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CRMWD rate hike due to increased energy costs, Grant says

THURSDAY
August 9, 2001
Weather
Tonight:


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$74^{\circ}-76^{\circ} \quad 95^{\circ}-97^{\circ}$
Blood drive set at Wal-Mart lot Friday afternoon The United Blood
Services bloodmobile will Services bloodmobile will
be at the Wal-Mart Se at the waiin Big Spring from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
Donors must b Donors
years-old,
meigh
weig years-old, weigh more
than 110 pounds, be in good health and know the
names of any medication taken in the past 30 days. Those wishing, to
donate blood are asked to carry proof of identitication containing a legal
name and one of the following: date of birth, Social Security number, UBS assigned donor number or photo identifica-
tion. To sign up for the blood
drive contact Pattie Hill drive contact Pattie Hill
at $267-3363$.

## What's UP.

tobay
$\square$ American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6
p.m. 3203 W. Hwy 80 p.m. 3203 W. HWy 80

- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at $7: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$
${ }^{2101}$ Lancaster. $\underset{\text { Meets at } 7: 30 \text { p.m. at } 219}{\text { Masonic Lodge }} 5$ meets
Main.
FRIDAY
Q Signal Mt. Quilting
Guild, 9 a.m. 5 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The Greater Big
Spring Rotary Club Spring Rotary Club
meets at noon in the meets at noon in the
Howard College Cactus Room. AMBUCS meets at noon at The Brandin'
D Spring City Senior Citizens country/western
dance, $7: 30$ to $10: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.
SATURDAY
O Howard County
Scottish Rite Club me Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the
Masonic Lodge at 21st and Lancaster. वThe Heritage
Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
a The Potton House, 200 Gregot, a restored
historic home, is open historic home, is op
from 1 to $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. from 1 to 5 p.m.
$\square$ Dance, $8: 30$ p.m O Dance, $8: 30$ p.m.,
Eagles Lodge, 704 West
Eagies
Third.


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By roger cline Staff Writer

crease, which GRANT
will apply to the rates cities


Coahoma teenagers (from left) Anthony Gonzales, Eddie Gonzales, Billy Bob Walker and Kelby Kemper soak up some sun Wednesday at the city pool in Comanche Trall Park. The pool is open every day except Monday and will continue operation untll the school year begins on Aug. 20. It will be opén for two weekends before closing on Labor Day.
Coahoma resident killed in one-vehicle rollover

HERALD Staff Report A 45 -year-old Coahoma Coar deries suffered in the acci- been the result of a tire of Bobby LaRue of Coahoma killed as the 123 , according to the According to the DPS daughters, Jennifer and result of a one-vehicle Department of Public Safety when the vehicle she was She was employed by rollover Wednesday, eight
miles east of Midland along $\begin{gathered}\text { in Midland. } \\ \text { Mrs. LaRue was returning }\end{gathered} \begin{aligned} & \text { driving left the roadway and } \\ & \text { rolled over one and a half }\end{aligned} \quad \begin{gathered}\text { Griffin Oil Company. } \\ \text { Funeral service is pending }\end{gathered}$ nterstate 20 miland along to Coahoma when the acci- times. Nalley-Pickle \& Welch Interstate
Tina LaRue died from dent - which may have Mrs. LaRue was the wife Funeral Home.
pay the district for untreat- stations, Grant noted
ed water, is due primarily to
resulting in increased oper ed water, is due primarily to
increasing energy costs,
inting in increased oper-
ating costs for the district. $\quad \begin{gathered}\text { "To get water to } \mathrm{Big} \\ \text { Spring from Lake Thomas, }\end{gathered}$ according energy costs, ating costs for the district. we have to pump water 26 according to CRMWD "For a long time, we paid miles and up 332 feet," he
Executive Director John 4.2 cents per kilowatt/hour said. "Lately we've been Grant.
"Nahn 4.2 cents per kilowatt/hour
of electricity" he said "Natural gas prices $\begin{aligned} & \text { of electricity," he said. } \\ & \text { "Last year we paid } 6.46\end{aligned}$
increased three-fold over. increased three-fold over the last 12 months," Grant said, noting that, most of
Texas' electricity comes from burning natural gas. "When the gas prices go up, the electricity
going to go up." going to go up."
The CRMWD uses a lot of
energy to operate its pump cents per kilowatt/hour. Each one cent per kilowatt/hour adds about $\$ 1.5$ million to our expenses.
The district has to purity
The district has to pump
water long distances uphill, using electricity to do so said. "Lately we've been
pumping water to Big pumping water to $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { Big } \\ \text { Sprom the } \\ \text { Ivie }\end{array}\right]$ Reservoir. That water has to go 166 miles and 1,400 feet uphill. It's just going to be
very expensive and expensive in the future." The district has been able o mitigate the sudden
increase somewhat by increase somewhat by
spending $\$ 750,000$ from its spending $\$ 750,000$ from its
Water Rate
Stabilization
"We use this (stabilization fund) to try to prevent wild wings in the cost of our water to member cities," he going to go up because of electricity, but without the Water Rate Stabilization
Fund, the increase would und, the increase would
have been 16.76 percent." Grant said the expenditura from the fund can only "elay the full rate increase.
"We will have to pass that See CRMWD, Page 2
Water crisis Sourdough residents waiting on word from state agency by rooer clime
Colorado Biver Munitipal Water District board mem"wait and see" whether or not a state agency rules the Sourdough Water Supply Association is a public
water system. However, board members did opt to help advise
Sourdough residents about how they need to proceed in heir effort secure a supply
of water for their system. If the Texas Natural Resource Conservation
Commission decides that Commission decides that
the SWSA is a "public the SWSA is a "public
water supply system," the water supply system, the as operating illegally,
noted CRMWD executive noted CRMWD executive
director John Grant. Grant said he has been on the phone with the TNRCC, decision-making process. "I'm trying to step up the process to get a decision made," he explained. "Also,
we have somebody from the Texas Rural Water Association coming down
to help (the SWSA) go over See SWSA, Page 2

