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WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT TOMORROW
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Coming Wednesday...

A special tribute to the Region I, Class 2A champion Coahoma Bulldogettes!

Museum hosts special tour on Thursday

A tour of historical Big Spring is the topic for a "Walk About Town," planned Thursday at the Heritage Museum.

The public is invited to meet at the museum at 10 a.m. for a tour with Tammy Burrow, then take a tour of the Potton House. There will be lunch at the Blue Room (\$4-\$6), followed by a walk around Old Town Big Spring. Organizers call it an opportunity to "get to know Big Spring like never before."

For reservations, contact Sue Slattery at 264-6035 as soon as possible.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

☐ Gospel singing at Kentwood Activity Center. Starts at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

☐ VFW Post 2013, VFW Hall, meets at 7 p.m., 500 Driver Rd.

☐ Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on Andrews Hwy.

☐ American Red Cross meets at Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster at 7 p.m.

☐ Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

☐ Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

☐ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

☐ Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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America's heroes

New stamp honors fallen emergency workers

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

A new postage stamp out this week honors those emergency personnel who died in the attacks on the Trade Center and the Pentagon and helps generate funds for their families.

The Heroes of 2001 stamp will be introduced to the public during a brief ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Friday in front of the Big



SEALE

Spring Post Office.

"We'll have a brief ceremony and there will be a special stamp cancellation for collectors and others who want to take part in that," said Terry L. Seale, local post office employee.

A portion of the proceeds from the stamps, which are 45 cents each, will go to a special Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) fund.

"The money transferred to FEMA will provide assistance to the families of emergency relief personnel killed or permanently disabled in the line of duty in con-

nection with the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11," Seale said.

The portion that will go to the fund is the amount remaining after the cost of a first-class stamp, which is currently 34 cents. First-class stamps will increase to 37 cents on June 30.

The Heroes of 2001 stamps can be purchased through Dec. 31, 2001. Customers interested in getting the special cancellation can do so at the post office through June 30 only.

"All they need to do is come into

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Courtesy photo
The Heroes of 2001 stamp will be introduced to the public at 9:30 a.m. Friday in front of the Big Spring Post Office. The first-class stamp will sell for 45 cents.

They're ba-a-ak: Goat Camp returns

Organizers have to turn youth away, it's so popular

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

About 200 youngsters have gathered at Howard College this week to learn about the proper care and feeding of goats.

The event is the sixth annual Howard College Goat Camp. Organizers have been turning away applicants since the end of February, when the camp reached its limit of 200, said Howard College ag professor Vance Christie.

"We have to limit it due to our dorm space and due to the number that we can accommodate in the areas where we have the camp," he said. "It gets so crowded out there around the show ring and here in our shop. We could probably have 350 to 400 people easily if we could just open up and accommodate that many. We start advertising around the end of January and usually by the end of February, Goat Camp's full. We've turned away people daily since then, all the way up until last week, people calling, wanting to get in."



CHRISTIE



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Jordan Woodman, 11, of Lott practices shearing a goat Monday at the Howard County Goat Camp as instructor Doug Fox of Alpine looks on. The three-day camp drew more than 200 4Hers and FFAers from all over Texas and from as far off as Colorado to learn about goat-raising techniques.

FFA and 4H students from as far off as Colorado come to the Howard College Camp, the original Goat Camp.

"They're learning how to clip, shear, feed, health management and nutrition and showmanship techniques to help them improve their meat goat projects on everything from the local level all the way up to state and national shows," Christie said. "The

majority of our camp is a hands-on type activity. We bring in 12 instructors from across the state. Most of them are county extension agents and ag science teachers. Some of them are goat producers that come in and work with these guys."

The campers are divided into groups for the lessons.

"We break them into groups three or four times throughout the camp, groups of 10 to 12 students,"

he said. "They get a lot of hands-on experience working with these goats, especially the actual showmanship portion, what is expected of them presenting these animals at shows."

The camp includes live animal demonstrations of techniques such as hoof care, dehorning and vaccination.

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McKinney steps aside as chair of college board

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

An eight-year veteran chairman of the Howard College board stepped down from the position at Monday's trustees meeting.

"I think eight years is quite enough," said long-time chairman Don McKinney, as trustees decided to reorganize the board.

