



Sky high

Despite weather woes, some pilots record bests

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Despite some uncharacteristic West Texas weather, Big Spring managed to earn its way into some personal history books this week for its great hang gliding conditions.

According to David Glover, coordinator for the annual U.S. Hang Gliding Association's National Championships which wrapped up at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Saturday, several competing pilots will always remember Big

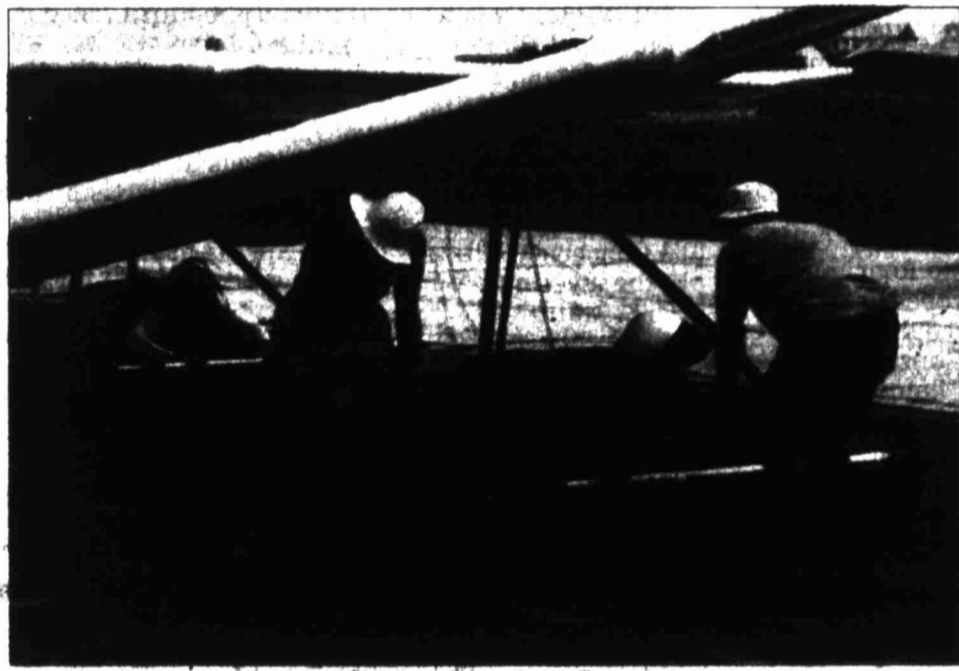
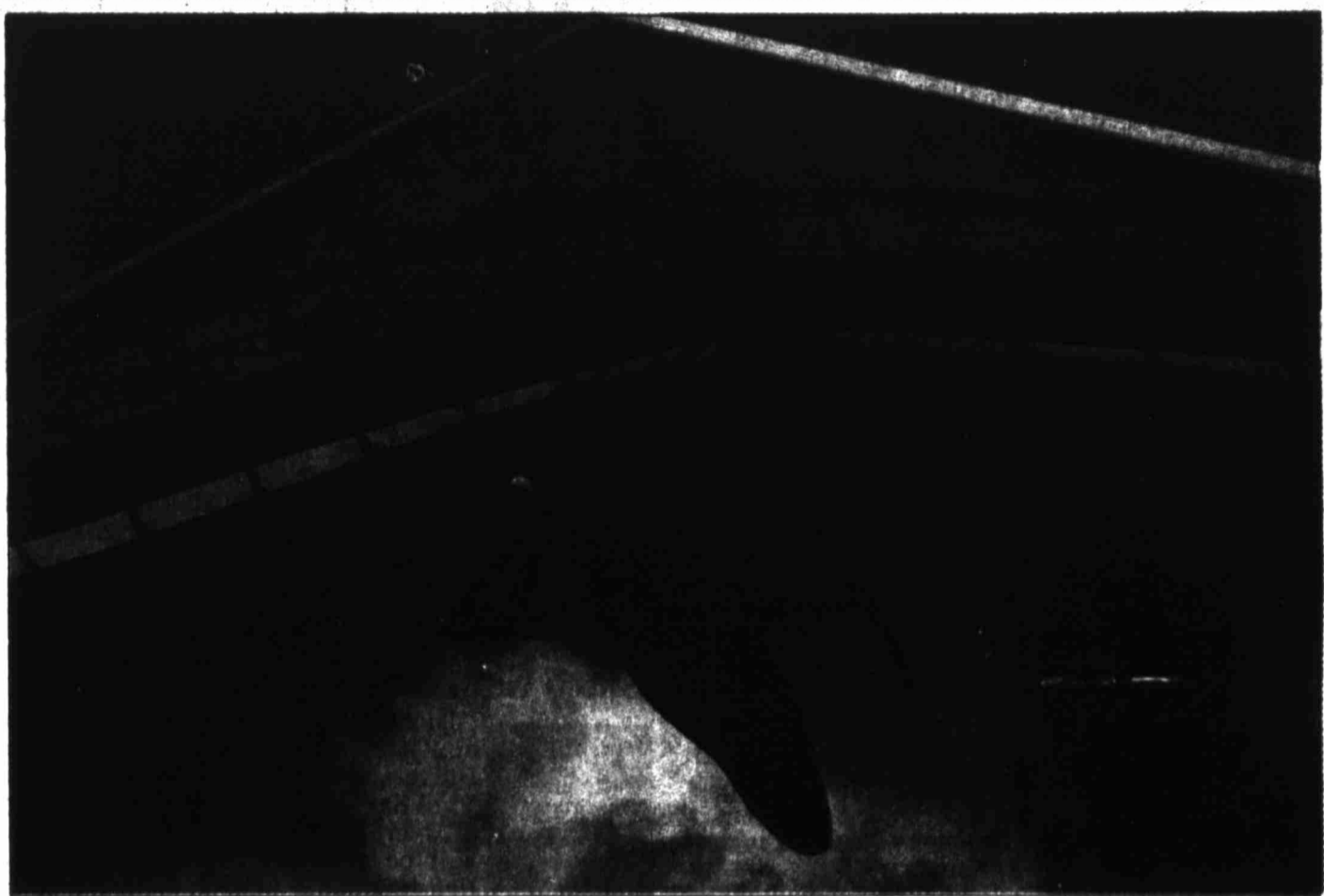


Glover

Spring as a personal best.

"It's been a little windy," said Glover with a laugh as the gusts out of the south continued buffeting the glider pilots waiting to launch. "But it looks like many pilots were able to get the best flight of their lives Thursday. Probably between a dozen and 20 people had their

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At left, competition coordinators help a glider pilot get ready for lift off during the U.S. Hang Gliding Association National Championships. Above, a hang glider pilot braves the high winds during competition launches Friday afternoon. Right, ultralight pilot Jonny Thompson prepares to "tug" a glider into the Big Spring sky in search of thermal lifts.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins



Howard College board sets Monday hearing on proposed budget, tax rate

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Howard College officials will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget and tax increase for the 2005-06 budget year at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the East Room of Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The college district is not planning to increase its actual tax rate, but because the proposed rate will result in increased tax collection, two public hearings on the matter are required, said College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

Highlights of the proposed budget include an across-the-board \$750 annual raise for full-time college employees.

Also, plans call for a substantial hike in tuition fees. Students living in the district will pay \$8 more per semester hour, while out-of-district and out-of-state students

will pay \$10 and \$12 more per semester hour, respectively, Sparks said. Several infrastructure needs will be addressed, including renovations at the baseball field, student union building and coliseum. Also, equipment for

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Still missing

It's been two years since Arlin Bynum disappeared outside a local nightclub

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

It's been two years since 40-year-old William Arlin Bynum was reported missing by his family, and according to local officials, an end to the search doesn't appear to be anywhere in sight.

And while the Big Spring Police Department continues to investigate every lead they have in the case, Bynum's mother, Deanna Hartford, who lives in Biloxi, Miss., said there are no words to convey the pain and suffering her family has endured since Bynum's disappearance.

"One can't attempt to understand the grief and sorrow this family has gone through these last



Courtesy photo
There is a \$10,000 reward being offered for information leading to the whereabouts of Arlin Bynum.

two years. It simply has to be lived to be believed and understood," said Hartford. "Someone out there knows. Eventually those responsible will be found and we can bring Arlin home for a proper burial — and perhaps some amount of closure for the family."

Bynum was last seen

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74-year-old charged with kidnapping try

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A 74-year-old Big Spring man remains free on a \$20,000 bond after he was arrested Wednesday on a charge of attempted kidnapping.

According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer for the Big Spring Police Department, Ernest John Supancic, of 101 S. Gregg Street, was arrested after he allegedly tried to abduct a female victim from the Ritz Theater park-

ing lot.

"The victim was parking her vehicle in the Ritz Theater parking lot, across from Wells Fargo Bank," said Everett. "She got out of her car and was walking toward the bank when she saw a white Blazer pull in, and as it started to pass her it stopped and the driver leaned over and opened the passenger-side door.

"She went over to the vehicle

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74-year-old Ernest John Supancic of Big Spring has been charged with attempted kidnapping. Police say he tried to abduct a woman from a parking lot Wednesday.

Police photo

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TODAY'S EDITORIAL PAGE

Howard County needs a new jail, but how big should it be? Howard County commissioners, the sheriff and municipal judge present their thoughts on proposed 96-bed and 144-facilities on Page 4A. It's part two of a four-part series on the proposed lockup and readers are invited to take part. Then, after tending to the serious stuff, check out Herald writer Steve Reagan's column on the same page. Find out why the sometimes-irreverent Steve prefers "foam-rubber boulders and an over-sexed starship captain anytime."

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library needs good condition books for its annual sale. Paperbacks and large print items are especially needed. Donated books can be delivered to the library weekdays during regular operating hours. If you are unable to bring the books to the library, call 263-4980 and request a pick up. All money from the sale goes to purchase items not included in the library's regular budget.

IN TODAY'S ISSUE

Cover Story: American Profile presents the latest in affordable back-to-school fashions that are available everywhere. A celebrity stylist helps students make trendy outfits on a budget.

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Obituaries

Ruby Tate



Ruby Tate, 81, of Big Spring, formerly of Midland, died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, at her residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2005, at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland with the Rev. Joe Torres, chaplain with Home Hospice, officiating.

She was born March 24, 1924, in Howard County and married Richard Tate April 26, 1943, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Sept. 19, 1981.

Mrs. Tate was a longtime Midland resident and was office manager for the geological library for Ordovician for 25 years in downtown Midland before retiring.

She was a loving mother, grandmother and aunt and will be greatly missed. Her dogs, Prissy and Joey, were very special to her and will miss her. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Michael and Carol Tate of Omaha, Neb.; two granddaughters, Shannon Tate and Kerin Tate, both of Kansas City, Mo.; two nieces, Rita Faulkner of Big Spring and Lisa Jordan of Euleless; a number of other nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and nephews; and her special caregivers, Carmen Hernandez, Christina Hernandez, Joan Garver and Jackie Hill.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Jennifer and Tina at Home Hospice.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Craig Tate Jan. 9, 1971, her parents, Walter and Elizabeth Harrell, two sisters, Lottie Parks and Pauline Sundry and two brothers, Raymond Harrell and Eldon Harrell.

Pallbearers will be Gary Faulkner, Clay Faulkner, Mark Sundry, Bob Parks, Wesley Parks and Taylor Parks.

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

Paid obituary

Wilma Faye James



Wilma Faye James, 77, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2005, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Gene Collins, minister of South Church of Christ, Odessa, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

She was born April 18, 1928, in Lincoln and married Pat James April 8, 1961, in Odessa. He preceded her in death April 13, 2003.

Mrs. James came to Big Spring in 1977 from Odessa and had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for 12 1/2 years as a licensed vocational nurse before retiring.

She enjoyed exercising and walking. She was a member of Cedar Ridge Church of Christ and was active in the Big Spring Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include five daughters, Patsy Brown and husband, Clarence of Big Spring, Creovis Brown and husband, Dan of Fort Worth, Iola Monroe of Bryan, Lenora Francis and Devora Dobson, both of Boston, Mass.; two sons, Billy James and wife, Marie of Carson, Calif., and Jimmy James and wife, Mary of Abilene; two sisters, Norris Brown Pittman and husband, Leonard of Waco and Girlean Brown of Austin; two brothers, the Rev. E.B. Brown and wife, Mattie Evelyn of Austin and Gordon V. Brown and wife, Ruth of Fort Worth; one sister-in-law, Idella James of Abilene; 40 grandchildren; 80 great-grandchildren; 40 great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Eva James, her parents, Evans and Katie Brown, two sisters, Eunice Theola Brown and Alonia Crook, one brother, Alton Brown Sr. and one great-grandson, Brandon James.

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

Paid obituary

Bill Ott

Bill Ott, 78, of Odessa died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, in a Big Spring nursing home. Graveside funeral services are 2 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2005, at the Pyron Cemetery in Snyder.

He was born April 8, 1927, in Hartshorn, Okla., and married Betty Harmon May 27, 1980, in Crane County. She preceded him in death April 21, 2005.

He was a longtime resident of Odessa and worked for Cooper Construction Company before retiring in 1995. He was a Baptist and had served in the United States Army during World War II.

Survivors include his stepson, Kenneth Geer and wife, Lela, of Big Spring; two grandsons, Robin Geer of Odessa and Sean Geer of Houston; a sister, Alma Stubblefield of Shasta Lake, Calif.; a brother, Alfred Ott of Higgins, Okla.; and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

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

Annetta Sue Parnell



Annetta Sue Parnell, 61, of White Oak, formerly of Big Spring died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, at White Oak. Funeral Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Randy Rawls officiating. Private family burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She was born Oct. 29, 1943, at Quanah, to Beulah and John Godwin. Annetta had lived in Big Spring since 1975, recently moving to White Oak. She had worked as a waitress at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop and was a member of the Church of God.

She is survived by three daughters, Brenda Willadsen and husband, Michael, of Big Spring, Cindy Rawls and husband, Randy, of Branson, Mo., and Donna Penwright and husband, Dennis, of Big Spring; a son, Ricky Parnell of Longview; seven grandchildren; a great grandson; a sister, Bonnie Mathis and husband, Jerry, of Longview; a brother, Mearl Godwin of Longview; three nieces and four nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Godwin.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Mrs. Wayne Bonner, P. O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721.

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

Isidro Gonzales



Isidro Gonzales, 14, of Big Spring died at 12:54 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, 2005, at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Vigil Services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Coahoma Cemetery.

He was born Dec. 29, 1990, in Big Spring to Ernesto and Belen Gonzales, and was a life time resident of Howard County. Isidro attended school at Coahoma. He loved biking, all games and music — especially George Strait. He loved to help with barbecues.

He is survived by his parents Ernesto and Belen Gonzales of Big Spring; three brothers, Gilbert Rodriguez, Joel Rodriguez and Ernesto Rodriguez, all of Big Spring; three sisters, Lorell Escobedo and Maria Inez Gonzales, both of Big Spring, and Janie Gutierrez of Snyder; grandparents, Esther Gonzales of San Angelo, Isidro and Judy Gonzales of Lamesa and Joe and Maria Rios of San Marcos; and numerous aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews and cousins.

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

Billy Nichols

Billy Nichols, 75, of Seminole died Thursday, Aug. 11, 2005, at the Permian Residential Care Center in Andrews. Graveside services are 10:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15, 2005, in Mount Olive Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 11, 1930, in Big Spring to Oliver and Aline Burns Nichols. He farmed cotton all of his life. He was raised in Big Spring and moved to Seminole in 1965.

He is survived by four brothers, Oliver "Buddy" Nichols Jr., Dick Nichols and Lonnie Nichols, all of Big Spring and Jerry Nichols of Seminole; and a sister, Charlotte Jackson of Andrews.

Services are under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews. To register, send condolences or view the obituary, go to www.mcnettfuneralhome.com.

Juanita Herrera

Juanita Herrera, 78, of Big Spring died Saturday morning, Aug. 13, 2005, at her home following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Sunday night...Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms likely. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of Rain is 60 percent.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds around 10 mph.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and Thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

Tuesday night...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

MONDAY

• Coahoma and Forsan students first day of school.
• Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association meets at 11:30 a.m. for lunch in the Cactus Room at Howard College.

• Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant.

• DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams St.

• Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

• Prospector's Club work night begins at 7 p.m. at 606 E. Third.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• RSVP Ice Cream Social from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

• Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at First and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.

• Big Spring Art Association meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library. All working artists and those interested in art are invited to attend.

• Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday:

• **JESSE WOODRUFF JR.**, 20, of 4219 Hamilton, was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct - language.

• **GUSTABO RIOS**, 24, of 1084 Scurry, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while license suspended.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of Meadow.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 1500 block of FM 700.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1500 block of Tucson.

• **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

Lottery

The jackpot in the multi-state Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$61 million Saturday.

None of the tickets sold for Friday's \$51 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Tuesday.

The winning numbers from Friday's drawing were: 8, 37, 38, 45, and 54. The Mega Ball number was 21.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-13-21-26-37.

Number matching five of five: none.

Matching four of five: 106. Prize: \$459.

Matching three of five: 3,778. Prize: \$9.

Matching two of five: 36,325. Prize: \$2.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-0-4

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PILOTS

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best flight this week. "We've had a different winner each day, so it has really been changing the scores up and making it a very interesting contest. Usually one or two people begin to dominate and just continue forward, but it's still really anybody's contest at this point."

Paul Tjaden, one of nearly 100 pilots competing in the championships, said the cooler temperatures and cloudy skies gave way Thursday, allowing him and other pilots to really turn up the speed factor.

"It's kept the conditions not as strong and the altitude we can run lower," said Tjaden. "So it's kept us pretty conservative. That is, until Thursday. Although we didn't climb real high Thursday, with the winds behind us we were able to go really fast. We had some really fast times and landed just south of Lubbock. Virtually all of the rigid wings made goal and a bunch of the flex wings did as well. Speeds were really high — it was a really fast day."

Davis Straub, a competitor in the contest and author of The Oz Report (www.ozreport.com), managed to hold on to his lead in the rigid wing division through Thursday's fast speeds, describing the conditions with a smile from ear to



High winds forced this hang glider pilot to land only moments after taking off from McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Friday afternoon during the U.S. Hang Gliding Association National Championships. High winds out of the south made take off difficult for many of the pilots participating in the contest, which wrapped up Saturday. See the Monday edition of The Herald for results.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

ear. "Thursday was just perfect," said Straub. "We got to fly about 90 miles, which was the longest flight a number of the people competing have flown. The winds were about 10 to 15 mph out of the south, so we went really fast. We were averaging maybe 65 mph when we were in glide. We got to about 8,500 feet where it was nice and cool, and the lift was so nice and smooth. You could float right up to the clouds. People were very, very happy."

Vince Endter, who traveled to the championships from San Jose, Calif., said he's thoroughly enjoyed the competition, but like many of the pilots, is about ready for it to be over.

"The conditions haven't been as good as years past, but we've had a really good time," said Endter. "It's fun being up there. It's a lot of fun and that's why we do it."

"Yeah, I'm about ready to finish. I'm getting pretty sore," he said with a laugh. "My shoulders are pretty tired. It's a lot of

fun, but it's a lot of work too."

As the glider pilots have been forced to deal with the less-than-ideal weather conditions, the real brunt of the wind and turbulence has been the ultralight pilots responsible for "tugging" the gliders into the sky.

North Carolina native Jonny Thompson said the winds have definitely made his job interesting during the annual competition.

"It's been pretty challenging for the ultralights," said Thompson as

he prepared his aircraft for the day. "This is bigger air than I'm used to, certainly. The thermals are stronger and on some days we get a lot of wind. So it's very challenging. These are very lightweight aircraft and even a little turbulence effects them more than a Cessna or Cherokee. We've been on top of our game trying to keep everything safe."

Unlike the glider pilots, who most often find themselves waiting in long lines to be tugged into the sky, Thompson and his fellow ultralight pilots are

constantly in motion, taking a stream of brightly colored gliders into the sky.

"I would certainly rather be constantly moving than sitting in line waiting," said Thompson with a laugh. "That would just drive me crazy. I'm a hang glider pilot as well, but in competitions I'd much rather be in this seat. That's just too much pressure. All I have to do is the best possible job I can getting the guy up safely and in a big, fat thermal, and then I get to come down as fast as I can and get back in line and start all over again. It's a lot of fun."

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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MISSING

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Aug. 14, 2003, in the vicinity of the San Franciscan Bar and Grill in downtown Big Spring. According to police reports, witnesses claim he left the establishment late in the evening, supposedly accompanied by another man who has yet to be identified. Bynum's truck was later found near the bar.

"It appears that the local authorities are no closer to solving the circumstances of his disappearance than they were when it initially began on Aug. 15, 2003," said Hartford. "Numerous questions still remain from the time he was last seen at the San Franciscan Restaurant and Bar, such as, who did he leave with? Was he

forced from the establishment? Did something in fact happen in the bar that night? Why did he not take his truck and why was his cell phone supposedly turned off around 2:15 a.m. on the 15th?"

