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This hang glider pilot — one of many competing in the Federation Aeronautique Internationale World Hang Gliding Championships going on at the Big Spring Airport — enjoys a tow from an ultralight aircraft up to a higher altitude Wednesday afternoon. The competition continues through Saturday.

Flying like a bird

Hang gliding puts Hungary's Bertok in touch with nature

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

If the sport of hang gliding were to have a patron saint, it might very well be Hungary's Attila

"To me, hang

be a bird."

gliding is as close

as you can get to

what it feels like to

Bertok, who currently leads the standings in the Federation Aeronautique Internationale World Hang Gliding Championships going on at the Big Spring Airport.

Sitting among a number of other pilots and championship coordinators, Bertok listens as the task planning

committee decides the course the day's competition will follow.

Bertok, who sits on the committee, said he and his fellow pilots work hard to make sure the day's

task is both challenging and attainable.

'We try to draw our experience," said Bertok. "Developing the tasks is basically the job of the meet director, but he asks a select group of

pilots to give our input and let them know what we think is good. We try to develop a task that is See BERTOK, Page 3A

Attila Bertok



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins A hang gliding competitor waves a greeting over Big Spring Wednesday.

reasonable but still a difficult level for the championship. We don't want to make it too hard,

Tax holiday starts Friday

Shoppers to get break before school begins

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer Back-to-school shoppers

will have an extra reason to hit the stores starting Friday.

The state's annual sales holiday, which exempts shoppers from state and local taxes on many clothing and footwear items, will be held Friday through Sunday.

The holiday effects most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which means buyers can save up to \$8 on every \$100 they spend, according to information released by Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

For the first time, backpacks used by elementary and secondary students See HOLIDAY, Page 3A

will also be exempt from taxes this year. This includes backpacks with wheels, provided they can also be worn on the back in a traditional manner, the news release stated. Ten or fewer backpacks can be purchased tax-free at one time without providing an exemption certificate to the seller.

As in past years, the exemption does include items that can reasonably defined as luggage, briefcases, gym bags, computer bags, purses or framed backpacks.

Below is a sample of items that will be either exempted or taxed this year:

• **Tax-free** — Baby clothes, belts with

HOWARD CO. 4-H MEETS TONIGHT

Those interested in participating in Howard County 4-H are invited to attend the first 4-H meeting to be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the Howard County Fairbarn.

Enrollment forms for the 2007-2008 4-H year need to be completed.

"This is a great way to start off an

awesome 4-H year. We hope to see you there!" said Amanda L. Torek, Cooperative Extension Agent for 4-H, youth development for Howard County. For more information, call 264-2236.

Howard County woman killed in two-vehicle crash Wednesday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

A two-vehicle collision north of Big Spring claimed the life of a Howard County woman Wednesday afternoon.

Velta Cates Hiltbrunner, 87, of Center Point Road, was killed when her mid-1980s Chrysler sedan was struck broadside by a Peterbilt tanker truck at the intersection of Highway 87 and Center Point Road about six miles north of Big Spring shortly before 4 p.m. Wednesday.



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Sports



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Eyewitnesses Hiltbrunner, traveling west on Center Point, apparently failed to see the northbound 18-wheeler, driven by Alvin Gean Rucker of Hereford, before attempting to cross Highway 87.

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester said that Rucker, who drives for Texas Feed Fat Inc., attempted to take evasive action but struck Hiltbrunner's automobile along the midpoint of the driver's side compartment, pushing the vehicle approximately 300 feet before being able to come to a stop.

"Witnesses said she stopped, but for whatever reason, she didn't see the truck and attempted to cross the highway," Hester said.

Emergency units with the Big Spring Fire Department, Emergency Medical Service, Howard County Sheriff's Office

See CRASH, Page 3A



Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester, facing camera, talks with a fellow DPS trooper while investigating the scene of a fatal two-vehicle accident north of Big Spring Wednesday afternoon.

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IN BRIEF

Big Spring Tennis Boosters meeting

The Big Spring Tennis Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Cen-

All parents of junior high and high school tennis players are invited to attend.

Contact Jeri Farmer at 267-6093 for more information.

Crossroads Youth Football sign-ups

The Crossroads Youth Football Association have begun their signups for the 2007 season.

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the old Athletic Supply building in the Big Spring Mall on every Saturday during August.

Cost is \$40 for flag football and \$100 for tackle. Any cheerleaders who will not need a uniform can sign-up for \$35. The cost is \$100 is a new uniform is needed.

All children going into kindergarten through sixth grade can register. For more information, contact Daphne Coates

Youth soccer signups have started

at 714-4688.

The Big Spring Youth Soccer Association signups are taking place at the former Athletic Supply site in the Big Spring Mall.

Boys and girls ages 4-13 can register for the upcoming season until Saturday. Sign-ups will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Fri-day.

Cost is \$50 and furnishes players with a jersey, shorts and socks.

Coaches are still needed and anyone interested can also sign up during registration times.

For more information, contact Jamie Scott at 264-0001.

QB Club meeting set for Monday

Big Spring The Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday at the Athletic Training Cen-

They will be looking to put the finishing touches on this season's football program, which celebrates the 100th anniversary of Big Spring football.

Contact Denise Carillo at 816-1685 or Frank Stiles at 270-3041 for more details.

YMCA hosting skateboard contest

The fourth annual Skateboard Summer Contest will be held Aug. 23 at the YMCA Skate Park.

The contest begins at 6:30 p.m. with participants able to register

until 6 p.m. The registration fee is \$8. Divisions of competition will be set up based on the number of

entries. Prizes will be awarded to first and second place winners in each divi-

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-

See **BRIEFS**, Page 2B

Kinsler, Young lead Rangers to 4-3 win

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Michael Young hit a two-run double, Ian Kinsler homered and the Texas Rangers held on to beat the Kansas City Royals 4-3 Wednesday night.

Royals starter Gil Meche allowed only two infield singles before Ramon Vazquez drew a leadoff walk and Kinsler singled in the sixth. Both runners raced home when Young's drive split the gap in right-center, giving Texas a 2-1 lead.

Mike Wood (3-1) allowed two hits in one scoreless inning to earn the win.

Rangers reliever C.J. Wilson had his scoreless streak of 16 2-3 innings end in the ninth.

Pinch-hitter Emil Brown reached on an error leading off, and Wilson walked Esteban German before John Buck hit an RBI double to center field. Joey Gathright followed with an infield single that made it 4-3.

With runners on the corners, Tony Pena Jr. hit into a gameending 5-4-3 double play for Wilson's sixth save in seven chances.

Kinsler's 15th homer leading off the eighth stretched the lead

Meche lost his fifth straight and fifth innings. start, giving up three runs — two earned — and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. He struck out four and walked three.

The Rangers got a strong return to the rotation from righthander Vicente Padilla, who struck out a season-high eight. Padilla left after five innings trailing 1-0.

Padilla was activated from the 15-day disabled list before the game. He hadn't pitched since June 21 when he was shut down with right triceps inflammation, and he looked fresh when he struck out the side in the first See RANGERS, Page 2B

Padilla allowed one unearned run and four hits without a walk, throwing 80 pitches.

Kansas City threatened to go in front in the seventh, loading the bases with one out against Texas reliever Frank Francisco. Joey Gathright hit a fly ball to center, but Marlon Byrd threw out pinch runner Jason Smith attempting to score from third to complete the double play.

Texas made it 3-1 in the seventh when Nelson Cruz scored from third on reliever Jimmy

Lady Steers start season with early obstacles

By JONATHAN HULL

Sports Editor

Obstacles have already presented themselves in the path of Big Spring's Lady Steers volleyball team this season.