Dr. Charles Warren replaced McKinney in the leadership position. Trustees Harold Davis was voted to serve as the vice-chairman and Marie Ethridge will serve as secretary.

Warren and Ethridge, re-elected on May 5, took the oath of office. Newly-elected trustee John Freeman was not in attendance Monday and will be sworn in at the next meeting.

In other business, trustees decided to exempt state-approved charitable organizations, such as Masonic Lodges, from paying local property taxes.

Community activist Charles Beal informed the board about the background

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Library shows youngsters that reading can be fun

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

It's fundamental.

But Karen McIntyre and the Howard County Library are doing their best this summer to make it fun as well.

"It," of course, is reading, and the program is the library's annual Summer Reading Program.

The eight-week reading odyssey kicked off Monday with a registration program, but McIntyre said youngsters can sign up for the program until June 14.

"We're just registering to get the kids started," she said. "The program basically starts tomorrow. We'll have a speaker coming in for the older boys and girls. Then Wednesday it's the STAR group, which is 'Sit Together And Read' so what I do is I read to them. We do finger plays and we do crafts each day with each group."

Activities on Thursdays will be limited to a small

TO REGISTER

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program continues through June 14. Call 264-2260 for more information.

group each week.

"It's limited to 24, and I've already filled them up (for this week) so please, nobody call," she said. "They can call me the Monday of the week to sign up for this. What we do on that day is stuff I can't do with a group this big. So one day we're going to walk across the street to the museum, we're going to have the Master Gardeners come in, and we're going to do some airplane flying contests, and things like that."

Mondays are planned as movie days.

"Right now they're watching little 'Arthur' shorts, because I knew people were going to be coming in and leaving," she said. "Normally on Mondays we're going to have an hour-long movie. But they're all going to be rated

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
April Valle, 6, center, and her sister Jillian Valle, 9, work on coloring pictures of boots Monday to be hung in the Howard County Library for the Summer Reading Program while their mother Celeste Valle looks on. The girls will get a star added to their boot for each 10 books they read during the program.

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OBITUARIES

Jim Foster

Funeral service for Jim Foster, 88, of Lamesa will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at the Lamesa Church of Christ with Jeff Foster, Mark Hackett and Joe Woodruff officiating. Burial will be in the Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa.

Mr. Foster died on Monday, June 3, at a healthcare center in Lamesa.

He was born on Nov. 3, 1913, in Velma. He married Evelyn Sink on June 5, 1946.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Foster of Lamesa; two sons, Marvin Lynn Carter of Meroux, La., and Jim Ray Foster of Lubbock; one daughter, Joy Rogers of Lamesa; two brothers, Matt Foster of Duncan, Okla., and Tobe Foster of Broken Arrow, Okla.; one sister, Sude Nix of Big Spring; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be sent to the Dawson County Senior Citizens Center, 611 N. Austin, Lamesa 79331 or the Lamesa Church of Christ, 702 N. 14th, Lamesa 79331.

Frances Lucile Currie Hogue

Graveside funeral service for Frances Lucile Currie Hogue, 93, of Odessa, formerly of Stanton, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, 2002, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton with Chaplain Emmett Barnard of Home Hospice officiating.

Mrs. Hogue died on Sunday, June 2, at the Hospice House of Odessa.

She was born on Jan. 24, 1909, in Belmont, La.

She had lived in Odessa for 20 years. She was a member of First Baptist church of Odessa.

Survivors include four daughters, Maydell Kimbrough of Olney, Lurline Gregg of Andrews, Elsie Chavez of Goldsmith and Mary Nell Pruett of Arlington; one son Wayne Hogue of San Antonio; one brother, Wilford W. Currie of Carlsbad; 13 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice House Foundation Inc., 903 Sam Houston, Odessa 79763.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Haskell "Hack" Coker, 69, died Saturday. Memorial services are 4:00 PM today at Trinity Baptist Church.

Primitivo "Tbo" Ontiveros, Jr., 39, died Sunday. Vigil services are 7:00 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services are 3:00 PM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

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Estill Park

Funeral service for Estill Park, 88, of Big Spring will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 6, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Kevin McMeans, minister of College Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Park died on Monday, June 3, in a local hospital.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1913, in Jack County and married Henry Park on March 9, 1935, in Sterling City. He preceded her in death on July 7, 1977. Mrs. Park had been in Big Spring since 1925.

