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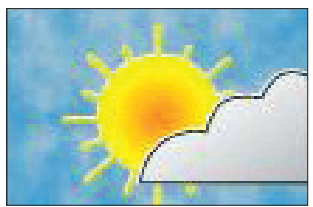


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## USDA plans to show off weapon against salt cedar

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Five years ago, officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture chose Howard County as the site to test its latest weapon in the war against salt cedar infestation.

USDA researchers will show off what they call promising results in their battle against the salt cedar when they hold an open house/field

trip Sept. 17.

Since its introduction to this country less than 200 years ago, salt cedars have become nothing less than an ecological menace, officials said. The trees, native to parts of Asia and the Mediterranean, are a threat because they consume excessive amounts of water and a greater fire hazard than native vegetation. In addition, they displace wildlife by destroying habitats and increase soil salinity, which

in turn kills surrounding vegetation.

On top of that, it's tough to kill, officials said. Burn it and it grows back within a year. Spray it and it will return within five years. On top of that, it has no natural enemies within the native bug and animal population.

Jack DeLoach, an entomologist with USDA, said that researchers finally decided that if the tree could be imported, so could its enemy.

Enter the salt cedar leaf beetle.

The beetle, native to parts of Europe and Asia, feeds on the salt cedar and only the salt cedar, DeLoach said. After extensive testing to make sure the beetles wouldn't inadvertently worsen the local ecology, 38 of the bugs were released onto a tree on David Higgins' ranch southeast of Big Spring.

The results since then have been promising, DeLoach said, noting that

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## USDA seeks value-added applications

Special to the Herald

TEMPLE — Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to assist agricultural producers seeking to add value to the commodities they produce. Approximately \$18 million will be awarded nationwide.

"These grants strengthen rural economies and create jobs by helping farmers and ranchers add value to their agricultural products by using them for planning activities such as feasibility studies, marketing and business plans, or for working capital," Vilsack said. "This program also supports President Obama's goal to expand our nation's renewable energy resources by helping farmers develop renewable energy from agricultural products."

Planning grants up to \$100,000 and working capital grants up to \$300,000 will be awarded through USDA Rural Development's Value Added Producer Grant program. USDA is encouraging projects that use existing agricultural products in nontraditional ways and/or merge agricultural products with technol-

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## BSHS BAND ROYALTY



**Vickie Connor is congratulated by her father, Neil Connor, (top photo) after being named the 2009 BSHS Band Sweetheart during the halftime of Friday's Big Spring-Denison football game. In bottom photo, 2009 BSHS Band Beau Daniel Segundo is congratulated by Band Director Rocky Harris.**

## Texas needing doctors

AUSTIN (AP) — Advocacy groups say the number of primary care physicians in Texas isn't keeping pace with the state's growing population, with rural areas taking the hardest hit.

The state's high birth rate and the influx of new residents from other states also comes as about one in four Texas residents goes without health insurance — the highest rate in the country, said Tom Banning, CEO of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

"There aren't enough doctors currently practicing in Texas to care for the folks we have, much less the uninsured," Banning said.

There are 27 Texas counties that have no doctor at all, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. Some residents must travel across counties to find basic medical care.

Reforms adopted in 2003 that limited medical liability brought a significant number of primary care doctors to Texas, but attracting them to rural areas was a problem, said Jon Opelt, executive director for Texas Alliance for Patient Access.

To encourage doctors to practice in underserved areas, Texas lawmakers this year enhanced the state's medical school loan repayment program. The amount of money available to each doctor was increased from \$45,000 over five years to \$160,000 over four years.

A similar federal program, which has far more applicants than spots, also is being expanded.

Banning said the doctor shortage also could be alleviated under proposed national health care reforms that would change how Medicare, and thus private insurers, pay doctors. It could increase payments to those who provide primary care, which Banning said could encourage medical students to choose primary care rather than more lucrative specialties.

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## Obituaries

### Melissa Flores

Melissa Flores, 38, of Watuga, formerly of Big Spring died Saturday, Sept. 5, 2009, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take Note

• The Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 14 in the high school band hall. The meeting is open to all parents of high school and junior high school band students.

• DAV Chapter 47 will sponsor the third annual 9/11 Memorial at the Mall at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 in front of the yellow ribbons at the Big Spring Mall. For more information, call Mike Tarpley, DAV junior vice commander at (432) 556-2227.

• Coahoma Class of 1999 Reunion will be Sept. 18-19. Contact Latisha Miliken Perry with questions and RSVPs: tish\_a\_roo@yahoo.com or (512) 947-6680.

• Marcy House will be hosting the first Dementia Support Group meeting Sept. 29. Kim York, RN, will be presenting a presentation on the different types of dementia and its progression. Brenda Hamm, a licensed social-worker, will be on hand to help with and support that may be needed by the patient or the family. Refreshments will be served. Marcy House is located at 2301 Wasson Rd. in Big Spring. For more information, call 268-9041.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglect children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. CASA currently has 10 active volunteers to serve the 55 plus children of Howard County in foster care. A class is forming in Howard County and 20 volunteers are needed. For more information on becoming a CASA volunteer, please contact Robyn LaForge at (432) 683-1114.

• West Texas Opportunities Inc., through a Job Access Reverse Commute project with the Texas Department of Transportation offers transportation to employment in Midland, on a limited schedule, Monday through Friday each week. This fixed route currently leaves Big Spring at 7 a.m. and makes a stop at the EZ Rider bus connection in downtown Midland. The route leaves Midland for the return to Big Spring at 4:15 p.m. As a promotional introduction, no fare is charged. Beginning April 1, the daily fare will be from \$3 to \$8, round-trip, depending on the number of passengers using the service. For more information, call Victor Enriquez, JARC coordinator, at West Texas Opportunities, (800) 245-9028.