And the school year hasn't even started yet.

The Lady Steers surged into their season by visiting Midland and Abilene for scrimmages. The warm-up matches left the Lady Steer coaches feeling like they had a lot of work to do.

"If you're not excited when you practice volleyball then you're not excited when you play in the games," said head volleyball coach Amanda Whitaker. "Volleyball is a game of spirit." We've been beaten by teams that we were better than, but they had more spirit. If a team has spirit and gets behind each other then they're going to be better. We didn't have that spirit at the start of two-a-days and in the scrimmages."

The Lady Steers opened regular season play on the road against Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs Tuesday. Although they suffered a three-set loss -21-25, 19-25, 20-25 — Whitaker felt like the team made great strides with their energy.

"The girls know we have to keep our spirits high," she said. "Against Sweetwater, the girls got out on the court and were really energetic. They were ready to play and our performance showed it on the court. They competed with a team that is going to make a deep run into the Class 3A state playoffs.'

The Lady Steers were led by seniors Callie Partee and Jordan Chesworth. Partee led Big Spring with seven kills and five blocks, while keeping her passing errors to a minimum.

Whitaker credits Chesworth with being one of her best setters.

"Jordan did a nice job of getting to the ball and setting up several points," said Whitaker. "She'll only get better at that as we learn to communicate better

on the court. We kept up with Sweetwater in every game, but we let them get the best of us at the end of the match."

The Lady Steers will participate in their first tournament in Fairfield, just south of Dallas, starting Friday. When asked about why she chose a tournament that is 375 miles away, Whitaker gave two reasons — the chance for the girls to bond as a team and an opportunity to play several games against some of the state's top teams.

"It's a tournament that features several East Texas teams and some of them are state champions. There are going to be some good 3A and 4A teams there," explained Whitaker. "We're going to get to play eight or nine games against these teams, which is great because we need some game experience in a hurry."

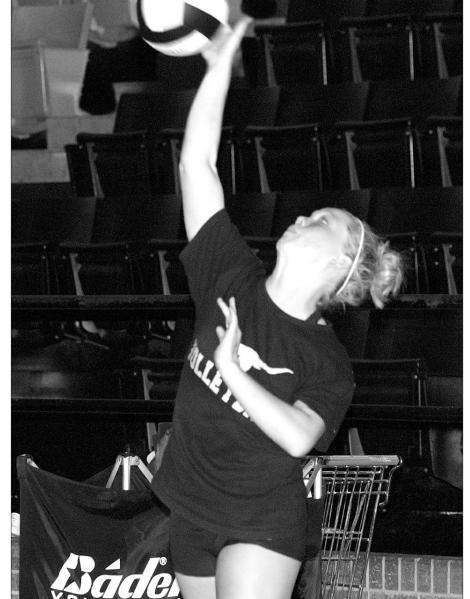
The Lady Steers will get the opportunity to play four games on Friday and another four or five games Saturday. They open with the hosting Fairfield Lady Eagles as their first opponent.

Unfortunately the Lady Steers will be without four players as the injury bug has recently bitten the team.

Senior Amanda Caskey tore her ACL, MCL and cartilage in one of her knees while play on an All-Star team in Hawaii this summer. Clarissa Carrisaliz injured her ankle during Big Spring's first scrimmage Friday in Midland and will be out for at least two weeks. Freshman Valerie Ross figures to contribute to the varsity squad this season, but an ankle injury is temporarily keeping her on the sidelines.

The injuries continued to pile up on the Lady Steers this week, when leading blocker Andrea Claxton broke her collar bone in Wednesday's practice.

"We're out with a bunch of injuries right now, but we're going to try to work past them." said Whitaker. "We started with eight seniors at the beginning of



HERALD photo/Jonathan Hull

Big Spring's Baylea Fox serves to teammates during Lady Steers volleyball practice Wednesday at the Big Spring Junior High. The Lady Steers will take part in a tournament in Fairfield Friday and Saturday.

right now. It's just going to be a learning process for the team."

Whitaker doesn't deny that the injuries could be a bit of a setback for a team that was already young.

"This is still going to be a building year," she said. "We're going to be a young team once again and we're even younger now thanks to these injuries. It might be another year or two

the season. We're down to five be more consistent every season."

> However, the injuries will not deter her from trying to reach the goals she has set for the volleyball program. She feels these injuries can be a great teaching tool, giving the team a chance to toughen up mentally.

"I want to build a solid program here, but it has to start with a change in attitude,'

until we can get to where we will See LADY STEERS, Page 2B

Romo turned down more money from Denver to be a Cowboy



MCT photo/Sharon M. Steinman/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Dallas Cowboys' Tony Romo drops back to pass in the second quarter against the Indianapolis Colts during a preseason football game Aug. 9 at Texas Stadium in Irving.

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Long before Tony Romo was a Pro Bowl quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, he was a rookie free agent who turned down twice as much money to sign with Denver.

Not even Broncos coach and fellow Eastern Illinois product Mike Shanahan could persuade Romo to go to Denver instead of Dallas in 2003.

"I tried to sign him very hard. I really liked him coming out of school," Shanahan Wednesday. "We offered him \$20,000 and (the Cowboys) offered him \$10,000. To show you my recruiting ability (they) beat me. ... That really disappointed me at that time."

Shanahan finally had the chance "not too long ago" to ask Romo why he went to Dallas.

"He said 'coach, I

thought I had a much better chance to make the team here than at your place," "Shanahan said. "So he's a politician as well."

At the time Shanahan was trying to get Romo, the Broncos had just signed free agent Jake Plummer to a \$40 million, seven-year deal and had Danny Kanell and Steve Beuerlein as the backup quarterbacks. The Cowboys had Quincy Carter and Hutchinson.

"It's never been about money," Romo said. "It's just about playing the game and having fun doing it. This was just a good situation. Denver was too. It really came down to Denver and Dallas. I think I made the right choice for right now." Shanahan and Romo

visited briefly Wednesday after the Broncos and

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LOCAL

Obituaries

SPC Braden J. Long



Sherman funeral services for SPC Braden Joseph Long will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19 at Waldo Funeral Home. Burial with full military honors will follow at Cedarlawn Memorial Park. Mr. Long passed away Saturday, Aug. 4 in Baghdad, Iraq while serving in the U.S. Army. He was 19.

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Braden was born Aug. 7, 1987, in Grand Prairie to Melanie and Bill Long III. He graduated from Sherman High

School in 2005 and married Teresa Duley on Nov. 4, 2005, in Sherman. Braden joined the U.S. Army and was deployed to Iraq in February 2007. Braden will be remembered for his love of cars. He was a Lutheran.

Braden is survived by his wife, Teresa of Big Spring; parents, Melanie Thrasher of Sherman and William "Bill" Long III of Arlington; one brother, William Long IV of Sherman; one sister, Michaela Thrasher of Sherman; grandparents, William Long Jr. of Florida, and William Euans, Susan Long and Shirley Dickinson, all of Ohio; one great-grandparent, William G. Long Sr.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18, at Waldo Funeral Home. The regisbook can be signed online waldofuneralhome.com.

Paid obituary

Charley Dunn



Charley Lee Dunn, of Midland, went to be with his Lord and Savior Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007.