She was a member of College Baptist Church.

Survivors include four sons, John Park of Crystal River, Fla., Fred Park of Lubbock, Roger Park of Big Spring and Steve Park of Forsan; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Bruckner's Children's Home, P.O. Box 50872, Midland 79710.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

STAMP

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the post office and request it," said Seale.

"Thanks to our loyal customers in purchasing the Heroes of 2001 postage stamps. We, as communities, get involved with our country, therefore helping the heroes' families. We appreciate our customers' business. Without them this would not be possible," said Seale.

Among those participating in Friday's ceremony will be local firefighter Dusty Shelhamer, a member of the nationwide disaster team that responded to the 9-11 terrorist attacks.

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"Then a small part of it is just actual lecture type situation, where we're providing them with information they need to know," Christie said.

Goat raising has evolved into a highly competitive event.

"The goat project, in order to be competitive especially on the state and regional level, has gotten quite a bit more competitive over recent years," he said. "When it first started out it was relatively easy. People could go out, buy a goat, put it in the pen, feed it all they could get it to eat, and usually the biggest, fattest goat won."

Not so any more.

"The genetics have improved so much and the competition has gotten so much tougher that to be real effective these guys have got to go out and buy the best genetics they can possibly afford," he said. "They've got to feed it the best feed they can in order not to get the animal too fat and grow a lean, muscular carcass in order to win."

Goat care even involves exercising the animals, running them on a track with dogs.

"We show them techniques like that at the camp," Christie said.

Many Texans have never tasted goat meat, and many others only at a barbecue on the Fourth of July.

"Goat meat is the number one consumed meat product worldwide," he said. "In the United States, goats have typically been used for dairy purposes or they've been used for brush management."

Goat meat is very popular in Latin America, Asia and Africa, he added. Many south Texas Mexican food

restaurants serve goat meat in the form of cabrito.

"Goat meat is very unique as far as the taste that it's got," he said. "It's a very lean, very high protein meat. There's not a lot of excess fat and there's very, very little intra-muscular fat in goat meat. I don't know if you can really compare it to anything else. There's just quite a bit of difference even to lamb. But it's excellent, especially if it's prepared right."

The camp started Sunday morning and continued through noon today. A similar camp geared toward lamb care will commence this weekend; it too, filled up early.

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"G." It won't be anything that won't be suitable for children of all ages."

The children will have the opportunity to get in plenty of reading to keep their academic skills sharp over the summer break.

"Basically what the summer reading program is for, and they don't know this because it's fun - we do a lot of fun things - but it's to keep their reading skills up," McIntyre said. "I'm asking that they read at least 10 books during the eight-week period and then they can come to the closing party. What we try to do is try to reinforce that."

This year's reading program is themed around the Lone Star State.

"Everything we're doing this year is about Texas, because the theme is 'Read Across Texas,'" she said. "So it's just basically to have fun, but to keep reading through the summer."

This year's reading program will feature a contest centered around the Dewey Decimal System, a common numerical organization for non-fiction books.

"The person that reads the most books out of the Dewey Decimal system will get a prize," she said, adding that the contest is based on reading books out of different Dewey Decimal classifications.

Another planned contest involves creating "Texas Critters" out of household items and another involves guessing the amount of chili ingredients in a jar.

For more information about the summer reading program, call the Howard County Library at 264-2260.

COLLEGE

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and purpose of the Community Foundation for the Big Spring Area.

"The potential of this foundation is that is can administer types of gifts unfeasible for smaller foundations," Beal said.

While researching community foundations, Beal discovered Kerrville was the smallest community in Texas with a foundation.

"It's a little larger than us and Kerrville is a little more wealthy than we are," he said. "I visited with people in Kerrville about the what the opportunities and benefits are to a community foundation."

Beal said foundations can accept all forms of funds from nonrestrictive to those designated for specific interest.

"I learned the largest bulk of the funds that come to a community foundation is

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planned giving, meaning primarily from estates," he said.