## Preparations under way for Howard County Fair

By LINDY BARR By Lnfo Writer Preparations are under-
way for the Howard County
Fair set to begin on
We Fair set to begin on
Wednesday, Aug. 22, and
continue through Sunday continue
Aug. 26 . According to Geraldine Posey, president of the
Howard County Fair Board this year's event is going to have many new and inter-
esting attractions esting attractions. "We are going to have
some new booths - one is some new booths - one is
going to sell garden tools,
and te and the pampered chef will
also be there this year," also be there this year,"
said Pid And as always, the fair will include a carnival one that offers several new and different rides.
"This y year, the carnival
will be a little bigger than it usually has been," Posey
added added. In keeping with tradition,
the fair will include numer ous contests.
"We will have the Battle of the Cheerleaders, Kountry Kids, Fair Queen,
arts and crafts, baked goods, steer show, goat soous, steer show, goat
show, lamb show and agri-
culture product,", culture products," Posey
noted, adding that the dead hoted, ad the fair queen con-
line for

Fair at a glance Tickets: Adults $\$ 4$; Children 6 11, \$2; Children under 6, free.
Wednesday, Aug. 22, 4 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, 4-10 p.m.
Frida
p.m.
.m. . . Aug. 24, 4-10
Saturday, Aug. 25, 10 a.m. 10 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.
test entries has extended to Friday.
"We need more entries,
this year the contest will be this year the contest will be held at the Big Spring
Mall,", she explained. "The girls have a workshop to
learn how to model and earn how to model and really enjoy that."
Steers will be weighed Steers will be weighed
and classified at 1 p.m. on Thursday. Lambs must be registered between 1 p.m.
and 7 p.m. Friday, and on and 7 p.m. Friday, and on
Sunday, weight cards for the goats are due at 9 a.m. ucts show must be regis ucts show must be regis
tered between noon and 3


Ashton Shelton, left, and Makalla Walker were winners in last year's Kerno mo phote Contest at the Howard county Failr. Thls year winners in last year's Kountry Kids Saturday, Aug. 25, between the Lamb Show and the Antique Tractor Pull.

## p.m. Wednesday.

Some entries must be
entered prior
entered prior to the fair's This year there will start. Those entering arts be elementary schools
and crafts for competition
will entries in for creative arts to get their pictures in by
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Bush will announce his decision tonight on stem cell research

WACO (AP) - After months of ly televised address from his ization WACO (AP) - After months of ly televised address from his ization.
deliberations, President Bush will ranch, where he is spending a
announce his decision tonight on
month on vacation. Whether to allow federal funding Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer for embryonic stem cell research, said the speech would run about of Bush's presidency, pitting disclose the president's decision. many scientists and research At issue is federal support for advocates against anti-abortion - research on cells extracted from forces. "I am fairly comfortable embryos that are left over from
with the decision that the president is going to make and I'm very such research see great potential confident that the American people will be as well," Health and Human Service said on ABC's "Good Morning America. Thompson has been pushing the president to let the research go
forward. Bush intends to disclose his decision in a 8 p.m. CDT national-
believe they can grow new cells to restore ailing organs in chronically ill patients. For instance, new
insulin-producing cells could be grown, perhaps to cure diabetes. "The president wants to share the decision with the American people himself so they can see and
hear why he came to the decision he came to," Fleischer said. "He wants to share this directly with the American people."
be a house on Bush's ranch will Be a house on Bush's ranch. with whether to allow the funding. conferring with a list of experts on
the scientific, ethical and religious the scientific, ethical and religio
implications of the research.

