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**First-ever 'Night Out' set tonight**

Hundreds of residents are expected to participate in the first-ever Howard County Night Out tonight.

The purpose of the event, which is sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald*, is to prevent crime and provide an opportunity for people to get to know their neighbors.

A community-wide party will be held from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Railroad Plaza in downtown Big Spring. Food will be available and music and other entertainment will be provided.

Everyone is invited. In addition, a number of neighborhoods will be holding block parties.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**TODAY**

- VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m., 500 Driver Road
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main

**WEDNESDAY**

- Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room.
- Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.
- Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Terry Hansen 264-5175.
- Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**

- Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's, 7 a.m.
- Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
- Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, call Billy Smith, 267-6479.
- Organizational meeting, Big Spring Junior High parent-teacher organization, 7 p.m. at junior high library.

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**Unemployment rate sees a seasonal hike across state**

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Unemployment for Howard County jumped more than 1 percent for June, but that is to be anticipated, workforce commission officials say.



BELEW

"It typically goes up in the

month of June because you have student workers and people who are off, teachers and such," said Virginia Belew of the Texas Workforce Center in Big Spring. "We expected it to go down after August, when school starts up again."

Unemployment was 5.4 percent for Howard County in June, up from 4.3 percent in May.

"We continue to experience a low unemployment rate," said Belew. "That shouldn't be considered as

meaning that we don't need applicants, however. We are still trying to increase our workforce."

Unemployment for Howard County was 6 percent in January. That dipped to 5.3 percent in February and 4.5 in March and April.

In January, commission figures indicated there were 12,571 people employed in Howard County and another 804 who were unemployed but eligible to work. In June, the county had 12,917

people employed and 731 unemployed.

In an effort to attract workers, the local workforce center has been holding job fairs. Pepsi/Dr Pepper and Texas Department of Criminal Justice have been two employers the workforce center has held job fairs for. A youth job fair was also held in May. Recently, the center held a job fair for StarTek.

"Those have been going well," said Belew. "We're

trying to have at least one a month. If employers have a need, we're inviting them to contact us and we'll set something up for them."

The Texas Workforce Center continues to take application for participation in the Workforce Investment Act, a federal program that helps displaced workers get the training they need for employment.

"The criteria is pretty

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Wilderness Camp inmates began constructing a pavilion for the Heart of the City Park today at Second and Scurry streets in downtown Big Spring. Though the lots look barren right now, plans are for the park to be completed in October.

HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

**Condensed fair will be held Aug. 25-28**

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

When the gates open Friday, Aug. 25, visitors will see a new Howard County Fair in many ways, said board chairman Tammy Watt.



WATT

"We think it will have a busier atmosphere with more going on all the time," said Watt. "We are scheduling basically the same events in a shorter timespan."

Everything at this year's fair, which continues through Monday, Aug. 28, is aimed at bringing in more people and keeping them involved in fair events, Watt said.

Included among new plans this year are several

promotions for exhibitors including a scavenger hunt, "mystery man" contest and other ways to earn prizes by visiting the booths inside the main barn.

"We are trying to get people moving around so our exhibitors get the exposure they need for the money they spent," Watt said. In the main barn, visitors will see a new color scheme and layout.

"We hope people are pleasantly surprised," Watt said. "We think they will be."

More booth space is available for local businesses, groups and clubs who want to advertise their products or services; call Nancy Howard at 353-4448.

This year's entertainment will be headlined by songwriter and recording artist Red Steagall, who will perform under the HEB Entertainment Tent on Saturday, Aug. 26, for one show at 8:30 p.m. Other

**Fair queen entries accepted**

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Entries are being taken now for the Howard County Fair Queen Contest.

Entrants will be judged and crowned in a ceremony on Saturday, Aug. 19, at the Big Spring Mall. The 2000 queen will then be recognized during Howard County Fair events Aug. 25-29.

Entrants must be enrolled in a Howard

County high school, or one in an adjacent county, or students at Howard College.

Entry forms are available at the Howard County Extension office, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Athletic Supply in Big Spring Mall, Merle Norman, Joy's Hallmark and the Master's Touch.

Entries must be returned to the county extension office in the courthouse by Aug. 14, along with the \$35 sponsorship fee.

entertainment events include two shows by Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, Friday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., and Gospel Night on Sunday, Aug. 27.

The ranch rodeo, battle of the cheerleaders and other traditions will continue. The fair queen contest, how-

ever, has been moved to Aug. 19 at Big Spring Mall, and the queen will be recognized during the fair the following weekend.

Hours for the four-day run are 4-10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, 1-10

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**State hospital day care hosts open house Thursday**

By **VALERIE AVERY**  
Herald correspondent

Parents using Big Spring State Hospital's on-site day care facility will host an open house from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Thursday at the hospital and YMCA-run day care.

Hot dogs, soft drinks and watermelon will be served.

Tours of the day care will be provided to those interested in enrolling their children for day, night and weekend care. The day care is open from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily.

Parents and grandparents who are employed at Big Spring State Hospital, any state agency and West

Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation may enroll their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews at the day care, said Lana Churchwell, chairman of the Parent Daycare Advisory Committee.