• The Permian Basin Foundation has awarded West Texas Opportunities Inc. \$130,000 through the Texas Resources for Iraq Afghanistan Deployment fund. WTO will assist current and former military personnel serving in Iraq or Afghanistan and their families. Funding will serve Howard, Martin, Andrews, Borden, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Glasscock, Midland, Mitchell, Nolan, Scurry and Upton counties. For more information, contact Diana Martinez or Debbie Wilson at 110 Johnson in Big Spring or call (432) 267-9536.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans. Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S. & R. at P.O. 871, Coahoma 79511. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, Call Melanie at 267-7387.

• New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN REYNOLDS, 63, of 101 Carey, was arrested Sunday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- ZACHARY SCOTT LYON, 33, of 1425 E. Sixth St. Apt. 25, was arrested Sunday on a Howard County warrant.
- WILLIAM LYNN SIMMONS, 28, of 1606 Bluebird, was arrested Saturday on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, assault – family violence and resisting arrest.
- RONNIE GENE BUSSEY, 65, transient, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- LUIS CANALES RIOS III, 25, of 905 E. 16<sup>th</sup> St., was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY RIVERA, 23, of 4209 Parkway, was arrested Saturday on a charge of assault – family violence.
- RICHARD NORMAN RAMIREZ, 44, of 611 N. San Antonio, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- GEORGE GANDER, 45, of 210 Nolan, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JAMES DAVID KAMER, 24, of 2906 Cherokee, was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- RICKY BOB YANEZ, 24, of 1314 Lexington, was arrested Sunday on a Howard County warrant.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- THEFT was reported:
  - in the 100 block of Third Street.
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
  - in the 800 block of FM 700.
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
  - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
  - in the 1200 block of 11<sup>th</sup> Place.
- UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT was reported in the 400 block of Edwards.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
  - in the 500 block of State.
  - in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3300 block of Cornell.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1900 block of Owens.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported:
  - in the 600 block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - in the 400 block of Edwards.
  - in the 100 block of Carey.
  - in the 4200 block of Parkway.
  - in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- ASSAULT BY CONTACT was reported:
  - in the 2000 block of Morrison.
  - in the 1600 block of Bluebird.
- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported:
  - in the 600 block of Eighth Street.
  - in the 700 block of Creighton.
- POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY was reported in the 100 block of Carey.

## Bulletin Board

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

### TUESDAY

- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- The Big Spring chapter of the American Cancer Society meets at Home Hospice, located at 111 E. Seventh St. at noon. Lunch is provided. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at (432) 264-7599.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Free blood pressure screenings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Salvation Army, 811 W. Fifth St., provided by InHome Care.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.
- American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 W. Highway 80.

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## Support Groups

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• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

### TUESDAY

• The Path, faith-based addiction recovery, meets at 6:30 p.m. at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St. Tuesday, Jan. 6, Teen Challenge will be held at The Path. They will present a Rally for Jesus.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. and closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

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

## Lottery

The winning numbers drawn in the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night:

7-19-36-38-43  
Estimated jackpot: \$49 million  
Next Lotto Texas game: Wednesday night.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery: 13-27-28-32-36.

The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:

3-7-8-7. Sum It Up: 25.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night, in order:

9-9-6. Sum It Up: 24.

The winning numbers in Saturday afternoon's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Daily 4 Day" game were:

6-6-6-2. Sum It Up: 20.

The winning numbers in Saturday afternoon's drawing of the Texas Lottery's "Pick 3 Day" game were:

3-9-7. Sum It Up: 19.

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KATHY MITCHELL  
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**Dear Annie:** My parents are going through a divorce. I have a lot of anger toward my dad because he packed up and left us while Mom and I were out of town. Also, it's pretty obvious he has a girlfriend. He won't answer any of my calls or take responsibility for what he's done.

I'm also angry with my mother because she's constantly bringing up Dad every five minutes and it's frustrating. I want to get through this, but Mom won't let go. I understand it's hard for her, but she doesn't even try.

I'm 17 years old and have enough problems to deal with. How can I get past this whole ordeal, forgive my dad, help my mom and make her realize she shouldn't be talking to me about her problems? — *A Mess in Ohio*

**Dear Ohio:** It is normal for you to be angry and upset. Your father is behaving selfishly, and your mother is leaning on you for emotional support. It will help if you can talk to someone about your situation, perhaps your school counselor, a favorite

like to invite friends to visit, but sadly, we often get no response or must chase them down to find out whether they're coming.

There is a lot of effort that goes into entertaining families — food, beverages, cleaning and the preparation of bedrooms. The worst is when they say they are coming but change their minds right before.

Twice we waited for people to arrive and they never did. They called to apologize the following Monday. We then feel terrible because another family could have enjoyed our home that weekend had we known in time.

I am a 52-year-old male and was taught simple manners at a young age. Is this lack of common courtesy unique to my circle of friends? — *Perplexed in Skaneateles*

**Dear Perplexed:** Sorry to say, such thoughtlessness is all too common. When you issue an invitation, we suggest you put a deadline on it — "We'll need to know by Wednesday if you can make

it." And if they don't get back to you, call and say, "Sorry you aren't coming. Maybe another time." Anyone who behaves rudely more than once should be crossed off your invitation list.

**Dear Annie:** I am writing in response to "Shorty's Mom." I am nearly 22 and have never reached 5 feet tall. Being offered the child's menu is a regular thing. It can be frustrating, especially when my ability to do something is put into question based solely on my physical appearance.

However, I have started to look at the positive side. Looking 12 isn't so bad considering other physical issues I could have. And in the years to come (as you stated in your response) looking youthful will be a much-appreciated attribute. My size is very much an asset in the theatrical world. I tend to get the cute, funny and often most memorable roles. And besides, I totally rock at hide-and-seek.

So to "Shorty's Mom" and

especially her daughter, please don't let your size get you down. You are not alone. Remember, the sweetest of chocolate, the deadliest of dynamite and the most beautiful of diamond rings are all in the smallest of packages. — *Always Looking at the Children's Menu*

Annie's Snippet for Labor Day (credit Dr. Jonas Salk): The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more.