"It's inconceivable to his family that someone can just flagrantly disappear from public streets without a trace of evidence to determine why or how. Whether or not the local police department has put his case on the back burner, his family is not certain of. He has not been found is the only known fact and investigations are at a standstill."

Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said the detective in charge of the investigation, Jim Rider, continues to work on the case, which is still active. "The investigation into

Arlin's disappearance is ongoing — it has by no means been closed or inactivated," said Smith. "It hasn't been put on the back burner or the front burner. It's an active investigation and we're following up on every lead we get. We are even going back to past leads we've received and looking at them periodically."

Smith said the hopes of finding Bynum alive have dwindled, leaving investigators the arduous chore of picking up the pieces of a crime no one can prove was committed.

"All indications at this point lead me to believe Arlin's been killed," said Smith. "We just don't have a crime scene. We're still very concerned about Arlin and want to know what happened to him. And we want to find the people responsible and bring them to justice."

Bynum is described as a white male with short, bleached-blond hair, approximately 165 pounds with blue eyes. He has multiple tattoos and was last seen wearing a white Harley-Davidson tanktop, blue shorts and sandals.

The BSPD has conducted several searches based on information offered and gathered during the investigation, yielding no new evidence in the case, according to police officials.

Hartford said he hopes the reward, which the family upped to \$10,000 in January 2004, will help generate some information concerning Bynum's whereabouts.

"We are begging anyone who may know something to come forward with the information and if for whatever reason they don't want to reveal it to law enforcement, then

call us at 228-388-9888," said Hartford. "Currently, there is a \$10,000 reward being offered for information leading to Arlin."

"We know that someone out there knows where Arlin is. Please call the hotline and tell us. Think about your mother would feel if you disappeared and no one would talk and tell where you were."

Anyone having information in the disappearance of Bynum can contact the investigating detective, Jim Rider, at 264-2556, or contact Big Spring Area Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS (8477). When contacting Crimestoppers you may remain anonymous and no caller ID is ever used.

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will be purchased.

Other renovations, including an upgrade to the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system at the Horace Garrett

Building, will be put off for now, Sparks said.

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OUR VIEWS

With our schools opening, please drive carefully

With classes about to start over most of the Crossroads area, it's time for all of us to remember to drive safely in and around school zones.

Many of us have spent the summer driving past area schools not having to concern ourselves with those flashing lights and reduced speed limits imposed during school months.

But all that changes Monday and that's why school officials and local law enforcement agencies are advising motorists to take extra caution when driving these first few days of the school year.

Of course, we should all exercise caution whenever we're driving. And regardless of where we are during those times just before or after school hours, we should remember that many high school students will be driving or walking to school.

Furthermore, we should all remember to obey the law and stop for school buses when they're loading and unloading students.

None of us is so busy, nor is there any emergency so important that we can afford to put the young people of our community at risk by driving in an unsafe manner.

The bottom line, of course, is that none of us would want our own children endangered by a careless motorist.

We all need to remember that when we get behind the wheel.

OTHER VIEWS

Frist's position mirrors conflicts most of us have

In his Senate speech supporting legislation to loosen restrictions on federal funding of embryonic stem cell research, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist mirrored the conflicting feelings of many Americans.

He recounted, on the one hand, great unease at the prospect of disposing of human life or creating it expressly for scientific research.

On the other hand, he identified the great hope many Americans have in research that may save lives and alleviate the suffering of loved ones.

Frist is pro-life. He is also a doctor. "It's not just a matter of faith," Frist said on the Senate floor, "it's a matter of science."

Between these two competing convictions, Frist has suggested a reasonable balance that should guide the federal government.

The principles he laid down would ban embryo creation for research, ban human cloning, only approve stem cell research on excess embryos that would otherwise be discarded from fertility clinics and tie the donation of those embryos to a rigorous informed consent process.

President Bush stands committed to his 2001 policy that restricts embryonic stem cell research to lines in existence at that time. He should reconsider.

Researchers at the University of California San Diego and the Salk Institute for Biological Studies say the lines used in federally funded research are contaminated and no longer usable.

The train of embryonic stem cell research has left the station. The only issue now is whether the U.S. government will contribute to that research and whether it will be guided by the sensible ethics suggested by Frist.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we can pray our problems away. Amen

How big should a new jail be?

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a four-part series concerning the proposed construction of a new Howard County Jail, focusing on the opinions of several county leaders. They were all asked to keep their responses to a 100-word limit.

Commissioner Bill Crooker

In a seven-page facilities needs analysis, dated March 16, 2005, to the sheriff from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards, based on prior incarceration data and population projections, it was recommended no less than a 144-bed jail be considered.

It also states "The Howard County Jail also provides support for Immigration Services, the Department of Public Safety, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, game warden, local police department and Cornell Corrections. The combined effort of these agencies to prevent crime in Howard County is impeded by Howard County's limited jail capacity."

The decision on the size of this jail is extremely important. The wrong choice could be very costly to future commissioners.

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore

We've had an average of 62 inmates in the past year. The inmate population has steadily increased over the past years. There are no female facilities and this is an increasing concern.

Because of the staff ratio to inmates, the beds are counted in 48-bed increments. With an average of 62 inmates and steadily growing, a 96-

bed jail will just not be large enough to house male and female prisoners.

The state jail standards recommend that we build a 144-bed facility. The 144-bed facility would not only give us room for growth, but the possibility of income from outside boarding.

Commissioner Gary Simer

A 96-bed jail is all Howard County needs. This is big enough for men and women, as well as city and county prisoners. Our community has had very little or no growth in the past 10 years. Many of our residents are retired people on a fixed income and they can't afford a huge tax increase.

A lot of cities have overbuilt and are now housing prisoners for other counties. There is no profit in this, as we are paying as little as \$37.50 per day to have our prisoners housed. It actually costs us \$48 per day to house them (in the Howard County Jail).

Sheriff Dale Walker

As your sheriff, charged with the responsibility of holding prisoners for Howard County, I have seen continual increases of inmates held.

The state's recommendation is 144 beds. In an effort to unite our efforts with best intentions to save taxes, I propose considering a 96- to 100-bed facility adjacent to the courthouse with enough space for future expansions, be it sooner or later.

We can decrease a few beds, if

Howard County implemented electronic monitoring of nonviolent inmates and expedited court cases. By working together we can save taxes and prove to the public we are doing the best we can for the citizens we serve.

Commissioner Emma Brown

The jail size should be determined by the best estimate of our future needs and what we can afford. In the last 20 years our population hasn't increased and there's no reason to believe that will change.

A 96-bed jail is what we need. Any more will run up construction and operating costs. This will cost less than half what the 144-bed jail that has been looked at would cost.

If there were ever a need for more than 96 beds, it would be short term and we could get other counties to take the excess prisoners as we do now at a cost less than keeping them ourselves.

Municipal Judge Tim Green

To answer this question one must first understand the necessity of having a new facility. Jails and correction facilities have been upgraded in the past 30 years to meet tougher standards.

These changes have been made for the safety of the individuals being placed in these facilities as well as the safety of the people who work there.

A new facility must be large enough to handle the numbers from the city and county. I would like to see a facility with one of the larger number of beds that have been recommended.



CROOKER



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BROWN



GREEN

Here's what one reader thinks:

There never has been a question of needing a new jail. The question is how big?

Unfortunately, a lot of residents believe that we must have a 144-bed jail in order to house female inmates. This is not true. For the number of females we aver-

age, a 96-bed facility will do just fine.

I do not believe it will be obsolete upon opening.

PRISSY STANLEY
BIG SPRING

What do you think?

The Herald encourages readers to weigh in with their opinions on the county jail issue. You can e-mail your opinions to News Editor Bill McClellan at newsdesk@crcom.net or to Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at citydesk@bigspringherald.com. Opinions can also be mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79721-1431. They can also be dripped by our offices located at 710 Scurry Street. Please limit your responses to 100 words or less.

Next week's question: Where should a new jail be?

Foam-rubber rocks, goofy aliens

Random thoughts while looking in my Big Spring High School yearbook from 1973:

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Being a child of the 60s (and 70s, but not the 80s, because that's when I supposedly grew up), it's not surprising that I watched a lot of television.

A lot.
Tons.
Scads.

I'm not going to say I watched so much TV that I neglected other facets of my life, like, you know, school work or girls, but let's just say I learned how Gilligan got off the island but never landed a date to the senior prom.

OK, so I'm pathetic ... don't act all shocked.

I followed the traditional TV trajectory during my formative years, graduating from cartoons to Westerns to police shows to regular comedies and dramas. I had a brief flirtation with soap operas, but therapy and a day job cured me of that.

But the most important day in my tube-watching life came when I saw my first episode of "Star Trek." On that day, a science fiction-loving geek/nerd/dweeb/insert-your-own-cute-descriptive-phrase-here was born.

Looking back on the adventures of Kirk, Spock, Bones, et. al., from a distance of 30-some years, I almost cringe. But back then, when it was all still new, it seemed wonderful.

In a typical episode, the gallant

crew of the Starship Enterprise would visit a planet, get into all sorts of problems, solve said problems with good ol' human can-do-iveness (and loads of firepower), then warp off to the next destination.

And, as an added bonus, each episode usually featured Capt. Kirk making out with a beautiful woman wearing next to nothing.

Ah, the burdens of command. Anyone used to 21st Century special effects would have a hard time stifling giggles watching episodes of the original Star Trek.

One episode supposedly involved Kirk engaged in fierce hand-to-hand combat with the leader of an evil alien race. In reality, however, what you had was Kirk tossing foam-rubber boulders at some dude who looked like the Geiko commercial lizard on steroids.

Scary stuff, man. Regardless, I was hooked and became somewhat despondent when the series was canceled after only three seasons. But I took my sci-fi fix where I could find it, from watching real-life space missions to the occasional "Star Wars" movie (not to mention the inevitable cheap rip-offs which I won't mention, because, contrary to popular opinion, I do have some shame).

Somewhere around 1980, space shows on TV exploded. First, there was "Battlestar Galactica," which you could take seriously enough if you were ingesting an illegal substance. Then, later in the decade, came "Star Trek: The Next Generation," which continued the adventures of the Starship Enterprise, this time with cooler special effects and fewer scantily clad women (darn!).
Once again, I was a happy man.

The next several years produced loads of sci-fi shows — "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine," "Star Trek: Voyager," "Star Trek: Enterprise," "Star Trek: We're Just Making This Stuff Up," (sorry, had to see if you were still paying attention), "Stargate: SG-1," "Firefly," and "Farscape," just to name a few.

And I loved them all. Well, most of them. But to hear the critics, space operas really didn't come of age until the recent premiere of the new "Battlestar Galactica." Unlike the first incarnation of the series — which was a total hoot and looked like it was made by a bunch of guys just trying to earn some beer money — the new show was dark, edgy and featured superb writing and a stellar, first-rate cast.

Well, I just had to watch. And the critics were right. The new "Battlestar Galactica" is dark. And edgy. And it features superb writing and a stellar, first-rate cast.

And it depresses the life right out of me. Watching this show, I came to a fearsome conclusion: Science fiction shows on TV, like me, have finally grown up. No more kid's stuff here, folks. We're taking this stuff very seriously now.

Well, to heck with that noise. If I want depressing, I'll look at my checkbook.

You can have all the "dark" and "edgy" you want. Me? Give me some foam-rubber boulders and an over-sexed starship captain anytime.

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Hutchison offers compromise in Wright Amendment battle

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposal to allow Dallas Love Field passengers to fly anywhere on a single ticket is a step in the right direction but isn't enough to end efforts to repeal the Wright Amendment, U.S. Rep. Jeb Hensarling said Friday.

Hensarling said he supports U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison's proposal to allow "through ticketing" as a way to improve passenger air service in North Texas. But the concept is not enough to persuade him to withdraw

his bill that would repeal the Wright Amendment.

"It's one step in a long journey. But I'm not going to end my efforts to try to repeal (the Wright Amendment) outright, since consumers are paying 30 percent more for long distance flights from Love Field than the national average, said Hensarling, R-Dallas. A Senate version of Hensarling's bill is sponsored by Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev.

The Wright Amendment, passed in 1979, restricts long-haul flights

from Love Field, home to discount carrier Southwest Airlines. The intent was to help growth at then-new Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, home to American Airlines.

DFW and American Airlines Inc. oppose any changes to the Wright law.

Southwest wants Wright lifted but has said it is open to phasing out the restrictions.

Hutchison discussed through ticketing Thursday at a transportation summit in Irving.

Through-ticketing would allow passengers to fly anywhere from Love Field on a single ticket, as long as they first make a stop within Texas or in seven nearby states. Now, passengers must buy separate tickets and collect and recheck luggage when they fly beyond the limits of the Wright Amendment.

For example, Southwest does not fly from Dallas to St. Louis.

A person wanting to make that trip, would have to buy a ticket to Little Rock, Ark., which

Southwest can fly to from Dallas, and buy a ticket from Little Rock to St. Louis.

Passengers must learn this trick on their own because Southwest is not allowed to advertise such arrangements on its Web site or tell ticket buyers over the phone, said Beth Harbin, a Southwest Airlines spokeswoman.

"We could make some improvements to customer service without an outright repeal," Hutchison said.

Hutchison also said she might support weakening the Wright Amendment after DFW has refilled gates left empty when Delta Air Lines closed its operations there, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

Harbin said through ticketing would not eliminate stops for passengers in states covered by the Wright law, but would allow the airline to inform passengers it has service outside those states.

ARRESTED

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thinking he needed directions. He asked her to get in the vehicle and she told him she couldn't. He made several comments — I would use the word lewd to describe his comments to her — and at that time he reached out and tried to grab her and pull her into the vehicle."

Everett said the victim escaped unharmed and Supancic was arrested minutes later.

"She got away by jumping back and slamming the door on the vehicle," said Everett. "She ran inside the bank to get help and the suspect left

the scene. Patrol officers located him on E. Fourth Street, in the 1200 block, and stopped him and arrested him on the charge of attempted kidnapping."

Everett said there's a very important lesson to be learned from the incident.

"Any time someone approaches you that you don't know and they open the door to the vehicle, you should never get close enough to the vehicle for them to grab you," said Everett. "And you never get close enough to the vehicle to where they can jump out and grab you."

"But certainly don't approach the vehicle if

they open the door or roll down the window. If this guy needed directions, he was three blocks from the police department. He could have come here and gotten his directions."

"Things are different now than they used to be," Everett stressed. "You really have to be careful. You can't trust anyone anymore. Because even the simplest thing like this — she thought she was going to do this man a favor and give him directions — it could have been a deadly mistake."

While Supancic's age might seem to be a factor in the investigation, Everett said the Big Spring shouldn't expect any special treatment

because he's a senior citizen.

"It doesn't matter what age you are," said Everett. "If you're old enough to commit the crime, you're old enough to pay for it. He is old, but he gets around very well for a man his age."

"Right now Det. Jim Rider is investigating the case and will file it with the district attorney. He'll decide if that's the charge we're going to go with or exactly how he wants to prosecute the case, or whether he will prosecute the case."

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Commissioners to stage budget session Monday

Herald Staff Report

Howard County Commissioners Court will meet Monday morning at 10 a.m. for a special budget session.

The meeting will be held on the second floor of the county courthouse in the commissioner's courtroom.

WEEKLY WEATHER DATA SUMMARY

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MONTH August 2005							
DAY	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
TEMPERATURES							
Highest	110	107	104	107	108	106	107
Year	1936	1946	1969	1952	1983	1909	1909
PRECIPITATION							
Lowest	58	58	62	60	48	58	60
Year	1920	1920	1967	1931	1932	1967	1950
Average High	94	96	95	95	95	94	94
Average Low	69	70	70	70	69	69	69
Last Year's							
High	86	88	89	85	83	87	83
Low	68	68	69	65	65	69	67
PRECIPITATION							
Maximum	1.69	0.43	2.06	1.04	2.78	2.38	2.30
Year	1929	1972	1975	1920	1980	1996	2004
Last Year's	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.04	0.00	0.00	2.30
Average Daily Rainfall	0.08	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.06

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News in brief

Keller woman jailed in death of daughter

KELLER (AP) — A Keller woman accused of suffocating her 11-year-old daughter has been taken to Tarrant County Jail after regaining consciousness, police said.

Norma Jean Roberts, 49, charged with murder in the Aug. 5 death of Kelsey Roberts, had been under police guard at the hospital since just after her estranged husband, Steven Roberts, found her unconscious and their daughter dead at the home Norma Jean Roberts had been renting.

Bail for Norma Jean Roberts, who regained consciousness Friday, was set at \$200,000.

"As soon as she woke up and found out that she was under arrest, she clammed up and said she didn't want to talk without a lawyer," Lt. Tommy Williams said Friday.

Investigators said that police found an unsigned message carved in the dining room table inside the woman's home that appeared to refer to her distress over her divorce and child-custody proceedings, according to an arrest warrant affidavit released Friday.

Dallas man to get new trial in case overturned on race questions

DALLAS (AP) — A Supreme Court decision citing racial discrimination during trial provided murder convict Thomas Miller-El an opportunity to leave Texas' death row after 20 years, but Dallas prosecutors will try to prevent that by retrying him.

Dallas District Attorney Bill Hill says the high court's decision in June doesn't question the guilt of Miller-El, a black defendant accused of killing a white hotel clerk and wounding another during a robbery. His office says the state will again seek the death penalty.

Prosecutors have until late November to set a new trial date for Miller-El, or risk his release, a federal appeals court ruled in July.

Miller-El's attorney Jim Marcus said his client retains the presumption of innocence "until proven guilty in a constitutionally fair trial."

Miller-El was sentenced to death row in 1986 by a 12-member jury that included one black. Prosecutors struck 10 of the 11 blacks eligible to serve.

The Supreme Court overturned Miller-El's conviction, citing a manual, written in 1969 and used until at least 1980, that instructed prosecutors on how to exclude minorities from Texas juries. Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter called racial discrimination in Dallas County's jury selection process unquestionable.

Sex offender registration in Texas has hits and misses

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas aggressively registers and tracks convicted sex offenders, offering their names and addresses to the public through an Internet site listing 43,000 people.

The system, though, offers no way to identify those most likely to repeat offenses or to identify those who committed crimes against children.

"It's a good law, just to know where these guys are," said Houston Police Sgt. Gregg Kuschel, who's part of the state's biggest sexual offender registration operation. "They know they're being watched. They know they're being tracked."

But Kuschel and his Houston colleagues, who have registered about 4,000 sex crime convicts, caution the law is too broad and fails to specify the most dangerous offenders.

"The problem is the average citizen thinks every sex offender on the Web site is automatically labeled as a child molester, which is not true," said Senior Officer Kim Fredericksen of the Houston Sex Crimes Unit. "And they have a false impression every sex offender is on the database."

Teachers to start school with old books, new ones on the way

AUSTIN (AP) — When school starts on Tuesday, the vocabulary quizzes prepared by Latin teacher Ginny Lindzey might not match the stories her middle school students are reading.

She's one of hundreds of teachers who will have to spend the next few days revising tests, quizzes and lesson plans to align with the new textbooks schools will be getting in a few weeks. Once the books arrive — the Texas Education Agency says they will be delivered by Labor Day — teachers will spend classroom time to reissue the books to students.

With a week left in the Legislature's fifth attempt since 2003 to restructure the way public schools are

funded in Texas, lawmakers still haven't allocated \$295 million for the new books in health, fine arts and foreign languages that will ship out next week. But, after state leaders promised the money, publishers have agreed to send the books to schools anyway.

"As teachers we are very frustrated with the state Legislature. Who isn't at this point because of how much money they've wasted — money on these special sessions and done nothing but all this political maneuvering?" said Lindzey, who teaches at Porter Middle School in Austin.

"They've held our textbooks hostage as a bargaining piece. But guess what — we start school Tuesday, we can't get a continuance."

Man pleads guilty in teen's dragging death

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man has pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death last year of an 18-year-old who was run over after a fight that stemmed from a traffic argument.

Jesse James Leal appeared in court Friday. He pleaded guilty to manslaughter for the April 2004 death of Michael Hinojosa.

Police say that Leal was upset after he was cut off by a vehicle with Hinojosa and three friends inside. The two cars stopped, and a fight ensued. Leal and his friends then got back into their car, hitting Hinojosa and pulling him under the front bumper.

After driving for a few blocks, Hinojosa fell from the car and was run over.

Leal's attorney, Terry McDonald, said his client never intended to kill Hinojosa. He also said it was unclear what actually killed the teen because his friends accidentally ran over him after the chase ended.

Leal will be sentenced Aug. 29.

Man faces charges in foster daughter's death

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas man was charged with serious bodily injury to a child on Friday in connection with the death of his 3-year-old foster daughter, police said.

Timothy Rashon Warner III, 29, remained jailed in Arlington on Friday night in lieu of \$350,000 bail. He also was charged with tampering with or fabricating

physical evidence.

Sierra Odom died Thursday after Warner took her to an Arlington hospital, claiming they had been in a traffic accident.

The hospital staff and accident investigators ruled that Sierra's injuries were not consistent with Warner's story, which changed several times, police spokesman Lt. Blake Miller said.