He was born Feb. 7, 1923, in Colorado City to Charley Lee Dunn Sr. and Sarah Jessie Blalock Dunn. Charley served his country in the Navy during World War II. He married Rachel Margaret Milligan on Jan. 16, 1945, in Birmingham, England. After serving in the war they lived and worked in

Midland. Charley retired from Arco Pipeline after 40 years. Retiring at 60, he loved to garden and work in his orchard for the next 20 years. He was a past president of the Lions Club and served on the Greenwood School Board for 12 years. He enjoyed fishing at the coast, reading his Bible, gardening books, medical magazines and playing bridge. Charley enjoyed visiting with his grandchildren, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 62 years, Rachel "Rae" Dunn in April of 2007; son-in-law, Hugh Douglas Alderson; grandson, Jay David Dunn; granddaughter, Courtney Lee Moats; and great-grandchild, Jay Mark Stroud.

Charley is survived by his son, David M. Dunn and his wife, Carolyn, of Greenwood; daughters, Kathleen Alderson of Greenwood, Joy Armstrong and her husband, Wayne, of Big Spring, and Maureen Dunn of Midland; nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchil-

Charley's family would like to thank the staff of Hospice of Midland for the wonderful loving care he was given and the support they provided.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Thursday, Aug. 16, 2007 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy. in Midland. To place on-line condolences, visit www.mem.com.

Memorials may be directed to Grace Presbyterian Church, 2801 N. Garfield, Midland 79705 or Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, Midland 79701.

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Kenneth Merle Stroup

Kenneth Merle Stroup, 71, died Monday, Aug. 13, 2007, in Sheffield. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at Sheffield Cemetery with Bro. Jerry Fortune officiating.

Mr. Stroup was born Aug. 1, 1936, in Centerpoint. He married Betty Berry in 1958 in Lubbock. He served in

Survivors include his wife, Berry Stroup of Sheffield; sons Wendell Stroup of Sonora and Jay Stroup of Sheffield; daughter-in-law Carlene Stroup of Delta, Colo.; brothers Dan Stroup of Longview and Wayne Stroup of Big Spring; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Merle and Charlene Stroup.

Arrangements are under the direction of Memorial Funeral Home of Fort Stockton.

Velta Hiltbrunner

Velta Hiltbrunner, 87, of Big Spring died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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Maria Gloria Garcia



Maria Gloria Garcia, 63, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2007, at the Hospice House of Odessa. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, 2007, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Deacon Johnny Arguello, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park. A rosary will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born April 14, 1944, in Big Spring and married Vaudelio Yanez Garcia in August, 1960 in Big Spring.

Maria enjoyed cooking, shopping, and spending time with her family, especially the grandkids. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Vaudelio Yanez Garcia of Big Spring; her children, Vaudelio Garcia Jr. and wife Mary of Big Spring, Victor Garcia of Big Spring, Irene Lakey and husband Craig of Peralta, N.M., Valerio Garcia of Big Spring, Velen Esquivel and husband Michael of Big Spring, Vernor Garcia of Big Spring and Vergil Garcia of Big Spring; 14 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Maria Gloria Garcia and two sons, Victor Garcia and Veraldo

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

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Sheriff's report

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 55 inmates at the time of this report.

• CHRISTINE MICHELLE BEAM, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of bondsman off bond for possession of marijuana - two ounces or less and bondsman off bond for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice - giving false information.

• LAURA RODRIGUEZ GUTIERREZ, 35, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• ASHLEY COLEGROVE, 19, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on charges of no insurance and violation of a promise to appear.

• CAMILO MARTIN NIETO JR., 33, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of no liability insurance and driving while license suspended/invalid.

• JESSE LENDELL VANDERBILT, 22, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief, terroristic threats and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone.

• BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CLINTON, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off bond for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

• AMBER LEONOR DAVIS, 23, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• GUERRERO OLIVAS JR., 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping - failure to appear.

• JESSE DEAN CONTRERAS, 21, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.

• DAVID RIOS, 68, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on a Tom Green County warrant for indecency with a child.

• JUAN JOSE ULATE, 36, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday by the BSPD on an Ector County warrant for driving while intoxicated - third or more offense.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL was reported in the 3200 block of Parkway. One person was transported to SMMC. • TRAUMA was reported in the 1700 block of Gregg

Street. One person was transported to SMMC. • MEDICAL was reported in the 1100 block of E.

Sixth Street. Service refused. • TRASH FIRE was reported in the 1600 block of

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T0DAY

• Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.

· League of United Latin American Citizens LULAC Chapter 4791 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact John Ybarra at 264-1628. The public is invited.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m.

• TABENIA SUMMER, 31, of 608 Lancaster, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of theft.

• EARNEST CLARK, 67, of 4000 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxica-

• JACOB MARTINEZ, 19, of 1809 Nolan, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while license

CARL ROBER CURRIE, 30, of 903 Dallas, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• ALICE M. GONZALES, 35, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Thursday on a local warrant. • MICHAEL CRUZ SOTO, 20, of 607 Linda Lane,

was arrested Thursday on charges of interfering with an emergency phone call and assault Class C/family violence.

• **THEFT** was reported:

- in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

- in the 2500 block of Wasson Road.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa. - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.

- in the 400 block of Runnels.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place. CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 400

block of Westover Road. ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1900 block of Wasson.

• ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported in the 2500 block of Hunter.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-21-24-35-38-39. Number matching six of six: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) - Results of the Cash 5 drawing

Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-21-22-32.

Number matching five of five: 0.

AUSTIN (AP) - The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-7-7.

Tonight...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Friday...Cloudy with showers and thunderstorms

likely. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Not as warm. Highs in the lower 80s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent. Friday night...Cloudy with showers and thunder-

storms likely. Locally heavy rainfall possible. Lows in the upper 60s. East winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 60 percent. Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of

showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the

upper 60s. Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

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ENCOURAGING WORD



Collegiate and high school teams are working out. Recliners and remote controls are being checked out at home. I think it is incredible that so much time is spent getting ready for football season. More

Football season is almost here. Training camps are in full swing on the professional level.

time is spent on the practice field than in the game itself. The number of hours invested in the weight room, film room and training room far exceeds the amount spent in front of cheering fans.

Maybe we can learn a basic lesson for life. If we are really going to make wise decisions and treat people in a godly way, we better invest time in personal prayer and Bible study. We need to devote time to building faith, encouraging family and blessing church members prior to taking the field at work and school. Failure to do so may result in a lot of fum bles, penalties and losses in the game of life.

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COWBOYS

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Cowboys' practiced together at the Vallev Ranch facility, and will see plenty of each other this week.

"We were just catching up on football stuff, seeing what's going on," Romo said.

After two practices Wednesday in the sweltering heat, Denver and Dallas will work together in two more sessions Thursday. They then play preseason game Saturday night at Texas Stadium.

Romo isn't the only Cowboys player that might have been on the other side this week.

When Terrell Owens was a free agent last year, the first team he visited was Denver — not Dallas, which gave him a \$25 million, three-year deal. T.O. even went to Shanahan's home.

"Yeah, there was an opportunity there. ... Denver was the first team that kind of stepped up to the plate to consider me being part of their organization," said Owens, adding he's not sure how

close a deal ever came with Denver. "It was a good visit. I was very pleased with it."

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Before Brad Johnson signed a three-year deal to be Romo's backup, he also visited and considered signing with Denver.

"I didn't feel like I could go wrong either way," Johnson said. "I've taken five or six visits the last couple of years. That one blew me away."

Plummer is gone from Denver. Rookie Jay Cutler took over as the Broncos starter with five games left after Plummer had struggled all last sea-

Romo waited 3 1/2 seasons — and for former coach Bill Parcells to try to squeeze more time out of aging quarterbacks Vinny Testaverde and Drew Bledsoe — before he finally threw his first NFL pass in October.