The day care has added new playground equipment, a sandbox and a shaded play area in recent months. Hot meals are provided.

"Our day care staff has done an excellent job," Churchwell said. "The kids are well taken care of in a clean environment, and we are excited about adding a learning curriculum. We wanted to show everyone

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**Funds sought**

**College seeks \$4 million for variety of projects**

By **ALLISON THOMAS**  
Staff Writer

Howard College is seeking an additional \$4 million from the Texas Legislature to help fund proposed programs and improvements.

College trustees on Monday discussed and then approved five extra proposals to the annual legislative appropriations request (LAR).

The LAR is a document community colleges send to the Texas Legislature requesting the funds they will need throughout the year.

The largest appropriations request approved by the board is construction and establishment of a workforce training center on the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) campus.

Construction of the facility, which would house five separate programs, is estimated at \$2.4 million. In addition, the request calls for \$491,000 in start-up funds for the program and \$276,000 in yearly operating expenses.

When asked if enrollment at SWCID justified the expense of building a workforce training center, Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks said although enrollment has always been small, the college still must continue to keep up with the new technology and meet the students' needs.

Another request the board added to the LAR was for funds to continue renovation of the student residences on the Howard College campus. The request was for approximately \$785,000.

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Sweet Repeats owners Teri Lee Hooper and Leslie Hooper, center, left to right, along with the Ambassadors Club members and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, had a ribbon cutting this morning. Sweet Repeats is located at 1103 E. 11th Place.

HERALD photo/Gina Garza

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OBITUARIES

A.D.: "Pat" Heirman

Funeral service for A.D. "Pat" Heirman, 83, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2000, at the Second Baptist Church in Abilene with the Rev. Joe Prim officiating. Burial will follow in Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Community Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Heirman died on Saturday, July 29, at a Dallas hospital.

He was born on Nov. 12, 1916, in Galesburg, Ill. He came to Abilene in 1934 from Galesburg. He lived in Big Spring from 1965 until 1981 when he returned to Abilene. He was a clerk with the Missouri & Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1980. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lenora, whom he married on Dec. 30, 1947, in Abilene. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

He is survived by: four daughters, Lenora Herman of Fort Worth, Annie Heirman and Edith Grubaugh, both of Arlington, and Freda Heirman of Abilene; one brother, Leo A. Heirman of Abilene; and one grandchild.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center or a favorite charity.

Visitation is scheduled today from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Community Memorial Funeral Home, Abilene.

Dora Flores Sanchez

Dora Flores Sanchez, 48, of Big Spring died at 7:25 a.m. Monday, July 31, 2000, at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock following a long illness. Rosary will be 7:30 p.m. today at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wednesday, Aug. 2. The Rev. James Plagens, pastor will officiate and burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



She was born on April 15, 1952, in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was a homemaker. She married Simon Sanchez on May 22, 1993, in Houston.

She is survived by: her husband, Simon Sanchez of Big Spring; two sons, Nick Paredez of Big Spring, Andrew Chavarria of Snyder; one daughter, Casandra Beltran of Big Spring; four brothers, Robert Puente, Benny Rodriguez and Antonio (Billy) Pineda and Joe Flores Jr., all of Big Spring; four sisters, Marie Lopez, Henrietta Morales, Mona Talamantez and Anna Gomez, all of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Mayvin R. Beltran and A.J. Beltran, both of Big Spring, Andrew Thomas Chavarria of Snyder; and her stepfather, Jesus Ruiz of Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Shannon Lea Paredez, and her mother, Helen Rodriguez.

Pallbearers will be Robert Puente, Billy Pineda, Benny Rodriguez, Antonio Rodriguez, Edward Mendez and Johnny Talamantez.

The family will be at 604 S. Lancaster.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

*Paid obituary*

Ruth May Owens Crow

Funeral service for Ruth May Owens Crow, 84, of Luther, will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2000, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Crow died on Saturday, July 29, in a Lubbock nursing home.

She was born on May 9, 1916, in Red Oak and married O.R. Crow on Nov. 25, 1933, in Waxahachie. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1994.

She lived in Luther for 58 years where her husband farmed. She enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and being outdoors.

She was a member of Bethel Baptist Church in Luther where she taught Sunday school and vacation Bible school. Mrs. Crow was honored by President Harry S. Truman for her work with the American Red Cross during World War II. She also served as a 4-H and Girl Scout leader.

Survivors include: a son, William J. Crow of Cypress; two daughters, Connie J. Anderson of Lubbock and Sandra R. Crow of Upper Marlboro, Md.; two brothers, Van E. Owens of Big Spring and Dalton Wells of Lubbock; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 765, Big Spring, 79721-0765.

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broad. If anyone has been laid off or terminated through no fault of their own — if the businesses

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Ruth May Owens Crow, 84, died Saturday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Guadalupe Madrid, 95, died Monday. Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM, Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.  
Dora Flores Sanchez, 48, died Monday. Rosary will be at 7:30 PM Tuesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be Wednesday with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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close or is downsizing, for example — they are probably eligible. It also serves low-income workers, though you do not have to be low-income to apply," Belew said.