The Community Foundation, which has already received its charter from the state and is awaiting non-profit status from the Internal Revenue, is established to help all areas of Howard County, Beal said.

"This will be an eternal entity," Beal said.

In other business, trustees approved:

- A \$27,066.66 bid by Don Baker Sales of Big Spring to install carpet and tile for the college's Cactus Room in the Student Union Building and in the women's dormitory.

- An interlocal agreement with the city of Big Spring for a transfer of a 1985 Champion Passenger bus in exchange for use of inmate labor.

- Tax foreclosure and resale of approximately 26 parcels of land in Howard County.

Sexual assault trial under way in 118th Court

HERALD Staff Report

The trial of a Big Spring man accused of sexually assaulting a child began today in Judge Robert Moore III's 118th District Court.

Josue Johnathan Pena, 20, of Big Spring was arrested in December for allegedly abducting a girl and sexually assaulting her.

Pena is charged with three counts of sexual assault.

Prosecution and defense attorneys gave their opening statements and District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson began presenting evidence in his case this morning. Jury selection was handled Monday.

Pena's defense attorney is Robert Leahy of Odessa.

BRIEFS

THE FREEDOM PARADE will be held Saturday, July 6. Please call Russ Mullins at 394-4277 for more information if you would like to participate in the parade.

U.S. NAVY REUNION USS Sperry (AS-12) Submarine Tender. Crewmembers from 1942-1982. Oct. 10-12 at the Victorian Condo/Hotel in Galveston. Contact Arnold Ross, 2916 Colonial Dr., Dickinson 77539-4439, or call 281-534-2459. E-mail ARoss14573@aol.com

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

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CASH 5: 15,24,26,30,32

prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

FORSAN EX-STUDENTS ASSOCIATION is attempting to get 911 addresses on former Forsan students.

Please call Boyce Hale at 2267-6957 to receive a newsletter.

REX HURT WILL SPEAK on the new Coggins law at a 7 p.m. meeting of the Howard County Sheriff's Posse today.

The posse arena is located two miles from Big Spring on Highway 176.

Hurt is a representative with the Texas Animal Health Commission. Everyone is invited to the talk. For more information, contact Melanie Gambrell at 267-7387.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Monday until 8 a.m. today:

- FREDDIE RAMOS**, 17, of 908 S. Bell was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- An incident of **SEXUAL ASSAULT** was reported Sunday. An adult female alleged she was sexually assaulted by an adult male known to her. The incident reportedly occurred at a residence on the east side of Big Spring in late April. No physical injuries were reported. Detective Milton Horton is investigating the allegations.

- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of South Aylesford Street.

- MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and in the 500 block of North Lamesa Drive.

- DRAGRACING/RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported in the 3200 block of Fordham Avenue.

- SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 4200 block of 11th Place Extension.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 400 block of West Third Street. A silver 1998 Ford reportedly sustained \$500 damage in the incident.

- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported at Mo Jo's Flaming Grill in the 2200 block of Simler Drive. Someone reportedly broke a side window to gain access to the restaurant and stole electronic entertainment equipment worth \$962.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1900 block of South Scurry Street. Items worth \$70 were reported stolen from the vehicle.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend:

- AGGRAVATED ASSAULT: 1**

- ASSAULT: 2**
- ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 1**
- BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE: 1**
- CREDIT CARD ABUSE: 1**
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 5**
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS: 1**
- DISORDERLY CONDUCT: 1**
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED: 3**
- DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID: 1**
- FAIL TO IDENTIFY: 1**
- POSSESSION OF DRUGS: 1**
- RESISTING ARREST: 1**

- SALE OF ALCOHOL TO AN INTOXICATED PERSON: 1**
- SEXUAL ASSAULT: 1**
- THEFT: 18**
- Convenience Store
- Thefts: 16
- Gasoline Drive-Offs: 16
- INCIDENTS: 13**
- ACCIDENTS: 3**
- Major: 1
- Minor: 2
- ARRESTS: 33**

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of EMS and Fire Department activity:

- 1:46 a.m. - 1000 block of E. 12th, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 6:47 a.m. - 400 east 15th, medical call, patient refused service.
- 10:33 a.m. - 1800 block of Andrews, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 11:21 a.m. - 300 block of south Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 1:59 a.m. - 1000 block of east 12th, medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center.
- 3:32 p.m. - 500 block of northwest Fifth, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 5:41 p.m. - 1900 block of Wasson, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 7:39 p.m. - 4600 block of Wasson Road, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.
- 8:16 p.m. - 1300 block of Main, medical call, no patient found.
- 11:01 p.m. - 1900 block of north Highway 87, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

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Bishop

WASHINGTON Roman Catholic should ask the defrock any priest who sexually abuses a child in the future, and molested one in the past could count ministry under conditions, a church recommended Tuesday.

Under the plan who victimized one child in the would be removed such violations to be reported to

The proposal: long-awaited re Ad Hoc Commission Sexual Abuse, will be put to a

Oklahoma

QUINTON, OH Betty Pearson's retirement didn't take care of her grandson, Kyle.

Pearson put her hold eight years her husband, who died, took the boy's home in that day, the re-joined the his grandparents in County, Okla., where their grandchild

According to a Bureau figure: Tuesday, about 7 grandparents with their grandchild's primary care. That makes

Testing

COLUMBIA, Mo Families of patients mysteriously died Veterans Affairs decade ago expect that murder charge a former nurse a trial will finally

Bishops' committee urges crackdown on sexually abusive priests

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roman Catholic bishops should ask the Vatican to defrock any priest who sexually abuses a child in the future, and those who molested one time in the past could continue in the ministry under certain conditions, a church panel recommended Tuesday.

Under the plan, clergymen who victimized more than one child in the past also would be removed and all such violations would have to be reported to authorities.

The proposals are in a long-awaited report by the Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Abuse, whose plan will be put to a vote when

bishops from around the country meet June 13-15 in Dallas.

The committee's report leaves the bishops open to attack from those who want a sweeping zero tolerance policy, meaning the removal of all past abusers and those caught in the future. Debate over ousting errant clergy will likely be intense at the Dallas conference.

The committee's plan contains apologies to victims and emphasizes the bishops' commitment to reform.

"The sexual abuse of children and young people by some priests and bishops, and the ways in which these crimes and sins were too

often dealt with by bishops, have caused enormous pain, anger and confusion," the panel wrote.

"We are profoundly sorry for the times when we have deepened its pain by what we have done or by what we have failed to do."

A senior Vatican official said the Vatican is not preparing a public response to the committee's recommendation, as it will await decisions by the full bishops assembly at the Dallas meeting. Those decisions will then be sent to the Vatican for approval, said the official, who asked that his name not be used.

The Rev. Thomas Doyle,

one of the most active priests in aiding victims, said the document's contrition over bishops' misdeeds "is certainly extraordinary, given the way in which church bodies respond to crisis situations."

"It is a new beginning," he said, if the sorrow proves sincere and the charter, especially outreach to victims, is honored. But "there have been so many promises made," he cautioned. If even "one or two bishops" continue to treat victims with hostility or let lawyers pursue hardball tactics, Doyle said, "that will blow the bottom out of any credibility they wish to restore."

The Vatican would be asked to swiftly defrock any child abuser in the future and all offenders with more than one transgression in the past. Currently, defrocking involves cumbersome appeals, and U.S. bishops have been asking Rome to streamline the process for years.

For priests accused of just one offense in the past, a diocesan review board — comprised mainly of lay people — would determine whether the cleric would return to public ministry.

The clergyman would have to undergo treatment and evaluation to determine that he was not a pedophile.

The review board would also have to consider whether the priest was free of criminal or civil claims, whether he continued to receive counseling and accepted public disclosure of his misconduct.

If the board concluded the one-time offender did not meet these and other criteria, he would remain a priest but would not return to public ministry and would not be allowed to wear the priest's collar or celebrate Mass in public.

Dioceses also would commit to "transparency and openness" in helping communities affected by clerical misconduct.

Oklahoma county leads nation in grandparents as primary caregivers

QUINTON, Okla. (AP) — Betty Pearson's plans for retirement didn't include taking care of her 8-year-old grandson, Kyle.