"I try not to look back and say coulda, shoulda and woulda," Romo said. "There are times I thought in the four years before I started playing that if I had gone somewhere else, I maybe could have been on the field sooner. I think everything happens for a reaAfter replacing Bledsoe

as the starter last season, Romo won five of his first six starts and beat eventual Super Bowl champion Indianapolis when the Colts were 9-0.

But he finished 1-4 after botching the hold on a short go-ahead field goal attempt in a first-round playoff loss at Seattle.

Still, Romo was a Pro Bowler in his first halfseason and led the NFC with a 65-percent completion percentage (220 of 337 passes).

"He's a football player. You can see it, the way he handles himself, the confidence level," Shanahan said. "He reads defenses extremely well, has a great sense of timing. He'll be a great quarterback for a lot of years."

Had Shanahan been able to persuade him four years ago, Romo might be starting for Denver now.

"It's good for us, I know that," Cowboys coach Wade Phillips said. "I'd hate to be looking at him on the other side.'

Notes: Both teams appeared to be on their best behavior. "It was too hot to fight," Phillips said.

RANGERS

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Gobble's throwing error, after Gobble fired wide on an attempt to pick off Jarrod Saltalamacchia at first.

The Royals scored the game's first run in the third on a wild rundown gone awry.

With Pena at first, David DeJesus singled to right and outfielder Cruz threw to Young, the cutoff man at shortstop, who fired to first and got DeJesus in a rundown. Second baseman Kinsler chased DeJesus back to first, then threw to third and got Pena in a rundown.

After tagging Pena at home, catcher Gerald Laird threw to second in an attempt to get DeJesus. Laird's throw was off target and ended up in the outfield, allowing DeJesus to score easily from second.

Notes: Kinsler set a career high for homers, surpassing the 14 he hit last season. ... Texas has won five of its last seven. ... Padilla also had eight strikeouts in a start last Aug. 27 against Oakland. His career high is 11 for

aces. Alesha Yankez and Taryn Kennedy cotrolled the setting for spikers Gabby Fierro, Partricia Morales and Feaster. ... The junior varsity team also lost two sets to one — 20-25, 25-16, 20-25. ... Both teams will be in action Saturday against Snyder's Lady Tigers at Big Spring Junior High. The freshmen start at 1 p.m. with the junior varsity beginning at approximately

Philadelphia against Cincinnati on April 14, 2002. ... Meche is 2-6 for

> Indians 5, Tigers 2

The Cleveland Indians haven't even been close to playing their best baseball and they're still tied for the lead in the AL Central.

his career in Arlington.

Fausto Carmona struck out a career-high 10 and finally got his 14th win as the Indians beat Detroit 5-2 on Wednesday night to snap a four-game losing streak, split the two-game series and regain a share of the division lead with the Tigers.

Franklin Gutierrez hit a two-run homer for Cleveland, which is 14-18 since the All-Star break.

"It feels like we've been fighting ourselves out there," closer Joe Borowski said. "It was good to see different guys contribute. I hope that's an indication of things to come."

Carmona (14-7) allowed one earned run and four hits in eight innings. He snapped a personal threegame losing streak, a skid during which the Indians scored just two runs, by getting his first win since beating Boston 1-0 on July

"Whew, Carmona was something," Tigers third baseman Brandon Inge said. "First of all, he has an incredible sinker, but he's throwing a slider and changeup for strikes, too. All night, I saw one, maybe two pitches up in the zone. Everything else was on the black or at the knees — and with movement.'

Cleveland has won five of its last 18 home games after starting the season 33-13 at Jacobs Field.

The Tigers and Indians, who have moved in and out of first place the past few weeks, will play six more times.

Cleveland visits Detroit from Aug. 21-23, and the Tigers return Cleveland from Sept. 17-

"You have to put a lot more stock in a game like this," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "This was a big win for us.'

Gutierrez hit a two-run homer in the second off Jair Jurrjens (0-1), a 21year-old right-hander who was called up from Double-A Erie to make his major league debut. The first native of Curacao to pitch in the majors, Jurrjens gave up four runs and five hits in seven innings.

"I was in a fantasy world," Jurrjens said. "This was the first time my dad saw me pitch (as a professional). He has the best two-seamer in the game."

LADY STEERS

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Whitaker explained. "It's not that we have an attitude problem, but that we get down on ourselves too easily. We lack the mental toughness that it takes to play the game."

It'll take more than just practicing during the season to build the program up, according Whitaker. The players have shown a commitment to the game, but Whitaker says more playing opportunities against stronger levels of competition have to be provided.

"A lot of the girls came up to the gym and played a lot of volleyball this summer, but it takes more than just playing," she said. "The biggest thing we need during the summer for volleyball here is a club team. Bigger city teams have an advantage on us there because they participate in all these club teams. That's something we need to get started here."

Notes: The Lady Steers freshman and junior varsity teams also played their first games of the season Tuesday against Sweetwater. The freshman team dropped its match two sets to one — 19-25, 27-25, 11-25. Belle Feaster served eight

2:30 p.m.

Contact Sports Editor Jonathan Hull by calling him at 263-7331, ext. 237, or by e-mailing him at sports@bigspringherald.com.

BRIEFS

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YMCA volleyball league sign-ups

The Big Spring youth Volleyball League is now accepting sign-ups fo girls and boys in grades 4-6 to play at the YMCA.

Registration fee is \$45 and financial assistance is available for those who qualify. Players can register until Aug. 30.

A coaches meeting is also scheduled for Aug. 30. Teams begin practice Sept. 4.

For more information, call the YMCA at 267-8234.

Hunter education class scheduled

The next hunter education class in Big Spring will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Chamber of Commerce office. Classes start at 8 a.m. both days.

Cost is \$15 per student. All persons born after Sept. 1, 1971 are required to have hunter education before they can legally hunt in Texas. All states have some sort of hunter education class and have a reciprocal agreement with the state of Texas.

Students must be at least 12 years old at the time of the class.

For more information or to register, call Steve Poitevint at 264-7033, preferably in the evening.

Meet the Steers on Aug. 25

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be hosting a Meet the Steers event at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Memorial Stadium.

The public is invited to get a first glimpse at this year's Steer football

teams.

All players from junior high to varsity will be introduced.

Steers season ticket public sales set

Big Spring High School will make 2007 Steer football season ticket available to the general public starting Wednesday. Potential buyers will have until Aug. 22 to make their purchase.

Tickets can be bought at the Athletic Training Center Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4

Call Kay Cook at 264-3662 with any questions.

Country club to host over-80 golf tourney

The Big Spring Country Club is hosting an over-80 scramble tournament starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

The format is a 2-person team with combined ages the teammates required to equal 80 or higher.

The tournament is to benefit the Big Spring Shrine Club and will conclude Sunday.

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Extra Chance

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. **NORTH ↑** K Q 5 **♥** A K 8 4 ♦ K Q 7 2 **♣**63 WEST ♠ 10 8 7 6 4 2 **♥**J 10 7 3 **♣**K Q 10 8 SOUTH

The bidding:
West North 1 ♥ East Pass Pass 4 NT Pass Pass Pass Opening lead six of spades. Squeezes are thought of by most

as the exclusive province of the

expert, but in truth, the great major-

ity of squeezes are not very difficult Take this case from a duplicate game. Most of the North-South pairs wound up in three notrump played by North, making five after East led the king of clubs. At one table, however, North-South bid aggressively to reach six diamonds, a shaky contract at best. Even after West led a spade to East's ace, establishing dummy's K-Q, it appeared that the slam depended on a 3-3 heart split. But there was another possibility that did not require doing anything particularly fancy, and exploited it to the fullest. and declarer

After taking the ace of spades, East shifted to the king of clubs South won, drew two rounds of trumps ending in dummy and discarded the 7-2 of clubs on the K-Q of spades. Many players would have tested the hearts at this point, or might have cashed two more trumps before trying the hearts. When the suit failed to divide, they would have

gone down one.