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# AP: Layoffs toughest on workers young, older

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AP Writers

ORLANDO, Fla. — Marcus Wells and Shirley Walker view their economic prospects from opposite ends of the age spectrum.

Wells, 25, was initially optimistic about his prospects for finding a new job after he was laid off as a systems analyst in January in San Jose, Calif. Now unemployment has begun to wear on the him, and he believes his age has factored into his frustration.

"More experienced people are getting hired, and they're downgrading their skills to get the job," Wells said. "I feel like I'm competing with older workers, not college graduates. It wears on your confidence."

Walker, 58, lost her job running a nonprofit which helped minority women in business in Orlando and hasn't

had any luck finding new work in the three months since.

"What they tell us is that they're looking for more mature and experienced workers, but they want us to work for less, or what they could pay younger people to do," she said recently outside an Orlando job fair. "Maybe younger people would be willing or able to accept lesser pay."

Would-be retirees have watched their savings dwindle and health care costs soar, while workers recently out of school and burdened by debt try to advance in careers that no longer have room for them.

The results show up on the map: Places with high concentrations of people in their late 20s or nearing what they thought would be their retirement age are feeling the recession the hardest, as measured by The Associated Press Economic Stress Index. The index assigns each

county a score from 1 to 100, with higher numbers reflecting greater stress, based on its unemployment, foreclosures and bankruptcy rates.

California's Santa Clara County, where Wells lives, registered 14.41 on the stress index in July, the most recent month for which figures are available, while Walker's Orange County, Fla., came in at 15.76, both well above the average county's 10.54.

The groups associated with the highest stress scores in each U.S. county are men and women between ages 25 and 29 and women over age 55. That doesn't necessarily mean having a high percentage of people in those groups causes a county's economic health to worsen, though the two appear to go hand in hand.

Experts say a variety of factors may be at play.

Young adults are more at risk for losing

their jobs and homes in a recession, while people later in life are more likely to declare bankruptcy in order to protect their assets, said Tay McNamara, director of research at the Center on Aging and Work at Boston College.

"Last hired, first fired. Generally, that is very true," McNamara said.

Chanel Moore knows how that goes. The 25-year-old Orlando resident was laid off last year from a job in retail and has found herself competing with older workers in her job searches.

"I'm young, trying to get on my feet, and then you have people older than me who are already on their feet looking for jobs with more experience than me," Moore said.

Workers in the 25 to 34 age group have seen the most dramatic rise in unemployment during the past year compared to other age groups. Their unemployment

rate went from 5.7 percent in July 2008 to 10 percent in July 2009, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Compounding the pain for some young workers can be big bills from their careers as students. The average undergraduate finishes college with \$17,700 in debt at four-year public schools and \$22,375 in debt at four-year private schools. Also, student loan provider Sallie Mae reported this year that seniors graduated college with an average credit card debt of more than \$4,100 in 2008, up from \$2,900 four years earlier.

If there is a bright side for this age group, it's that they are less likely than older workers to have a family to feed or mortgage to pay.

"They're a pretty flexible group," said Tom Smith, a labor economist at Emory University. "They have fewer ties to a community and can travel or relocate."

Though younger people may be more likely to be laid off, older workers are less likely to recover from a lay-off, experts said. Part of the reason stems from the myths surrounding older workers — that they're tough to train, more expensive and not comfortable with new technology, said Joseph Quinn, a professor of economics at Boston College.

"Once they do get laid off, they're really hosed," Quinn said.

Unemployment rates for older workers have increased in this recession more than in past recessions, and the unemployment rate for adults over age 65 is at an all-time high — 7 percent. That is up from 3.3 percent at the start of the recession in December 2007, but still below the national rate.

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ogy in creative ways.

Businesses of all sizes may apply, but priority will be given to operators of Small and Medium-Sized Family Farms or Ranches with a 3-year average of \$700,000 or less in annual gross sales of agricultural product. The competitive grants to be awarded under this notice are part of USDA Rural Development's annual budget and are not funded through the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Applicants must provide matching funds equal to the amount of the grant requested. Ten percent of available funds are reserved for beginning farmers or ranchers, and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. An additional 10 percent is reserved for projects involving local and regional supply networks that link independent producers with businesses and cooperatives that market value-added products.

Paper applications for both unreserved and reserved funds must be postmarked and mailed, shipped or sent overnight no later than Nov. 30 to the Rural Development Texas State Office, Attention Business and Cooperative Programs, 101 South Main Street, Suite 102, Temple 76501. Electronic applications for both unreserved and reserved funds must be submitted through www.Grants.gov and received by Nov. 30. For additional information, see the Sept. 1 Federal Register, page 46165.

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offices or by visiting the web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm>.

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the beetles have dispersed to a wide portion of this area and have been happily making a dent in Howard County's salt cedar population.

Local residents will get a chance to see the results of the USDA and Texas AgriLife program when researchers host a lecture and discussion at 10 a.m. Sept. 17 at the Hall Center for the Arts on the campus of Howard College.

Following the two-hour program, DeLoach and others will take interested parties on a field trip for first-hand observation of

the program's progress.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, contact the USDA agriculture research station at 263-0293.

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## OUR VIEW

# Celebrating America's workforce

Today, we celebrate one of the most basic components of a successful society — the worker. Great decisions are made by politicians, generals command during wars and scientists explore the mysteries of the universe. But without the “common” working man and woman to drive the gears of society, all the equations and theories don't amount to much.

In recognition of the workforce that fuels this country, the U.S. Congress has set aside the first Monday in September for the observance of Labor Day.

So, what exactly should we be observing today?

George Sand once said, “Work is not man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength, his glory and his pleasure.” While some would doubtless take issue with Sand's assessment, there is more than a little truth to it.