"We know the kid was injured at (Warner's) residence, and the injuries caused the death," Miller said.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office had not determined a cause of death. Once the ruling is made, Warner could face additional or upgraded charges, police said.

Homicide investigators found 10 other children at Warner's home in Arlington. Four were the biological children of Warner and his wife, three were foster children and three others were being baby-sat. Child Protective Services took custody of the children.

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Couple accused in courthouse shooting reject quick extradition

By CARRIE SPENCER
Associated Press Writer
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The couple accused of killing a Tennessee corrections officer in a brazen escape said Friday they would fight efforts to send them back to face charges, with the husband declaring: "I don't want to leave without her."

Jennifer Hyatte's father also told The Associated Press that he had warned a Utah corrections officer the couple might be up to something, but the information never reached Tennessee.

At the time, it "didn't appear to raise any red flags," said Utah Department of Corrections spokesman Jack Ford. He said the Utah officer planned to contact officials in Tennessee on Tuesday — the day of the shooting.

In hindsight, the department should have acted sooner, he said.

Floyd Forsyth said he suspected his daughter was planning to help free her husband after she asked him during a phone call if he had any spare handcuff keys. She also said she was putting things in storage and planned to let her ex-husband keep their three children for a while, said Forsyth, a former sheriff's deputy.

"I thought maybe she was going to pass him a key," Forsyth said. "There was no doubt in my mind that she was going to do something. I just didn't know it would be this."

Jennifer Hyatte, 31, a licensed nurse with no criminal record, is accused of ambushing two prison guards as they were leading her husband, George Hyatte, from a Kingston, Tenn., courthouse where he had just pleaded guilty to robbery.

Guard Wayne "Cotton" Morgan was fatally shot before the couple sped away. More than 1,000 people attended his funeral Friday.

The Hyattes were arrested Wednesday night without a struggle at a Columbus motel, some 300 miles away, after a cab driver tipped off authorities that he had driven them there.

In court Friday, George Hyatte, 34, seemed prepared to waive his right to challenge extradition, but when his lawyer leaned in and explained that Jennifer Hyatte had decided to fight extradition, he shook his head and argued briefly with his lawyer.

"I don't want to leave without her," said George Hyatte, who had on two sets of handcuffs chained tightly to his waist. "I don't want to."

His wife had been in court a few minutes earlier. Jennifer Hyatte appeared dazed and didn't talk during the hearing. She showed little emotion until the judge informed her that the charge carries a possible death penalty. She then sighed and leaned back in her chair.

Her lawyer, John

Sproat, said later Friday that the extradition challenge is a precaution he advised her to take because of the severity of the charge.

Attorney Robert Essex, representing George Hyatte, did not immediately return phone calls Friday. Another hearing is set for Sept. 8.

Morgan, 56, a decorated Vietnam veteran, was buried with full military honors Friday in Wartburg, Tenn. He was remembered as a Sunday school teacher and deacon at Meadowview Baptist Church who regularly ministered to patients in the local nursing home and to prisoners in the town jail.

He also liked to sing duets with his wife, Viann, and to tend to his flower and vegetable gardens.

Judge orders death sentence in killing of six family members in Alabama

LUVERNE, Ala. (AP) — A judge ordered a death sentence Friday for a man convicted of gunning down six members of his girlfriend's family at their rural home, a ruling that rejected the jury's recommendation of life in prison without parole.

Westley Devon Harris, 25, was convicted of capital murder in the 2002 slayings, which one prosecutor called an "unspeakable horror." "This was not an easy decision because of my personal beliefs," said Circuit Judge Ed McFerrin, who had never imposed the death penalty before.

Prosecutor Troy King had urged McFerrin not to feel bound by the jury's 7-5 vote recommending life without parole.

Harris was convicted of gunning down six members of Janice Ball's fami-

ly at their south Alabama farm during a daylong killing spree on Aug. 26, 2002, leaving dead her grandmother, mother, father and three teenage brothers.

Authorities said Harris then fled for three days with Ball and their 1-year-old daughter. Ball, who was 16 at the time, later became the government's key witness.

West Robinson said his son remained calm and was looking hopefully toward the appeals process.

"It ain't over yet," Robinson said.

But relatives of the victims said they felt satisfied after hearing

McFerrin order Harris be put to death.

"When they put that needle in his arm, I'll feel at ease," said Roger Hasley, the brother of Ball's father.

Prosecutors said during the trial that Harris killed the victims because he was angry that they had tried to keep him away from Ball and their daughter.

Defense attorneys argued that Ball had motives to want her family dead — including allegations of incest.

They said Ball did not act like a terrified hostage because she hid out with Harris for three days after the killings.

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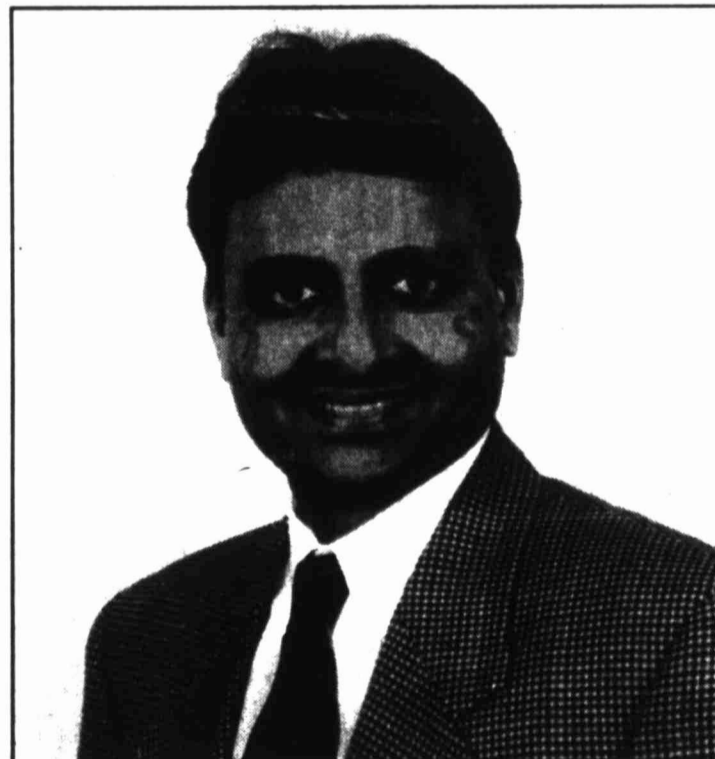
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Nation and families revisit morning of Sept. 11 attacks

NEW YORK (AP) — The families of fallen firefighters revisited the heart-rending morning of Sept. 11 with the rest of the nation as the Fire Department opened a trove of finely sketched recollections of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Relatives pored over more than 12,000 pages of oral histories and hours of recorded radio transmissions in which firefighters described in vivid, intimate detail how they rushed to save fleeing civilians before the twin towers collapsed in choking clouds of dust and debris.

For some families, the documents — released after a three-year court battle with the city — offered hints of their loved ones' last whereabouts, and confirmation that equipment problems contributed to their

deaths. The attack killed 343 firefighters.

Sally Regenhard, mother of 28-year-old Christian Regenhard, said a breakdown of communications led to her son's death and that the response to the attack "has been sanitized by the city of New York in an effort to put all this under the rug."

She and her husband, retired police Sgt. Al Regenhard, learned a sliver of information about their son's last minutes during the three-hour session. He had been filling in that day for a firefighter in Engine 279 of Red Hook, Brooklyn, which was told to head toward the south tower; she even learned the name of his commander.

"It's very emotional. It's very difficult," she said. "But it's no harder than knowing every day that my son is gone."

The histories, recorded

in the weeks and months after the attack, offer a glimpse of firefighters battling their own fears as they fought to save others.

Trapped in the mall below the trade center after the collapse of the south tower, James Murphy and a group of fellow firefighters started hunting for the exits. Frightened civilians began grabbing onto them, he said.

"We were saying, 'Don't worry, we're with the Fire Department. Everybody is going to get out,'" Murphy recalled. But, he said, "We were just as scared as anybody else. We were just victims, too. Basically the only difference between us and the victims is we had flashlights."

Firefighter Kirk Long, whose Engine 1 was sent to the north tower, spoke of climbing upward in the

north tower as civilians fled in the opposite direction.

"I was watching every person coming down, looked at their face, just to make them happy that they were getting out and we were going in, and everything was OK," Long said in his oral history.

The radio transmissions added new texture to the historical record of the day, beginning at 8:46 a.m. with an urgent description of a plane crashing into the World Trade Center.

"The World Trade Center tower Number One is on fire!" one firefighter radioed.

As the depth of the cri-

sis became clear, the voices on the radios thickened with panic.

"Send every available ambulance, everything you got to the World Trade Center," a firefighter calls from Engine 1. "Now!"

Another firefighter, Maureen McArdle-Schulman, recalled hearing someone yell before the collapses that something was falling from the towers.

She said she thought it might have been desks coming out.

"Then the first body hit and then we knew what it was," she said. "I was getting sick. I felt like I was intruding on a sacrament. They were choosing to die

and I was watching them and shouldn't have been. So me and another guy turned away and looked at a wall and we could still hear them hit."

The records shed some new light onto lingering questions and long-standing complaints about the response. Firefighters described faulty communications equipment and some orders that weren't obeyed.

Some city officials, including former Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, have suggested that firefighters ignored the mayday call in acts of personal heroism. But a group of activist families has sought to lay blame on the city.

Lutherans uphold restrictions on gay clergy at national conference

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Gays and lesbians lashed out after the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America rejected a proposal that would have allowed them to serve as clergy in certain cases, saying they felt rejected by their own denomination.

The proposal was voted down Friday by delegates attending an ELCA national meeting. It would have affirmed the church ban on ordaining sexually active gays and lesbians but allowed exceptions for candidates in long-term relationships.

Goodsoil, a coalition of Lutheran groups advocating for full inclusion of gays, accused the church

of "sacrificing (gays) on the altar of a false and ephemeral sense of unity."

The Rev. G. Scott Cady of the New England Synod said rejecting gays who feel a call to ministry was tantamount to questioning the will of God.

"We have vacant pulpits and altars in congregations all over this country. We have people crying out for pastoral care," he said. "The Holy Spirit has said, 'All right, here they are. Here they are.' Are we going to now say, 'Thanks Holy Spirit, but we prefer something else.'"

Delegates voted against the measure 503-490.

The proposal needed a two-thirds majority to

pass.

New Jersey Synod Bishop Roy Riley, president of the ELCA's Council of Bishops, said the delegates accurately reflected the mood of the 4.9 million-member denomination.

"This church is not ready to make major changes in its ordination practices," he said. "That was the crux, really."

The gay ordination proposal and two others taken up at the meeting were based on years of work by a denominational task force on sexuality. Delegates overwhelmingly approved another of the panel's proposals, affirming church unity despite deep differences over homosexuality.

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Iraqi leaders look to finish constitution by deadline

By SAMEER N. YACOB

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi leaders rushing to finish a constitution Saturday reported tentative agreements on distribution of oil wealth and other issues, but there was no deal on the main obstacle: federalism.

President Jalal Talabani predicted the constitution would be submitted to the National Assembly on Sunday — one day before the deadline for parliamentary approval.

But some committee members said serious divisions remained among the Shiite Muslim, Sunni Arab and Kurdish leaders, particularly on the question of whether Iraq should be transformed into a federated state. Talabani acknowledged negotiations continued.

"The meetings are still going on and we have gone forward," he told reporters. "There is a meeting today and another meeting tomorrow and, God willing, we will finish the job tomorrow."

Talabani said negotiators were concentrating on the question of a federated state comprising Shiite Muslim areas of central and southern Iraq, as well as the role of Islam in laws.

Earlier, committee members said the remaining stumbling blocks were federalism, the role of Shiite clergy, dual



KRT photo/Khampha Bounphanh
President Jalal Talabani reported tentative agreements Saturday on much of the proposed Iraqi constitution.

nationality and a description of Saddam Hussein's Baath party. Even the formal name of the country kept going through last minute modifications.

U.S. officials hope adoption of a constitution and expansion of democracy will defuse support for the insurgency gripping Iraq.

Roadside bombs and ambushes killed at least nine Iraqis and wounded 14 Saturday. A roadside bomb also set a U.S. armored troop carrier on fire in Baghdad's Sadr City district, but U.S. officials had no casualty report. Three civilians were wounded, police said.

Sunni, Kurdish and Shiite political leaders have been negotiating for days in an attempt to deliver a draft constitution to the parliament before the deadline.

Although Sunnis agreed to continuing self-rule for the Kurdish region in the north, they have opposed full federalism for Iraq, fearing that could lead to the breakup of the country, which was established after the defeat of the Ottoman Empire in World War I.

Talabani, speaking to reporters after meeting with Sunni religious leader Adnan al-Dulaimi, said none of the points of disagreement would be postponed. "There is an agreement to draft a constitution unanimously among all groups," he said.

He said there were few points still being debated. "We have reached agreements on many points but I am not authorized to announce them because we want to make the declaration all together," the president said.

Before Talabani spoke, a Sunni Arab member of the constitution committee, Saleh al-Mutlaq, said negotiators reached a preliminary agreement three days ago that distribution of oil revenues would be shared by the central and regional governments.

Al-Mutlaq did not elaborate. But a Shiite member, Nadim al-Jaberi, said leaders agreed regional

governments in oil-producing areas would keep 5 percent of the revenue and the rest would go to the central government for distribution to other areas based on their population.

Negotiations were thrown into a tallspin Thursday when the leader of the biggest Shiite party, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, called for a Shiite autonomous government in central and southern Iraq, including the southern oil fields. That enraged Sunni Arab delegates.

Following al-Hakim's call, Sunni clerics on Friday urged their followers to register and vote in the Oct. 15 constitutional referendum — but to vote against the charter if it contains federalism.

"We, in this country, don't want federalism because we are a unified nation in this country and we feel that Iraq with all its elements is for all," Sheik Mahmoud al-

Sumaidale, of the influential Association of Muslim Scholars, told worshippers at Baghdad's Umm al-Qura mosque.

Sunnis appear to be sending a warning that they can bring down the constitution in the referendum. According to the country's interim charter, the constitution will be void if it is rejected by two-thirds of voters in three provinces. Sunnis are a majority in four.

With the Shiites and Kurds both supporting federalism, the two groups reached a number of other deals, which needed to be sold to the Sunnis if unanimity is to be achieved.

Mahmoud Othman, a Kurdish legislator, said late Friday that Shiites and Kurds agreed Islam be the state religion.

He also said they agreed on the country's name as the Iraqi Federal Republic. But a Shiite negotiator, Saad Jawad Kandil, said it would be

The Iraqi Republic — a compromise between Kurds who opposed "Islamic" in the name and Shiites who opposed "Federal."

In Saturday's violence: — Four civilians died when a roadside bomb exploded near Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, police Capt. Laith Mohammed said. Two Iraqi police officers also were shot to death in Samarra, police said.

— In Baghdad, police Maj. Ahmed Kamil was killed in an ambush in a western neighborhood, police said. One Iraqi soldier was shot dead in the Dora district of south Baghdad, police said.

— An unidentified man was found dead in Baghdad's Sadr City neighborhood. His hands were cuffed and he had been shot in the head and legs, police said.

— Seven people — three of them civilians — were injured by an explosion in eastern Baghdad.

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President Bush says 'all options on the table' regarding Iran's nuclear aspirations

JERUSALEM (AP) — In a stern warning to Iran, President Bush said "all options are on the table" if the Iranians refuse to comply with international demands to halt their nuclear program, pointedly noting he has already used force to protect U.S. security.

Bush's statement during an interview on Israeli TV late Friday was unusually harsh. He previously said diplomacy should be used to persuade Iran to suspend its nuclear program and if that failed then the U.N. Security Council should impose sanctions.

The U.S. government and others fear Iran's nuclear work is secretly designed to produce nuclear weapons. Iran's leaders deny that, saying it is only for the generation of electricity.

In the interview, Bush said the United States and Israel "are united in our objective to make sure that Iran does not have a weapon."

But, he said, if diplomacy fails "all options are on the table."

"The use of force is the last option for any president. You know, we've used force in the recent past to secure our country," he said.

Iran's government resumed uranium conversion at its nuclear facility in Isfahan this past week. The U.N. nuclear watchdog agency, the International Atomic Energy Agency, responded by issuing a warning to Iran on Thursday that expressed "serious concern" about Iran's intentions.

Bush welcomed the warning, which signaled that the West wanted to give diplomacy time to ease the standoff.

In Vienna, Austria, where the IAEA is based, diplomats said Iran faced a Sept. 3 deadline to stop uranium conversion or face possible referral to the Security Council, which has the power to impose crippling sanctions. The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the IAEA board's proceedings.

Iran, which insists its nuclear program is peaceful, responded with indignation to the IAEA warning.

In show of force, Hamas leaders vow to fight on after Israel's Gaza pullout

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — For the first time in a decade, the founders and top political leaders of Hamas gathered on the same stage Saturday, vowing to go on fighting Israel and claiming victory for the Israelis' impending withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

In a direct challenge to the Palestinian Authority, the militant leaders rejected the idea of a sole decision-making body for the area and claimed the group's right to possess its own weapons.

Tensions between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas have heated up as Israel prepares to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and four West Bank settlements, with each trying to claim victory for the pullout scheduled to begin after midnight Monday.

In Jerusalem, meanwhile, Israeli police barred young Muslim worshippers from a mosque compound and deployed thousands of officers throughout the Old City to guard against clashes between Jews and Muslims, police spokesman Shmulik Ben-Ruby said.

Thousands of observant Jews — many of whom oppose the Gaza withdrawal — were expected to pray at the Western Wall on the eve of the Tisha B'Av fast day. Muslim clerics urged their followers to go to Jerusalem to protect two mosques that sit on a compound overlooking the wall.

The Hamas news conference came just a day after Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and other officials held the Palestinian Authority's first celebration of Israel's withdrawal.

Speakers at Friday's event insisted all festivities marking the pullout would take place under the official Palestinian flag — a warning to Hamas over its plans for its own military-style celebrations. Abbas also claimed credit for the Gaza pullout, promising that the West Bank and Jerusalem would be next.

But the Hamas leadership, positioned in front of the group's logo and a green Islamic flag, challenged the Palestinian Authority, saying its armed struggle led Israel to evacuate settlements and vowing not to lay down arms until Israeli occupation of all Palestinian territories ends.

Sri Lanka declares state of emergency, troops deployed after slaying of foreign minister

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) — Sri Lanka declared a state of emergency and deployed troops to search for suspects Saturday after the assassination of the foreign minister, while the government warned the slaying was a serious setback to the country's fragile peace process.

The military blamed the separatist Tamil Tiger rebels for the death of 73-year-old Lakshman Kadirgamar, who was shot in the head and heart late Friday by snipers after finishing a swim at his home. Kadirgamar, an ethnic Tamil himself, had led efforts to ban the Tamil rebels as a terrorist organization but later backed peace negotiations.

The rebel group's political chief on Saturday denied any role in the killing and criticized officials for "hastily blaming" the group.

"We also know that there are factions within the Sri Lankan Armed forces operating with a hidden agenda to sabotage the cease-fire agreement," said S.P. Tamilselvan. He urged Colombo to thoroughly investigate the killing.

Officials said seven suspects have been detained for questioning. Kadirgamar's death was sure to put pressure on the cease-fire between the government and the separatist rebels — a truce already shaken by a two-year stall in peace talks.

"It is a grave setback to the peace process. Restarting (the peace process) will be seriously undermined," Jayantha Dhanapala, head of the government body handling the peace process, told reporters.

Kadirgamar will be publicly cremated in the capital on Monday with state honors, a Cabinet member said, adding that the government declared it a day of mourning and ordered all the country's cinemas, liquor shops and meat vendors to close that day.

Police detain four in connection with one of biggest bank heists ever and recover more money

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — Police detained four men in connection with one of the world's biggest heists and recovered more than \$2 million of the \$70 million stolen from Brazil's Central Bank, officials said Friday.

The recovered cash was found hidden in three pickup trucks that were on a vehicle transporter truck located several hundred miles from the ransacked Central Bank vault in the northeastern city of Fortaleza.

Authorities said two men in the transporter and two others who own a car dealership have been placed under temporary arrest, allowing them to be held for 10 days without being charged.

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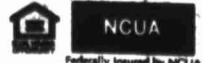


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Dear Prudence: I consider myself a terrific girl. Reasonably pretty, great mental health, no big hang-ups. I like my job and make a good wage. Here's the thing: I enjoy weightlifting. Some people fish, collect stamps or play community league soccer. I lift weights. And I've got a muscular physique as a result.

I'm not enormous, but I have more muscle and definition than your typical girl (or guy!), and it's certainly noticeable. Thing is, it's all people will talk about if I'm within shouting distance. In the right context, I'm flattered. But most of the time it's, "Flex for us!" and questions about steroids, wrestling, etc.