He has insisted that political
considerations were not part of his considerations were not part of his
deliberations. But his announce ment is sure to please and disappoint crucial blocs of the elecCorate. For instance, Roman John Paul II, have strongly urged him to bar the funding.
On the other hand
On the other hand, such conser-
vative Republicans as Sen vative Republicans as Sen. Orrin
Hatch of Utah and Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina have called for federal funding of such research because of the potentia
payoff in treatment of a number of diseases.
Congress has banned funding for research that destroys embryos,
but the Clinton administration ruled that the stem cell research ruled that the stem cell research
was eligible as long as the cells
were extracted from the embryoe
with private money. Bush ha delayed such funding while the policy is reviewed. Some opponents of research into embryonic stem cells suppor stem cells, which are made by mature tissue. But there is debate over whether somatic stem lived as embryonic stem cells. Many scientists advocate research on both types. Although the president has avoided tipping his hand on his recent CNN interview that embry onic stem cell research could sav embryos from fertility treatments are destroyed anyway.

100 arrested on child pornography charges

WASHINGTON (AP) -
One hundred sưbscribers to $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { users. When subscribers } \\ & \text { ordered child pornography }\end{aligned}$ One hundred stusscribers to ordered child pornography
child pornography Web delivered to their homes, chind pornography web
sites have been arrested in an undercover investigation into what authorities say is the largest commercial uncovered in the United States.
The 2 -year-old "Operation led by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service began with Landslide Productions company that provided users who paid a monthly fee with links to child pornography Web sites with names like "Cyber Lolita" Subscribers also could place or respond to classified and personal ads for child pornography. They undercover agents who had taken over the Landslide

## Code Red II computer

 worm spreads in U.S. WASHINGTON (AP) - but few other firms would After the original Code Red computers at its peak last week, its more malicious Internet outages nationwide over the past several days,including the disruption of some Associated Press services on Wednesday The Code Red II worm
caused AP's outage and knocked out Internet access for AP employees most of transmission of AP's main news and photo services. The antivirus company that at least a thousand servers had been infected, Bayer pulls drug off market $\begin{aligned} & \text { WASHINGTON (AP) - A } \text { five other statins sold here } \\ & \text { cholesterol-lowering drug } \\ & \text { should not panic, Food and }\end{aligned}$ cholesterol-lower Amgericans Drug Administration physi-- Bayer Pharmaceutical's Baycol - was pulled off the market Wednesday because of muscle destruction
linked to 31 U.S. deaths and at least nine more fatalities abroad.
Baycol is one of an extraordinarily popular family of dramatically lower cholesterol and reduce patients' risk of heart attacks. Yet
every statin has been linked to very rare reports of the muscle side effect called rhabdomyolysis.
The millions of
agents moved in with search warrants.
Announcing the Announcing the results of
investigation Wednesday, investigation
Attorney General John Ashcroft said the arrests will help ensure "that cyberspace does not
become a free-fire zone to target children." Hundreds of children were used in the operation;
most have not been identimost have not been identi-
fied.
The Internet site The Internet site had
around 250,000 subscribers many from, overseas. Because they don't have the
resources to go after all of them, authorities said they focused on the most egregious offenders here in the United States. Some of those
arrested were child moles ters, authorities said. Among the subscribers
Ameng auth arrested since May 200

released. Police said one subscriber who was arrest-
ed has committed suicide. Arrests were made as recently as last week, and authorities are continuing cials said.
Authorities say a key to clamping down on child molesters is tracking down pornography. Kenneth Wernography. chief of the U.S.
Postal Postal Inspection Service, said about 36 percent of
those investigated for posthose investigated for poschild pornography turn out to be child molesters.
Landslide's owners, Landslide's owners, Thomas and Janice Reedy
of Fort Worth, charged customers about $\$ 29.95$ a month to access child porn sites seas webmasters, authorities said. Landslide grossed much as $\$ 1.4$ million a