For many, what we are is defined to a great extent by what we do for a living. A great majority of U.S. workers take great pride in their occupations and strive to do the best job possible.

Given those facts, therefore, a day of celebration of our work makes a great deal of sense.

Very few good things come about as the result of random chance or good fortune, but from simple, hard work.

A cure for polio? Jonas Salk worked years on the problem before finding a cure.

Likewise, the Empire State Building and other great structures in this country just didn't appear out of the blue. They were the result of years of labor.

The examples could go on and on ...

But it is not great accomplishments we recognize today, but the simple realization that much that makes this nation great has been made possible by the work of our people.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

With You, Lord, we are resilient.

Amen

# Information versus knowledge

Attending the most recent meeting of the Big Spring City Council, I couldn't help but be reminded of something bestselling American author John Naisbitt once said: “We are drowning in information but starved for knowledge.”

Knowledge. It's what guides our decisions and makes up the lifeblood of wisdom. Unfortunately, just as Naisbitt alludes, information is everywhere, streaming full force into our lives from the Internet, television, newspapers and a dozen other outlets, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It never stops or slows down, and has absolutely no regard for whether or not we actually grasp the concepts and ideas spewing forth.

And that's where we have a problem in the Crossroads area.

OK, so the city's proposed 2009-2010 ad valorem tax rate — which is slightly more than 3 cents above the rollback rate — and the need for a new municipal swimming pool have spurred a firestorm of controversy, with the local Concerned Citizens Council leading the way.

And yes, I used the word need. Is a new swimming pool really a need? Of course not. For you, me and Joe Public, a swimming pool is a luxury, and if you're in my economic shoes, an unattainable one these days.

However, for the children of this community, who rely on the city swimming pool during the summer vacation, I have no

problem whatsoever expanding the realm of “needs versus wants” to include a new pool facility. Especially when the existing one is more than 80 years old and fails to meet just about every state and federal requirement mandated since the 1950s.

The facts, as they stand, are simple. Rehabilitating the existing pool facility would cost more than \$1 million. Would it be prudent to drop that much money into an 80-year-old pool? Of course not. Would you spend \$30,000 fixing a car or truck when you could get a brand new one for virtually the same price? Sure, if you're a total bonehead.

As it stands now, the city council has taken little more than a cursory glance at the \$4.2 million pool design submitted some time back. There have been no votes on the matter, and Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen announced Tuesday night there are several other pool-building outfits that want to submit designs and estimates.

So you can ignore the \$4.2 million price tag, because using it to compute anything in this scenario is sadly premature.

Another fact: The tax rate everyone is losing their mind over isn't designed to pay for a \$4.2 million pool. In fact, it isn't designed to pay for a pool at all.

By going a little more than 3 cents above the rollback rate, the city will collect approximately \$300,000 in tax revenue, money the municipality plans to use as seed money for the project. It would be used to pay for preliminary designs and estimates, engineering studies and other services needed to get the ball rolling on a new pool.

In other words, the proposed tax rate — \$1.0132 per \$100 valu-

ation, the same rate as last year — has absolutely nothing to do with a \$4.2 million pool. Could that change sometime in the future? Sure thing, but who can predict the future? If you can, my fantasy football team could sure use your help this season.

However, the Concerned Citizens Council has managed to make the two issues synonymous, and has already announced it will begin a petition to force a rollback election if the proposed rate is adopted by the city.

It's information versus knowledge. The citizens council is spewing forth all the information they can gather on the matter. The opposition to the tax rate has even gone so far as to chide the council for being dishonest. How? Because city officials have said this year's tax rate is the same as last years, meaning no hike in the tax rate. But these naysayers claim the city should use their rhetoric in place of the truth so the taxpayers can more easily understand what's happening.

Or maybe they would rather have the taxpayers believe what they believe, and to heck with the truth.

Hopefully, the citizens of Big Spring will make their decisions — whether it's signing a petition, which we all know people will do without even knowing what it's for, or voting in an election — based on facts, not senseless rhetoric and opinion. It's going to take knowledge to make Big Spring a better place to live, not an onslaught of information.

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# A Labor Day for 21st Century

Every year, we celebrate Labor Day to honor the work of everyday Americans who built this country brick by brick, community by community. It's an honorable holiday that pays tribute to honorable work.

While it's always good to give thanks, we need much more than well wishes and a cheer of support. We need to ensure that the rules that govern our economic system, whether those rules come from Wall Street or from Washington, treat all Americans, particularly those who are the backbone of our economy, with dignity and respect. That's what Labor Day is truly about.

From the time the first Labor Day was held, Americans understood that even what we call a “free” market still has rules that govern its actions; rules that can either work for or against the average American. That's why they fought for a more just set of rules, a fight that ultimately led to the 40-hour workweek, the first minimum wage laws, the abolition of child labor and workplace safety standards.

Over the last 30 years, we've seen the pendulum swing back the other way. While many of the victories won in those early years still stand, we've seen an erosion of the right of workers to organize, the weakening of worker and public safety standards and wholesale rollback of our tax system's more progressive elements.

All we have received in return is a shift in fortunes to the wealthiest individuals in our economy, with little or none of

the promised “trickle down” for the rest of America.

From 1947 to 1979, when our country grew as a whole and prosperity was broadly shared, we saw incomes rise across all income groups. As measured using the bottom, middle and top 20 percent of income-earners, the incomes of the bottom grew by 116 percent, the middle grew by 111 percent and the highest income-earners saw their income rise by 86 percent. That's what broad prosperity looks like.

By comparison, from 1979 to 2005, income growth was almost entirely focused on the top income-earners. The bottom group actually saw their incomes decline slightly; while the middle group saw their incomes grow by only 15 percent. Meanwhile, the top group of income-earners saw a 53 percent growth of income. The top 1 percent alone saw their incomes grow by 81 percent. While income and wealth grew at the top, the rest of America was treading water.