I love my lifting, like my muscles and won't give it up. Do you have any suggestions on how to get the word out that I'd like people to give it a rest? — Jill in Virginia

Dear Jill: Prudence thinks thou dost protest too much. It's pretty hard to have great definition, noticeable muscles — out of the ordinary, for women — and expect people to ignore it. They likely presume that someone who bulks up is proud of having that kind of bod... ergo,

happy to talk about it. You may, however, ignore the requests to "flex for us." You might say that flexing's for the gym, not for social situations. Prudence wishes you and your lats and pecs continued progress. — Prudence, mightily

Dear Prudence: My husband had an affair seven years ago. To say that I was devastated is an understatement. However, through a lot of turmoil and counseling (I just started), I'm beginning to understand a lot about myself, and how and why I react to whatever my husband does.

OK, let's cut to the chase. My husband meets women and enjoys colorful conversations with them at bars, online, chat rooms, trains, you name it. I have a problem with that. One, he lies about it, and two, he feels that as long as he is not having sex, then it is OK.

I've since discovered he has been back in touch with the woman with whom he had the affair. I went through the roof. He asked why should I care; why should it matter if they stay in touch? It's not as if she is living in this state, he told me.

Well, I do care, and it does matter. I moved his things out

of our bedroom and into the guest room. I told him to go to counseling (which he has been putting off for several weeks), to stop being intimately and emotionally involved with other women and to stop drinking. However, I do love and desire this man. Is this marriage worth saving? — Adrift in Atlanta

Dear Ad: Your husband's behavior is the tomcat version of being a dry drunk. He thinks because he's not "doing anything" (which may or may not be true), he is just inside the foul line. The fact that one of his "friends" is the former flingee makes the situation all the more fraught.

His boozing and dishonesty are huge problems. It would likely take a personality transplant to get things back on track. Prudence does not mean to be pessimistic, but after all this time, the odds are not good that he's going to straighten up and fly right. So the direct answer to your question is: probably not. — Prudence, regretfully

Dear Prudence: How do you respond to someone (a total stranger) who, out of nowhere, tells you to smile — or remarks on the lack of a smile on your face? In the past month, I've

observed the following incidents.

At the checkout line in my grocery store, there was a woman in front of me and a man in front of her. The man looked at the woman, who was not smiling, and said to her, "You must be having a bad day." She mumbled something in reply and gave an apologetic smile.

After they left, I heard the two checkout clerks in the area speaking angrily to each other about what had just happened. One of them said indignantly, "What if her mother had just died?!" The other said, "I would have told him, 'My day was fine until you came along!'" And so on.

In another instance, a young man next to me at a sandwich shop, while placing his order, said to the young girl behind the counter, "Smile!" She quickly looked down at her work, cringed, and said, "Oh, it's just been a long day, I guess." (That's the kind of response I probably would have made.)

Then a few days ago, a male coworker came into the office, annoyed, and said, "I hate it when people think I'm in a bad mood just because I'm not smiling. I'm not in a bad mood at all." Apparently, someone (another total stranger) had said something to him while he was in the parking lot.

When it's happened to me, I know I've felt offended. I don't want to be rude, but they're out of line, aren't they? I just would like to know how a person is supposed to respond to these people. — Smiling When I Feel Like It

Dear Smile: These commentators are strangers? What's up with that? Prudence thinks a proper response would be non-verbal communication. Something along the lines of knitting your eyebrows together, narrowing your eyes and making the slightest sneer, all while cocking your head to a 45-degree

angle. — Prudence, huffily

Dear Prudence: Hey, I'm 11. It may seem odd to you that a kid is e-mailing you about something like this, but I'm curious. There was this girl I really liked. She is also 11 (about a month younger than me). She was in fifth grade, and I was in sixth grade. So the only time I saw her was on the bus in the morning and afternoon, about an hour total every school day. We always walked to our houses together.

There were certain things she only did when I was sitting right next to her on the bus. For instance, we always tried to sit next to each other on the bus, as in side by side. She always faced me, and we talked to each other on the bus all the time. She told me secrets she didn't even tell some of her friends.

But then something awful happened. She moved to Texas. That's a long ways away, considering I live on the West Coast. Two days before school ended, I told her that I liked her more than a friend. She's been told that by many kids before (that they like her), but this time she didn't freak out. She was completely calm and relaxed while I was telling her this, like she liked me back.

Thankfully, I gave her my e-mail address and she gave me hers. Tell me, did she like me? — Kevin

Dear Kevin: It most certainly sounds as if she did like you. Prudence would suggest that you keep the e-mails going and develop a pen-pal relationship. Who knows? You might wind up visiting in Texas, or her family may make take a trip back to the West Coast. Writing is a very good way to stay in touch. — Prudence, electronically

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IN BRIEF

Meet the coaches set for Aug. 20

The Big Spring football team has announced a "meet the coaches" night will take place at Blankenship Field Aug. 20.

The football team will have a practice from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and fans are welcome to attend. There will also be a hamburger supper starting at 5 p.m.

The supper is \$5 for a burger, chips and a drink and anyone who purchases a meal will be put into a drawing for a chance to win Big Spring season tickets and a Steer gear package.

Community pep rally set for Aug. 22

Fans will get their first chance to see the teams for Big Spring's fall sports season as the community-wide pep rally has been set up for Aug. 22 at the Amphitheater inside Comanche Trail Park.

The event will start at 8 p.m. all sports teams from seventh through 12th grade will be included.

Howard sets mini cheerleading camp

Howard College will hold a mini cheer camp Aug. 27 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for grades first through six.

Registration will take place at 8 a.m. and the cheer/dance class session will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Participants are supposed to bring a lunch to eat at noon and bring a water bottle and wear tennis shoes. They are also supposed to put their names on their belongings and plan on meeting the Howard College cheerleaders.

All registered participants will also compete at the Battle of the Cheerleaders at the Rodeo Bowl that night during the county fair.

The cost of the camp is \$25.

For more information, call 264-5024.

Quarterback club sets remaining weekly meetings

The Big Spring football booster club (quarterback club) will meet every Monday at 7 p.m. at the ATC through the football season. However, there will not be a meeting Aug. 22 due to the community pep rally.

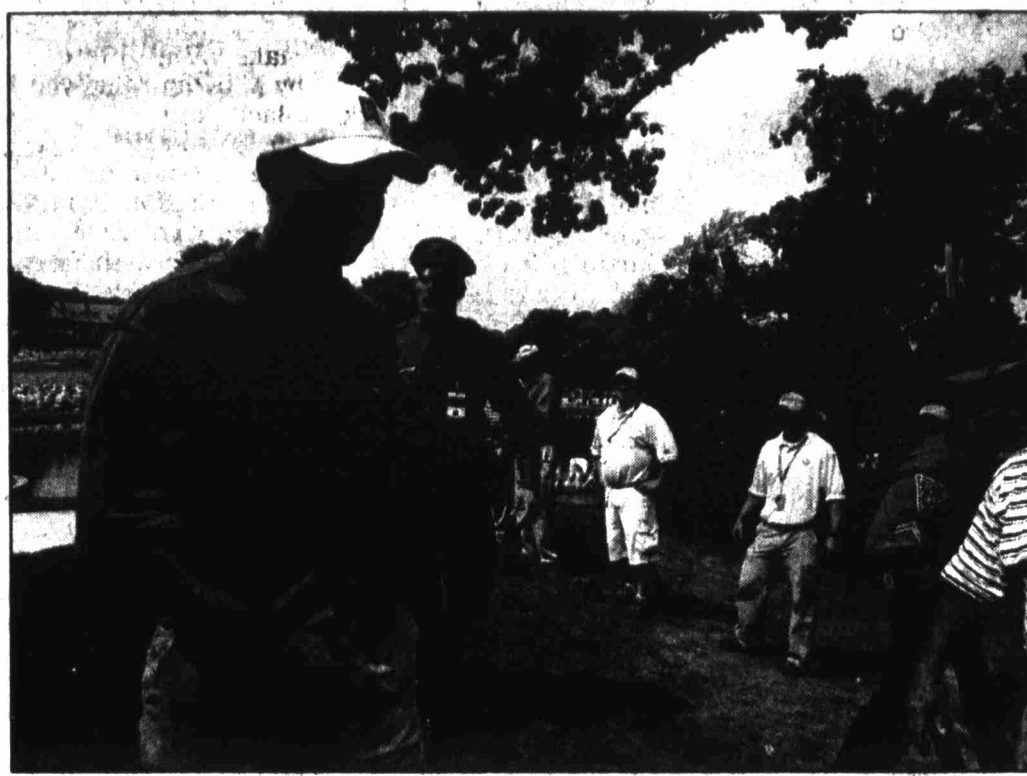
For more information, contact Gene Pleasant at 816-1134.

B.S. football season tickets on sale now

Football season tickets for the Big Spring Steers are now on sale for the general public.

Tickets can be purchased at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

For more information, contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.



Tiger Woods walks off the fourth green during the second round of the PGA golf Championship at the Baltusrol Golf Club in Springfield, N.J., Friday. Woods came close to missing his first cut at a major tournament, but birdied No. 18 to advance.

Mickelson continues to lead, Woods barely makes final cut

By JIM O'CONNELL

AP Sports Writer

SPRINGFIELD, N.J.

(AP) — Phil Mickelson was in the best place you could be after two rounds of the PGA Championship. Tiger Woods was in the last place you could be and still be playing.

Mickelson, trying to cap off a tough year in the majors, shot a 65 Friday to take a three-stroke lead over Jerry Kelly at 8-under 132.

Woods, who came here looking to win three majors in a year for an unprecedented second time in his career, capped a 69 with a birdie to finish on the cut line at 4 over.

Things are certainly different for two of golf's biggest names in the final major of the year, including their Saturday tee times.

Woods went off at 8:20 a.m., while Mickelson, in the final pairing with Kelly, was scheduled to go off at 3 p.m.

Woods opened the third round with a bogey, but he had birdies at Nos. 5 and 9 to make the turn 1 under for the day and 3 over for the tournament, 11 strokes behind Mickelson.

Holding the 36-hole lead wasn't going to change Mickelson's strategy.

"I don't think that the way I plan on playing the golf course is any different being ahead as it would be being

behind," said Mickelson, the 2004 Masters champion who tied for 33rd in the U.S. Open and tied for 60th in the British Open, the previous two majors. "I think you have to take what the course gives you."

The 7,392-yard Lower Course at Baltusrol Golf Club gave Woods fits over the first 36 holes. He opened with a 75 and, despite three birdies in a five-hole stretch on the back nine, needed the closing birdie to avoid missing the cut in a major for the first time as a professional.

"I didn't know what the number was to be honest with you until 18," Woods said. "I was just trying to get back to even par for the tournament. That was my whole goal throughout the day, get back to even par."

Mickelson was one of six players tied for the first-round lead with 67s. He pulled away from the pack right away, shooting a 5-under 31 on his front nine, including a 20-foot putt for an eagle 3 on the 550-yard 18th. He double-bogeyed No. 1, his 10th hole, and bogeyed No. 6, but he also made three birdies on the back side.

"The thing I was most proud of about today's round was that on this course everybody is going to make mistakes, but sometimes it's hard to forget about it and let it go," Mickelson said. "After I made a double

on 1, I was able to be patient and let it go and came back with birdies on 3 and 5. When I bogeyed 6, I was able to let it go and come back with a birdie on 8. I was able to let go of some bad shots and forget about it and move on."

Mickelson was in contention in all four majors last year, including the long-awaited first win in the Masters. He was second in the U.S. Open, third in the British Open and tied for sixth in the PGA.

"I have done the same thing that I have done in the previous three majors this year as I did in the four majors last year," he said of his preparation for the PGA. "I'm entering the final two rounds with a lot more confidence than I've had in a while."

Kelly, whose best finish in a major this year was a tie for 20th at the Masters, made the cut in the PGA for the first time in four years and the third time in nine appearances.

He matched Mickelson's 65 Friday, capping the round by holing out from a bunker for birdie on the par-3 9th.

"It was a perfect lie, perfect shot, just had to execute," he said of his fifth birdie in a bogey-free round that put him in Saturday's final pairing with Mickelson. "That's exactly what I

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Houston gets best of Pirates' rookie

• Lidge strikes out three in ninth as Astros win again

HOUSTON (AP) — Pittsburgh manager Lloyd McClendon saw Rob Mackowiak's errant throw hit a blue padding, the umpires ruled it hit the green wall in the camera well.

That difference allowed Adam Everett to score the go-ahead run in the eighth inning of the Houston Astros' 6-5 victory over the Pirates on Friday night, their first come-from-behind victory after the seventh this season.

Morgan Ensberg hit a tying home run three batters before Everett scored on Mackowiak's throwing error.

"There's a TV camera in there and about six inches back is a green board," Everett said. "I saw the ball go in and bounce out. The umpire got it right."

After Ensberg homered off Rick White (3-5), Everett singled. Chris Burke then singled to right and Mackowiak threw wildly to third base trying to get Everett. The ball went into the TV well next to the dugout and

Everett was awarded home plate.

McClendon vehemently argued the call for several minutes to no avail.

"I saw the ground rules one way and they saw it another," McClendon said. "They say it hit some green sign over there. I never saw it. I thought it hit the blue area (in front)."

"If it hits on the railing or padding and it comes back it should be in play, but they said it hit the green thing."

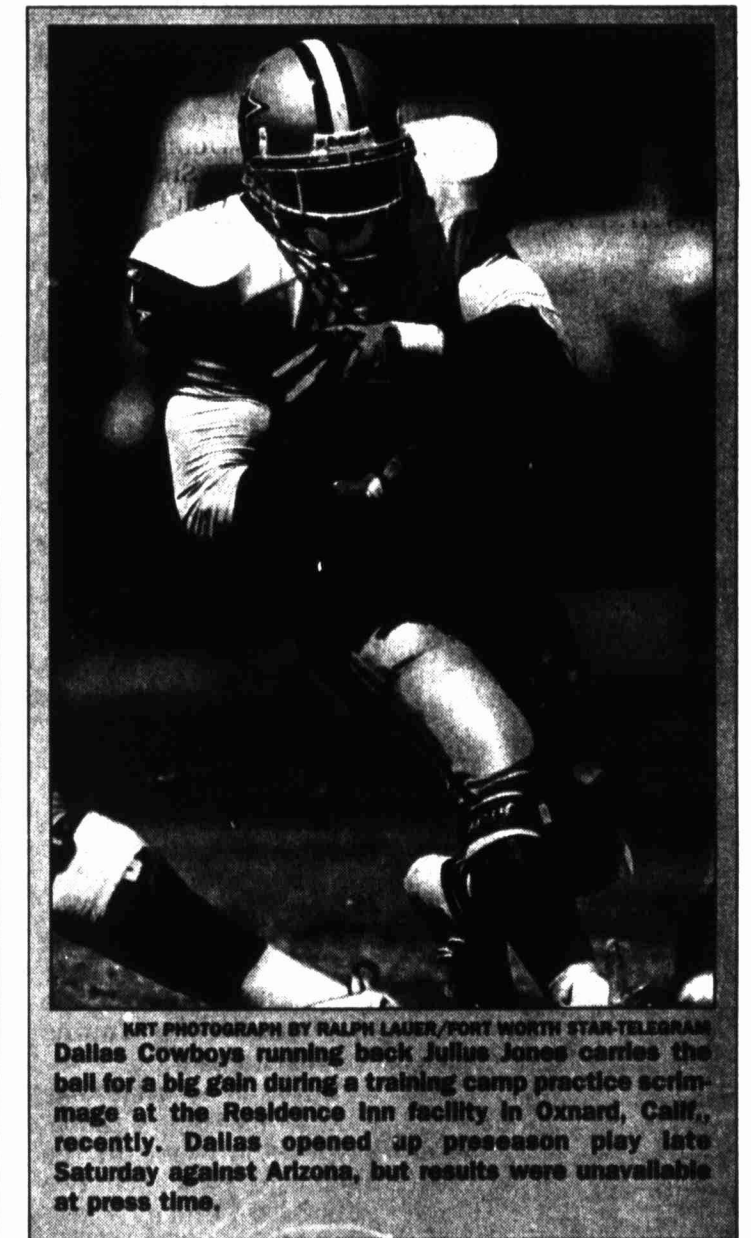
Pirates third baseman Freddy Sanchez knew he should have caught the ball.

"I kind of had to make a decision," he said. "You've got to gamble and I did. I tried to make a quick tag. If I had caught it, I thought we had a good chance to get him out, but I gambled and tried to make the tag too quickly."

Houston was 0-42 in games when they trailed after the seventh before Friday.

"I think one-run games make teams," Ensberg said. "If we had lost this game, it would have been very bad. But we won and we were just super

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Dallas Cowboys running back Julius Jones carries the ball for a big gain during a training camp practice scrimmage at the Residence Inn facility in Oxnard, Calif., recently. Dallas opened up preseason play late Saturday against Arizona, but results were unavailable at press time.

Carr now ready to claim Houston Texans as his team

By KRISTIE RIEKEN

Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — As the first draft pick of the Houston Texans, David Carr immediately became the face of the team, the guy most responsible for whatever success they did or didn't have.

He knew that and was ready to accept the challenge. He wasn't, however, ready to be the team's leader — and he refused to be pushed into the role.

But now, as he prepares for his fourth season wized by his first three, Carr is willing to proclaim the Texans as his team.

"It's not something that you can just take, it's something you've got to earn," Carr said. "You show you can play and

then you feel like you can open your mouth a little bit more and say some things. I feel like going into my fourth year, I understand what it takes to win a football game."

"So when I do open my mouth, guys listen."

Although being the No. 1 pick in the 2002 draft gave Carr some leverage, he wasn't ready to use it as a rookie in a locker room filled with veterans. Besides, he wouldn't have had to speak up had Tony Boselli been healthy.

Boselli, an offensive lineman, was the club's top pick in the expansion draft and would've been the veteran anchor. But he was injured and ended up retiring without playing a down in Houston. Still, he was around long

enough to try encouraging Carr to take over.

"I didn't really want to say anything because half the time I didn't know if I was right when I did open my mouth," Carr said. "Then the next part was I didn't know if they would actually listen if I did say something."

Forty-four games later, Carr knows what he's talking about now.

He's taken Houston from four wins to five to seven, a steady climb that has raised playoff hopes for this season. The rise also has helped Carr feel as comfortable his fourth year in Houston as he did as a fifth-year senior at Fresno State.

"I just have the feeling I always wanted to have," he said. "I feel like if this

feeling could have happened in month three of my first year, it would have been great. But obviously it's something that has to take some time."

Carr began asserting himself in the first team meeting before minicamp. He stood up and addressed the offense, giving words of encouragement and laying out his expectations.

At training camp, he leads the team stretching exercises before workouts and is often seen taking players aside to lend advice or give encouragement.

"He's the quarterback, so he's always been the leader and always will be the leader," said offensive guard Chester Pitts, also entering his fourth sea-

son. "But this year he really stepped up and showed that he really wants it and is taking it now."

Carr thinks he's a more effective leader because he sat back and absorbed things. He also thinks teammates know him well enough to understand that when he says something, they should listen.

"I'm never going to be a guy that's in your face," he said. "I'm not just going to open my mouth to feed my own ego or just bark at guys. I'm going to do it for a reason — to try to get our team better."

Regardless of how cool and confident Carr feels, none of it will matter if the line can't do a better

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IN BRIEF

Signups for football to occur all summer

The Crossroads Youth Football Association signups are currently underway and will continue throughout the summer. For more information, call Daphne Castilaw at 714-4688.

B.S. travel football team now forming

The Big Spring Youth Football Travel League is now being formed for anyone in grades three through six who would like to play. If interested, contact Randy Phillips at 267-7141 or Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or 263-1945.

B.S. youth soccer signups announced

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association will begin its annual sign-up session Monday.

The sign-ups will take place Monday-Saturday until Aug. 20. They will take place at All-District Printing Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and at the Big Spring Mall Saturday Aug. 13 and 20 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The league is open for children ages four through 13. The cost is \$45 for the first child and \$40 for each additional child. For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 213-0430 or All-District Printing at 263-4647.

YMCA to host youth volleyball league

The Big Spring YMCA is holding registration for youth volleyball through Aug. 20. The registration fee is \$40 per player and covers all expenses including a team jersey and player awards. For more information, contact Pete Thiry at 267-8234.

Country club sets two person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club has announced an over 80 scramble will take place Aug. 20-21 at 1 p.m. both days.

The two person teams combined age must be 80 or higher. The entry fee is \$60 plus golf cart, but private carts are welcome.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.



KRT photo/Barbara L. Johnston, Philadelphia Inquirer
Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb jokes with reporters during an interview after practice Friday. McNabb wants his name left out of the Terrell Owens saga.

McNabb wants T.O. to leave name out

Eagles' Pro Bowler laughs off situation with All-Pro receiver

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer
BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — Donovan McNabb insisted he wasn't stung by criticism from Terrell Owens, laughing off the banished wide receiver's remarks before turning serious and telling him to "keep my name out of your mouth."

While Owens left his home for the Bahamas, McNabb joked with reporters, tapped the mikes and rubbed his hands together before taking his seat inside a jammed media tent shortly after Philadelphia's Friday practice.