"We have some excellent programs that are offered locally or in area training institutions."

The center is taking new applicants for both youth and adult training, she noted.

Most people who are laid off need skills upgrading, Belew noted. "They may qualify for the service, which pays for their training. We offer classroom and on-the-job training. Some people cannot afford to take off for a year or more to train, so we have some jobs that provide training," she said.

While Howard County's unemployment rate was up from 4.3 percent in May, unemployment statistics show that to be a seasonal trend. Comparing June jobless rates to May: Lubbock County unemployment was 3.8 percent in June, up from 2.4 percent in May; Taylor County was 4.1 percent, up from 3.5 percent; Tom Green County was 3.7 percent, up from 3 percent; Martin County, 5.6 percent, up from 4.1 percent; Glasscock County, 4.2 percent, up from 3.4 percent; Scurry County, 5.8 percent, up from 4.1 percent; and Mitchell County, 4.4 percent, up from 4 percent.

COLLEGE

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Another request to be submitted is for money to renovate Pedestrian Plaza, an open area located in the center of campus. The college wishes to build sidewalks to connect the plaza to various buildings on campus and to add landscaping and other improvements. The board is asking for \$24,000 for these renovations.

FAIR

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p.m. Sunday and 4-10 p.m. Monday. Sunday visitors can have their hand stamped and return to the fair after attending local church services without paying another admission fee.

For the first time, livestock shows will be going on during the run of the fair, so that should contribute to a busier atmosphere, Watt said. Judging of all food and creative arts entries will be Thursday, Aug. 24; and a new addition this year to that area is the return of pies.

A special contest for children will be illustrations of nursery rhymes in three-dimensional artwork, and antique serving bowls will be displayed.

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The carnival will be run by Candy Apple, which promises an area for small children as well as bigger and better rides for others.

Watt said condensing of the fair run was an inevitable response to a change in the lifestyles of visitors. "Our lives are so busy now, most of us don't have time to stop for very long to participate in something like the county fair," she said. "This year, we want to give as many people as possible the chance to join in what we think is going to be the best Howard County Fair yet."

DAY CARE

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how proud we are of being one of the first businesses in Big Spring with an on-site day care.

"We thought having this open house before school started would show parents what we're all about and give them a chance to enroll their children. We'd love to have a big turnout."

For more information on the day care or its fees, call Churchwell at 268-7226.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between noon Monday and 8 a.m. today:

• JOHN WILLIAM RIDDELL, 28, 5200 block of Parkway, was arrested for aggravated sexual assault of a child.

• JASON LEE BROWN, 22, 1511 Stadium, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, speeding and violate promise to appear.

• JAMES STEWARD BAUM, 37, 408 N. First, Coahoma, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid and no liability insurance (2nd offense).

• JUAN JOSE BUSTILLOS, 29, 9264 Roseway, El Paso, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid.

• JOHN WILLIAM SALAZAR, 24, 1808 Hearn, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• NEIL DEXTER RINEHART, 49, 10553 W. Hwy 180, Snyder, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• LEWIS EDWARD WILSON, 28, 2209 Fannin, Abilene, was arrested for criminal mischief.

• JERRY CLEVELAND, 41, 1002 N. Main No. 51, was arrested for evading

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arrest/detention.

• JACKIE DOYLE RICHEY JR., 37, 801 W. 14th, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid.

• ANDY HALL, 19, 2511 Central, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• THEODORE DIAZ, 45, 1002 NW Second, was arrested for driving while intoxicated (2nd offense).

• OSCAR SAUL PADILLA, 19, 1604 Kentucky Way, was arrested for theft greater than \$50 but less than \$500 and for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• ANGELA MARIE LEATON, 18, 1604 Kentucky Way, was arrested for theft greater than \$50 but less than \$500 and for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• MICHAEL ZUBIATE, 17, 211 Main, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

POLICE

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

• LEWIS WILSON, 28, was arrested on Taylor County warrants.

• OSCAR PADILLA, 19, 1604 Kentucky Way, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• MICHAEL SUBIATE, 18, 1604 Kentucky Way, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• ANGELA LEATON, 18, 1604 Kentucky Way, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

• ANDY HALL, 20, was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

• JOHN SANDERS, 22, 705 Lorilla, was arrested for burglary of a habitation.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1300 block of Utah, at Birdwell and Monticello, 1600 block of Kentucky Way, 1800 block of Gregg, 2900 block of Stonehaven, 1200 block of Sycamore, 400 block of E. Fifth, 500 block of Westover.

• ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported at 15th and

Gregg, 4200 block of Dixon, 400 block of Circle, 400 block of E. Fourth, 18th and Gregg, 1300 block of E. Fourth.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at No. 6 Highland Heather, 1100 block of Nolan, 1100 block of Mulberry.

• HARASSMENT was reported in the 500 block of N. San Antonio.

• ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 700 block of Runnels.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 2900 block of Old Hwy. 80, 800 block of Birdwell.

• FOUND PROPERTY was reported at 18th and Gregg.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 4100 block of Parkway, 1000 block of N. Main.