Pearson put her future on hold eight years ago when her husband, who has since died, took the boy from her son's home in Texas. On that day, the retired nurse joined the hundreds of grandparents in Pittsburg County, Okla., who are raising their grandchildren.

According to U.S. Census Bureau figures released Tuesday, about 73 percent of grandparents who live with their grandchildren in Pittsburg County are the children's primary caregiver. That makes the south-

eastern Oklahoma county the national leader in the category.

"I didn't expect this and I didn't want it, but my heart's involved now," Pearson said, while Kyle played and laughed with neighborhood boys in her backyard. "If he had a house to live where he'd be safe and happy, I'd let him go."

The Census in 2000 counted 887 grandparents raising their grandchildren in Pittsburg County and 39,729 throughout Oklahoma, a number advocates for the elderly say is growing.

Nationally, about one in 10 children is raised by a grandparent, but that number is about one in six in

Oklahoma, said Judy Leitner, community relations director for the state Aging Services Division.

Tragedy is at the heart of most cases.

An American Association of Retired Persons study showed that almost half the Oklahoma grandparents raising their grandchildren took over for a drug-addicted parent, Leitner said.

Another one-fourth shelter their grandchildren from parental abuse or neglect, while about 5 percent are standing in for a dead parent, Leitner said. Teenage pregnancy and poverty are also factors.

As the child suffers, so do the grandparents, who have

had to postpone or cancel lifelong plans and take on responsibilities that burden their tiring bodies and shrinking savings.

"Caregiving is a tough job already," Leitner said. "These kids are different from the other kids they raised. They're into instant gratification. It's more energy consuming."

The Aging Services Division tries to ease the burden with an array of services, including providing money for baby sitters so grandparents can get a break, Leitner said.

Sandra Norris, who takes care of her 8-year-old grandson in north Tulsa, had to move out of her one-bed-

room apartment and into a three-bedroom trailer. Her housing payments nearly doubled.

"It's pretty rough sometimes," said Norris, who took Shane in as an infant. Norris said the boy's mother abused alcohol and drugs, and she said she doesn't know who Shane's father is.

Shane's many emotional and mental disorders including attention deficit hyperactive disorder and fetal alcohol effect keep Norris busy. She had to give up volunteer work teaching adult literacy.

"It's really nice for him to go to bed at night," said Norris, 52, a shipping manager. "I get a couple of

hours of free time after he goes to bed."

Pearson, 62, began working nights shortly after taking Kyle in and after her husband, Otis, got sick with emphysema. At the time, she got three hours of sleep on a good day.

She said the boy had been living in squalid conditions in a home where there was drug abuse.

Pearson is looking forward to Kyle getting a bit older so she can get back to some of her retirement plans, like visiting family or joining the gardening club.

"I don't need Kyle," she said, pacing in her living room. "Kyle needs me."

Testing of tissue leads to former nurse's arrest in deaths of hospital patients

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Families of patients who mysteriously died at a Veterans Affairs hospital a decade ago expressed hope that murder charges against a former nurse at the hospital will finally bring them justice.

Richard A. Williams was arrested Monday and charged in the deaths of 10 patients in 1992. More than 40 patients at Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia died that year while under Williams' care, authorities said.

"It's been quite a while. Some of us had given up. Now I hope they get some answers for us," said Charles Rupard, 78, whose

relative, Milton Fox, is one of the victims listed in the charges.

Williams, 36, was arrested in suburban St. Louis and taken to the Boone County jail, where he was held without bond. His arraignment was scheduled Tuesday.

The former nurse has denied any wrongdoing.

The FBI had concluded that 11 of the 40 deaths were "highly"-suspicious and 22 were "moderately suspicious." But the exhumation and autopsies of 13 people in 1993 failed to determine causes of death.

Using medical testing not available at the time, inves-

tigators began to re-examine tissue in 2001 and determined that 10 patients were exposed to the drug succinylcholine shortly before death.

The drug causes paralysis in breathing. It is typically used when a breathing tube is inserted down a patient's throat for artificial respiration, such as during surgery.

Prosecutor Kevin Crane

would not say whether the investigation was still occurring.

"It was something that got more geared up at some times rather than others," he said of the lengthy investigation. "Nobody gave up."