"Yeah! C'mon, bring it!" McNabb said to laughter. Owens again blasted McNabb on two separate interviews with ESPN on Thursday, calling the quarterback a "hypocrite" and saying the two of them could not be successful together. Owens also said he had no desire to speak with McNabb.

"It's so funny to me how my name keeps getting thrown out there," McNabb said. "You've just got to have fun with it and that's exactly what we're doing."

Owens was told to go home Wednesday after a heated dispute with coach Andy Reid — and to stay there for a week. He's since lifted weights and

shot hoops in front of the reporters camped outside his house and had harsh words for Reid and McNabb in TV interviews.

On Friday morning, Owens left his Moorestown, N.J., home with two suitcases and went to Philadelphia International Airport, where he told KYW-TV as he headed to a security gate: "I'm going to the Bahamas. I'm going to get a tan."

McNabb, light and smiling throughout his interview, agreed with Owens the two didn't necessarily have to speak to win.

"I still to this day see no reason for us to talk," McNabb said. "When we step on this field, it's all about business. We're professionals that line up and do the right thing."

This was the second time this year McNabb has warned Owens to stop talking about him.

After Owens complained that McNabb was tired in the Super Bowl, McNabb said "Just keep my name out of your mouth," during a mandatory minicamp.

McNabb, who made a recruiting pitch to get Owens to Philadelphia before last season, was tired of hearing Owens complain.

"Now for my name to be thrown out again, this is the second time. Keep my name out of your mouth," he said. "Keep my fami-

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PGA

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love. Just to be in that theater is going to be fun."

Davis Love III (68), Lee Westwood (68) and Rory Sabbatini (69) were at 136, while defending champion Vijay Singh (67) was in a group of five another stroke back.

Woods opened his second round with a birdie, but any thoughts of a special round were gone when he bogeyed the next three holes.

He was 7 over after 10 holes, three shots above the cut for the low 70 and ties.

He birdied 11, 12 and 15 to get to the number and with two par 5 closing holes, playing on the weekend seemed a cinch, even if winning a third PGA Championship wasn't.

But Woods went for the green in two on the 650-yard 17th, getting a bad bounce to an impossible lie in a greenside bunker. With his back to the hole, he was able to get the ball into some heavy grass near the green.

Now he needed a birdie. His second shot from 196 yards left him an 18-footer and he two-putted for the birdie.

It was the fourth time Woods flirted with the cut in a major.

Kelly was asked if he could see Woods winning the tournament.

"Sure. Why not?" he said. "I mean he's probably the only one in the field who could shoot two rounds of 7 under."

Texas denies cell phones

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas coach Mack Brown asked Longhorns fans to leave their cell phones at home after some fans used them to take pictures of injured wide receiver Jordan Shipley at practice.

Brown is worried the pictures could hit the Internet before the coaches have a chance to tell players' families about injuries.

"We can't have videos of practice and have people going home and putting it on the Internet," Brown said Thursday night.

Brown said he saw "way too many" fans getting shots and warned practices might be closed to the public.

One of Texas' prized recruits in 2004, he missed last season with a knee injury.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers Booster Club sets meeting

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet Monday at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents with girls in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are encouraged to attend.

Softball tournament set to benefit LULAC

The La Raza Unida softball tournament, which will benefit the LULAC scholarship, will take place Aug. 26-27 at Cotton Mize Field inside Comanche Trail Park.

The entry fee is \$110 per team and the tournament begins the evening of Aug. 26.

For more information or to enter a team, contact Janey at 263-6351 or leave a message at 268-9155.

C.G.A. to sponsor annual golf tourney

The Chicano Golf Association will be sponsoring a golf tournament put on by Hispanic Women for Progress.

The tournament will take place Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The entry fee is \$20 per person and registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Prizes will also be awarded for first, second and third place.

All proceeds of the tournament will be used to benefit the Hispanic Women for Progress scholarship fund.

For more information, contact Essie Ortiz at 263-7865.

Henson Memorial fund-raiser set

The Second Annual Pfc. Clayton W. Henson Memorial Scholarship Fund-raiser golf tournament has been set for Sept. 10.

The tournament will be a four person scramble and will cost \$80 per person.

It will take place at the Phoenix Golf Club in Stanton.

Tea times be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. while a BBQ, auction, and night golf scramble will take place later in the evening.

For more information, contact Wally Hazelwood at 756-2424 or the Phoenix Golf Club at 756-2556.

Local bowling leagues now forming

Bowling leagues at Bowl-A-Rama Lanes are now being formed.

There will be several leagues throughout the week.

A senior league will take place Fridays at 6 p.m. for players 55 and over.

The league meeting will take place Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. and the league will begin Sept. 16.

Also, a children's league will take place Saturday mornings at 10 for bowlers aged four through 17.

The children will also have the chance to bowl for scholarships.

For more information, call 267-7484.

ASTROS

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happy." Dan Wheeler (2-3) allowed one run on one hit in the eighth, and Brad Lidge pitched the ninth for his 29th save in 32 chances.

Pittsburgh rookie Zach Duke made his eighth start of the season since being called up from Triple-A Indianapolis July 1 and remained undefeated (5-0), but he trailed for the second time in his career when the Astros scored two runs in the first inning. Duke trailed the Dodgers before winning 9-4 last Saturday.

In four innings, Duke gave up four runs on eight hits and three walks, striking out two.

"His sinker was not working," McClendon said. "He left the ball up. But he battled."

"He's a 22-year-old rookie. He'll bounce back fine," McClendon added.

Roy Oswalt allowed four runs on 10 hits and two walks in seven innings, and is 0-1 with two no-decisions in his last three starts after winning eight of his previous nine.

He has allowed at least nine hits and three runs in each of the last three starts.

Jason Lane was 3-for-5 with three RBI for the Astros, who remained 1 1/2 games ahead of Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race.

Pittsburgh has lost five straight to Houston.

In the first, Craig Biggio doubled in Willy Taveras, and one out later, Lane's single scored Biggio for the 2-0 lead.

The Pirates closed the lead to a run in the fourth when Brad Eldred hit his third home run of the year.

Lane's two-run double in the fourth made it 4-1.

Jason Bay drove in Sanchez with a single to bring the Pirates to 4-2 in the sixth inning.

In the seventh, pinch-hitter Nate McLouth got his first major league hit and RBI with a double to left to drive in Jack Wilson and narrow the Astros lead to 4-3.

Two outs later, Mackowiak drove in McLouth with a single to tie the game at 4.

Jose Castillo homered on the second pitch he saw from reliever Wheeler in the eighth to give the Pirates a 5-4 lead.

NL Wild Card Standings	
1. Houston	-
2. Philadelphia	-2.5
3. Washington	-3
4. Florida	-4
5. N.Y. Mets	-5
6. Milwaukee	-7.5

Texas suffer another one run defeat

• Jeter, Yankees pen hand Rangers their fifth straight loss

By BEN WALKER

AP Baseball Writer
NEW YORK (AP) — Derek Jeter hit another go-ahead home run and the New York Yankees' beleaguered bullpen made it hold up, taming Texas 6-5 Friday night and sending the Rangers to their fifth straight loss.

With Mariano Rivera and Tom Gordon held out after a heavy workload, the Yankees relied on a different set of relievers. Felix Rodriguez, Wayne Franklin, Shawn Chacon and Tanyon Sturtze did the job, combining for four scoreless innings.

A night after Jeter hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning that beat Texas 9-8, he connected again. His 14th home run of the season — an opposite-field shot into the upper deck in right — put the Yankees ahead 6-5 in the fourth, and that was enough.

Al Leiter (3-3) held on through five innings for the win. Rookie C.J. Wilson (0-5) gave up Jeter's home run on his



KRT photo/Paul J. Berrowill, Newday
The Rangers' David Dellucci watches his first inning homer against the Yankees at Yankee Stadium Thursday.

second pitch. Texas fell to 0-5 on its season-long 13-game road trip. The Rangers have scored at least five runs in each of those defeats, and this time blew an early 4-1 edge.

Chacon, who was scheduled to start Sunday, returned to his relieving roots. He recorded 35 saves for Colorado last year, but had been used almost exclusively as a starter this season with the Rockies and Yankees.

Chacon pitched the eighth and Sturtze worked the ninth for his first save of the season in four chances.

The steamy, 89-degree evening — and a lack of command — took a toll on starters Chris Young and Leiter.

Young left after three innings with Texas trailing 5-4. When Leiter took the mound to begin the fifth, the game had already dragged on for 2 hours. And by the time

that inning ended, there had been a whopping 247 pitches overall.

Texas tied it at 5 in the top half when Gary Matthews Jr. hustled for a triple and scored on Michael Young's single.

Bernie Williams' two-out, two-run homer capped a four-run burst that put the Yankees ahead 5-4 in the third. They might've gotten more, but a strong relay from Matthews to second baseman Alfonso Soriano to catcher Rod Barajas cut down Hideki Matsui when he tried to score from first on Jorge Posada's RBI double to center.

Soriano hit his 28th home run in the top half, giving Texas a 4-1 lead. The solo shot was his fourth career homer against his former team.

Soriano's leadoff single started a three-run second. Matthews drew a bases-loaded walk with two outs and Michael Young followed with a grounder to shortstop that Jeter bobbled. Jeter compounded the mistake by rushing a wide throw to second — he was charged with a rare double-error, and two runs scored.

CARR

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job of keeping him on his feet.

Carr was sacked a league-high 49 times last season. He's been taken down 140 times in his career, including an NFL-record 76 times in 2002.

Coach Dom Capers feels like the line has improved even though it's virtually unchanged. He is toying with the idea of starting offseason acquisition Victor Riley at left tackle

over incumbent Seth Wand.

Here's another sign of Carr's leadership: He is the line's biggest fan.

"You've got to think that it's always going to get better," Carr said. "If you start getting skittish and worrying about the rush, I think you'd be better off just staying at home."

Carr also partly blames himself for all the sacks. He's worked this offseason on a quicker release in hopes of getting the sack total down to the 20s, maybe even the teens.

Despite the sacks, Carr improved his numbers drastically in 2004. His quarterback rating was 83.5, up from 69.5 in 2003. He also was more accurate, leading to a career-best 16 touchdown passes, seven more than the previous year.

It also was the first time he had more TDs than interceptions.

It helped that he had Pro Bowl receiver Andre Johnson and 1,000-yard rusher Domanick Davis to lean on.

With the pair going into only their third seasons,

Carr can look forward to them getting even better.

And they're looking forward to him making them better.

"He tells everybody what to do and then we start rolling," Davis said. "He keeps everybody focused."

His focus now is on making the playoffs.

"There are some great athletes out here, so why should we be average when we do our jobs that we get paid to do?" Carr said. "We've got to go out and try to win some games."



KRT photo/Barbara L. Johnston, Philadelphia Inquirer
Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb runs through drills during practice Friday.

EAGLES

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ly's name out of your mouth."

Owens called McNabb a "hypocrite" on Thursday because the quarterback said publicly that he did not want to meet with Owens, while T.O. said McNabb did try to arrange a meeting.

McNabb said he didn't learn until Thursday that

his brother did reach out to someone close to Owens to arrange a meeting where the two Eagles could possibly work out their differences.

McNabb was bothered that Owens brought his family into his televised rants.

"My family doesn't need to be involved in any of this. I don't need to be involved in any of this," he said. "Now when you bring my family into it, I have a problem."

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Stars reach agreements with new center, forward

• Kapanen, Ott sign contracts to play hockey in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars reached one-year contracts with center Niko Kapanen and forward Steve Ott Thursday. Terms were not disclosed.

Kapanen, a 27-year-old native of Finland, played 44 games with EV Zug of the Swiss National League during last year's National Hockey League lockout.

He scored 10 goals and led the team with 33 assists.

Kapanen, the Stars sixth-round pick in 1998, has played 158 NHL games, all with Dallas. Ott, who will turn 23

next week, is the Stars' former first-round selection in the 2000 entry draft.

Last year, he played 67 games with the Hamilton Bulldogs of the American Hockey League.

The 6-foot, 185-pound left wing from Canada collected 18 goals and 21 assists while racking up 279 penalty minutes.

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Grossman breaks ankle, Bears QB expected to miss several months

NFL Preseason Capsules

By The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) - The Chicago Bears lost their first preseason game 17-13 to the St. Louis Rams — but more importantly, they lost starting quarterback Rex Grossman for three to four months when the former Florida star broke his left ankle.

Rams backup quarterback Jamie Martin threw two touchdown passes in St. Louis' preseason opener. Starter Marc Bulger went 3-for-5 for 38 yards to start the first quarter.

Adrian Peterson had a 9-yard touchdown run for the Bears (1-1), playing their second game in five days; their first was a 27-24 win over Miami in the Hall of Fame game.

Grossman, the Bears' first-round pick in 2003, was hurt with 11:08 to go in the first half on a 4-yard completion to Darnell Sanders after being flushed out of the pocket by Jeremy Loyd and Trev Faulk, who spun Grossman around and dumped him.

Grossman got back to his feet but began limping and signaled for a trainer. He then sat down and grabbed his left knee in pain, slamming his helmet on the cart before being taken off the field.

Grossman was 6-for-11 for 52 yards before leaving. Backup Chad Hutchinson produced Chicago's only first-half score, finishing the drive on which Grossman was

injured capped by Peterson's run.

Jets 10, Lions 3
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Jay Fiedler and Joey Harrington both looked comfortable running their teams' new offensive systems.

Fiedler, filling in for starter Chad Pennington, capped a 98-yard scoring drive with a 1-yard touchdown run in New York's preseason victory over Detroit.

Fiedler completed 7 of 9 passes for 69 yards — but had an interception on his second throw — in two series leading new coordinator Mike Heimerdinger's offense. Harrington, criticized last season for his inconsistency, was flawless running new Lions offensive coordinator Ted Tollner's offense, going 9-for-9 for 100 yards.

Mike Nugent gave the Jets a 10-3 lead with his first NFL field goal, a 40-yarder with 2:18 left in the game.

Patriots 23, Bengals 13

CINCINNATI (AP) — Rookie quarterback Matt Cassel led four scoring drives as defending champion New England beat Cincinnati in the preseason opener for both teams.

Cassel never started a college game while backing up Heisman Trophy winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at Southern California and now he is battling 42-year-old Doug Flutie for New England's No. 3 quarter-

back spot behind Tom Brady and Rohan Davey.

He took over with 4 minutes left in the first half and led a 14-play, no-huddle drive that ended with a 20-yard touchdown pass to Jason Anderson.

Cassel started the second half with a 16-play drive that ended with a 29-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri, then led another with Vinatieri kicking a 42-yarder. He handed off to Kyle Eckel for a 4-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter for the final score.

Bengals starter Carson Palmer played the first three series but was just 4-of-11 for 37 yards.

Brady didn't play for the Patriots on the 94-degree night.

Seahawks 34, Saints 15

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Seneca Wallace, tapped as Matt Hasselbeck's backup after Trent Dilfer was traded, scored on a slashing 24-yard scramble and passed for another touchdown in Seattle's victory over New Orleans.

The third-year reserve out of Iowa State played from early in the second quarter through the third, completing 12 of 20 passes for 137 yards. His touchdown pass was a perfect toss that dropped softly over the shoulder of former Saints receiver Jerome Pathon for a 28-yard score.

The game was largely an exercise in humility for the Saints, who finished 2004 on a four-game winning streak, then talked throughout the off-

season about looking even better and being eager to get back on the field. They turned the ball over three times in the first half, all leading to Seattle touchdowns.

The Seahawks had a 24-3 lead by halftime.

Buccaneers 20, Titans 17, OT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Steve McNair tested his surgically repaired chest and Tennessee's new offense, and he is very happy with the early results for both.

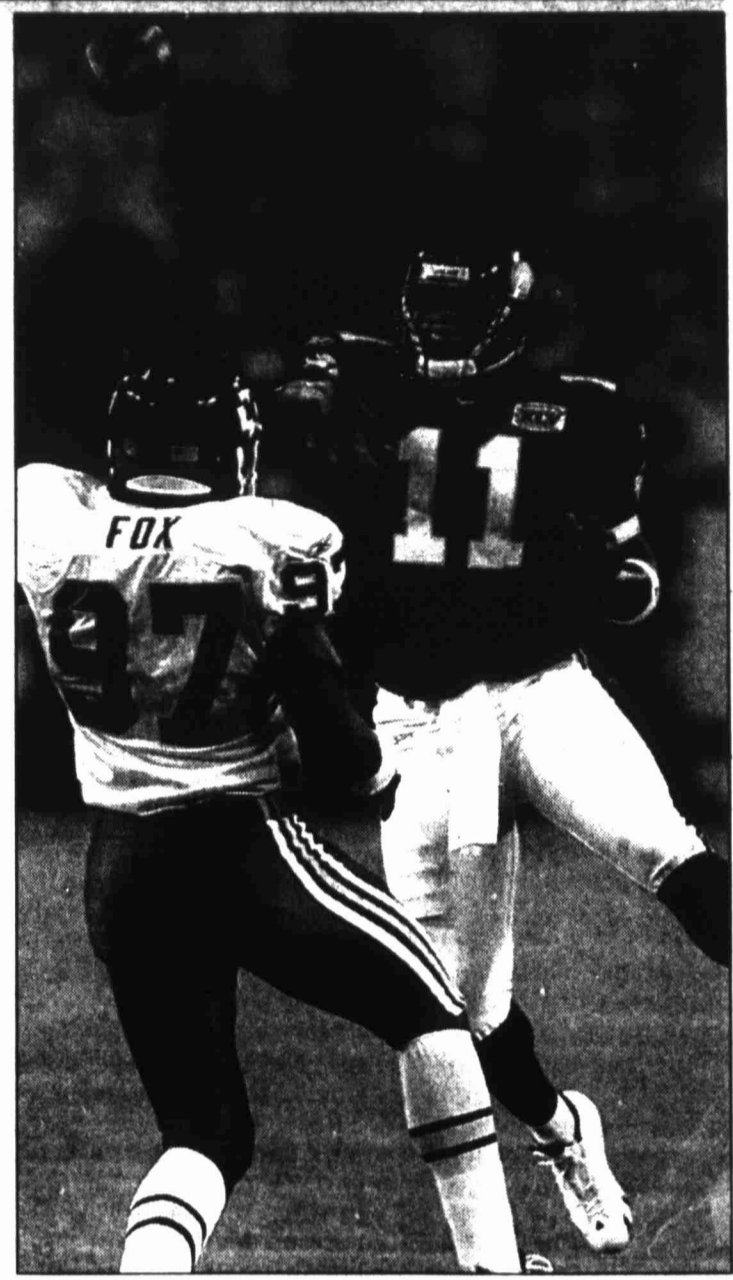
McNair scrambled and even took a hit that had fans holding their breath until he popped back up. But Matt Bryant kicked a 33-yard field goal 3:02 into overtime in Tampa Bay's victory.

Rob Bironas, competing against Ola Kimrin for the open kicker job, made a 53-yard field goal with 19 seconds left that tied the game at 17 and forced overtime. The Titans couldn't move the ball after winning the toss and had to punt.

The Bucs set up Bryant by taking advantage of a 33-yard pass interference call on Titans cornerback Antoine Harris. Earnest Graham, starting in place of top draft pick Carnell Williams, then ran for 24 yards.

McNair was 7-of-10 for 67 yards passing with one interception w.h Tennessee trailing 7-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Vikings 27, Chiefs 16
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Daunte Culpepper and the



KRT photo/Joe Rossi, St. Paul Pioneer Press
Vikings' quarterback Daunte Culpepper passes over the Chiefs' Keyaron Fox in the first quarter of their game Friday at the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minn.

Minnesota offense gave a glimpse of the way they're going to have to move the ball without Randy Moss.

Culpepper opened the preseason by guiding an efficient 65-yard touchdown drive, leading the Vikings over Kansas City.

Completing his first five passes to five receivers, Culpepper found new No. 1 target Nate Burleson for a 33-yard score to cap a drive that lasted only 3

minutes, 8 seconds. Culpepper finished 5-for-6 for 84 yards.

Kansas City's Priest Holmes, whose damaged right knee cost him eight games last season, played only seven snaps.

But he looked sharp, rushing four times for 42 yards. Backup Larry Johnson, who will share more of the load this year, carried eight times for 37 yards.