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## OUR VIEW

## A\＆M auction

 a worthwhile
## event for all

Good causes always seem to bring out the best Howard Countians．Just name the cause－United Way，Relay
for Life，the Heart Walk，Coats for Kids－whenever a need is seen，our communi－ ty always steps up and answers the call． Another of those good causes arrives．Friday night when the Howard County A\＆M Club duction second annual Aggie scholarship money for scholarships it bestows on deserving ocal students．
Festivities will start at 6 p．m．with cocktails and hors d＇oeuvres，with the auction beginning at 7 p．m．
A number of door prizes will be given away throughout the evening and admission is just \＄ per person．
Of course，Aggies being well known for thei love of tradition，believe they＇ve established a new one this year．Those who don＇t wear maroon or white will pay an extra $\$ 5$ at the
A\＆M Club members stress the auction is not just for local Aggies，but for anyone who wants to attend．To that end，organizers have acquired
items that will appeal to the general sports fan items that will appeal to the general sports fan
and music fans，as well as those die－hard $\underset{\text { Aggies．}}{\text { and }}$ ．
Auction items include autographed memora bilia by Michael Jordan，Arnold Palmer，Roger Others are autographed albums by Elton John， Rod Stewart，Kenny Rogers，Tanya Tucker and the Eagles．
Items of interest to Aggies and Aggie fans will include tickets for two to all Texas A\＆M hom football games including dates against the Fighting IFish of Notre Dame University and the Aggies＇annual showdown with the arch rival University of Texas Longhorns．
Following the suecess of last year＇s first auc tion，two things seem certain．First，anyon who attends Friday＇s auction will enjoy them－ selves．
More importantly，however，simply attending and having that good time will allow you have a part in making sure deserving students receive a college education they might other
wise not be able to afford It＇s not be abie to ayford．
situation and we encqurage all our readers to make the most of $4 t$

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## Bush should oppose racial preferences

## run afoul of the might Constitution＇s，guarantee

 laws．In order to pass laws．In order to passConstitutional muster，the
Court said programs would Court said programs，would
haye to prove that they haye to prove that they
were narrowly tailored to were narrowly tailorea to
resolve actual racial or eth
nic discrimination．The nic discrimination．The
Court said it wasn＇t enoug Court said it wasn＇t enoug
to prove general，societal to prove general，societa
discrimination against minorities．
At the time，most people
believed that the believed that the case
would be the death knell would be the death knell
for racial preferences in for racial preferences in such programs rarely，if ever，were based on evi－
dence of actual discrimina dence of actual discrimin
tion in government con－ tracting．Instead，they wer simply a special form of racial patronage，ensuring that a certain percentage
government contracts got thrown to minority contra tors，many of whom
became wealthy as a result，
But the Clinton adminis． tration chose basically to ignore the ruling and made only the most cosmetic
changes in the program changes in the program．
Now the case is back Now the case is back before
the Supreme Court for the the Supreme Court for the
third time．It would be an easy matter for the new course over its predecesso The Clinton administration
changed position in filings
before the Supreme Court
five times in its first 15
months in office．And the
Bush administration has
shown no hesitance in
reversing Clinton policies
on other matters，including
the environment．
What＇s more，doing so
would live up to the cam－
paign promises of Presiden
Bush and the policy state－
ments of Attorney General
John Ashhroft．Candidate
Bush consistently said he
opposed racial quotas and
preferences，while
Ashroftedeccared that
when he was in the U．S．
Senate．such programs
were＂objectionable as a
matter of public policic．＂
so why is the Bush
administration suddenly
about to defend the indefen
sible？
Maybe someone in the
Bush White House now
thinks defending racial
preferences is good politics．
If so，theyre wrong．This
doesn＇t make the president
look compassionate．It
makes him look unprinci－
pled．And what will he get
in return？Absolutely noth－
ing．
Not a single black or
Hispanic voter who would
not otherwise do so will
vote for President Bush in
2004 because he continues
the bankrupt policy of
changed position in filings
before the Supreme Court
five time months in office．And the shown no hesitance in reversing Clinton policies on other matters，includin
the environment． What＇s more，doing so would live up to the cam－
paign promises of President Bush and the policy state－ ments of Attorney General Bush consistently said he opposed rácial quotas and
preferences，while Ashcroft declared th When he was in the U．S． were＂objectionablems matter of public policy． So why is the Bush
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in return？Absolutely noth－ Not a single black or not otherwise do so will vote for President Bush in
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awarding federal contracts
on the basis of skin color． on the basis of skin color．
These programs don＇t even These programs don＇t even
affect ordinary blacks and Hispanics，who have no direct stake in perpetuating On the other hand，those
On sionately in color－blind equal opportunity will be devastated if the president
breaks faith on a program breaks faith on a program
as venal as this one．For years，opposition to racial quotas and preferences was a defining issue that sepa－
rated the Republican from the Democrat Party．More importantly，it was one of those issues on which more Americans agreed with the
Republican than Democrat position，especially midddle－
income voters．Even Bill position，especially midd
income voters．Even Bill
Clinton understood this Clinton understood this，
which is why he talked so mative action＂－though his policies simply perpetu－ President Bush stands to gains if he comes down on the side of racial prefer－ ences．And he＇ll demoralize he very people who helped
put him where he is today． A word of advice to the president：Just do the right hing，oppose racial prefer－
ences．
It also happens to be good politics．