• THEFT was reported at Fourth and Birdwell, at 700 and Birdwell.

• INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER was reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore.

• DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE was reported in the 4000 block of US Hwy 80.

• DOG BITE was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported at Hangar 18.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2400 block of S. Monticello.

Indecency with child report under investigation

On Sunday at approximately 3 p.m. local police received a report from Child Protective Services of an indecency with a child.

The offense was reported to have happened in May in a residence on the east side of Big Spring.

The victim is an 11-year-old girl and suspect is an adult male known to the victim. The case is still under investigation.

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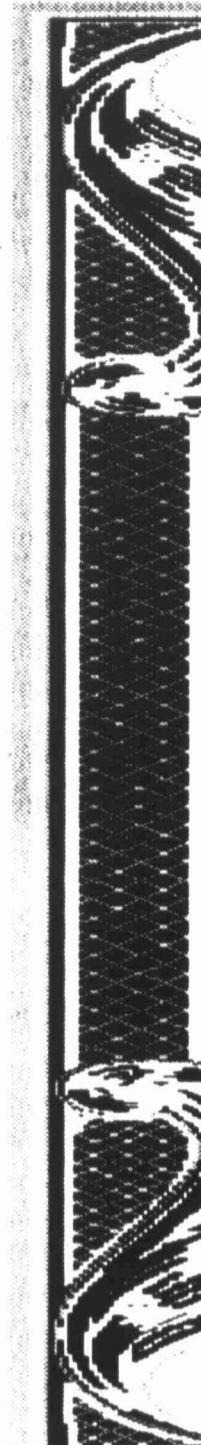
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# Convention: McCain, Dole, Schwarzkopf attest to Bush's leadership

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Mixing politics and patriotism, Republicans turned to a trio of wartime heroes to offer convention testimonials for Texas Gov. George W. Bush — untested on the world stage — and energize voters with a call to keep America the strongest country in the world.

Former Bush challenger John McCain, one-time GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole and retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of the war against Iraq, stepped forward for the second night of the Republican's convention gala. McCain came with a message of unity and reconciliation, saying in a prepared speech "it is my time to serve" his former rival.

Delegates wildly cheered another veteran, retired Gen. Colin Powell, as he praised Bush on Monday night for bridging racial divides and improving schools in Texas. But Powell

took Republicans to task for missing no opportunity to "roundly and loudly condemn affirmative action."

Powell said the GOP must reach out to minorities — "and not just during an election-year campaign. My friends, if we're serious about this, it must be a sustained effort."

Bush, slowly making his way to Philadelphia on a bus trip through five states, tantalized the convention with a brief speech, beamed

to the convention hall by satellite from Westerville, Ohio. Ahead in the polls, Bush said he was "traveling through states that Democrats won in the last few elections. But not this time. Not this year." He will lay claim to the nomination Thursday night.

The governor also hinted that Powell, the only black to serve as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, would get a job in his administration. Powell is a leading

candidate to be Bush's secretary of state. "I hope his greatest service to America might still lie ahead," the governor said.

Powell, on "Larry King Live," said he was "not trolling for a job." But he also said that "of course I would consider a cabinet position or any position in the government that a president was to offer me."

On ABC's "Good Morning America" show Tuesday, Powell said that same con-

sideration would be given to any job offer from Democrat Al Gore should he win the presidency.

"If he were the president, I would have to take it under serious consideration," Powell said, referring to Gore. "I've had conversations with President Clinton like this. I elected not to accept some of the offers that were out there but you always have to listen when a president comes to you

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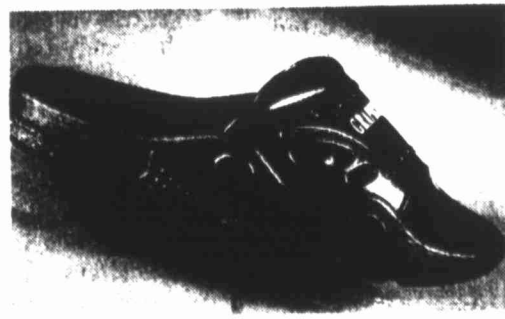
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# EDITORIAL

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## OUR VIEWS

# Old Settlers Reunion not to be missed

If it's tradition you're after, look no further than the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion this Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Established in 1924 to pay tribute to the founders and long-term settlers of Howard and Glasscock counties, the reunion hasn't changed much over the past 76 years. It's still a time for socializing and honoring longtime residents of the two counties.

To be considered an "Old Settler," citizens must have resided within either Howard or Glasscock County for at least 20 years. But if your family hasn't lived here that long, don't let that deter you. The reunion is open to all residents and everyone is made to feel welcome.

Plan to stay awhile if you can — the doors open at 8:30 a.m. and there is a dance that runs until midnight. There are some "don't miss" activities throughout the day. Perhaps the most notable will be the awards ceremony, which begins at 12:45 p.m. At that time, the Glass family of Glasscock County and the Creighton family of Howard County will be named the Pioneer Families of the Year. Awards will also be presented to the oldest settler man and woman, the couple married the longest, the person who has traveled the farthest and the family with the most children and grandchildren.