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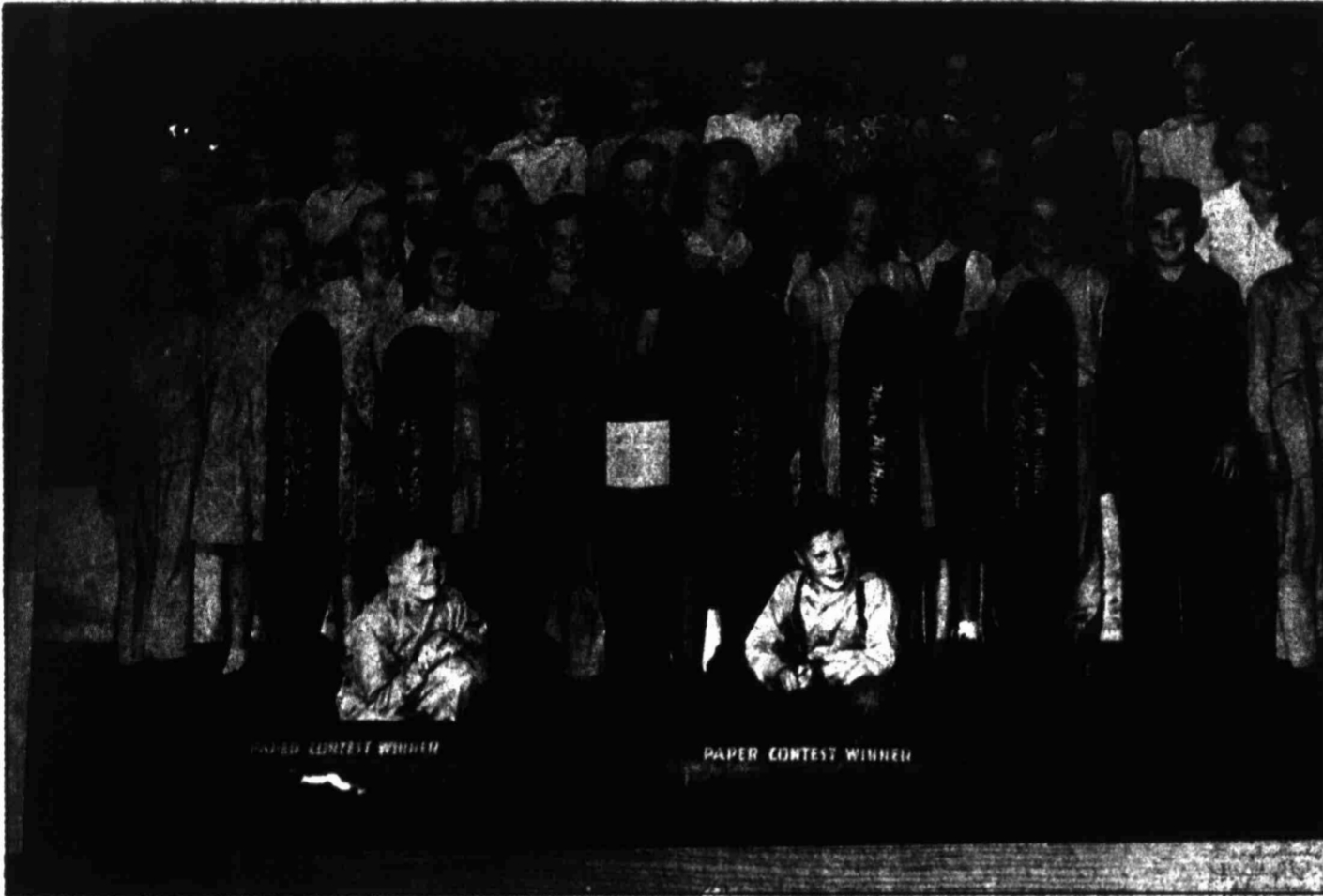
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2002 Ford Mustang GT - Silver, Automatic, All Power, V-8, 5 Speed, Very nice GT, One Owner w/21,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. NOW \$16,995	1999 Ford Crown Victoria LX - White, All Power, Locally Owned. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995	2001 Chevrolet Suburban LS - Pewter w/Leather, Dual Air, All Power, One Owner w/57,000 Miles. Was \$21,995. NOW \$20,995
2001 Ford Mustang V-6 - White, Automatic, All Power, Locally Owned. Was \$10,995. NOW \$9,995	1998 Nissan Altima GXE - White, 51,000 Miles. Was \$8,995. NOW \$7,995	2001 Lincoln Navigator 4X4 - White/Silver, Leather, Fully Loaded One Owner. Was \$21,995. NOW \$20,995
2001 Ford Mustang - White, Automatic, All Power, Local One Owner w/66,000 Miles. Was \$10,995. NOW \$9,995	2003 Ford F150 Supercrew King - Green/Arizona Beige, Leather, All Power, Beautiful Local One Owner. Was \$25,995. NOW \$24,995	2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - White/Beige, Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/77,000 Miles. Was \$19,995. NOW \$16,995
*** CARS ***	2003 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - Green/Arizona Beige, w/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner w/29,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. NOW \$24,995	2001 Nissan Pathfinder SE - Silver, Navigation System, DVD, Very Nice, One Owner w/53,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. NOW \$16,995
2005 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Beige w/Leather, All Power, Program Car w/15,000 miles. MSRP \$43,700. NOW \$30,995	2003 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat - Dk. Red w/Leather, All Power, Fiberglass Tenuau Cover, Local One owner w/39,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. NOW \$24,995	2000 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer 4X4 - Red/Arizona Beige, All Power, one owner w/37,000 Miles. Nice - Nice. Was \$13,995. NOW \$12,995
2005 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - White w/Leather, All Power, Program Car w/9,000 miles. MSRP \$43,700. NOW \$31,995	2003 Ford F150 Supercab Flareside XLT - Black w/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/23,000 Miles. Was \$20,995. NOW \$19,995	2000 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - Slate Green/Beige, Leather, Dual Air, 3rd Seat, All Power, Local One owner w/59,000 Miles. Was \$19,995. NOW \$17,995
2005 Nissan Altima 2.5S - Silver, All Power, Local One Owner w/15,000 Miles. Was \$20,995. NOW \$19,995	2003 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - Green/Cloth, All Power, Locally Owned w/46,000 Miles. Was \$18,995. NOW \$17,995	1999 Dodge Durango SLT 4X4 - Black W/Leather, All Power, Local One Owner W/57,000 Miles. Was \$21,995. NOW \$20,995
2004 Nissan Maxima SL - Silver, All Power, Sunroof, All Power, One Owner w/20,950 Miles. Was \$27,995. NOW \$26,995	2003 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT 4X4 - Blue/Silver, 5.4 V-8, All Power, Local One owner w/37,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. NOW \$23,995	*** VANS ***
2004 Nissan Sentra S - Granite, w/All Power, One Owner w/20,000 Mile. Was \$14,995. NOW \$13,995	2002 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - Arizona Beige, All Power, Local One Owner w/44,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. NOW \$16,995	2004 Ford Freestar S Van - Gray, All Power, Only 4,700 Miles - Program Van. Was \$19,995. NOW \$18,995
2004 Ford Focus SE 4-DR - Silver, All Power, 5,000 Miles - Program Car. Was \$13,995. NOW \$11,995	2002 Ford F350 Crew Cab Lariat Diesel 4X4 - Black/Silver, Leather, One Owner. Was \$25,995. NOW \$24,995	2004 Ford Freestar SES Van - Arizona Beige, All Power, Dual Air/Heat, 20,450 Miles. Was \$19,995. NOW \$18,995
2004 Chevrolet Cavalier L.S. - White, Locally Owned w/22,000 Miles. Was \$11,995. NOW \$10,995	2002 Chevrolet C2500 H.D. - White, Automatic, 6.0 V-8, Locally Owned. Was \$11,995. NOW \$10,995	2004 Nissan Quest S - Tan, Cloth, Dual air, Local One Owner w/17,000 Miles. Was \$23,995. NOW \$19,995
2003 Nissan Altima S 2.5 - White, All Power, Extra Clean W/38,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. NOW \$16,995	2002 Ford F250 Crew Cab Lariat 7.3 Powerstroke Diesel - White w/Tan Leather, Very Nice Diesel, Local One owner w/48,000 miles. Was \$29,995. NOW \$28,995	*** OVERAGED UNITS - OUR LOSS YOUR GAIN! ***
2003 Toyota Avalon XL - Light Green, All Power, One Owner W/43,000 Miles. Was \$21,995. NOW \$20,995	2001 Ford F250 Supercab XLT 7.3 Powerstroke Diesel - Arizona Beige w/Cloth, Nice, Local One Owner, Diesel w/65,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. NOW \$21,995	1999 Ford F250 Supercab XLT Diesel - Dk. Red, Cloth, All Power, Locally Owned. Was \$15,995. NOW \$14,995
2003 Ford Focus ZTS - Black, All Power, One Owner, W/35,000 Miles. Was \$11,995. NOW \$10,995	2000 Ford Ranger R/C XLT - Black, V-6, Automatic, Air, 71,000 Miles. Was \$7,995. NOW \$6,995	1997 Chevrolet C1500 EXT Cab Silverado - Tan, 350 V-8, New Tires. Was \$7,995. NOW \$5,995
2003 Dodge Neon SE 4-DR. - White, One Owner w/68,000 Miles. Was \$8,995. NOW \$7,995	2000 Nissan Frontier King Cab Desert Runner V-6 - Screaming Yellow, Automatic, Local One Owner. Was \$10,995. NOW \$9,995	1999 Ford Crown Victoria - White, All Power. Was \$9,995. NOW \$5,995
2003 Mazda Miata Convertible - Seafoam Green, Local One Owner w/5,000 Miles. Was \$18,995. NOW \$16,995	2000 Nissan Frontier King Cab - Gray, Automatic, Owned Locally. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995	1999 Chevrolet Prism - White, All Power, 62,000 Miles. Was \$5,995. NOW \$3,995
2003 Ford Taurus SES - Tundra W/Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner W/23,000 Miles. Was \$13,995. NOW \$11,995	1998 Nissan Frontier King Cab XE - Sierra Gold, 4 Cyl., 5 Speed, Air, One Owner w/42,000 Miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995	1999 Nissan Maxima GLE - Green, All Power, 68,000 Miles. Was \$13,995. NOW \$9,995
2003 Ford Taurus SES - Silver, 24 Valve V-6, All Power, Local One owner W/26,000 Miles. Was \$12,995. NOW \$11,995	1997 Ford F150 R/C Supercrew XLT - Silver, All Power, Locally Owned. Was \$6,995. NOW \$5,995	1997 Mercury Tracer GS - Green. Was \$9,995. NOW \$3,995
2002 Chevrolet Monte Carlo - Silver, All Power, Nice, Nice, One Owner W/37,000 Miles. Was \$12,995. NOW \$11,995	*** SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES ***	1996 Oldsmobile 88 4-DR. - Pewter. Was \$6,995. NOW \$4,995
2002 Honda Accord EX-V6 Coupe - Beige w/Leather, Moonroof, All Power, Local One Owner w/21,000 Miles. Was \$17,995. NOW \$17,995	2004 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - Red/Tan, Leather, DVD, Power 3rd Row Rear Seat, Totally Loaded, One Owner w/42,000 Miles. Was \$30,995. NOW \$29,995	1995 Ford Taurus GL - Tan, 77,000 Miles, Local One Owner. Was \$5,995. NOW \$4,995
2002 Ford Taurus SE - Silver, All Power, Local One Owner w/37,000 Miles. Was \$10,995. NOW \$9,995	2003 Ford Expedition XLT - Gray w/Cloth, Dual Air, 3rd Seat, All Power, One Owner w/43,000 Miles. Was \$22,995. NOW \$21,995	1990 Lincoln Town Car - Tan. Was \$4,995. NOW \$3,995
2002 Ford Taurus Wagon SE - Silver, Cloth, All Power, Local One Owner w/64,000 Miles. Was \$10,995. NOW \$9,995	2003 Chevrolet Avalanche Z66 - Charcoal Metallic, Cloth, XM Radio, OnStar, Local One owner w/36,000 Miles. Was \$25,995. NOW \$24,995	2001 Ford Crown Victoria - Silver, Leather, All Power, One Owner w/40,000 Miles. Was \$14,995. NOW \$10,995
2001 Pontiac Grand Prix SE 4-DR. - Silver, V-6, Local One Owner. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995	2002 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Pewter w/Leather, Loaded, One Owner w/45,000 Miles. Was \$24,995. NOW \$23,995	1999 GMC Suburban LT - Tan w/Leather, Locally Owned. Was \$17,995. NOW \$10,995
2001 Ford Focus SE 4-DR. - Silver, All Power, Local One Owner W/54,000 Miles. Was \$8,995. NOW \$7,995		2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, All Power, One Owner, 61,000 Mile. Was \$19,995. NOW \$15,995
2000 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Blue, All Power, New Tires, Local One Owner w/64,000 Miles. Was \$11,995. NOW \$10,995		2001 Ford Explorer Sport 2-DR. 4X4 - Blue w/Cloth, All Power, One Owner. Was \$14,995. NOW \$11,995
		2001 Ford Explorer 4-DR. XLT - White w/Cloth, One Owner w/72,000 Miles. Was \$11,995. NOW \$11,995

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Honoring Education and Educators Heritage Museum opens new exhibit



Giving children trophies, above, in the shape of a bomb, known as dummy bombs, may seem outdated today, but such was the fact for student winners of a paper recycling project at Elbow School, reflecting the attitude and focus of the country during World War II. Tammy Schrecengost, below right, and Megan Schrecengost and Heritage Museum Director Nancy Raney work to erect displays for the Education and Educators in Howard County display.

As students, parents and teachers enter into the 2005-2006 school year, Heritage Museum is set to have its own first day of school with an exhibit honoring "Education and Educators in Howard County," that opens with a reception from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Aug. 20.

"I am very excited about this exhibit and at the wealth of information we have available. Education has always been an important component of Howard County, and I hope this exhibit shows just how diversified and rich the history of education is in Howard County," said Tammy Schrecengost, curator for Heritage Museum.

The exhibit will offer a variety of opportunities to see the many faces of education and school life in general, from band uniforms to cheerleader uniforms to prom dresses.

Many of the three-dimensional exhibits include stand-alone cutouts of black and white photographs of families, football players, classes and individuals.

"Our space limitations really restrict how much material we can display, so I consider this a large spotlight on specific points of education here. There is a large amount of information available — so many talented educators — and I have tried to focus on some of the highlights," she said.

Special areas of the exhibit will be devoted to Howard College, celebrating its 60th year in Howard County, Forsan, Coahoma and Big Spring schools. A special area for Lakeview School and the Kate Morrison School will also be highlighted through exhibits.

One item of special interest is a Forsan scoreboard discovered during renovations to Elbow Elementary.

See EDUCATION Page 2C



Tammy Schrecengost, above, Heritage Museum curator, displays her passion for the museum's newest exhibit, Education and Educators in Howard County that opens with a reception from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Aug. 20. Megan Schrecengost, right top end Nancy Raney, museum director, wrestle with a mannequin that will wear a period dress of school teachers in one display of Education and Educators in Howard County. A banner used by the Forsan band students during their recent trip to Washington D.C., right, is positioned beneath a scoreboard found at Elbow Elementary during renovations to the school. The scoreboard was used by the school in the 1930s-1940s.



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Births



Abigail Rose Garrett

Abigail Rose Garrett, a girl, was born Aug. 3, 2005, at 2:01 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Her parents are Matt and Maria Garrett of Austin. Her grandparents are Ken and Pat Exum of Georgetown and Paul and Rosemary Garrett of Big Spring.

Gonzales, Frances Magallanes and Tony Juarez.

She was welcomed home by sibling, Adonis Lopez.

Machaela Ysavel Avina, a girl, was born Aug. 5, 2005, at 9:21 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Jose and Lorie Avina. Her grandparents are Telesforo R. Galan and Isabel O. Allred, both of Big Spring, and Ramon and Theresa Avina of Chicago.

Machaela was welcomed home by siblings Angel Avina and Trevor and Casey Smith.

Jeslyn Jayde Lopez, a girl, was born July 29, 2005, at 2:36 a.m. weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 inches long.

Her parents are Jessica Gonzales and Carlos Lopez.

Her grandparents are Roberta Martinez, Sam Gonzales, Carol

Menus

Coahoma ISD

Monday: Breakfast, donuts, sausage links, applesauce, milk; Lunch, pizza, salad, oranges, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, French toast, ham, syrup, orange juice, milk; Lunch, chicken patty, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls.

Wednesday: Breakfast, biscuits, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk; Lunch, tacos or corn dogs, ranch beans, salad, pineapple, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, rice, ham, juice, milk; Lunch, smothered steak, gravy, buttered potatoes, green beans, bread, milk, barbecue beef on bun.

Friday: Breakfast, pancakes, sausage, syrup, grape juice, milk; Lunch, McRibbs or burritos, potato salad, apples, milk.

Forsan ISD

Monday: Breakfast, cereal, toast, juice, milk; Lunch, pizza, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, donuts, juice, milk; Lunch, corn dog, spinach, orange quarters, chips, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, toast, peanut butter, jelly, juice, milk; Lunch, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, mixed fruit, green beans, hot rolls, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, muffins, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken pot pie, crackers, carrot sticks with ranch, Rosie applesauce, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, sausage-on-a-stick, juice, milk; Lunch, sandwiches, chips, pickle spears, assorted fresh fruit, milk.

Sands ISD

Monday: Breakfast, eggs, toast and sausage; Lunch, hamburger, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, peaches and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast, pancakes-on-a-stick; Lunch, chicken nuggets with gravy, peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast, hot pockets; Lunch, tacos, salad, cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast, peanut butter-n-jelly; Lunch, baked ham, potato salad, rolls, ranch style beans, grapes, milk.

Friday: Breakfast, cereal; Lunch, pizza, corn, salad, cookies, milk.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday: chicken fried steak, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

Tuesday: chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, milk, cake.

Wednesday: pork chops, sweet potatoes, spinach, salad, milk, rolls, pie.

Thursday: cheese burger, French fries, beans, lettuce and tomato, milk, cobbler.

Friday: turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk, rolls, fruit salad.



Education

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The scoreboard, on display with other Forsan memorabilia, was probably used in the 1930s-1940s.

"They uncovered a great piece of history. Forsan and Elbow were once one school with two rooms," Schrecengost said.

Lakeview School, the African-American school located where Lakeview Head Start is today, had one yearbook, The Rocket. A copy of that book, loaned through the efforts of Clarence Hartfield Jr. and Cyneather Woodruff, is included in the display.

"We will have displays showing a progression of education through the decades," she said.

According to her research, Schrecengost said from 1906-1910, Howard County had 28 common school districts, as they were named.

And there have been scores of private schools as well, many affiliated to local churches, like Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Mary's Episcopal and the Methodist and Baptist preschool programs

which continue today. So many people have such fond memories of their school, and so many people have worked to provide a well-rounded, quality education for many, many children in Howard County.

"Education is so important to everyone - it is the nucleus of our being and part of the human experience. I continue to learn every day," she said.

The exhibit opening is free to the public. It will remain at the museum through Oct. 22.

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

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Wedding

Brackett, Herm wed

Lezlie Anne Brackett of the Woodlands and Kyle Lane Herm of Houston were joined in holy matrimony June 18, 2005, at Robb Chapel at the Woodlands United Methodist Church with the Rev. Stew Grant officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bart and Tonya Brackett of the Woodlands and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wright and Mrs. Betty Brackett, all of the Woodlands.

The groom is the son of Steve and Teresa Herm of Stanton and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Louder of Tarzan and Mrs. Oma Herm of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant ball gown fashioned of champagne silk satin designed by Amsale of New York. The gown had a curved strapless neckline with tuxedo pleating on the front bodice and satin corset lacing over tuxedo pleating on the center back panel.

The gown had a dropped waist with a full, box-

pleated skirt and a chapel-length train that was gathered in a French bustle for the reception.

To complement her gown, the bride wore a multi-tier cathedral veil of champagne silk illusion. The bride carried a cascade bouquet of champagne Vandella and Sahara roses accented with a magnolia-leaf base. The bouquet was wrapped with French ivory satin ribbon and accented with pearl pins.

Micah Boyd of Dallas served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Lindsay Neely of Phoenix, Ariz., the bride's cousin, Shannon Wright of The Woodlands, Courtney Campbell of Austin and Tammy Graham of College Station.

Flower girls were Shreve and Jade Bland of Sugarland. Ring bearer was Kelan Jordan of Lubbock, nephew of the groom.

Jody Louder of Midland, cousin of the groom, served as best man and groomsmen were Brandon Green of St. Louis, Mo., Matt Moore of Marshall, Jeremy Smith

of Stanton and Brandon Boyd of Houston.

Ushers were Clay and Travis Wright of Boynton Beach, Fla., cousins of the bride, Chris Ogden of Austin and Lance Redmon of Katy.

A reception was held at The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center in The Woodlands. A candlelight rehearsal dinner was hosted by the groom's parents, Steve and Teresa Herm on the eve of the wedding at Landry's Seafood Restaurant in The Woodlands. A bridesmaids' luncheon was held at the Brio Tuscan Grille in The Woodlands.

Juille Geiger of Dallas and Erica Ward of Houston served as the guestbook attendants.

Following a honeymoon trip to Italy, the couple will reside in Houston.

The bride is a 2005 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor of science in nursing degree and is a member of Chi Omega Sorority.

She is employed by St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in the Houston Medical Center as a surgical



Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Lane Herm

nurse. The groom is a 2004 graduate of Rice University with a bache-

lor of arts degree in economics, managerial studies and sports management and played quarter-

back for Rice University. He is employed by Sanofi-Aventis as a pharmaceutical sales professional.

