thompson is 64. Violinist Itzhak Perlman is 59. Singer Van Morrison is 59. Rock musician Rudolf Schenker (The Scorpions) is 56. Actor Richard Gere is 55. Rock singer Glenn Tilbrook (Squeeze) is 47. Rock musician Gina Schock (The Go-Go's) is 47. Singer

Tony DeFranco (The DeFranco Family) is 45. Answer to previous puzzle

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- 1 Coffee-shop purchase

- 22 "Men" or
- "women"
- tree-lined trail
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- 32 Choir section
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- 41 Minuscule
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- question
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- fasteners
- 58 Fireplace fillers

Newsday Crossword

- **10** Jai
- 14 Senator Hatch
- bandleader
- 19 Sandwich
- 20 Thoughtful
- **21** Got up
- **26** Like a

- 35 Corporal or
- 36 Oath taker's
- 37 Ooze
- 42 Supplements,
- 48 Carpenter's
- 55 Borscht
- 56 Bowl over

NOBLE NAMES by Gail Grabowski Edited by Stanley Newman

Court leader

- 6 Fencing blade
- 15 Dice toss
- 16 Frying medium 17 Legendary jazz 66 Meal in a pot
- cookie
- sound
- 24 Each
- 27 Hats or
- 29 Boxing stats
- words
- 38 Point of view
- amount
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- 45 Puts in a
- 50 Bee or beetle
- ingredient
- 53 Sculptor's tool

- 59 '60s Supreme 8 Actor Wallach 39 Not as much
 - 9 Circus animal
- 10 Vocally **62** Tennis great
- Arthur 11 CNN talk host **63** Threesome 12 Vicinity

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Back-to-School

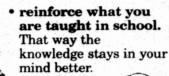
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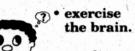
Most students begin heading back to school in August or September. During the long summer vacation, your study skills may have gotten a bit rusty.

The Mini Page offers some tips to help you with your homework.

Why is there homework? Teachers assign homework in

order to:





teach responsibility.

give a review of things you have already learned. This way the skills stay fresh.

Homework is usually related to what you've been learning in school. For example, if you learned long division in class, then your homework will probably be to practice long division. If you learned spelling words in class, then your homework might be to study those words.



This student has picked a good spot to do his homework. It has plenty of light and study aids (books, ruler, calculator, pens and pencils). Discover what works best for you you may even want a dog for company!

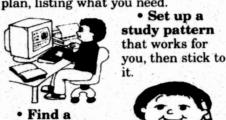
Here are some tips to make doing your homework as rewarding as possible.

 Take a short break after school. Get a snack and relax a bit. But do not let yourself get so interested in doing other activities that it is hard to begin your homework.

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 Gather everything you need before you start. Have all your paper, pencils, books and other materials together from the beginning. Before you start, make a plan, listing what you need.



comfortable place

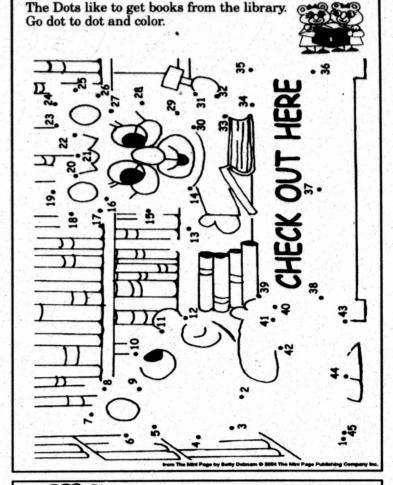
to study. Some students find it is best to work in the same placé each day. But others go wherever they feel the best at the time.

 Comfort does matter. Be sure you are not too hot or too cold. Choose a comfortable place to sit, or lie on the floor or your bed. Find what works for you.

 Once you choose your study place, stay there until your homework is done. Don't keep jumping up to find something you need.