A short time later, at about 1 p.m., there will be an auction of birdhouses which have been hand painted by local celebrities. Following that will be the Hoyle Nix Memorial Fiddler's Contest, with prizes awarded in several categories. There's a \$3 fee to attend.

Other activities include Bingo at 9:30 a.m., a lunch catered by Al's and Son Barbecue beginning at 11:30 — meal tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and over and seniors over 65 — and the annual business meeting at 12:30 p.m.

The dance begins at 8 p.m. and will feature a well-known band. Tickets are \$5.

So whether your family was one of the founding families in this area, or whether you are a newcomer, plan to join in the gathering Saturday. Get to know new friends and rekindle memories with old friends and enjoy some good food and fine music — Old Settlers' style.

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# Conflict, violence natural part of behavior

Whenever the cup of ideas gets down to the grounds, there is always another example of how national television distorts reality.



CHARLEY REESE

You recall the incident in which two fathers at a kids' hockey game got into a fistfight and one of them died. The TV folks, of course, went berserk and treated us to a gush of psychobabble and pseudo-sociology, all with the theme that something terrible and unusual is happening in America.

Bosh. People get killed in fistfights all the time. A simple check with the statistics shows that, historically (at least since 1980), 5 percent to 6 percent of all homicides in the United States are caused by what the FBI defines as "personal weapons — hands, feet, etc."

I've never known anyone to be killed by an etc., but a friend during my youth did hard time for a killing a man in a fistfight. My friend delivered a hard right cross, but when his opponent fell, the man's head hit a concrete curb and cracked like a pumpkin. Another young boy in my neighborhood died when a friend tried to jump over him as he sat on the ground and accidentally kicked him in the temple.

People who have had experience with personal violence know all this. Fights can be dangerous. I suppose many people these days have only experienced the make-believe violence in the movies, where fights by such martial artists as Jackie Chan and Chuck Norris run on for minutes and end up with simple knockouts.

I hate to be the guy who tells you there is no Easter bunny, but folks, those are not real fights. The actors and stuntmen are not really getting hit or kicked. The human body has a number of fragile points where sharp blows or kicks can cause death or permanent

injuries. In old Okinawa when karate masters fought duels, usually only one or two moves were made, and one of the masters died.

So when two dads got into an altercation and one of them died, nothing unusual happened. That's life. Conflict and violence are as natural a part of human existence as love and birth. America is less violent today than it used to be. Several other countries in the world today have much higher homicide rates than we do. But we will always have a certain level of violence in our society. That's normal. What's abnormal is a bunch of unrealistic utopians running off at the mouth over selected incidents, and their drivel being given nationwide exposure.

A New Englander wrote of his stay in Little Rock, Ark., in 1827: "Every man carried a gun, either for murdering his enemies or for his own defense, and murder was an every day occurrence. It was a daily sight to see men in full health shot down in the streets like dogs."

The more you learn about life and about history, the more you realize that things are pretty normal. Are we violent? Yep, always have been. Are politicians crooked? Yep, always have been. The same book from which the above quotation was taken, "Dixie Frontier" by Everett Dick, tells the story of how Little Rock became the capital of Arkansas.

Little Rock, with only two settlers, was the choice of the state Senate. The House, however, had voted for Cadron, a rival town apparently much more developed. A recess was called, and during this time, the speaker of the House and certain other prominent politicians bought land for nominal prices in Little Rock. The Legislature reconvened, and the House saw the light and voted to make Little Rock the capital. Nothing's changed.

We could enjoy our country more if we could get rid of these damned utopians who keep claiming human perfection is just a few more laws and a few more trillions of dollars away.

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"OK, OK... SO HE PICKED SOMEONE WHO CAN SPELL 'POTATO'... DON'T HAVE A HEART ATTACK!"

# Oh, if only these bookshelves could talk

Dorothy Pittman worries a little about the potted kudzu plant withering beside the front door of her bookstore, Horton's.



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

"Who ever heard of kudzu dying?" she says with a quick, ironic laugh. The watering ban has an even hand.

Local artist Alan Kuykendall gave Dorothy the kudzu as a gift after he painted Horton's windows with his version of the notoriously hardy vine. A kudzu-draped storefront is one of the whimsical touches Dorothy has dreamed up since 1987, when she became the fifth owner of Georgia's oldest bookstore.

The American Booksellers Association celebrated its 100th birthday this year and asked to hear from U.S. bookstores 100

years old or older. There were 14.

So what Dorothy had suspected is now official. The 1892 bookstore on the Carrollton square is not only the state's oldest, but one of only two centenarians in the South. (The other is Burke's Book Store in Memphis, Tenn., started in 1872.)

Horton's is the 10th-oldest, behind Burke's and stores in Maine, Ohio, Idaho, Iowa and New Hampshire. They all follow the nation's oldest, a rare 1745 edition in Bethlehem, Pa.

"When you consider there are thousands of bookstores around the country, it is nice to be among the few centenarians around," Dorothy says.