But the actual South saw that no harm could come from cashing all his remaining trumps — including the last one — before playing the Q-K-A of hearts. The worst that could happen would be that he would lose the last trick if the hearts did not divide evenly. The advantage in doing this was that if either opponent most likely East in this case had four or more hearts as well as the queen of clubs, that opponent would not be able to discard successfully when the last diamond was cashed.

When this proved to be the case the slam came rolling home. In practice, East discarded the queen of clubs on South's last diamond, hop-ing his partner had the jack, but he was a goner whatever he elected to

The deal illustrates perhaps the most fundamental principle of the majority of squeezes — that when you have all the tricks but one, you must cash your side winners, including all of your trumps, for the squeeze to work.

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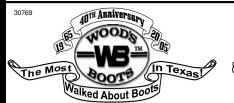
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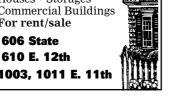
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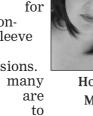
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THE CITY of Coahoma is now accepting bids for the following used vehicle until 400 p.m. on August 20, 2007:

1) 2000 - 1/2 Ton Chevrolet Pickup To inquire more information on the above vehicle, please contact John Wayne Metcalf at 394-4287 or 270-1297.

All bids may be brought by Coahoma City Hall at 122 N. 1st, Coahoma or mailed to Coahoma City Hall, P.O. Box 420. Coahoma. Texas 79511. The City of Coahoma reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids submitted for this notice.

really needed. Listen

with an open heart. TAURUS (April 20-May

You're more sensitive than usual. You'd like it if others were quieter, better listeners and quicker on the uptake of your requests. Quality time to yourself will restorative.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're learning the art of brinksmanship. What seems extreme could be your best solution. You have such conviction in your heart that you forget to worry about consequences.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Everyone agrees with vou, except maybe vou. There's a time to be selfcritical — ultimately that's how you improve — but this isn't that time. Hop on your own side. Make a case for vourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you see the value in a thing you can't help but sell it. You'll make a fantastic buyer, agent or

Legals

HOWARD COUNTY **PUBLIC NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET INCREASES**

Section I52.013 of the Local Government Code requires the commissioners court set the salary, expenses, and other allowances of elected county officers. The County is required to publish notice of any salaries, expenses, or allowances that are proposed to be increased and the amount of the proposed increases .There are no planned salary increases in the 2007-08 budget; however, officials will receive the normal increase in longevity (\$10 a month for each year of service) and fringe benefits. Expenses proposed to be increased

JP 1-1 travel increase of \$500, books \$50; JP 2-1 office supplies \$25, building utilities \$500, misc. \$25; County Attorney law books \$1500; County Clerk remote certification \$400; County Judge travel \$1750; Tax Assessor Collector printing \$3000, website \$9000; Sheriff machine maintenance \$2450, telephone \$3713; Constable Travel \$1000; District Judge law books \$250.

A budget hearing will be conducted August 27, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Court-2nd floor of the Courthouse 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Tx. Any taxpayer may attend and participate in the hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection at the Office of County Auditor, Courthouse 2nd floor, Big Spring, Tx. Jackie Olson

County Auditor #5476 August 16, 2007

Tomorrow's Horoscope

promoter. Scorpio and Libra people are honored to call you "friend."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When working hard, it's better to look ahead not sideways. It doesn't do any good to compare yourself to those performing a similar task. Rest assured, no one is doing exactly what you're doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. bustling Α environmentrequires you to stay alert, know when to assert yourself and when to dodge. Whatever happens good or not so good your best interests are being served.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You get what you expect. So keep those expectations high, and more importantly, let the people around you know exactly what they are. A Leo person in particular won't disappoint. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-

Dec. 21). A full life includes spending special time with friends. Develop connections that make you actually want to put a high value on friendship. (If you wonder where you'll find the time, your priorities need work.)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Once you find work that resonates with you, it makes no sense to waste your time on anything that doesn't. Tonight: Communication may get foiled. Repeat yourself, and write things down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The past must be faced — again. You're the one who benefits from the ability to forgive and forget. Singles wonder whether they'll ever be able to find fulfillment and love. Don't lose hope.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March Wonderful 20). accomplishments can come of partners who disagree. So don't be afraid of tension. Take it as an indicator of how comfortable you really are with someone. ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "I was born March 6, 1955, and my partner was born Dec. 9, 1953. He's an alcoholic and our relationship teeters. I care about him, but realize it'll never work. I'm confused because he says he loves me, but his demeanor shows different (verbally, mentally abusive). believe I deserve to be happy. What can I do to gently say goodbye?" You don't

tenderness; you need courage. You've taken the first step by writing me. Your next is to set a date for yourself — the day you loved yourself enough to leave. Then write it down on your calendar and tell it to your friends so they can support you by holding you to it. After that, make a timeline with steps, action countdown. If you're living together, you'll need a place to stay —

start looking in week one, and so on. As a Pisces, you've given him tons of your tenderness already. Your challenge is to unwaveringly stick to your commitment to be loved in the way you deserve. Do this by taking bite-sized practical (not overwhelming) steps toward your future. Here's my pick for your emancipation date: Sept.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: There's a theory in astrology that the people who create great things in life have a chart that demonstrates challenge, because obstacles shape character and life direction. If so, Madonna definition — proving blond ambition can break any so-called rule. It's also a fitting notion for chameleonesque this star, whose hardworking Virgo side relentlessly perfects her craft.

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Annie's Mailbox ® Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been married 32 years to the same wonderful man whom I love very much. We have kids and grandkids and are moderately well off.

A few months ago, I walked into our home office, and my husband was reading an e-mail. As soon as he saw me, he closed the computer. A few minutes later, I had to walk into his office again, and the same thing happened. When confronted him, he said the e-mail was from "Sally," his secretary from his previous job (which he left five years ago). He assured me it was nothing.

Sally lives 700 miles away and has never married, although she has a 20-year-old son. She bought my husband an expensive birthday gift and had it sent to his office, which he failed to mention until I saw it. A few nights ago, I ran across some e-mails that Sally sent. She called my husband "Sweetie" and said she missed him. She also told him she was going on vacation not far from us and might visit. When I asked husband if he ever contacted Sally, he said yes, but it was a long time ago, about problems from his previous job. But the next day, I found e-mails he had recently sent her. One said he was heading out of town on business soon and it might be a good time to talk.

This whole ordeal has really shaken my marital foundation, and I am a wreck. My husband asked if I wanted him to stop communicating with her, and although the answer is yes, how can I ever be sure it's the truth? I feel like a fool, and he's giving me the runaround. What should I do? **Emotionally Stressed** Dear Stressed: Closing

the computer when you walk into the room is a



MARCY SUGAR

sure sign your husband is hiding something. We don't know how serious a relationship this is (or was), but you are entitled to find out. Insist that vour husband come with you for marriage counseling. Your doctor or clergyperson can refer you to someone.

Dear Annie: Several weeks ago, my friend, "Jessica," asked my sister and me out to lunch. Jessica said she We would pay. understood that she was treating us.