Relatives of some of the deceased veterans had lost hope that their deaths ever would be explained.

"It's not a very happy day," said Frances Gilmore,

85, whose husband, Carl, is one of the patients named in the charges. "When five years passed, I thought it was over. Now I hope we get justice."

Hospital director Gary L. Campbell said the hospital has been cooperating with the Veterans Administration Office of Inspector General.

Williams has worked the past 18 months as a low-

level accounting clerk at Panera Bread Co., said Bill Morton, Panera's executive vice president.

In 1998, a federal judge awarded \$450,000 to the widow of a man who died at the hospital in 1992. The judge said the hospital was negligent because it failed to remove Williams from patient care duties after he was suspected in other patient deaths.

Woman doesn't have to wear shoplifting badge, court says

LEBANON, Pa. (AP) — A woman who had been ordered to wear a badge that read "convicted shoplifter" can throw away the label, a state court ruled.

The Superior Court said the 4-inch red badge was not "reasonably related" to Regina Zimmerman's rehabilitation.

Zimmerman, 27, had already been convicted three times of shoplifting when she admitted in January 2001 taking hair care and facial products worth \$66 from a grocery store.

Besides demanding that she wear the badge, Judge Bradford Charles sentenced her to one year of probation and ordered her to undergo

a drug and alcohol evaluation.

The case received world-wide attention.

Her attorney, Scott Stein, had compared the badge to "The Scarlet Letter" in his appeal. In the novel by Nathaniel Hawthorne, a woman is forced to wear a large "A" as punishment for adultery.

Zimmerman had never worn the shoplifting badge, instead having others do her shopping after she left prison.

The former heroin addict said Monday she "had an attitude" when she appeared in court last year and "probably needed that sentence."



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EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

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OUR VIEWS

Take part in cleanup on Thursday

Crossroads area residents have a unique opportunity to get rid of some potentially hazardous waste Thursday and not have to pay a fee. The event is called the Texas Country Cleanup and it is coordinated by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

It's a periodic event, taking place across the state about once a year.

It's a chance for residents to get together any empty plastic pesticide containers, containers of used motor oil, oil filters and lead-acid batteries and have someone else haul them off.

Most of us are respectful enough of the environment not to place these items in the trash, but we aren't always sure what to do with them. Frequently, we store them in the garage or somewhere "around back" until we can properly dispose of them. Now's your chance.

Take those old batteries, pesticide containers (carefully wash them out first), oil and oil filters to the Howard County Fair Grounds off FM 700 between 8 a.m. and noon on Thursday. There is no charge, and the items will be recycled.

If you have questions about Texas Country Cleanup, you can call the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236.

Let's all do our part to keep our environment safe.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to write this letter to praise the VA medical Center in Big Spring.

My husband had major surgery here May 13.

Dr. Brewer was his doctor and in my opinion, there is no greater surgeon in his field anywhere. His genuine care and concern for his patients is so evident. The ICU nurses have been just wonderful. There is no way that my husband could have received better care anywhere.

I just wanted everyone in Big Spring to know how very blessed we are to have such an outstanding medical facility with such caring, qualified nurses and such a dedicated, caring, and concerned doctor as Dr. Brewer.

SHARON HANKS
RANSOM CANYON

TO THE EDITOR:

Seems as though every year about this time we are subjected to a headline similar to the one that ran Sunday, May 19. "No such thing as a free lunch? Don't bet on it! We hear from an early age that there is no such thing as a free lunch, which I have

always understood to mean that there is no "free" anything.

Politicians would like for us to believe that things funneled down to us from the federal government are free, that the federal government is just like a rich and kindly old grandfather who loves to bestow his wealth on everyone.

The truth is the federal government has absolutely no money that it doesn't first coerce from its citizens in the form of taxes and other fees.

While I certainly do not begrudge a hungry child a meal, whether it is from this program or any other, I to take offense at the liberal viewpoint that whatever flows down to us from the "benevolent" federal government is free. Nowhere in the article did I see a reference to the people who paid for this "Free Lunch". Yes, these lunches may be free to the ones who partake of them but full price has been paid by someone else.

How about a thank you the American taxpayers for meals given to school age children and for the salaries paid to the ones who administer the programs?