In fairness, many Americans were excluded from this earlier period of broad growth, particularly African-Americans and other people of color. By the time some of the nation's most oppressive and racist policies were done away with, incomes at the bottom had already stagnated, leaving few opportunities for people of color to advance. Nonetheless, history shows that when the rules that govern our economy are designed well, Americans in all income groups can share in the prosperity. That should be our goal.

The good news is that Americans are waking up and demanding change. Public awareness of economic inequality has never been higher, and the economic crisis has pulled back the curtain on the failed policies of the past.

Now is the time for average

Americans to take back the reins of government. Several key issues will likely come up in Congress soon that can help restore a more broadly-shared prosperity and strengthen the common good.

First, we must repeal the Bush tax cuts for the wealthy. Those unnecessary and damaging tax cuts helped fuel the massive budget deficits we now face, while exaggerating the income and wealth disparities.

Second, we must preserve a strong and effective federal estate tax. This fall, Congress will begin debating the future of the estate tax. A strong estate tax is essential to an economy that rewards hard work and not just the fortune of one's birth.

Third, we need to help working families hold onto their homes, the single most important asset for most low and middle-income families, amidst the current housing crisis. Additionally, we need to support policies that enable low-income families, and particularly people of color who were left out of earlier economic booms, to attain home ownership and build assets.

With a comprehensive strategy for rebuilding our middle class, we can do more than pay lip service to the work of Americans on Labor Day. We can instead genuinely and honestly show our commitment to honoring the work of all Americans by passing policies that help lower and middle-income Americans share in the nation's prosperity.

Brian Miller is executive director of United for a Fair Economy, a national organization that works to build awareness of the dangers of vast inequalities of wealth and power and ultimately foster policies that lead to a more broadly-shared prosperity.

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# JV Lady Steers win volleyball tourney in Lamesa

Herald Staff Report

LAMESA — It's been a successful past seven days for the Big Spring Lady Steers volleyball team.

Not only did the varsity squad pick up a much-victory over Grape Creek Tuesday, but the junior varsity represented well at the Lamesa Tournament, winning the championship.

The JV Lady Steers defeated Plainview, which is also in District 4-4A, in straight sets, 25-21, 25-11, to bring home the hardware.

Carson Reibe had eight assists and four digs in the championship match. Bridgett Tuitt led the Lady Steers with 10 kills. Clara Benavides had 10 assists. Morgan Slaughter had seven digs and five kills.

"The girls played great all week-

end," said Big Spring JV Coach Devon Wats. "We look like a completely different team."

The Lady Steers defeated Colorado City to open the tournament, 25-17, 25-16. They also swept Snyder, 25-14, 26-24, in the quarterfinals.

Big Spring got its toughest challenge against Lubbock Cooper in the semifinals. The Lady Steers opened the match with a 25-16 victory, but

fell to Cooper in Game 2, 25-20. It took extra points in the third and decisive set, but the Lady Steers prevailed, 27-25, advancing to the finals.

The junior varsity entered the tournament after having defeated Grape Creek in straight sets Tuesday — a feat the Lady Steers freshman team also accomplished.

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# Rangers offense missing injured Young, Hamilton

DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — The Texas Rangers were without All-Stars Michael Young and Josh Hamilton, yet that wasn't supposed to be a serious handicap against a last-place team heading for a 12th consecutive losing season.

Unfortunately for the Rangers, their bats fell silent at a most inopportune time.

Jeremy Guthrie pitched seven innings of six-hit ball, and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Rangers 7-0 Sunday to earn their second series win since the All-Star break.

With Young (hamstring injury) sidelined for a fourth straight game and Hamilton (back) out for the third in a row, Texas managed only seven singles off Guthrie and two relievers. In Saturday's defeat, the Rangers failed to get a hit over the final six innings.

As a result, Texas now stands 5½ games behind the first-place Los Angeles Angels in the AL West and three games in back of Boston for the AL wildcard.

"It's frustrating to lose. I think the last time we scored was the third inning yesterday. Must be some good pitching going on," Rangers manager Ron Washington said.

It was, he conceded, an opportunity lost.

"Of course we missed something because we feel like we can beat them," he said. "On any given day it's not always the best team that wins, it's the team that plays the best. The past two days, they played

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AP photo/Gail Burton

**Texas Rangers starting pitcher Derek Holland reacts after giving up four runs to the Baltimore Orioles in the fourth inning of an AL baseball game Sunday in Baltimore. The Orioles won 7-0.**

# Texas OF returns for back treatment

BALTIMORE (AP) — Rangers outfielder Josh Hamilton returned to Texas on Sunday to get more treatment for a back injury that forced him to miss the weekend series against the Baltimore Orioles.

Hamilton pinched a nerve in his back Wednesday during a game in Toronto and hasn't played since. The two-time All-Star was given an epidural on Thursday and is scheduled to receive a second shot on Monday.

There is no timetable for his return to the Rangers, who open a three-game series in Cleveland on Monday.

"I might play in three weeks," Hamilton said before leaving the team Sunday. "I don't know. I might not feel better at all."

The Rangers chose to take a more optimistic view.

"He's still day to day and we hope to have him back for the Cleveland series," assistant general manager Thad Levine said. "When is still to be determined. He'll be seen first thing tomorrow."

Hamilton, who has already been on the disabled list twice this season, couldn't mask his frustration about missing more time.

"I slept last night, felt good," Hamilton said. "After the first 10 minutes, all of the sudden I started aching and hurting."

Hamilton isn't the only player missing from the lineup. Michael Young is also out with a hamstring injury.

# Eules Trinity faces Bingham (Utah) in Cowboys Stadium's 1st high school game

SCHUYLER DIXON

Associated Press Writer

EULESS — The Eules Trinity Trojans ran countless drills in a month of preparing for the honor of playing the first high school game at the new Cowboys Stadium.

They practiced the haka with equal fervor.