After the bill was put on the table, my sister picked it up and paid it. Later (at home), my sister told me I owed her half. I say I do not.

I think my sister should have let Jessica pay it, since she issued the invitation and offered to pay. What do you say? — Virginia

Dear Virginia: Jessica should have picked up the tab. If your sister decided to treat everyone, fine, but she should not be billing you after the fact. However, if you want to avoid a sibling fight, you can offer to give her the cost of your meal. Dear Annie: This is for

"Angie," the 65-year-old active, attractive widow who has her own business, sings and couldn't find men through an online dating service. As a retired insurance investigator and friend to two other

women who experienced the same problem, I found an answer that was helpful to us.

A lot of men our age are not as "alive" as we are. In a nutshell, they like the facade of being "out there," but fear getting into a relationship with someone they cannot keep up with mentally or physically.

Annie, you are correct meeting personally is a good way to go. My friends and I started up a city-wide singles group church backing. One of us already found her dream guy, and my other friend and I are still looking, but definitely experiencing. In our singles group, people have found a safe place to have fun, dates and friendship without having to buy into the more threatening aspects of society's expectations for a relationship. Mary

Dear Mary: We suspect guys your age might disagree that they are not as "alive," but we think starting your own singles group was a great idea.

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The Big Spring landscape near the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark makes a befitting backdrop for this hang glider pilot as he ascends during Wednesday round of in competition Federation Aeronautique Internationale World Hang Gliding Championships. Hungary's Attila Bertok currently leads the standings with 5,485 points, followed by Robert Reisinger of Austria with 5,385 points and Gerolf Heinrichs, also from Austria, with 5,337 points.

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BERTOK

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but we don't want to make it too easy, either."

A world renown hang gliding pilot himself, Bertok takes great pride in the sport, as well as its early origins, which are tied firmly to his home-

"It really depends on the country because of the different financial backgrounds," said Bertok.
"The flying can be very different from country to I'm country. from Hungary and that's the country I'm flying for in this meet.

"Hungary was one of the pioneer countries of hang gliding. Hang gliding is basically just a byproduct of space retrieval systems, designed as an alternative to parachutes to return the space ships to Earth. It was easily adaptable to carry man, and since that time it has become very popular in many different countries.'

Bertok began hang glid-

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attached buckles, cowboy

or hiking boots, caps,

coats, diapers, dresses,

gloves, jeans, jogging

apparel, neckties, paja-

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without belts, climbing,

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ing when he was only 15 years old, and has been taking to the skies ever since.

"When I was in high school there was an advertisement for hang gliding, and I had heard about it but I didn't know exactly what it was," he said. "I signed up and have been involved with the sport from then on.

"To me, hang gliding is as close as you can get to what it feels like to be a bird," he added. "It's as close as you'll ever be to nature. It's very similar in ways of thinking to gliding, except you're a lot more connected."

Bertok said the championship meet, which began last week and continues through Saturday, has gone smoothly, with flying conditions offering pilots some of the best flying anywhere in the world.

"The meet is going excellent. We've only had one small accident, which didn't hurt the pilot too badly," said Bertok. "The organization is super and the meet director is really on top of his game.

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Everything has been going very smoothly."

So, what is the secret to holding on to the first place position among such stiff competition? According to Bertok, it's all about living in the moment.

"There's really secret," he said with a gentle laugh. "You just go out there and do the very best you can. It's a lot like playing tennis. You want to win the match, but you have to think about the next shot, and that's real-

no ly all you can do. It's not something you can preplan."

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Mable Wilson, 77, died Monday. **Funeral** Services will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

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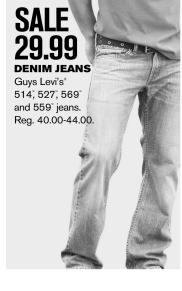
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OUR VIEWS

Is the rollback rate really what county needs?

oward County commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with a 2007-2008 tax rate of 42.3974 cents per \$100 valuation Monday while still struggling with a proposed budget that features a projected shortfall.

In fact, commissioners may well be looking at shortfalls for the next several years given their current decision to set the tax rate to the so-called "rollback rate."

While none of us likes the prospect of paying higher taxes, it is logical to wonder whether commissioners are making a wise decision at setting a 42.3974-cent tax rate that will fall short of funding a budget that requires the elimination of 14 jobs — eight full-time positions and six part-time posts — and has absolutely no cushion.

The effective tax rate for fiscal 2008 — the rate that would collect the same amount collected this past year — is 39.3005 cents per \$100 valuation. according to County Auditor Jackie Olson.

That effective rate simply won't adequately fund county coffers for the coming fiscal year, but neither will the rollback rate.

Commissioners have set public hearings to consider the budget and tax rate for Aug. 27 and

Clearly, the proposed tax rate will help the court avoid the possibility of a rollback election, but is that really the responsible thing for commissioners to do.

Having already seen what effect a large, unexpected expense (closure of the county jail) can have, why would commissioners intentionally set a budget and tax rate they know will be insufficient?

It would seem the commissioners court could take the same approach the Big Spring City Council has adopted for the coming year — planning for a budget and tax rate that fills its needs, even though it surpasses the rollback rate.

While the county's voters have seemed resistant to jail bond issues, that doesn't necessarily mean they would demand a rollback if the court effectively explains why a higher tax rate is necessary.

To our way of thinking, the commissioners should set a tax rate that would generate the money needed to effectively operate the county's business for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

After all, what do they have to lose?

Should the county's voters petition for a rollback election and vote against a proposed rate, the county would still have a tax rate set at 42.3974 cents per \$100 valuation.

Then if something unexpected occurs, like another closure of the county jail or an expensive capital murder trial — a couple of possibilities that would all but bankrupt the county — commissioners will have done the responsible thing and Howard County's voters will have only themselves to blame.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

If someone is too contrary for us to deal with, Lord, may we walk away and say a prayer for them.

Amen

Overhyped 'Meet the Press' debate

he much ballyhooed debate on "Meet the Press" between former Congressman Harold Ford Jr. and Markos Moulitsas, publisher of the liberal Daily Kos website, was instructive for what it revealed about both the divisions in the Democratic Party and the underlying disingenuousness of both factions.

Ford was defending the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC), an organization that holds itself out as centrist, urges the Democratic Party to move in that direction, and proudly claims former President Bill Clinton as its most honored member. Moulitsas



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was there to represent the more leftist wing of the party, which has used his website to increase its influence.

Ford sounded reasonable on the surface, touting the successes of the Clinton record and attributing those to DLC ideas.

But in the end, Ford's message was garbled.

He said that to win national elections "you have to cross three hurdles." You must prove your "strength and trustworthiness on national security," that your values are in line with mainstream America and that you are trustworthy on "taxes, economic and fiscal policy."

So far so good. But how does that differ from the Republican platform? How does it square with what any national Democratic officeholders, save Sen. Joseph Lieberman, advocate?

Looking deeper into the issues, Democrats still lack credibility on national security given their obstruction and incoherence on the Iraq war and their opposition to most measures aimed at bolstering our security, including terrorist surveillance, terrorist financial tracking, tough interrogation techniques and refusing to negotiate with terrorists.

While liberals boast that their values more closely mirror those of mainstream Americans, they know better, which is why they're always double-tongued in this area.

They trash "values voters" with one tongue and court them with the other. They play word games, using "choice" and making abortion "safe, legal and rare" to conceal their real agenda.

There is also a disconnect on their tax policy. They say they're for balanced budgets, but if they had their way legislatively — if President Clinton had had his way — they would spend us into obliv-

ion. And their rigid prejudices won't allow them to acknowledge that supply-side tax cuts have reduced the deficit and improved the economic condition of all income groups.