When N.A. Horton opened the store, he advertised himself as "Undertaker and Dealer in furniture, matting, rugs, coffins, caskets, robes, slippers, frames, silver metal knives, forks and spoons, china, musical instruments and string..." And then there were the books. Dorothy grew up visiting

Horton's in the 1950s, buying her Nancy Drew mysteries and birthday gifts for her mother, simply saying "Charge it to my mother's account" when she'd made her selection.

Hap Horton, N.A.'s son, ran the store during her childhood.

The towering mahogany bookcases are the same today as then, and there's the same old National cash register that N.A. Horton used. "It's older than the cash register in the Smithsonian's technology exhibit," Dorothy proudly says.

But it's the cozy atmosphere that you most want to bottle and savor, the sense that corporate megachain America has been kept at bay.

I've been to Horton's on many occasions, and each time it's more seductive than the last.

There's usually something going on at Horton's, something soul-satisfying. On one visit, store clerk Leslie Stokes was helping children make patriotic pinwheels. The late Celestine Sibley had her

very first book signing at Horton's, and one of her last, on Feb. 13, 1998.

You can spend half a day in the used section downstairs and nobody minds. You get the feeling you could still say, "Charge it to my mother's account."

Dorothy grew up — Carrollton High Class of 1966 — moved away, went to college, majored in library science. (She also got a master's degree abroad in medieval history.) For years she worked for the Maryland library system.

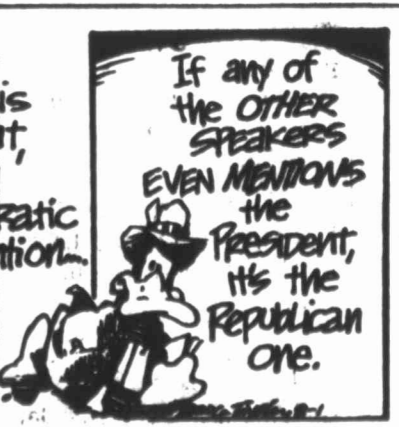
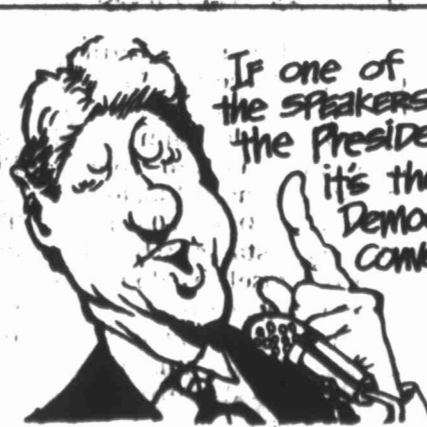
But when she moved back to the family home on Dixie Street in 1996, the urge hit.

"It's a given. All librarians want to own a bookstore," Dorothy says.

Independent bookstores must know their audience to survive these days. Dorothy's big sellers are Bibles — \$1,000 worth a month on average — and plastic St. Joseph statuettes that some believe will help sell a house if buried in the yard.

Horton's, like kudzu, is a survivor at heart.

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## IN BRIEF

### Big Spring Youth Soccer meeting set

A meeting concerning Big Spring Youth Soccer will be taking place on Tuesday, Aug. 8, on the second floor of the administration building at Howard College. Anyone interested in helping the organization is invited to attend. Anyone needing more information may call Don Bowles at 267-6411.

### Ward, Davis, Marshall and Newsome win

Annie Ward, Joyce Davis, Peggy Marshall and Georgia Newsome combined to shoot a 4-under-par 32 to win the Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association Playday Monday. As for second place, that went to Debra Lusk, Linda DeWaters, Tammy DuPauw and Daury Cockrell was two strokes back with a 2-under-par 34.

### Big Spring Youth Soccer signups

Signups for this year soccer season will be Saturday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 19 from 1-5 p.m. at Big Spring Mall. Players may also sign up at All-Star Sports on Aug. 14-18 from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The league is eligible for boys and girls between the ages of four and 12.

### Little League football signups scheduled

Signups for boys and girls for Little League football or cheerleading will begin today at the Big Spring Mall. Among the football offerings are flag football for first and second graders and tackle football for third through sixth graders. Helmet and shoulder pads are provided for the latter endeavor. Signups will take place until Aug. 12 with no signups taking place after that. Birth certificates and last year's report card must be shown at registration. The signups will take place Monday through Friday from 6-8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

### Quarterback Club to meet Friday at ATC

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be holding a meeting Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Athletic Training Center. Anyone interested in Steer football is invited to attend.

### Clark wins first PGA Tournament Monday

Michael Clark won his first PGA tournament, a deer he can display in his house and a Deere for his yard. He collected all three, plus a \$468,000 paycheck, on Monday when he became the sixth first-time winner this season by rolling in a 12-foot birdie putt on the fourth playoff hole to beat veteran Kirk Triplett in the rain-delayed event.