The team's Polynesian war dance four years ago as a nod to this middle American suburb's strong ties to the tiny Pacific island kingdom of Tonga. It grew into a local phenomenon that attracted national attention while Trinity was winning a couple of state championships, largely due to the size, strength and quickness of its Tongan athletes.

Now the haka is getting an overhaul — a homemade haka, if you will — written and choreographed by the original dance leader who finds time between three jobs to instruct Trinity's current players.

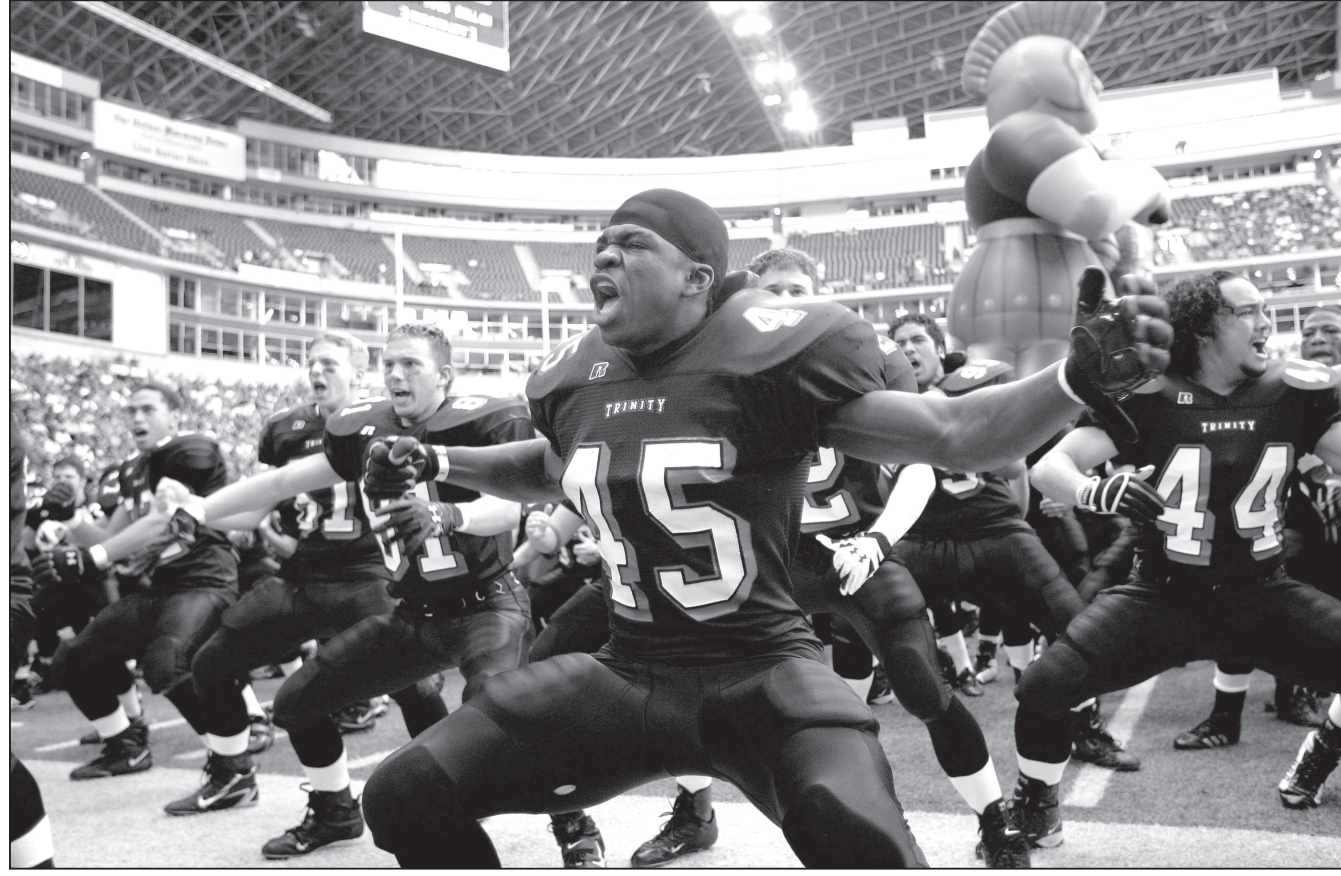
The new dance will debut Monday in Arlington against South Jordan Bingham, one of Utah's best teams and another one that does the haka. Before the first high school kickoff in the grand \$1.15 billion home of the Cowboys, fans will wait in eager anticipation of the crouching, scowling, screaming "warriors" preparing for battle.

"I think our boys, they're wanting to be proud of their haka," said Trinity assistant coach Jason Dibble, who handles special teams, cornerbacks and the haka. "I don't know if it's a showdown, but we definitely don't want to be in the palace here and be out-hakaed."

Bingham and Trinity started the haka the same year — 2005 — but for entirely different reasons.

The Utah Polynesian had seen other teams do it because the school had influence is more widespread in that state through connections to the Mormon church. Monday's game won't even be the first time the Miners have had a so-called haka showdown.

Trinity's hometown, meanwhile, includes an unusually large concentration of Tongans, about 4,000 of the city's roughly 50,000 residents. Starting in the 1970s, they were attracted by jobs at nearby Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and flight benefits that made it easy and affordable to travel



AP file photo/Khampha Bouaphanh/Fort Worth Star-Telegram

**In this Nov. 24, 2005, file photo, Eules Trinity's Yuri Yenga, center, leads his team in a "haka" before a UIL Class 5A football playoff game against Southlake Carroll at Texas Stadium in Irving. Trinity will debut a new version of their traditional dance tonight in the first high school football game to ever be played in the new Cowboys Stadium.**

thousands of miles back home.

When the Trojans started talking haka, they wanted to make sure Tongan elders in the community approved. The leaders were ecstatic because they felt more a part of the city's culture than ever. Nobody seemed to care that Trinity's original haka was actually from New Zealand's native Maori culture, which originated the dance more than 200 years ago.