So while the DLC is less liberal than most influential Democrats, they aren't as moderate as they would have us believe.

They just want to sound more conservative to fool the electorate, which they believe, even if Moulitsas' "netroots" (Internet grass roots) don't, is center right.

Tellingly, Ford himself characterizes the DLC's positions as "progressive," which we all know is a euphemism for "liberal." Regardless of whether Ford wants to pretend "progressive" means "conservative light," most of his fellow Democrats clearly understand it to mean "liberal," but without the negative connotations.

Either way, we're witnessing sophisticated obfuscation from the

Moulitsas' message was equally odd, but for different reasons. He, too, started off sounding reasonable, criticizing milquetoast Democrats like those of the DLC for "blurring the distinctions" between the parties, not being "proud Democrats" and attacking fellow Democrats.

But after issuing these admoni-

tions he proceeded to violate most of them himself. Though he decried the DLC for attacking Democrats, he has been relentless in attacking the main Democrat out there, Hillary Clinton, as well as Democrats in the DLC.

Moulitsas said the election "had nothing to do with being centrist or liberal or conservative." He even brushed back host David Gregory for trying to get him to talk about issues. Throwing in a dash of Perot populism, he said this wasn't about him and what he thought about the issues, but the millions of netroots who have found a voice on his website. I wonder how long he'd stick to that nonsense if conservative netroots invaded his website and began advocating conservative causes. Plus, if it isn't about issues, why does he trash the DLC for "blurring distinctions"?

Indeed, Moulitsas unwittingly acknowledged the silliness of his denial of interest in issues when he uttered the glaring non sequitur that the 2006 Democratic victory "had to do with standing tall for core progressive (read: liberal) principles."

Translation: Moulitsas doesn't care about liberalism or issues on the one hand, but they are all that really matter to him on the other. At least there's one thing these Democratic factions have in common: their use of the "P" word to disguise their respective agendas.

The only discernible message from this so-called debate was that for all the Republicans' political difficulties, Democrats are still divided and their various factions are all afraid to be honest about their core beliefs, except for their unifying disdain for President Bush and Republicans.

Perhaps they can all feast for a while on Karl Rove's resignation.

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Don't let your child go into journalism

he New York Times reports a new and shocking trend at universities: They're charging extra for courses in lucrative fields, business for example. That's not the shocking part. Universities have always charged more for graduate courses in fields that promised students higher paychecks when they got out of school. Moving

the practice over to undergraduate education is merely an extension of that.

The shocking part is that Arizona State University is charging a \$250-per-semester premium for courses in journalism.

DONALD KAUL

What do they charge for courses in buggy whip manufacture, \$500? Journalism, in case you haven't

noticed, is in a state of rapidly accelerating decline. It has become obsolescent, which is the term economists use instead of "Dead Man Walking."

The latest signpost on journalism's road to oblivion is last week's sale of the Wall Street Journal to Rupert Murdock. Rupert Murdock! Is nothing

The Wall Street Journal is one of the crown jewels of American journalism. Despite an editorial page that has yet to enter the 20th century let alone the 21st, it has been a beacon of excellence in a sea of mediocrity. It collects Pulitzer Prizes by the bushel.

Rupert Murdock is an Australian who entered the news business

through the medium of supermarket tabloids, the kind that interview space aliens. He owns and directs the Fox News franchise. Enough said.

A.J. Liebling, one of the great press critics of the post-World War II period, once wrote, "A newspaperman's life is like the plot of 'Black Beauty.' Sometimes he finds a kind master who gives him a dry stall and an occasional bran mush in the form of a Christmas bonus, sometimes he falls into the hands of a mean owner who drives him in spite of spavins and expect him to live on potato peelings."

So too with newspapers, apparently. The Wall Street Journal is the corporate version of Black Beauty. Off his record, Murdock is that mean owner.

It's not as though it's a new trend of course. When I entered the business some 50 years ago there were dozens of papers throughout the country with a legitimate claim to distinction. Now there is a meager handful and hardly one of them can honestly claim to be as good as it used to be.

Newspapers always had to walk a line between being a successful business and an institution that served its community "without fear or favor." As ownership has become more corporate the emphasis has shifted from the journalism function to profits.

Then there's television. Television was a stepsister to print journalism 50 years ago. Television producers used to read newspapers to find out where to send their cameras. By the time I quit fulltime writing, it was the ink-stained wretches who were trailing the TV people, although they hated to admit it.

And now, God save us all, we have the Internet, which has not merely damaged journalism it has atomized it. It turns on its head the old journalism slogan: "You are entitled to your own opinion, but not to your own set of facts.' On the Internet there is no distinction between fact and opinion. In that atmosphere, there is no such thing as journalism.

And that is the world that Arizona State is charging extra to prepare its graduates to enter.

If I were running a big university (and I'm available, by the way) I would forget journalism and institute a premium course in handymanship.

You remember handymen, those Jacks (and now Jills) of all trades who could do little jobs around the house? We live in a society where hardly anyone other than a farmer can do those things anymore. There is a great need out there for people who can fix toilets, caulk showers, hang doors, repair screens, sharpen knives, change water filters, make sliding doors slide and fix doorbells. For a reasonable price.

A person with skills like that could clean up.

Are you listening, Arizona State?

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price range. While ownership is a very unlikely scenario on the salary of a mild mannered reporter, testing the XKR sure has been a

week to remember.

Constructed on an aluminum monocoque body structure — which makes for a lighter, stiffer vehicle for improved agility and handling — the XKR is powered by a supercharged 4.2-liter V-8 engine that cranks out 420 horses and a 0-60 mph time of 4.9 seconds. It's fast.

Really fast.

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Sure, it's a premium luxury sports car filled with all kinds of bells and whistles such as keyless entry and start, advanced touchscreen control and active front lighting.

But hey, for \$92,500, what else would you expect. The actual MSRP of the test vehicle was

\$96,010 (which included the optional Alpine premium audio system, Denso **DVD**-based navigation and Bluetooth wireless connectivity telephone system).

BY NEAL WHITE While the extra ameni-

> ties were nice — and the super plush luxury appointments and soft grain leather seats were very nice — we can't lose focus on the fact this is a high-performance, great handling sports car.

> Sure, the back seat is a back seat in name only and Jaguar isn't fooling anyone by claiming the XKR Convertible seats four, but who cares?

> If you've got the dough, this car is the way to go — as long as you only want to take along one other person.

The back seat does make a nice place to stow a few more pieces of luggage.

The XKR comes with a four-year/50,000-mile new vehicle warranty with Jaguar Assistance benefits which include Roadside Assistance, trip interruption/emergency travel expense benefits and complimentary scheduled maintenance throughout the first year of ownership.

And I almost forgot. the rear-wheel drive XKR is also available in a coupe.

I was having so much fun with the top down I



The 2007 Jaguar XKR Convertible.

nearly forgot. Standard safety features on the XKR Convertible include security system with remote central locking; front side, head-chest, seatmounted driver and passenger airbags and dual front airbags; whiplash reduction system; and roll-over protection system, to name a few.

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down performance, the XKR convertible is an absolute must test drive.

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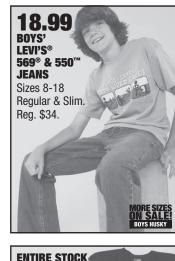
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Area youth raising funds as mascot

Westbrook High School junior Kingslee King, mascot for the Wildcats, is attempting to raise funds to participate in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the pre-game performance at the Citrus Bowl in Orlando, Fla.