Engagement



Lauren Alizabeth Hensley and Kevin Reed Barker

Graves, McEwan to wed

Dorothy J. Graves of Big Spring and Colin A. McEwan of Alexandria, Scotland announce their upcoming marriage Sept. 2, 2005, at Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Edinburgh, Scotland. Father Chris Coleman, MSC, will officiate.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Arthur C. Graves III and Delia N. Graves, both of Big Spring.

The future groom is the son of Alexander and Mary Helen McEwan of Alexandria, Scotland.

Dorothy is a 1999 graduate of the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science at the University of North Texas and in 2002 received the joint honors bachelor of arts degrees in anthropology and media and communications from Goldsmiths College, University of London, at London. She holds a master's of science degree in archaeology from the University of Edinburgh, where she is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in prehis-



Dorothy J. Graves and Colin A. McEwan

toric British archaeology. Colin is a graduate of the University of Glasgow at Glasgow, Scotland and holds a bachelor's degree in electronics and software engineering. He is a member of the Institute for Computing Systems

Architecture and is currently pursuing a doctorate degree in informatics and computer architecture at the University of Edinburgh.

The couple plan to reside in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Hensley, Barker to wed

Lauren Alizabeth Hensley and Kevin Reed Barker, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. Sept. 4, 2005, at the Dora Roberts Pavilion.

The bride-elect is the

daughter of George and Debbie Hensley of Levelland.


The future groom is the son of Steve and Jeri Barker of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Ron and Doris Booth of Big

Spring and Buck and Carolyn Barker of Levelland.

Lauren is a 2004 graduate of Whitharrel High School.

Kevin is a 2003 graduate of Levelland High School.

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Mark Engele of L&M Auto Service bends a pipe for a custom muffler and exhaust installation. The local business recently began doing custom muffler and exhaust work.

Custom mufflers

L&M Auto Service is bending to the needs of its customers

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Local automotive repair shop L&M Auto Service is "bending" its way into the world of muffler and exhaust installation, having recently added a pivotal piece of equipment to its roster.

Leo Engele, owner of L&M Auto Service, said he wanted his business to grow.

"We've expanded our business by doing custom muffler installations," said Engele. "We install Flowmaster and Vortex mufflers, just to name a few. We can also do glass packs, with aluminized steel pipe with the system and the tips we put on are stainless steel, so they

won't rust out. We also have chrome and black chrome tips for the systems."

Engele said the new addition to the shop came in the form of a high-tech pipe bender which allows him and his son, Mark, to make custom bends for virtually any make or model of vehicle.

"The machine's a Master Bend 5000 pipe bender," said Engele. "It will let us do up to 3-inch pipe for exhaust systems. It's a digital system. We have a box of cards that covers a multitude of vehicles, and this system allows us to punch that number in to that card, and we just move the pipe

See **L&M**, Page 5C

Upcoming activities

Ribbon Cuttings

Tuesday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m., Best Home Care, 111 E. Seventh St.

Monday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m., By Invitation Only, 2309 Scurry, inside Elrod's Furniture.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

Wednesday, Aug. 17, 11:45 a.m., Chamber board meeting, chamber board room. RSVP by noon Tuesday.

VA Task Force

Monday, Aug. 15, 7:30 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
2 p.m., meet with Sen. Kel Seliger in the chamber board room.

ASK THE AGENT

Take time to enter products in the fair

The Howard County Fair will be held Aug. 24-27 at the Fairbarns off FM 700. Everyone is invited to participate and enter items at the fair.

Below are guidelines for the agricultural products portions of the fair.

AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS SHOW
All entries in the Agriculture Products Show must be entered between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 23. Judging will begin at 7 p.m. that evening.

All products that were entered in the show must be picked up by 8 p.m., Sunday or they will become property of the clean-up committee of the fair.

The products must be grown by the exhibitor, who must be a Howard County resident or in a county adjoining Howard County. There are no age restrictions on exhibitors.

All products will receive quality grade ribbons — blue, red or white.

The following Divisions will be offered:

WATERMELONS:
Classes: a) Largest (each entry to be weighted by superintendent at time of entry); b) Best market type.

CANTALOUPE:
Classes: a) Largest (each entry to be weighted by

superintendent at time of entry); b) Best market type.

PUMPKINS: Classes: a) Largest (each entry to be weighted by superintendent at time of entry); b) Best market type.

PEPPERS: Classes: a) Hot (6 per entry); b) Sweet (6 per entry); c) Ornamental (6 per entry).

TOMATOES: Classes: Small Cherry type (6 per entry); Large (6 per entry).

ONIONS: Classes: a) Bunch type (10 per entry); b) Yellow (4 per entry); c) White (4 per entry); d) Purple or Red (4 per entry).

OKRA: Classes: a) Okra (6 per entry).

PEAS AND BEANS:
Classes: a) Black-eye (12 pods); b) Purple Hull (12 pods); c) Cream (12 pods); d) Other Peas (12 pods); e) Pinto (12 pods); f) Green (12 pods); g) Other Beans (12 pods).

MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES: Open to any garden produce not previously listed.

Produce part must fit on a 9-inch paper plate (leaves, seeds, flower, fruit, etc.)

MOST UNUSUAL:
Open to any unusual garden produce.
Product part must fit on a 9-inch paper plate (leaves, seeds, flower, fruit, etc.)

FRUIT: Open to any type of fruit (4 required per entry of any variety).

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Ward's Western Wear owner/manager Shane Ward, shown with his wife Karen and daughter Stevi, is ready to debut the store's new location on the 1100 block of Gregg Street. Ward will celebrate the occasion by holding a tax-free sale on all merchandise for a week.

Making a move

Ward's Western Wear opens new location Saturday

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

After 55 years in business, Ward's Western Wear is going where the traffic is.

Ward's, which has been a downtown fixture in Big Spring since 1950, will hold a grand opening of its new, larger location on the 1100 block of Gregg

Street starting Saturday. Shane Ward, the owner/manager of Ward's, said the store is celebrating the move with a week-long sale starting with the grand opening Saturday. All merchandise in the store will be tax-free during the event, he said.

Construction on the new building began in March, and Ward is happy to finally have it up and running. "We're finally getting to the point where we're done moving everything in," he said. "The building has over 8,000 square feet, and we have a lot of new merchandise on top of what we've had before."

The new location — the

store formerly operated at 212 Runnels St. — should take advantage of Big Spring's major traffic artery.

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Working Partners Web site available for employers

Special to the Herald

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Labor is encouraging employers to use its Working Partners for an Alcohol- and Drug-Free Workplace Web site to help them establish drug-free workplace programs that protect worker safety and health, while improving productivity and bottom-line profits.

Of the nation's 16.6 million adult illicit drug users, 12.4 million (74.6

percent) work either full- or part-time, according to recently released results of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) 2002 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. Such drug use can adversely impact the workplace. For example, in 2000, workers reporting past month drug use were more likely to have worked for more than three employers in a year, missed work more than two days in the past month due to illness or injury, and

skipped work more than two days in the past month.

Employers can protect their businesses from these negative effects by developing drug-free workplace programs that educate employees about the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse and encourage individuals with related problems to seek help. DOL's Working Partners Web site provides employers with free resources and tools to help estab-

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PUBLIC RECORDS

Howard County Justice of the Peace
Outstanding Warrants:
Samantha Ann Barrera, 606 Lamar,
Sweetwater
Kerrie Lee Bhuyan, 538 Westover, Big
Spring
Chad Wayne Brown, 3901 Ave. D, Snyder
Douglas (Doug) Brown, 295 W. 14th St.,
Monahans
Stephanie A. Bufeseon, 5249 Hwy. 2775
No. 255, Abilene
Russell Burt, 4613 Storey, Midland
Paul D. Callison, P.O. Box 842, Plains
Wayne V. Carpenter, 3766 Patriot Dr.,
Abilene
Stephanie R. Daniels, 506 N. Av. T,
Snyder
Norman Lee Denoon III, 3311 Drexel, Big
Spring
James V. Ditto, 501 W. 17th, Big Spring
Shannon Fonda, 910 N. Runnels,
Cochran
John R. Franklin, PO Box 1521, Stanton
Felicit Miguel Galan, 804 Abrams, Big
Spring
Concepcion Garcia, PO Box 16156,
Lubbock
George E. George Jr., 6336 FM 585,
Bange
Katherine A. Gladhill, 7670 M. Trailer/2718
Rear, Lubbock
Michael Glidewell, P.O. Box 204, Fort
Davis
Naomi Gonzales, 1209 Runnels, Big
Spring
Ray Charles Green, 3016 S. CR 119,
Midland
Jeremy Royce Harman, 6713 E. Robinson
Rd., Big Spring
Nicholas Hasenbalg, 207 W. Williams,
Breckenridge
Roman Wolfe Hines, 901 Baylor, Big
Spring
Sharon Annette James, 1311 W. Second,
Big Spring
Ronald Jeffery, 1101 Fitch, Odessa
Andres Lee Juarez, Rt. 3, box 389, Big
Spring
Christopher Lair, 105 Bryan, Wolfforth
Gladys Lamonda, 400 Circle Street, Big
Spring
Robert Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave.,
Hobbs, N.M.
Johnathan Lee Lanham, 3708 28th St.,
Lubbock
Laura Leon, 319 Rocky Lane Dr., Midland
Shawn Lowe, 500 S. Ayleford, Big Spring
Christopher Luellen, 599 Truheart, Pain
Rock
Diana Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane,
Brownfield
Stephanie Marie Macias, 909 S. Sixth
Street, Lamesa
Jesus Martinez, 805 Willis, Big Spring
Suzanne McManis, 604 N. Washington,
Denver City
Menda Laman Meeks, 2908 Sherman
Road, Big Spring
Brian L. Mendez, 563 56th Street, Lubbock

Elizabeth Rose Mills, 4211 Hamilton, Big
Spring
Esiquio Moreno, 508 S.E. First, Andrews
Melissa Pena, 208 N. Nolan, Big Spring
Margarita Chavez Ramirez, 538
Westover, Apt. 223, Big Spring
Sierra Ramos, 200 M. Estee Ave., Midland
Salome Fico, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring
Jessie Robles, 1417 Millspaul, San
Angelo
Abelina Torcoro, 127 Arthur, Longview
Jacob Unger, Co. Rd. 402, Seminole
Kristi Oden Womack, 710 Bell,
Sweetwater
County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Hector Guarez
Martinez, driving while intoxicated - second
offense, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 365
days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months
probation).
Probated Judgment: Kallee Radloff, criminal
mischief - more than \$500 less than
\$1,500, \$250 fine, \$376 court costs, 180 days
in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months proba-
tion).
Probated Judgment: Amber Renee
Ramirez, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine,
\$425 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time
suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Marcus Anthony
Pina, purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a
minor, \$1,000 fine, \$261 court costs, 180
days in jail (jail time suspended, six months
probation).
Probated Judgment: Anthony Wright,
failure to identify - giving false information,
\$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail
(jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Jeremy James White,
driving while license suspended, \$250 fine,
\$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time
suspended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Timothy Bretz, driving
while license suspended, \$250 fine, \$261
court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time sus-
pended, 12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Tomas Dominguez,
driving while license suspended, \$250 fine,
\$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time
suspended, 24 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Miguel Enrique
Juarez, possession of marijuana - two ounces
or less, \$1,500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180
days in jail (jail time suspended, 24 months
probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Ashley Lynn
Ward, driving while intoxicated, \$750 fine,
\$376 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Ashley Lynn
Ward, possession of a dangerous drug, \$750
fine, \$261 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Francisco Jesus Nieto,
driving while intoxicated - second offense,
\$2,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 365 days in jail
(jail time suspended, 24 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Clifford George
Braver, theft - more than \$500 less than
\$1,500, \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days

in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Leldon Taylor
Jenkins, driving while intoxicated - open con-
tainer, \$1,500 fine, \$376 court costs, 90 days
in jail.
Judgment and Sentence: Erik Paul Wayne
Qualls, criminal trespass, 20 days in jail.
District Filings:
Deann Martinez vs. Miguel Junior
Martinez, divorce
Jolene Evin Burris vs. Robert Allen Burris
Jr., divorce
Carissa Martin vs. Dustin Martin, divorce
Harvest Credit Management IV B vs.
Sheila Louise Crockett, accounts, notes and
contracts
Marriage Licenses:
Esaquil Estrella, 19, and Christina Lea
Kistler, 19, both of Big Spring.
Robert Owen Barnes, 32, and Epitania
Delacorda, 39, both of Big Spring.
Seth William Stovall, 20, and Megan Marie
Earhart, 22, both of Big Spring.
Samuel Timothy Kelley, 20, and Sherry
Lynn Gant, 21, both of Big Spring.
Zachery Wesley Johnson, 29, and Brandi
She'Nae Sell, 27, both of Big Spring.
Mark Anthony Edmondson, 18, and
Kathryn Elizabeth Krager, 15, both of Big
Spring.
Kevin Reed Barker, 21, and Lauren
Alizabeth Hensley, 20, both of Big Spring.
Ribeiro Rivas, 46, and Maria Herrera
Rivas, 54, both of Big Spring.
Warranty deeds:
Grantor: Manuel Briseno and Ma Elia
Briseno
Grantee: Luis Antonio Rodriguez and
Norma Leticia Rodriguez
Property: Lot 3, Block 3, Highland Park
Addition
Date Filed: July 26, 2005
Grantor: LL Todd Inc.
Grantee: Frank Long and Glenda Long
Property: The NW/4 of Section 21, Block
33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: July 26, 2005
Grantor: Marie Hughes
Grantee: Nathan Eugene Hughes and
Marie Hughes
Property: Lot 28, Block 5, College Park
Estates
Date Filed: July 27, 2005
Grantor: Julie Coates
Grantee: Jimmy Bailey
Property: Lot 15, Block 3, Original Town of
Big Spring
Date Filed: July 29, 2005
Grantor: Cara Ann Gill
Grantee: J. Hilario
Property: Lot 3, Block 3, Earle's Addition
Date Filed: July 29, 2005
Grantor: Jackie Dan Murley and Joyce
Murley
Grantee: Don Brodie and Pat Brodie
Property: Lot 5, Block 4r, Muir Heights
Subdivision
Date Filed: Aug. 1, 2005
Grantor: Miguel Arvizavaz
Grantee: Corrie Sabar
Property: Lot 10, Block 8, Brown Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 2, 2005
Grantor: John P. Amos and Rebecca Sue
Amos
Grantee: Betty L. Freeman and Barry W.
Holt
Property: A 20 acre tract out of Section 19,
Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 3, 2005
Grantor: D. Kurt Coor and Jeannie Coor
Grantee: Doyle Coor and Judy Coor
Property: A 4 acre tract out of Section 8,
Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 3, 2005
Grantor: Nancy Martin
Grantee: Brad Richardson
Property: A tract out of Section 45, Block
31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 4, 2005
Grantor: Leah Jan Hughes and Linda
Rene Beall
Grantee: Eric Johnson and Linda Johnson
Property: A tract of land out of Section 19,
Block 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 4, 2005
Grantor: Randolph K. Sanders and Debra
Ann Sanders
Grantee: Gerald Harris
Property: Lots 1 and 4, Block 14, Cedar
Crest Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 8, 2005
Grantor: Jimmy G. Aleman
Grantee: Gerald Harris
Property: Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, Block 8, Cedar
Crest Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 8, 2005
Warranty deeds with vendors lien:
Grantor: Commercial State Bank
Grantee: Kenneth D. Noble and Jennifer B.
Noble
Property: Lot 8 and part of Lot 9, Block 13,
North Park Hill
Date Filed: July 26, 2005
Grantor: Ricky Paul Watkins and Susan
Watkins
Grantee: Canuto Ramirez Jr. and Christina
Cortez
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 18, North
Park Hill Addition
Date Filed: July 28, 2005
Grantor: Beesie L. Taylor
Grantee: Bobby Lopez
Property: Lot 4, Block 4, Stanford Park
Addition
Date Filed: July 28, 2005
Grantor: Jane Ann Armstrong
Grantee: Jeffery Phamilton
Property: not provided
Date Filed: July 28, 2005
Grantor: Thomas P. Evans and Mary Ann
Evans
Grantee: Johnny Garcia Jr.
Property: Lot 9, Block 13, College Park
Estates
Date Filed: July 29, 2005
Grantor: Beatrice Yarbber Price
Grantee: Curtis W. White and Denise A.
White
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block
32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 1, 2005
Grantor: Sherry Coates Stinson and
Danny Darryl Coates
Grantee: Wendy Bingham and Joe
Bingham
Property: The N50 feet of Block 22,
College Heights Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 1, 2005
Grantor: Omer J. Bohannon and Alleen
Bohannon
Grantee: Ernest Joe Overton and Amy
Overton
Property: Lot 3 and part of Lot 4, Heston
Subdivision
Date Filed: Aug. 1, 2005
Grantor: Larry Smith and Pannie Smith
Grantee: Don Richard (trustee, grantee not
provided)
Property: Lots 8 and 9, Block 1, Thorp
Subdivision
Date Filed: Aug. 1, 2005
Grantor: Jason Seay-Davidson and Sunni
Seay-Davidson
Grantee: Lisa Zap
Property: Lot 7, Block 20, Washington
Place
Date Filed: Aug. 1, 2005
Grantor: Jeff Broman and Christy M.
Broman
Grantee: Kip Crawford and Kimberly
Crawford
Property: Lot 1, Block 10, Coronado Hills
Date Filed: Aug. 1, 2005
Grantor: Penny Lynette Kothman and Cory

Shane Anderson
Grantee: Kim G. Nichols
Property: Lot 4, Block 1, Donald Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 1, 2005
Grantor: Gerald Shanks and Patricia
Shanks
Grantee: Erinn M. McFall
Property: Lot 8, Block 15, Kentwood Unit
No. 2
Date Filed: Aug. 3, 2005
Grantor: Donald Simpson and Judy
Simpson
Grantee: George E. Wilson and Irene
Wilson
Property: Lot 8, Block 1, Jerald Smith
Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 3, 2005
Grantor: Jerry Thornton and Betsy
Thornton
Grantee: Robert Frappier
Property: Part of Lots 3 and 4, Block 6,
Muir Heights
Date Filed: Aug. 4, 2005
Grantor: Molly Rupard
Grantee: Randy R. Klaus
Property: Lot 4, Block 7, Wasson Place
Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 5, 2005
Grantor: Jimmie Mince and Katriel Klaus
Grantee: Glenda Akins
Property: Part of Lot 1, Block 71, Original
Town of Big Spring
Date Filed: Aug. 8, 2005
Grantor: Bobby J. Blackshear and Barbara
Ann Blackshear
Grantee: Slaughter and Stanley
Construction
Property: A tract out of Section 46, Block
32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 8, 2005
Grantor: Hoyt Fowler II
Grantee: Robert C. Wagner and Sherry
Wagner
Property: A 1/3 interest in a tract out of
Section 35, Block 32, T-2-N, T&P RR Co.
Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 8, 2005
Grantor: Kip Crawford and Kimberly
Crawford
Grantee: Jerry D. Bullard
Property: Lot 1, Block 5, Clawson
Subdivision
Date Filed: Aug. 8, 2005
Grantor: Jimmie Mince, Cinda Mince and
Katrice Klaus
Grantee: Glenda Akins
Property: Part of Lot 1, Block 71, Original
Town of Big Spring
Date Filed: Aug. 8, 2005

FAIR

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PECAN: Open to any
type of pecan (4 required
per entry of any variety)
Awards in each
Division: Rosettes to be
awarded to reserve cham-
pion in above classes;
plaques to be awarded to
champion largest and
best market watermelons;

ribbons to all partici-
pants.
An overall grand and
reserve champion plaque
will be awarded to the
winners selected from
the champions in each of
the above Divisions.
HOWARD COUNTY
COTTON SHOW
This show is open to
any producer in Howard
County only. No entry
fees. Plaques will be

awarded to the champi-
ons of each of the follow-
ing divisions:
1) Tallest stalk of cotton
2) Most unusual stalk of
cotton
3) Cotton with the most
formed bolls (only bolls
that are dime sized or
larger will be counted)
4) Best stripper type of

cotton stalk.
An overall grand cham-
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for the reserve champion
stalk of cotton selected
from the champions list-
ed above will be awarded
the exhibitors of those
entries. All exhibitors
will receive participation
ribbons.

Stalks must be stripped
of leaves. There is no
limit on the number of
entries an exhibitor may
enter and there is no age
requirement for partici-
pation. However, all
entries must be grown in
Howard County.
If you have any ques-
tions, please contact me

at the Howard County
Extension Office.
Tommy Yeater is the
Cooperative Extension
agent, agriculture, for
Howard County. His office
is in the bottom floor of
the Howard County
Courthouse. He can be
reached at 264-2236.