Now that the novelty is gone, Trinity players and coaches are learning more about the haka.

For instance, says Tongan resident Ofa Faiva-Siale, there are many hakas in all Pacific island cultures, and people can create their own. She suggested a version unique to Trinity.

"It doesn't matter what language it's in, but one should be done specifically for our community and Trinity High School," said Faiva-Siale, a historian for the city of Eules. "There's not any large group of Samoans in this school, and not a large group of Tahitians or Hawaiians. A big chunk of it is Tongans, so why not?"

Enter Richie Kautai, Trinity's original haka

leader when he was a linebacker for the Trojans. A Polynesian dancer since he was 2, Kautai wrote a Tongan haka and started working with the players, who have always practiced the haka because head coach Steve Lineweaver takes it as seriously as they do.

A small group of parents and students took a sneak peek at the new dance several days before the debut. Dozens of players were shoulder-to-shoulder in the quarters of the school cafeteria as they pounded their chests and shouted "io!" ("yes!") to questions of whether they would fight.

They'll be more spread out, in black helmets and black jerseys, on Monday. The leaders will implore — "pea puke al maia!" ("then hold the rope!") — in Kautai's deference to Lineweaver always asking his players who they would want holding the rope if they were hanging off a cliff.

Dibble, the Trinity assistant, said Kautai also found a way to illustrate the school's diversity,

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Mercury retrograde is bound to mix things up in the realm of relationships, but this is nothing to fear. You may find that people aren't as easy to read in the weeks to come, and this could cause you to probe deeper and try harder to understand. A change in group dynamics happens as a result of the entrance or exit of different individuals.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Seeing a lot of what you don't want leads to more of what you don't want. Refuse to get distracted by the negative. Do whatever it takes to put yourself in a better environment.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The task before you is not inherently glamorous, but you do something with it that nobody else has thought of yet, proving once again that any action can be turned into an art form if approached in the right way.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Solitude isn't the answer now, even if you feel a bit lost. As you contribute more and more to others, you find your way. You honor other people's beliefs and desires, and this puts you

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**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

back in touch with your own.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). You provide a dignified service to others. You won't respond to demands — that would be below you. However, when others express their preferences, you hear them and do your best to make things agreeable.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Your best quality is your radiant heart. So when you look in the mirror, stop thinking about the things you want to change. Instead, look deeply into your own eyes and pour in some of the love you usually reserve for everyone else.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It would be difficult for anyone to fill your shoes, but it's still important to try to groom a potential successor. Teaching what you know reminds you that you know an awful lot.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A certain project or aspect of your life has

come to an impasse. This is a futile fight, and you're better off walking away from it altogether. Giving up will give way to new options.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are mentally fresh and ready for any problems that might arise. However, don't go looking for them. Just doing the normal routine with your usual grace will be challenging enough.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The path you're moving on in your life is the perfect one for you. It has unfolded in the optimal way. You are in exactly the right place. So there is not a moment to waste in silly regret. Go forward unfettered.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you are happy, your joy spreads to those around you. You don't do the rest of the world any favors by doing what you hate. Take that certain unsavory task off your list and leave it off.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some have argued that if everyone is special, then no one is. It's simply not true. Each person is totally unique — has never and will never be duplicated through all of time. You are special, and so is everyone.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). It's a fine day to be laid back but not so unstructured that you don't have any idea of what's coming next. Keep that list of what you want to accomplish, but lose the time frame attached to it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Sept. 7). Your powers of creation are going strong.

Glimpses into the life you want, either through new friendships or extensive study, help you aim for enriching goals. Family relies on you, and you rise to the occasion in December. Your most lucrative business is in November and June. February brings adventure. Aries and Pisces people adore you. Lucky numbers are: 30, 1, 54, 17 and 5.

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♦ 10 8 6 4 2  
♣ A 7 5 4 3 2  
**EAST**  
♠ 9 7 6  
♥ J 10 9 5 3  
♦ 9 7 5  
♣ Q 8  
**SOUTH**  
♠ A Q  
♥ Q 6 4 2  
♦ A K Q J  
♣ K 10 9

The bidding:  
**West North East South**  
Pass 1♠ Pass 2♦  
Pass 2♥ Pass 2NT  
Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠  
Pass 4♠ Pass 4NT  
Pass 5♥\* Pass 6NT  
\* two aces, or an ace and the king of spades.  
Opening lead — three of spades.  
**Some hands** are sheer dynamite! Consider this deal from the match between Pakistan and the United States during the 1980 World Olympiad.  
**When the U.S.** sat North-South, the bidding went as shown. After Ira Rubin opened one spade and Paul Soloway responded two diamonds, they arrived at six trump played by South, a contract which no lie of the

cards could defeat. They carefully avoided six spades or six hearts, neither of which was foolproof against unfavorable distribution. Their reward was 1,470 points.  
**When Pakistan** was North-South, the bidding went:  
**West North East South**  
Pass 1♠ Pass 2NT  
Pass 4♠ Pass 4NT  
Pass 5♦ Pass 6♣  
Dble Pass Pass Redble  
**West's double of six spades** in this sequence was conventional, in effect saying to partner: "If you lead the right suit, I think we can defeat the slam."  
**The American East player** (Bob Hamman, playing with Bobby Wolff) now had a difficult decision to make. He could lead a heart on the basis that it was his longest suit and therefore the one West was most likely to ruff. Or he could lead a diamond in the hope that his partner had the A-K or possibly the A-Q sitting over dummy's king. Or he could lead the club queen, hoping West had the A-K or possibly the A-J over dummy's king.  
**Unfortunately**, Hamman chose a diamond lead. As a result, Pakistan scored 2,420 points and gained 14 International Match Points instead of going minus 400 with a heart lead and losing 18 IMPs. This constituted the bulk of Pakistan's margin of victory in the 20-deal match.  
**Tomorrow:** The uppercut.  
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TRINITY