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## We＇re fast becoming a nation of loners



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Aug. 10: Your words often trigger many reactions, from con might need to communicate several times in different ways. Your sense of humor
takes the edge off others' neryousness and any pres sure you might feel. You will accept even more Usesponsibility this year. you are single, 2002 brings an important relationship. If you are attached, by sharing more of your inher eel even more deeply bondd. You can count on this erson. TAURUS pushes The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5
Dynamic; 4 -Positive; 3 . Dynamic; A-Positive;
Average;
3-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April **** Ybur drive is akin to
hammer pounding a nail No matter ${ }^{2}$ what obstacles are in your path, you jump essages, If someone does n't return your call, call and you'll get results. Tonight: Your treat.
TAURUS (April 20-May
**** You wonder how othmisunderstanding. Could you find a more effective way to deal with this? ssociate shares several ricks to make life work. kip lunch, but slp out of Finally. Time for you GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You might feel as if you are in a great swamp
filled with quicksand. No matter which way you turn ourself what you would do if you were really slipping into quicksand. Do just Someone will rescue you. Tonight: Do something CANCER (June 21-July **** Despite what you ration. Schedule a meeting f need be. Your interper sonal skills skyrocket Don't accept anyone's finan math. Tonight: Socialize to your heart's content. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Whatever you say, another chooses to disagree with you. Just smile and use critics to brainstorm and Your creativity turns even touchy situations into win Tonight: Play the Lion! Tonight: Play away the VIRGO (Aug. 23 pected, and Virgo will be in

Horoscope
away from touchy situa ions, for at least a few minreactions Curb knee-jerk o worry about the "what s." Your resourcefulness Tonight down uproar. work! ${ }_{* * * *}^{\text {LIBRA }}$ (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) inced that the rest of the Wisten as someone presents the facts as he sees them. Give someone else the same pportunity. Once you have the facts, you can toss out with a solution. Others applaud. Tonight: Celebrate Friday night.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov ${ }_{* *}$ ) Pressure builds Everyone wants samething. Confusion replaces organicorpio might he an help
 ith another's plans. $\underset{\text { Dec. } 21 \text { ) }}{\text { STARIUS }}$ (Nov. 22 . ** Take your time and avoid rushing at all costs. Mistakes easily occur if you
don't dot your i's and cross your t's. Sag likes to absorb tion. What would be better is to concentrate. Curb socializing for now.
Tonight: Do errands on the way home. ${ }_{* * *}{ }^{2 n .}$ What *** What appears to be a
wonderfully creative busi ness venture easily could spell disaster. Don't sign


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financial matters until omorrow, A child or loved tions. Now, it is your call Tonight: This is not the time to take emotional risks, either.
AQUARIUS-(Jan. 20-Feb ${ }^{18 * *}$ A whirlwind surrounds you wherever you go. Others misread your
actions. Be clear even if it means slowing down for a while. Don't become annoyed; rather, simply
work with others. Deal with the basics. It is not the time to get caught up in theories. onight; Opt for calm. PISCES (Feb. 19-March
2*** Someone in your life
could be tightly wound. You might even be this person. much. Speak to others much. Speak to others poss/ He when riturning and leave early, if possibfe. night rituals.
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Former president Herbert Aoover (1874), actor actress Rosanna Arquette (1959)

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As millionare balloonist cruises world, 'mission control' likes things boring