· Set up a





You'll need: 1 (16-ounce) can refrigerated buttermilk biscuits

• 1 (14-ounce) jar pizza sauce

• 1 (3-ounce) package pepperoni slices, chopped • 1 (8-ounce) package sharp cheddar cheese, finely shredded

1. Take each biscuit and separate to make two halves.

2. Layer each half with 1/2 tablespoon of sauce, 1/2 tablespoon pepperoni and 1/2 tablespoon cheese. 3. Fold and seal by pressing with a fork around edges.

4. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven for 10 minutes. Note: You will need an adult to help with this recipe.

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Rookie Cookbook Easy, everyday recipes designed especially for kids!



snacks sandwiches Ingredients: l) Step-by-step directions Measuring tips 3) Utensil guide 4) Cooking terms How to set a table

dishes

™ MIGHTY

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

Simon: What happened when the rain dancers formed a chorus? Charles: They sang up a storm!



Vince: What goes up when the rain comes down? Ned: Umbrellas!

Kelly: If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring? Sylvia: Pilgrims!





Words and names that remind us of homework are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: STUDY, ASSIGNMENT, TEACHER, SKILLS, CLASS, MATH, LIGHT, COMFORTABLE, PAPER, PENCIL, ATTENTION, BUDDY, INTERNET, PLAN, DAY, SUBJECTS, HELP, LESSONS, UNDERSTAND. SCATTENTIONPLEH



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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: David Pollack Height: 6-3 Birthdate: 6-19-82

Hometown: Snellville, Ga. Weight: 276 Beware of "Dog." David Pollack is the kind of football player that opposing ball carriers like to avoid. That's because the Georgia Bulldogs' twotime All-American knocks the bejabbers out of 'em A strong, aggressive defensive end, Pollack has recorded 194 tackles in the past two years and helped the 'Dogs

compile a 32-8 record in the last three seasons. Georgia is a national title contender this year. And Pollack could become just the second player in school history to make

the All-America team three times. While a hard hitter on the field, the history major is a helper off the field. He was selected to college football's "Good

Works Team" for his contributions in the community.

Meet Renee Zellweger



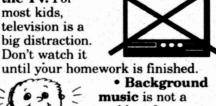
Renee Zellweger found out she really liked acting when she took a drama class in high school in Katy, Texas. Then during college, she took an acting class and discovered she had real talent. That's when she knew she wanted to become an actress

Renee was not ready for the challenges of Hollywood, so she stayed in Texas and got some parts in movies. After a great performance in one of the films, she moved to Los Angeles. There her big chance to shine came when she starred in the movie "Jerry Maguire" with actor Tom Cruise. Recently she played a voice-over part as a fish named Angie in the upcoming animated movie "Shark Tale."

Although Renee, 35, is from Texas, her mother was born in Norway and her dad in Switzerland. She was listed in People magazine in 2001 as one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world.

Here are some more ideas for making your homework easier and more worthwhile.

 Turn off the TV. For most kids, television is a big distraction. Don't watch it



problem for many students. You will need to learn for yourself whether you can work well with

music playing. Some students work better with music, but others cannot concentrate if there is any noise. The key is to find out what works for you.

 Music with a loud beat or with distracting words is probably a bad idea, no matter what. If you are paying attention to the music instead

of your studies, turn it off. Give yourself this test. Try doing your homework without music playing. Do this for a couple of weeks.

Does your homework still take as long to do? Are you still doing as well in school? If you answered

"yes" to those questions, then the music has probably not been bothering you.

But if you are doing your homework more quickly, or if you start doing better in school, then you have learned something about yourself. You probably should not listen to music while studying.



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For example, look for stories on the

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It is important to make a study olan. Make a section for each day. Write down the name of each subject. Then, every day, write out the assignments for those subjects. For example, if you have math homework on Monday, go to the Monday section. Then write down the page and numbers of the problems you

need to do. • Have a system. As soon as you there is enough light. Can you read easily without straining

finish your homework, put it inside a special folder or binder. Then put that in your

backpack. This way you will never forget to take your homework to school.

Internet for the best homework help. There are good sites that offer homework aids.

Know how to use the

A parent or teacher should

supervise your Internet use unless you are on an approved site. There are Internet sites with a list

of approved sites for homework help. One site to see is: www.ed.gov/free/index.html

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