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seen largely through the Tongan population, by having separate groups of players meld into one during the dance. Diversity jumped to mind for Kautai the first time he saw his team do the haka four years ago. "To know that not only can Polynesians do it and have heart in doing it and show respect in doing it, but other cultures, the whites and blacks and Hispanics and Asians," Kautai said. "They were doing it, and they took pride in it." Fans have gone crazy with it, buying "Got Haka" T-shirts and waiting up to 15 minutes to see the dance again after the game even though it's the same one they saw three hours earlier. The craze has its roots in Lineweaver's efforts, Tongan leaders

say. They said he was reaching out to their culture long before anyone floated the idea of the haka. He asked the elders, as he calls the leaders, for permission before the haka was performed in public. "Our culture is very family-oriented, and coach Lineweaver and his staff have understood that from the beginning," Faiva-Siale said. "There's a little bit of Tongan in him, and I think that's something most people in my community appreciate." Lineweaver has long since accepted that the haka is around to stay. That's why he asked Kautai to change it. He wants the new version to be permanent, and he has just one small concern going forward. "I never wanted to be the haka team that played football. I wanted to be the football team that did the haka," Lineweaver said. "I think it's getting to the other way around." He might have to accept that at least through Monday.

RANGERS

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better than us." Brian Roberts, Jeff Fiorentino and Chad Moeller each had two hits and two RBIs for the Orioles, whose only other series win since mid-July was against the Chicago White Sox on Aug. 21-23. "They're missing a couple of their big offensive parts, but to their credit they're still battling," Guthrie said of the Rangers. "For us to win two out of three at this point is certainly a big boost." Guthrie (10-13) continued his late-season revival with one of his best outings of the year. The right-hander struck out six, walked one and allowed only one runner past second base. He has won three of his last four starts, allowing only four runs over 27 innings to get his ERA below 5.00 (4.96) for the first time since May 30.

With Guthrie leading the way, the Orioles won a second straight game for only the third time since the All-Star break. Baltimore hasn't won three in a row since the third week in June. Ian Kinsler and Nelson Cruz had two hits apiece for the Rangers, whose run of scoreless innings is at 15. Derek Holland (7-10) struck out the first two batters he faced in a perfect first inning, but Moeller hit a two-out, two-run double in the second. The Orioles chased Holland during a four-run fourth. After Fiorentino singled in a run, Roberts hit a two-run single and Nolan Reimold capped the outburst with a sacrifice fly. Fiorentino added an RBI single in the seventh for a 7-0 lead. "It's frustrating, but at the same time they're big league baseball players," Kinsler said. "You can't just throw your glove out there and expect to win. You still have to score runs and play good defense, and they did it better than us for two games."

LADY STEERS

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It took Big Spring's varsity squad five sets to take down Grape Creek, but in the end the Lady Steers managed to earn their sixth win of the season, 25-23, 13-25, 25-20, 15-7. The Lady Steers showed improvement in passing with the return of senior Halee Thomas serving as a key in that important facet. "Halee came back from a hip injury and we're glad to have her back," said Lady Steers Head Coach Lynn Osbourne. "She had a great passing game." Sloan Davis led the Lady Steers with 11 digs and seven aces. Davis was 100 percent from behind the service line and was a catalyst in the Lady Steers' winning effort in the fifth set. "It was Sloan's serve that blasted us ahead in the fifth game," said Osbourne. Desiree Anderson led all Lady Steers with 12 kills. Unfortunately, the Lady Steers weren't able to build upon that success over the weekend. They were forced to cancel a scheduled match with Andrews Saturday due to several players suffering from illness. The Lady Steers plan to be back in

action Tuesday, though, playing host to both Sterling City and Midland Christian. They face Sterling City at 4:30 p.m. with the match against Midland Christian taking place at 5:30 p.m.

Big Spring JV d. Colorado City  
25-17, 25-16

Big Spring JV d. Snyder  
25-14, 26-24

Top players: Morgan Slaughter - 7 digs, 5 kills, 100 percent serving; Carson Reibe - 1 kill, 8 assists, 2 digs, 100 percent serving; Bridgette Tuitt - 4 kills, 1 assist, 1 ace; Clara Benavides - 3 kills, 1 block, 4 assists, 4 aces.

Big Spring JV d. Lubbock Cooper  
25-16, 20-25, 27-25

Top players: Reibe - 11 digs, 2 kills, 1 block, 10 assists, 100 percent serving; Tuitt - 9 digs, 9 kills, 2 aces, 2 blocks; Diamond Mayes - 4 blocks, 1 ace, 1 dig; Haley Dimidjian - 2 aces, 1 dig, 4 kills, 3 blocks; Benavides - 8 assists, 7 digs, 3 kills, 1 ace, 1 block; Kim Gonzales - 8 digs; Slaughter - 6 digs, 6 kills.

Championship game  
Big Spring JV d. Plainview  
25-21, 25-11

Top players: Reibe - 8 assists, 4 digs, 2 kills, 1 block, 100 percent serving; Tuitt - 10 kills, 3 digs, 2 aces, 1 assist; Benavides - 10 assists, 2 blocks, 2 kills, 1 dig; Slaughter - 7 digs, 5 kills, 2 aces.

Varsity match from Tuesday, Sept. 1  
Big Spring (6-14) d. Grape Creek  
25-23, 13-25, 20-25, 25-20, 15-7

Top players: Desiree Anderson - 12 kills, 2 blocks, 3 digs, 1 ace; Halee Thomas - 7 kills, 4 blocks; Sloan Davis - 11 digs, 7 aces, 2 kills, 100 percent serving; Cerbi Ritchey - 21 assists, 5 kills, 2 blocks, 1 ace, 100 percent serving; Callie Shafer - 19 assists, 2 digs, 1 ace.

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