ST. LOUIS (AP) - While
Steve Fossett is more than four miles above the South the-world balloon quest, Joe
Ritchie is safely on the Ritchie is safely on the
ground thousands of miles ground thousands of miles
away, pecking out an e-mail to his airborne pal. Ritchie's keyboarding and
the muffled hum of a printthe muffled hum of a printer spitting out a copy of his
message are the only sounds at Fossett's "mission control ${ }^{\text {U }}$ at Washington
Univerity Sure it's dull, but that's Sure it's dull, but that's
the way Ritchie likes it. "You don't like these
things to be exciting things to be exciting. ing," said Ritchie, near an inch-thick stack of e-mails
he has traded with Fossett he has traded with Fossett
since the Chicago millionsince the Chicago million-
aire lifted off Saturday from aire lifted of
Australia.
This is This is the investment
tycoon's fifth bid to
"And for the last day or
so, it's been closer to bor-
ing," Ritchie added, with a
smile. smile.
That's not to say there haven't been moments for
Ritchie and his crew. When Fossett lost communications with mission control for five hours not long
into his flight the adventurer climbed outside his 5 -by7 -foot capsule to replace broken antenna and switch
to a laptop computer.
And when Fossett's heliAnd when Fossett's heli-
um-filled "Solo Spirit" balloon began veering too far
south early south early Monday, crews
here told him to shed here told him to
weight and fly higher.
Fossett Fossett was forced
Monday to dump one full Monday to dump one full
and one empty propane and one empty propane
tank, and the balloon
climbed and course. and corrected
There were Fossett might not have
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2001 Property Tax Rates in howard county
This notice concerns 2001 property tax rates for HOWARD COUNTY. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to decermine property taxes taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayen can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustenents as required by state law. The rates are given per $\$ 100$ of property value.

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| Last year's tax rate: . |  |  |  |
| Last year's operating taxes | \$4.186.785 | 5 | 5486,303 |
| Last year's debt taxes | \$149,444 | 5 | 50 |
| Last year's total taxes | \$4,336,229 | 5 | \$486,303 |
| Last year's tax base | \$1073589750 | 5 | \$1073589750 |
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| This year's offective tax rate: |  |  |  |
| -Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property) | \$4.328,840 | $s$ | \$485,480 |
| + This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new, property) | \$1178530736 | 5 | \$1178530736 |
| - This year's effective tax rate for each fund | S. $36730 / 5100$ | /5100 | \$.04119/5100 |
| Total effective cax rate | S,40849/5100 |  |  |
| $\times 1.03$-maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing | S,42074/5100 |  |  |
|  following lines unless iss first adjustment was made last year: |  |  |  |
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| x 1.08 - this year's maximum operating rate | 3, 38303/5100 | /5100 | 5,04448/5100 |
| + This year's debt rate | \$. $0.1136 / 5100$ | /5100 | \$ 0 / 15100 |
| - This year's rollback rate for each fund | \$.39439/5100 | /5100 | \$.04449/5100 |
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Sports

## IN Brief

Mixed golf tourney set for thls weekend The 2001 Guys and Gals Couples Golf Tournament
will be held Saturday will be held Saturday
through Sunday at the Big Spring Country Club The entry fee will be
$\$ 130$ per team plus the cart fee. will be awarded to the top three places per
flight. Awards will also be flight. Awards will also be
given for the longest men
ind closest to the pin prizes
will also be awarded. Registration starts at
11:30 a.m. Saturday with 11:30 a.m. Saturday with
the shotgun start at 1 p.m.
both Saturday and Sunday.
The cos
The cost is $\$ 5$ plus the
cart fee.
Bryan ties for sixth place at PGA tourney Big Spring Country tied for sixth place and
won $\$ 1,000$ in the North Texas PGA Western Championship which was
held earlier this week at the
Club.
The

The tournament was
won by Bruce Smith of on the third extra hole of on the third extra hose of
a sudden death playoff to
defat Tom Strueber defeat Tom Strueber, who
finished with a par. They each shot a two round
total of 135, forcing the playoff,
Ronnie Lamesa Country Club thed for 71st place with three
golfers with a score of 151
after he shot rounds of 76 Comanche Trail Golf
Club members George Criolo and Brandon K.
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Mason placed 84th and Mason placed 84th and
P5th respectively, Priolo
carded rounds of $81-77$ for car 158 while indasan fhat
lands of $80-79$ for a 159 . Jeffery G. Johnston, also of the Comanche
Trail Golf Club took 90th
place with a 162 score place with a 162 score
after shooting rounds of
$84-78$. Soccer meeting set for would-be coaches The Big Spring Youth
Soceer Association is holding a meeting for new
coaches and referees in the area.
The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14
at Howard College. Any interested persons
should attend the meeting should attend the meeting
which will be held on the second floor of the
Administration Building.

Little football players hold signups here Signups for Crossroads
Little Football League
pill be held today players will be held today
through Saturday at the Big Spring Mall. be held from 6 p.m. to 88 p.m.
today
and from 10
Saturday.

## Gymnasts return

for YMCA classes Gymnastic week at the
started this wes
Big Spring YMCA faciliThe classes are held on Wednesdays
More information is avail-
able by calling the YMCA at $267-8234$.