Kingslee attended an all star cheer camp in San Angelo in June. A plaque was presented to him by the University Cheer Association, honoring him for being a leader on and off the field. The UCA judged Kingslee's performance as so outstanding it suggested he pursue being a mascot in college. He won Camp Champ and received a trophy and superior ribbons.

He has raised money through bake sales, garage sales and barbecues in order to make the trip to Orlando in December.

He is a piano student of Sallie Wilson, who will host a garage and The address is 2607 Rebecca Drive in



Kingslee King

bake sale at her home all day Friday. Big Spring. All donations will be appre-

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Friends of Library need books for sale

Herald Staff Report

The Friends of the Howard County Library are requesting donations for a book sale.

"We want nice, used books," Howard County Library Hollis McCright said. "We don't want books that look like they've been out in the chicken barn. We also ask that people do not donate Reader's Digest books, National Georgraphics or magazines.'

McCright asks that the donated books be boxed, if at all possible and that they be brought to the library during normal

business hours.

The book sale will be held Sept. 14 through Sept. 16 in the library base-

The Friends of the Library is a nonprofit organization which provides supplemental support for the libary. Its most recent project has been the summer reading program.

For more information on the book sale, contact the library at 264-2260.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Library should stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 annually, beginning in April.





2007 Property Tax Rates in City Of Big Spring

This notice concerns 2007 property tax rates for City of Big Spring. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

property)

Last year's operating taxes	\$2,914,324
Last year's debt taxes	\$260,144
Last year's total taxes	\$3,174,468
Last year's tax base	\$443,175,764
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.7163/\$10

<u>This year's effective tax rate:</u>

Last year's adjusted taxes

÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)

(after subtracting taxes on lost

\$0.659102 /\$100

\$479,950,553

\$3,163,366

= This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit pubishes notices and holds hearings.)

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

Sales tax adjustment rate = Effective tax rate

This year's rollback tax rate:

Description of Debt

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent

\$4,216,810 health care expenditures) \$479,950,553 ÷ This year's adjusted tax base \$0.878593 /\$100 = This year's effective operating rate x 1.08 = this year's maximum\$0.948880 /\$100 operating rate

+ This year's debt rate \$0.301437 /\$100 \$1.250317 /\$100 = This year's total rollback rate

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

\$0.272497/\$100 Sales tax adjustment rate = Rollback tax rate \$0.977820/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease If City of Big Spring adopts a 2007 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.659102 per \$100 of

value, taxes would increase compared to 2006 taxes by \$406. <u>Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances</u>

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation. **Balance** \$4,120,655

to be Paid

Type of Property Tax Fund M&O (General Fund) I&S-2002 Refunding G.O. Bonds 11,212 I&S-2007 Series G.O. Bonds 92,815 I&S-2007 Certificates of Obligation 3,670

Principal or

Contract Payment

Schedule B - 2007 Debt Service

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

General Obligation Bonds	to be Paid from Property Taxes	from Property Taxes	to be Paid	·	
2002 Refunding Series	\$220,000	\$13,200	\$500	\$233,700	
2007 Series	\$150,000	\$961,046	\$500	\$1,111,546	
Certificates of Obligations 2007 Series	\$6,273	\$29,281	\$250	\$35,804	
Total required for 2007 - Amount (if any) paid from - Amount (if any) paid from - Excess collections last y = Total to be paid from ta Amount added in anticiny + collect only 95% of its taxe		\$1,381,050 \$0 \$0 \$1,635 \$1,379,415 \$72,601			
= Total Debt Levy	\$1,452,016				

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

(For hospital districts, cities and counties with additional sales tax to reduce property taxes) In calculating its effective and rollbck tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,312,605 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main (County Annex)

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Amounts

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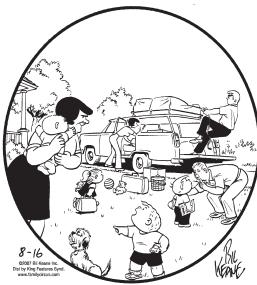
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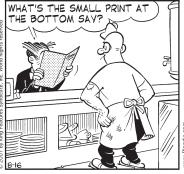
"If you find any toys we left behind, Grandma, that's OK – you can play with them."

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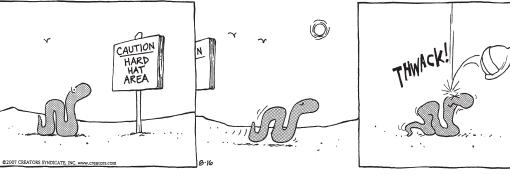






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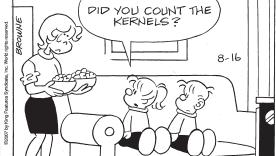






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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2007. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 16, 1977, Elvis died at his Presley Graceland estate Memphis, Tenn., at age 42. On this date:

In 1777, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President James Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1956, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1960, Britain ceded control of the crown colony of Cyprus.

In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit.

In 1987, thousands of people worldwide began a twoday celebration of the "harmonic convergence," which heralded what believers called the start of a new, purer age of humankind.

In 2000, delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles formally nominated Al Gore for president.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Fess Parker is 83. Actress Ann Blyth is 79. Actor Robert Culp is Sportscaster Frank Gifford is 77. Singer Eydie Gorme is 76. Actress Julie Newmar is 74. Actor John Standing is 73. Actor Gary Clarke is 71. Actress Anita Gillette is 71. Actress Carole Shelley is 68. Country singer Billy Joe Shaver is 68. Movie director Bruce Beresford is 67. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Squirrel" Lester (The Chi-Lites) is 65. Actor

Bob Balaban is 62. Ballerina Suzanne Farrell is 62. Actress Lesley Ann Warren is 61. Rock singer-musician Joey Spampinato (NRBQ) is Actor Reginald

VelJohnson is 55. TV personality Kathie Lee Gifford is 54. Rhythm-and-blues singer J.T. Taylor is 54. Movie director James Cameron is 53. Actor Jeff Perry is 52. Rock musician Tim Farriss (INXS) is 50. Singer Madonna is 49. Actress Angela Bassett is 49. Actress Laura Innes is 48. Actor Timothy Hutton is 47. Actor Steve Carell is 44. Actor Donovan Leitch is 39.

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Answer to previous puzzle DOD

Newsday Crossword

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- 6 Antidrug cop
- **10** Deep black
- 15 Dept. of Labor branch
- 19 Level
- 21 Thom of
- 23 Fall birthstone
- 25 Sullen
- 30 Interrogationroom feature
- 35 Isaiah follower
- 42 Filmed again
- 48 Young tough
- 30s films
- **52** Weary
- **54** Succulent
- diagram
- 59 Tooth part
- center?
- **66** Pesky insect
- **67** It means "everything"
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69 Levelheaded

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70 Apportion,

71 Something

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1 No trouble

2 Minstrel's

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- **14** Sit in on
- **16** Peter Pan dog
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- **37** Give comfort to **10** Dovetail **38** " off?"
- 39 Unrefined 41 Yucky stuff
- 45 Bank offering
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- **50** Polished off
- **51** A fan of
- worker's cry
- **57** Genealogy
- 63 Inventor
- 64 Line for a bond analyst
- 68 Carmen

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- 18 Muscat citizen
- 22 Sci-fi award
- 24 Toy dog. for short
- 26 Cries of dismay
- 27 North Sea inlet 54 Binges
- 28 Zellweger of
- Chicago
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- stretch **53** Lunchbox
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- **65** 47 Down
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