PARTNERS

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lish and maintain such
programs.
The Working Partners
Web site can be accessed
at www.dol.gov/working-
partners
"As an online resource,
Working Partners helps
workers and employers
work together to ensure a
safe and drug-free envi-
ronment for families,
schools, and communi-
ties," Secretary of Labor
Elaine L. Chao said.
The Working Partners

Web site features the
Drug-Free Workplace
Advisor, an interactive
tool that helps employers
build tailored, drug-free
workplace policies and
programs; the Substance
Abuse Information
Database, an online
repository of hundreds of
documents related to
workplace alcohol and
drug abuse; information
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and how it affects employ-
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national, state and local
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that may assist employers
in making their business-
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and we wanted more traf-
fic so we could better
showcase what we've got.
"We've got a lot more
ladies' wear, boots, straw
and felt hats ... we've got
clothes for infants on up,"
he said. "We've got
clothes for an infant, or for

a 90-year-old, one or the
other."
Normal store hours will
be from 10 a.m. until 6
p.m. Monday through
Friday, and 10 a.m. to 4
p.m. Saturday, Ward
added.
Contact Staff Writer
Steve Reagan at 263-7331,
ext. 234, or by e-mail at
reporter@bigspringher-
ald.com.

L&M

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up from bend to bend,
and it automatically does
the right bend for us.
"We can do older cars,
newer cars - basically
any car from years past
right up to now - using
this system. We can bend
exhaust pipes and tail
pipes to OEM manufac-
turing standards. We're
able to do this for our cus-
tomers, as well as dealers
and other places that
might need them."
Engle said getting the
new machine wasn't
enough - there was also
a three-day crash course
in how to use it.
"We've been doing this
for about two months
now," said Engle. "We
went through three days
of training where a train-

er came out and showed
us how to use the equip-
ment. We actually did
installations with him
here, so we could make
sure we know what we're
doing.
"It saves money because
it saves time in bending
the pipe," he added. "The
pipe is bent to the dimen-
sions you need for that
vehicle and you don't
have to keep fitting up
and things like that. All
we have to do is buy the
sticks of pipe and make
our own bends. We don't
have to buy pre-bent
pipe."
L&M Auto Services is
located at 501 E. FM 700
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Contact Staff Writer
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7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail
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CARS

- 2001 Buick Wildcat Custom - Stk# E228, Power Steering/Windows/Door Locks, AM/PM, Cassette, CD, Power Seat. Only 27K Miles! Buy @ Wholesale. Was \$10,700. NOW \$10,495
- 2004 Chevrolet Classic - Stk# E209, Automatic, Power Windows/Door Locks, CD, Power Seat, Door Locks. Was \$12,440. NOW \$10,995
- 2005 Chevrolet Classic - Stk# E208, E214, Automatic, Power Windows/Door Locks, Tilt/Cruise, AM/PM, CD, Power Seat. 2 To Choose From! Was \$14,720. NOW \$12,495
- 2005 Buick Century - Stk# E212 & E215, Automatic, Power Windows/Door Locks, AM/PM, CD, Power Seat. 2 To Choose From! Was \$15,560. NOW \$12,495
- 2004 Chevrolet Cavalier LS Sport Coupe 2D - Stk# E187, 4-Cyl., 2.2 Liter, Auto., FWD, A/C, Power Steering/Windows/Door Locks, Tilt/Cruise, AM/PM, CD. Was \$14,290. NOW \$12,995
- 2005 Chevrolet Cavalier LS - Stk# E244, Automatic, Air Conditioning, Tilt/Cruise, AM/PM, CD, Premium Sound, Rear Spoiler. Was \$14,495. NOW \$13,495
- 2005 Chevrolet Cavalier LS - Stk# E245, Automatic, Air Conditioning, Tilt/Cruise, AM/PM, CD, Alloy Wheels, Rear Spoiler. Was \$14,570. NOW \$13,495
- 2004 Pontiac Grand Am SE - Stk# E207, Automatic, FWD, Power Windows/Door Locks, Tilt/Cruise, AM/PM, CD, Rear Spoiler, Alloy Wheels. Was \$14,570. NOW \$13,495
- 2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo LS - Stk# E169, V6 3.4L, Automatic, Power Windows, Door Locks, AM/PM, CD, Premium Sound, Alloy Wheels. Was \$15,200. NOW \$13,495
- 2005 Chevrolet Classic - Stk# E241, Automatic, Power Steering/Windows/Door Locks, Tilt/Cruise, CD, Power Seat, Rear Spoiler, Only 6K Miles. Was \$16,155. NOW \$13,995
- 2004 Ford Mustang Coupe - Stk# E210A, V6, Automatic, 40th Anniversary Ed, AM/PM, CD, Alloy Wheels. Was \$15,115. NOW \$13,995
- 2005 Chevrolet Impala - Stk# E216, V6, Automatic, Power Windows/Door Locks, AM/PM, Cassette, CD, OnStar, Power Seat. Was \$18,050. NOW \$16,995
- 2004 Chevrolet Impala LS - Stk# E147, E148, E150, E151 & E211, 3.8L, Automatic, AM/PM, Cassette, CD, Premium Sound, OnStar, Leather, Sliding Sun Roof, Rear Spoiler. 5 TO CHOOSE FROM! Was \$19,905. NOW \$16,495
- 2005 Buick LeSabre Custom - Stk# E141, V6, 3.8L, Automatic, AM/PM, CD, OnStar, Power Seat, Alloy Wheels, 13K Miles! Was \$20,380. NOW \$19,495
- 2005 Buick LeSabre Custom - Stk# E145, V6, 3.8L, Automatic, Tilt/Cruise, AM/PM, CD, Premium Sound, OnStar, Power Seat, 13K Miles! Was \$20,745. NOW \$19,495
- 2005 Cadillac DeVille Sedan - Stk# E152, V8, 4.6L, AM/PM, CD, Bose Premium Sound, OnStar, Leather, Dual Power Seats, 14K Miles! Was \$35,995. NOW \$33,995

SPORT UTILITY

- 2004 Saturn VUE - Stk# E223, 4-Cyl., 5 Speed Manual, Power Windows/Door Locks, AM/PM, CD, Sliding Sun Roof, Alloy Wheels. Was \$17,985. NOW \$15,495

MANAGER'S YELLOW TAG SPECIALS

- 1998 Chevrolet Express Van - Stk# E106, V8, 5.7L, 8 Passenger, Rear Air, Multi CD, Premium Sound, Video System, Quad Seating, Running Boards, Custom Paint. Was \$10,390. NOW \$7,995
- 2004 Oldsmobile Alero GL - Stk# E109, 4 cyl, Power Windows/Door Locks, Tilt/Cruise, CD, Rear Spoiler, Alloy Wheels. Was \$12,975. NOW \$10,495
- 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Ext. Cab - Stk# E096, V8, 4.8L, Power Windows/Door Locks, CD, Bed Liner, Towing Pkg., Alloy Wheels. Was \$17,470. NOW \$13,995
- 2003 Volkswagen New Beetle GLS Hatchback - Stk# E084, 4-Cyl., 2.0 Liter, Auto., A/C, FWD, AM/PM Cassette, Leather, Moon Roof, Rear Spoiler, Alloy Wheels. Was \$15,775. NOW \$14,995
- 2004 Isuzu Rodeo - Stk# E100, Automatic, 3.5L, Power Windows/Door Locks, CD, Roof Rack. Was \$17,675. NOW \$15,995
- 2004 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Stk# D198B, V8, 4.6 Liter, Automatic, Power Windows/Door Locks, CD, Leather, Dual Power Seats, Sliding Sun Roof. Was \$23,590. NOW \$16,995
- 2001 GMC Sierra 1500 Ext. Cab - Stk# E102, V8, 4.8L, Auto., 4WD, SLE, CD, Running Boards, Towing Pkg., Two-Tone Paint, Alloy Wheels. Was \$22,175. NOW \$16,995
- 2005 Chevrolet Avalanche 1500 - Stk# E104, V8, 5.3L, Auto., Rear Air, Multi CD, Premium Sound, Leather, Running Boards, Grille Guard, Custom Paint. Was \$24,150. NOW \$22,495
- 2003 GMC Yukon - Stk# E103, V8, 5.3 Liter, Bi-Fuel, Automatic, 4 Wheel Drive, SLT, CD, Leather, Power Seat, Roof Rack, Running Boards. Was \$32,615. NOW \$26,995
- 2004 Dodge 2500 Quad Cab - Stk# E108, 6-Cyl, HO Turbo Dsl, Automatic, Tilt/Cruise, CD, Leather, Power Seat, Towing Pkg. Was \$34,800. NOW \$27,995

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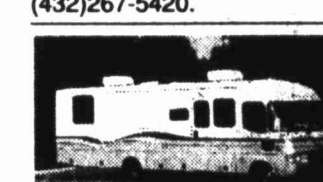
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
The Sagittarius moon is dipped in emotional gasoline and lit on fire, reflecting the incendiary Leo sun. The world is aflame with optimism. Perhaps some of it is unwarranted, but isn't that the thing about optimism? Believe that good things will happen even when they are not likely to. That's when providence will move.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sometimes you doubt your own competence, but you shouldn't. You've only been in charge of taking care of yourself for several thousands of days. With a little experience, you might get better.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There will never be a more perfect day than this for doing what you've put off. You'll find that the energy expelled in procrastinating is greater than the energy it takes to do the job.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You shine in the social spotlight, so get out there! The perfect place for you is a cultural event or a party for people you admire. If you're trying to please somebody, it's easy to overdo it. Instead, please yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You find new ways to ask for and get attention, affection and above all, respect. Is it so selfish to want others to acknowledge your existence and notice that it means something?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You consider yourself something of a public advocate now, and might be the one to hold the door for the woman with a baby carriage, hush people who talk in the movie theaters and give directions to lost souls.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't shy away from weird scenes. Today, the weirder the better. You could find your next love, a true friend or an employee among a peculiar mix of people. Aquarius or Aries people are lucky for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Rally behind your man (or woman or child) because loved ones crave your support. In fact, saying nothing will be taken as a slight. Return all e-mails. You have the power to hurt or uplift someone's delicate feelings.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You feel confident enough to initiate action and introduce new ideas. Unfortunately, you may be met by the ultimate passive-aggressive mantra — "whatever." Do not engage the "whatever" people! Walk away!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A neglected area of your life comes to the fore. You can handle the people and projects that you once could not deal with. You're either ruling or you're learning to rule. Either way, you have the power.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Anyone who is a real success has overcome big obstacles. Remember that fact when you're looking at the mountain of work that seems to be ahead of you (and this is supposed to be a day off).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The planets emphasize the past, perhaps by pointing out marks you still wear. Be proud of your scars, both physical and emotional. The wounds have healed, and you are tougher and more interesting because of them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's not a single thing to be gained from skepticism now. Go forward in a relationship giving more than the benefit of the doubt — forget about the doubt entirely, and just give the benefit.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: This is the last full week of the sun's transit through Leo. The focus is still on using your talent and creativity to become the king or queen of your life. Those areas where you feel you've fallen out of power can still be conquered. All you have to do is find your lost bliss — reconnect with the playful, selfish, childlike part of you. Family issues may have been holding you back, and the early part of the week is perfect for pinpointing those problems and facing them head on.

Mars and Uranus are in an aspect that throws up a flare of creativity at the most unexpected times. Solutions to relationship problems could occur while driving, showering or during a phone call while you're waiting on hold. Mercury goes direct on Monday, which sets a few wrongs right. Venus enters Libra, the sign of partnership and poetic justice on Tuesday. The desire to, as they say, "hook up" weighs heavier than the desire to be sensible. There's a seductive artistry at work here, so keep in mind that the best romance is friendship all dolled up. If you wouldn't be friends with someone (but somehow you love them still), get out now! Or at least before the full moon on Friday!

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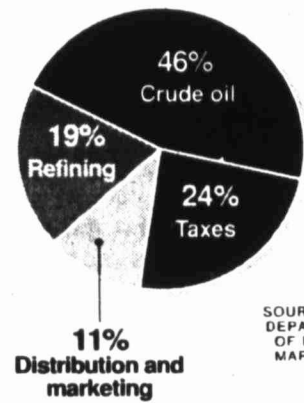
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Rising gasoline prices

As Americans hit the highways on road trips or long commutes, they're facing more than just bad traffic. Gas prices are skyrocketing, with no relief in sight. We look at how prices are set, what makes them rise and how to save at the pump.

By the gallon

When you pay for gas at your local convenience store, the total is split among several different entities. Here's where your money goes, based on Department of Energy estimates:



SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MARCH 2004

■ **Crude oil** accounts for the largest portion of the cost of gas. The price of crude oil is determined by the amount of production, so if production is cut, prices rise. The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), which includes the world's largest producers of crude oil, recently vowed to cut production. That is one factor in the price surge.

■ **Federal and local taxes** eat up a portion of the price of gas. These include federal and state excise taxes, as well as some state sales taxes, and some city taxes, depending on the area.

■ **The refining of crude oil** is an additional factor in the retail price of gasoline. Crude oil must be refined before it can be used by consumers.

■ **Gasoline starts as crude oil** at a refinery, and makes several stops before it gets to your local gas station, so the cost of **distribution** is passed along to the consumer. Likewise, you pay for the **marketing** of the oil company from which you're purchasing gasoline.

■ **Some gas stations add a few cents additional markup**, which might account for stations a few blocks from each other posting different prices.

Historical gas prices

The current high gas prices still aren't as high as they were during the oil crises of the 1970s and '80s.

Year	Price per gallon*
1950	\$2.08
1955	\$2.03
1960	\$1.97
1965	\$1.85
1970	\$1.72
1975	\$1.99
1980	\$2.83
1985	\$2.02
1990	\$1.61
1995	\$1.36
2000	\$1.61
2003	\$1.58

* in 2004 dollars

SOURCE: U.S. DOE

Regional differences

Gas prices can vary significantly from region to region. Here are a few reasons that's the case:

■ **Proximity of supply:** U.S. gasoline production is concentrated near the Gulf Coast, so regions closer to that area tend to have lower prices.

■ **Disruption in the supply:** Refinery maintenance or disruptions in the transportation system can decrease supply, sparking price increases.

■ **Local competition:** Areas where many gas stations compete are likely to have lower prices than areas where a single supplier services consumers.

■ **Environmental specifications:** Programs aimed at reducing the pollutants in gasoline can affect the price of gasoline. States that have restricted the use of gasoline additives like MTBE may face shortfalls in supply because MTBE removal requires changes in production and distribution.

■ **Operating costs:** Gas stations face their own set of issues that can affect price, including rent and local traffic patterns.

SOURCE: ENERGY INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION



Jerry Ingalls of Calabash, N.C., fills up at a gas station near Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla. Travelers like Ingalls are finding higher prices when they visit the pumps.

BY KEN MORITSUGU
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Driver are facing sticker shock at the pump, with U.S. gasoline prices hitting new records this spring. The national average for regular unleaded topped \$1.75 a gallon. In California, which typically has higher gasoline prices, the price at the pump broke through the \$2 barrier.

Several factors are driving up gasoline prices. Crude oil prices, which make up about 46 percent of the price of gasoline, have risen sharply. Also, demand for gasoline is soaring, and supplies haven't kept up.

The higher cost of crude accounts for about half of the recent run-up in gasoline prices, according to estimates by the Energy Information Administration, a branch of the U.S. Energy Department.

Oil shot up from \$31.10 a barrel in November to \$36.70 by March. A barrel is 42 gallons, so every dollar increase translates into a 2.4-cent hike in gasoline prices.

The rise in oil prices was sparked by a larger-than-

expected surge in the global demand for oil, driven by China's economic boom and the U.S. economic pick-up.

At the same time, rising violence in Iraq and political instability in Venezuela have raised fears of supply disruptions in those oil-producing countries.

As well, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, or OPEC, has threatened to curtail oil production. So far, though, member countries appear to be pumping as much oil as they can to take advantage of the high prices.

Still, the prospect of a shortfall of oil has pushed up prices, at least in the short run. If supply turns out to be adequate, oil prices likely would fall, and gas prices would drop, too. But if demand and growth outpaces supply, prices could remain high.

Beyond the price of crude oil, gas prices have been driven up by rising demand for gasoline together with lagging supply.

Gasoline production was set back by an unusually cold January.

Refineries, which turn crude oil into products we can use, produce both gasoline and heating oil. The cold weather

prompted refineries to make more heating oil than they normally do. That delayed the annual changeover to gasoline production for the summer driving season.

While gasoline production lagged, consumption rose, hitting a record high for the first three months of the year. Basic economics tells us that less supply and more demand equals higher prices.

Rising gasoline use in Europe also contributed to higher U.S. prices. It pushed up the cost of European gasoline, which accounts for 30 percent of U.S. gasoline imports. The greatest impact is on the East Coast, where the vast majority of European imports wind up.

The record pump prices don't seem to have swayed Americans from driving.

Prices, while somewhat high, aren't at a record when adjusted for inflation.

In March 1981, gasoline hit \$1.42 a gallon, which is the equivalent of \$3 a gallon in today's dollars. By that measure, filling the tank is 40 percent cheaper today.

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Why do gasoline prices fluctuate?

So why do gas prices go up and down from one day to the next? Rising crude oil prices and restricted world supplies are the two major reasons.

Here are some of the major factors that contribute to those circumstances, according to the American Petroleum Institute (API) and the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Information Administration (EIA):

■ **OPEC:** The international organization is cutting production.

■ **Political instability:** Unstable situations in nations that produce a lot of oil, like Venezuela and Iraq, can cause uncertainty in the global marketplace.

■ **Global demand:** The more demand there is for crude oil, the higher the price goes. Demand is particularly high in the United States, where the rate of economic growth continues to rise, and in China, where crude oil imports increased 30 percent in 2003.

■ **New fuel specifications:** Exporters outside the United States who have not changed their gasoline to meet new U.S. standards may be trying to peddle their gas to other nations, meaning a decreased supply for the United States. Plus, those new specifications require major investment.

■ **Costly distribution:** When the cost of getting gasoline to its destination rises, so does the price.

■ **Political pressure:** It is increasingly difficult for oil refiners to find



Instability in oil-producing nations like Iraq can help drive up the price of crude oil. The al-Doura oil refinery outside Baghdad has only been partially operational at times during the conflict there.

new spots for refineries, pipelines and other facilities.

■ **SUVs:** Demand for gasoline has increased along with the sale of large passenger vehicles.

■ **Seasonality:** Summer is peak driving season, especially in the United States. Even when crude oil prices remain relatively stable, the high demand for gasoline for vacation trips can spark price increases. The EIA estimates that even without

changes in crude oil prices, gas prices would rise by five or six cents between January and summer.

■ **Lack of choices:** According to the EIA, the prices of basic energy sources, like gasoline, natural gas or electricity, fluctuate more than those of other commodities because it is more difficult to find substitutes for energy sources. If the price of a food product goes up, a consumer can substitute something else, but other fuel choices

Saving money at the pump

Here are some tips to help you save money at the gas pump:

■ **Proper vehicle maintenance** can save on the amount of gas a car uses. Stick to a recommended grade of motor oil. Make sure tires are in good shape and inflated to their recommended level. Keep the air filter clean. And keep your car properly tuned up.

■ **Stay within the speed limit.** Every mile per hour over the speed limit is like adding as much as 10 cents extra to the cost of gas, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. Accelerate slowly from dead stops. Quick starts unnecessarily use gas.

■ **Keep idling to a minimum.** Plan errands carefully to cut down on the miles you travel.

■ **Click on the cruise control.** This helps a car maintain a steady speed and reduces gas consumption.

■ **Occasionally shift into an over-drive gear.** This slows down a car's engine speed.

■ **Use air-conditioning sparingly.** However, rolling down the windows can create drag on the car and force the engine to burn more gas.

■ **Keep a car's load light.** Don't pile heavy items on top of a car or in the trunk.

■ **Consider carpooling to work** or to other events.

■ **If you're shopping for a new car,** give serious consideration to a vehicle that gets high gas mileage.

■ **Cut back on short-distance car errands.** Try walking or riding a bicycle to the market or video store. Not only will this save gas money, it's also good for your health.

— Chuck Myers, KRT

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Fuel-efficient vehicles

Here are some of the most fuel-efficient vehicles on the market:



Honda Insight

■ **Most efficient vehicle overall**
Honda Insight: 60 miles per gallon city, 66 highway.
Annual fuel cost: \$415.

■ **Subcompact car**
Volkswagen New Beetle Diesel (manual): 38 mpg city, 46 highway.
Annual fuel cost: \$600.

■ **Compact car**
Honda Civic Hybrid (automatic): 47 mpg city, 48 highway.
Annual fuel cost: \$543.

■ **Midsized car**
Toyota Prius (hybrid, automatic): 60 mpg city, 51 highway.
Annual fuel cost: \$475.

■ **Large car**
Chevrolet Malibu Maxx (automatic): 22 mpg city, 30 highway.
Annual fuel cost: \$1,088.

■ **Sport utility vehicle**
Toyota RAV4 (manual): 24 mpg city, 30 highway.
Annual fuel cost: \$1,005.

■ **Pickup truck**
Ford Ranger 2WD (manual): 24 mpg city, 29 highway.
Annual fuel cost: \$1,005.

■ **Minivan**
Chrysler Voyager/Town & Country 2WD: 20 mpg city, 26 highway.
Annual fuel cost: \$1,188.

■ **Van**
Chevrolet Astro 2WD (cargo): 16 mpg city, 21 highway.
Annual fuel cost: \$1,451.

— Detroit Free Press

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