## On the Air

## Radio

BASEBALL
$7: 10$ p.m._Detroit
Tigers at Texas Rangers.
Tigers at Texas Rangers
KBST-AM 1490 .

## Television




Cowboys looking for new, healthy receivers

WICHITA FALLS (AP) - Receiver Bashir Yamini, a raw talent that had already made an impression on
the Dallas Cowboys, won't play this season after
his right knee Yamini will be out nine to 10
months after he has surgery, coach Dave Campo said Wednesday. The Tuesday is sifered during practice forced receiver Joey Galloway to
miss all of last season after getting miss all of last season ant
"I think Bashir had made some
progress. But he's raw, a young receiver, a green receiver." Campo
the end of training camp."
In the Cowboys' preseason opener In the Cowboys' preseason opener
last weekend at Oakland, Yamini
had three catches. One of them was had three catches. One of them was a leaping 18-yard touchdown recep
tion that tied the game.
While the 6 -foot-3, 195-pound While the 6 -foot-3, 195 -pound
Yamini has the size the Cowboys are looking for, he is short on expe He played only two seasons a
lowa and appeared in only five games without a catch for the When Campo talked to Yamini on
Wand Wednesday, the coach took a posiWednesday,
tive tone.
"From a v From a very negative thing, he looking for one of the the players
has an opportunity to bementor little bit in the off-season by Rocket
and Joey," Campo said, II he does
a good ob with the mental rehab,
he's got a chance to maybe come
back next year and have an oppor-
tunity to make this ball club and be
a legitimate NFL receiver,
Galloway and Raghib Ismail, who
tore his AcL in the 10th week last
season, are both practicing just
once a day for the Cowbos.
The team is handling its top two
receivers with care and expect both
to be completely ready for the sea-
son opener Sept. 9 against' Tampd
Bay.
Yamini was among the players
looking for one of the spots behind The most likely options are Chris
Brazzell, Jason Tucker and Wane McGarity, all third-year players
with the Cowboys. There are another half-dozen There are another half-dozen
receivers in camp, including sec ond-year receiver Damon Hodge. Brazzell and Hodge will start Saturday's preseason game against
Denver, just as they did last week. McGarity is out at least two more weeks with an ankle sprain suffered on a 71 -yard punt return at Oakland
that was nullified by a penalty. that was nullified by a penalty.
Campo said the Cowboys would b looking at waivers to acquire more looking at waivers to acquire more
recevers, said it too early to
know what the Cowboys final receiving corps will look like

Kamathi notches major upset win EDMONTON, Alberta here on the track," Jones
(AP) - Marion Jones had a said, "and building back a hard - time dealing with bit of confidence. I wasn't hard time dealing with bit of confidence. I waont
defeat. Haile Gebrselassie reall broken after the 100,
accepted his loss with a but you know it's been smile. near-mythic figure in the
African-dominated world o African-dominated world of
long-distance running, ost
a 10,000 -meter race for the first time since 1993 With a fierce final 120 meters, Kenyan Charles the Ethioptan's reign of
four world championships. four world championships.
Ethiopian Assefa Mezgebu was second.
Gebrselassie, who had not run a race since his dra-
matic victory at the 2000
Olympics, finished third. Olympics, finished third.
'The last 100 meters don't know what weas happening," Gebrselassie said.
"I couldn't do anything. I didn't expect the Kenyan to come past so fast. I though
it was only me.. He said hisifogot surgery
last November was ho factor. "To be honest with you, I'm in very good shape,"
Gebrselassie said. "I'm not disappointed. Why should I be disappointed? I tried, but Kamathi, just 2z years old and never a contender in a n't decide which was more
important, beating Gebrselassie or winning the gold
"Ifeel the same way about
both," he said. both," he said.
Jones, meanwhile, was back on the track for a smooth victory in the first round of the 200 -meter preliminaries, just two days Ukrainian (ounna Pintusevich-Block in the 100 -meter finals.
She said she suffered
through a near-sleepless night and fretted through out the day Tuesday, thinking about what she could have done differently. By
Tuesday night, she finally
decided there was no use decided there was no use
dwelling on it and woke up Nwelling on it and woke up
Wednesday eager to run.
rack out
but you know it's been
wwhile since $I$ ve lost a race, awhile since P ve lost a race,
and I kind of forgot how to deal with it." of forgot how to Jones, who pulled up with
strained back strained back muscle in
the semifinals of the 200 at the 1999 worlds, won her heat in 22.70 seconds to night's semifinals. Defending champion
Inger Miller of the United States, bothered by injuries all year, struggled to advance with a fourth-place finish in her heat in 22.98
seconds. The other two
Americans in the event Kelli. White (22.65), and
Latasha Jenkins (22.82) Latasha Jenkins
won their heats.
For the second day in a row, no American won a
medal. But they weren't as desperate as host Canada,
which has yet to win a which has yet to win a
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sprinters in the mend' 200
dvanced to Thursday's advanced to Thursday's nals. Kevin Little ran a
20.13 to finish second to in his heat. Crawford was third in his heat in 20.19 . Olympic, gold medalist
Konstadinos Kederis of