## ON THE AIR

### Television

**BASEBALL**  
9 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Arizona Diamondbacks, TBS, Ch. 11.  
**FOOTBALL**  
7:30 p.m. — Texas Coaches State High School Football Game, FSN, Ch. 29.  
**GOLF**  
6 p.m. — Par 3 Challenge, day 2, at Gaylord, Michigan (same-day tape), ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Aikman, receivers getting comfortable in new offense

IRVING (AP) — Troy Aikman found Joey Galloway on the sideline and across the middle. When the blitz came, Aikman went to his new No. 1 receiver again, but threw the ball a bit behind him. Raghib Ismail blew past his coverage to catch a pass in stride and fullback Robert Thomas showed that he has decent hands, too. While the Dallas Cowboys didn't reveal much of their new offense in the 11 plays the starters ran in the preseason opener Sunday night, there was evidence

that some of their major off-season changes are taking root. "I was real happy with the way we were able to move the football," Aikman said Monday. "If we can continue to build on that, that's when you begin playing with a lot of confidence. Right now, we're still establishing that. "I think this team feels it can be a really good offensive group, but we've got to continue to have success every time out." The first team gained first downs on its second and

fourth plays, then was forced to punt. The second drive covered 54 yards in four plays, ending in a touchdown that tied the game at 7. The regulars called it a night and watched their backups stumble to a 38-10 loss to Pittsburgh. The Steelers broke things open in the second quarter by capitalizing on three interceptions and a fumbled handoff by the Cowboys' third-string quarterback Paul Justin. "The first quarter was very good. It showed what

we're capable of doing," said new offensive coordinator Jack Reilly. "We should've ended it right there." Galloway and Ismail flashed the speed that's supposed to open things up for everyone else. Their consecutive catches of 25 and 23 yards opened the scoring drive, setting up Chris Warren's 1-yard touchdown run two plays later. Aikman threw three of his seven passes, including the first two to Thomas, indicating that the fullback will once again be a weapon

in the offense instead of a blocker. He's one of the guys Aikman will look to when other routes fizzle. Another favorite outlet in times of need will be tight end Jackie Harris. Aikman didn't throw him a pass Sunday, but was planning to, before he was sacked on third-and-7 of the first drive, leading to a punt. Aikman finished 6-of-7 for 83 yards. Galloway had two catches for 39 yards. Ismail one for 23 and Thomas three for 21. Galloway is the biggest key.

## Gwyn's team places seventh

HERALD staff report  
Big Spring's Christina Gwyn helped the Everman Cowgirls softball team finish seventh out of 116 teams at this weekend's AFA Nationals in Shawnee, Kansas.

Overall for the tournament, she was 5-0 with 29 strikeouts as opposed to nine walks. She gave up two runs, both of which were earned. Her overall earned run average was 0.46.

At the plate, she batted .353 with two home runs and eight RBI. She also scored seven runs and had two doubles.

The team was supposed to have played the Utah Shockers Friday, but the game got moved to 2:30 a.m. Saturday due to rain. Unfortunately for the Cowgirls, the Shockers shocked them, 1-0. One possible factor, besides the delay was the fact that the game was shorted to 55 minutes to get play back in line with the scheduled time.

Everman then came back strong with a 7-0 win over the Illinois Shockers. Gwyn played a sizable role in this win as she fired a no-hitter and connected for a two-run homer. She also had five strikeouts while walking two and had three hits, including a double and scored twice.

Another team from Illinois, the Oakland Park A's, awaited in the next round. The Cowgirls took them down by an 8-3 score. Gwyn helped rally the troops, connected for two hits and two RBI while scoring once.

Next up was the Washington Diamond Dusters. The game was tough, but Gwyn and Everman prevailed, 2-1. She surrendered seven singles and one run the first three innings, but then dug



HERALD file photo  
Big Spring's Christina Gwyn is shown throwing a pitch during high school softball season. She and her Everman Cowgirl teammates place seventh out of 116 teams at the AFA National Tournament at Shawnee, Kansas.

deep and retired 15 of the last 17 batters she faced. She finished with two strikeouts, but one of these ended the game with the tying run on second. Offensively, she also picked up a hit. Oklahoma Blazer Blast provided the next competition. However, it wasn't as much competition as Everman shut them out, 9-0. Gwyn helped the cause with one hit and one run scored. Who should be next but the Utah Shockers? However, there would be no second shock as

Everman got revenge in the form of a 7-3 victory. Gwyn started the contest and pitched a shutout through five and one-third innings before turning it over to the bullpen. She scattered six hits and struck out seven. The final competition was provided by another Illinois team, the Milan Aces. The game was tied after seven, but and International Tie Breaker inning gave the Aces a 3-2 victory. Incidentally, all of the described games took place between 2:30 a.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday.

## Braves trade for Surhoff, Cards get Clark before trade deadline

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The Atlanta Braves made the biggest trade on deadline day they boosted their lineup with B.J. Surhoff. The St. Louis Cardinals made one with ominous overtones: Worried about Mark McGwire's health, they got Will Clark. Rondell White, Todd Hollandsworth and Henry Rodriguez also changed places Monday in a flurry that saw 10 deals. Teams had until 4 p.m. EDT to take care of business. From now on, all

trades require putting players through waivers, always a tricky proposition. While Tom Goodwin, Al Martin and Steve Trachsel moved to contenders, there were some surprises at the top. Juan Gonzalez, John Wetteland and Jeremy Burnitz, all mentioned prominently in trade rumors, stayed put. And the AL East-leading New York Yankees, linked to most every available star, did nothing. Then again, the two-time World Series champions

had already gotten David Justice, Denny Neagle, Glenallen Hill and Jose Viterina in the last month. "It was a very volatile market," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said. "It's not easy trying to line up matches with people, whether it's payroll, talent or a whole lot of other issues. "Some big names got floated out there. But it's not easy to get to 'yes,'" he said. "I'm comfortable with the team we have. That's why we were able to walk away and say 'no.'"