For the first time in lympic and world champinships history, the United entative in the final of the nen's 400 -meter hurdles. aylor champion Angelo on the cinpal hurdle and finished fourth in his semifiHis tim Hasn't nearly fast enought to make it to the final and was far off his world-leading "I'll hold my head up and get ready for the four-byfour relay," he said.
The other two A. The other two Americans, Carter, also missed Jualify ing for the final. The fastest ualifier was New York native Felix Sanchez of the
Dominican Republic. rs win 9-4
and Tom Gordon finished for his 23rd save. Colorado's Brent Butler
hit his first major league homer, a two-out solo shot in the ninth.

## Astros 2,

Julio Lugo's sacrifice iy in the 12th inning gave. Houston a victory in Atlanta. The Astros loaded the bases gainst Jose Cabrera (7-4) with
hree straight one-out singles. Lugo followed with a fly to leff, deep enough to score Brad Ausmus from
third. Mike Jackson (3-2) was the winner, and Billy Wagner worked the
12th for his 26th save. Diamonabacke 7
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Randy Johnson allowed one run in seven innings to win his sixth consecutive de
won at Florida.
Jon at Florida.
Johnson (15-5) struck out eight, Johnson (15-5) struck out eight,
walked two and gave up six hits. In his past five games, he
17 hits and three runs.
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## Rangers crushed by 19-6, Tigers add 13 runs in 9th


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Reader cries foul over valedictory address $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Dear Ann Landers: For } & \text { read } \\ \text { people who don't believe TV } & \text { about } \\ \text { has an effect on young peo- } \\ \text { his w }\end{array}$ klaimed d - twice. It may sound for a minute that it is father-in-law commit-
suicide by shooting himself in the head three times with a semi-automat
ic. Convulsive reflexes trig gered the second and third
shots. If the weapon in the
stupid stupi- crook story was a
semi-automatic, it is quite possible that the man's wife
managed not only to kill managed not only to kill
herself, but to get revenge herself, but to get revenge
on her husband by making
it look like he did it. .- East Coast Son-in-Law
Dear East Coast: You have
presented an interesting presented an interesting
alternative; however, if the gun in the story was a
semi-automatic, the police surely would have consid-
ered the scenario you
described. I suspect there ered the scenario you
described. I suspect there
was additional evidence was additional evidence
involved.
Dear Ann Landers: This is Dear Ann Landers: This is
for "New York Daughter." whose widowed mother is smitten with "Monty."
Thank you for suggesting Thank you for suggesting that she hire a private
investigator. I second the motion.
I am 62 years old. A few I am 62 years old. A few
years ago, I was madly in love with "Edgar." He was
sweet and attentive, and made me feel like a teenager. When he needed work
done on his car, I was happy to pay for it. The bill happy to pay for it. The bill
was $\$ 800$. He told me about the charity work he was doing for a group of home-
less people, and asked me less people, and asked me
to loan him $\$ 1,200$ to buy a van so he could distribute clothing and blankets. How
could I refuse? could I refuse?
Two weeks later, Edgar called and informed me
that he had too much pride to date a woman to whom
he owed so much money. he owed so much money.
He said he couldn't see me He said he coulant see me
anymore, because it was
too painful for him. I sued too painful for him. I sued
him in small claims court, and event thotignt I won a judgment against him; they
couldn't locate Edgar to col-
lect it. He moved and left lect it. He moved and left no forwarding address.
This was a costly lesson for me, but it could have
been a lot worse. My judg. ment was so impaired, who
knows what I might have knows what I might have
done if Edgar had stuck done if Edgar had stuck
around. I probably would have given him all my sav-
ings and been left with ings and been left with nothing. More costly than the money was my loss of
self-esteem. I no longer trust my own judgment
when it comes when it comes to men, and have not dated since Edgar made such a fool of me. I
thought I was in love, I am so embarrassed that I am
not giving my name or the not giving my name or the city of mailing. Please sign
me -- Sadder and Wiser in the Western Hemisphere Dear Sadder and Wiser:
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