## Astros defeat Marlins, 4-2, on the road Monday

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jose Lima remained unbeaten since the All-Star break, winning his third straight decision as Houston won 4-2 in front of only 8,044 fans at Florida. Lima (4-13) is 3-0 in his last five starts. He also helped himself by doubling and scoring a run. Craig Biggio homered and drove in three runs as the Astros stopped a three-game losing streak.

In other National League games, Cincinnati beat New York 6-0, St. Louis downed Montreal 4-0, San Francisco topped Milwaukee 4-1 in 11 innings, San Diego defeated Philadelphia 4-1 and Chicago beat Colorado 2-0. The Los Angeles-Pittsburgh game was rained out. In the American League, Oakland bested Toronto 8-1, Baltimore beat Minnesota 6-5, Anaheim topped Detroit 5-4 and Boston beat Seattle 8-5.

**Reds 6, Mets 0**  
Ken Griffey Jr. and Barry Larkin, after snubbing the New York Mets, teamed to beat them. Griffey, who blocked a deal to New York in December, had two hits and scored twice. Larkin, who followed suit seven months later, added an RBI single as the Reds snapped the Mets' six-game winning streak with a 6-0 victory Monday night.

## South defeats North in basketball all-star game

HOUSTON (AP)

Justin Harbert once said he thinks his shooting touch is the most effective weapon in his on-court arsenal. That was an understatement Monday night. The San Antonio Taft High School standout scored 25 points, including a 5-of-7 shooting effort from the 3-point line, as he led the South to a 105-91 win in the Southwestern Bell All-Star Game at

Hofheim Pavilion. "It just came to me," Harbert said. "Everything just started opening up and I relaxed and took what they gave me." The game was held in conjunction with the 68th annual Texas High School Coaches Association's coaching school, which ends Wednesday. The 24 high school boys' basketball all-stars were selected from across the state.

Larkin, in his first game at Shea Stadium since rejecting a trade to the Mets on July 23, was booed heartily when his name was called during pregame introductions and before each at-bat. Larkin, who liked New York enough to name his daughter Brielle D'Shea after the Mets' stadium, didn't want to come to the Big Apple without a long-term deal. Griffey has never liked

New York that much after his father's stint with the Yankees and vetoed a trade from Seattle to the Mets in December. **Cardinals 4, Expos 0** Darryl Kile pitched his first shutout since 1998 as St. Louis beat Montreal to end a four-game losing streak. Kile gave up six hits in his eighth career shutout. He also singled home the Cardinals' first run.

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DENNIS THE MENACE



"It's called soup because that's the sound it makes when you eat it."

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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

**The ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
 Today is Tuesday, Aug. 1, the 214th day of 2000. There are 152 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
 On Aug. 1, 1975, a 35-nation summit in Helsinki, Finland, concluded with the signing of an accord dealing with European security, human rights and East-West contacts.

On this date:  
 In 1790, the first U.S. census was completed, showing a population of nearly 4 million people.  
 In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had

designed for the city of San Francisco.  
 In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.  
 In 1936, the Olympic games opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.  
 In 1943, race-related rioting erupted in New York's Harlem section, resulting in several deaths.  
 In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation, a revolt that lasted two months before collapsing.  
 In 1946, President Truman signed the Fulbright Program into law, establishing the scholarships named for Sen. J. William Fulbright.  
 In 1946, the Atomic Energy Commission was established.  
 In 1957, the United States and Canada reached agreement to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).  
 In 1966, 25-year-old Charles Joseph Whitman shot and killed 15 people at the University of Texas before he was gunned down by police.  
 Ten years ago: In Trinidad, dozens of Muslim militants surrendered and freed 42 hostages they had seized six days earlier in a failed bid to overthrow the government.  
 Today's Birthdays: Actor Arthur Hill is 78. Actor-director Geoffrey Holder is 70. Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 69. Cartoonist Tom Wilson ("Ziggy") is 69. Actor-comedian Dom DeLuise is 67. Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent is 64.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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- Strauss
- Non-cleric
- Polygonal church projection
- Burden
- Belgrade resident
- Coffee enhancement
- Backward: suff.
- During a broadcast
- Thread reel
- Barry, Robin and Maurice
- Manmade fiber
- View twice
- Greenland
- Oceans
- Santa, CA
- Swan lady
- Lumberjack
- Ancient rival of Athens
- Santa, CA
- Golf-ball collector?
- Fabled race loser
- Eastern ruler
- Jacob's brother
- Television award
- Mimic
- "My Friend"
- Overly curious

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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