BILL D. BROOKS
BIG SPRING

Bush's European trip was a bust

President Bush is so mismanaging his "war" on terrorism that if somebody doesn't rein him in, he's likely to become a disastrous embarrassment.

His lectures to the Europeans, in which he treated them as if they were naive children who just did not understand what a Great Satan resides in Baghdad, were embarrassing. Only European civility kept him from being laughed off the podium.

Mr. Bush is apparently unaware that the British, the French, the Germans, the Russians, the Spanish and the Italians have had far more experience in dealing with terrorism than he has. Furthermore, their assessment of Saddam Hussein as a non threat to anybody except perhaps his neighbors is far more accu-

rate than Bush's delusional views of Saddam as Hitler. The British have been dealing with the Irish Republican Army, the Spanish with their Basque separatists and the Russians with Chechen terrorists, while France, Germany and Italy have had their share of bombings, assassinations and kidnappings. Their assessment of the Middle East is far more accurate than Bush's, since they are not so heavily influenced by Israel and its network of supporters.

It's bad enough that Mr. Bush seems to be intent on persuading the entire Middle East to hate us, but he has now produced thousands of anti-Bush demonstrators in the Western European countries. And no wonder. He seems to have been unhinged by the Sept. 11 attacks.

His first response that we would go after the people who were behind the attacks was entirely appropriate. But before too many days went by, he elevated the terrorist attack, with overblown rhetoric, into a global war, allegedly

in defense of freedom and Western civilization itself. Listen, Mr. Bush, al-Qaida is no threat to Western civilization, and you are a long way from being a Roosevelt or a Churchill. Despite your aspirations to lead the world on a holy crusade to stamp out evil, you were simply born way too late. Many people in Europe and elsewhere are rightly concerned that you are going to blunder the world into a serious war.

As for his trip to Russia, Russian President Vladimir Putin is playing Bush like a fish. Putin studied and analyzed Bush the same way he no doubt did a prospective recruit to spy for the KGB. He discovered what would please and flatter Bush and gave it to him. Bush now thinks of Putin as one of his pals. Putin, however, is pursuing his own agenda, which is to form a Russian-European relationship that will offset the United States. Since the Europeans are themselves sick of American presidents acting as if they have been elected emperor of the world, Putin's strategy is right on track.

In the meantime, the Bush administration is bombarding the American people with fearmongering — warnings of this and warnings of that, all of them unsubstantiated and so vague as to make the warnings useless. It's designed, of course, to maintain the illusion that we are at war. Obviously, we are not. Except for the anthrax scare, which is apparently the work of a domestic crank, there have been no terrorist attacks since Sept. 11, and the 37 Americans who have so far lost their lives in this "war" were killed in small skirmishes or in accidents. It's a safe bet that there will be other terrorist attacks, but no terrorist act or series of acts has ever in the history of the world resulted in the overthrow of any government, democratic or otherwise. Mr. Bush needs to balance his ambition and rhetoric with his ability and understanding. They are dangerously out of sync.

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CHARLEY REESE



BROOKINGS

Some holidays not meant to celebrate

Holidays do not work in America. Originally, certain dates were selected to commemorate

certain events: Washington's birthday, the Fourth of July and so forth. But not all commemorations should be holidays, which is why New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg scheduled the closing of Ground Zero on Thursday, May 30, the original date for Memorial Day.

He said the day was a day for remembering, not celebrating. So it was not a day off for workers. It was not a holiday. The lesson should be learned and expanded.

We can all use three-day weekends every now and then, so we should schedule

them. We should also separate them from commemorative dates.

Currently, Veterans Day (Nov. 11), Christmas, New Year's Day and the Fourth of July are the only commemorations actually held on the dates that they fall. Additionally, Labor Day is celebrated on the first Monday in September, Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November, President's Day on the third Monday in February, Mother's Day on the second Sunday in May, and Father's Day on the third Sunday in June.

Of these, Labor Day, President's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day make sense. Labor Day and President's Day are tied to Mondays, which ensures that they will always be among the three-day holidays. Mother's Day and Father's Day, being on Sundays, have no impact on such holidays, yet they are appropriately celebrated.

But Thanksgiving is the oddest of all the dates

because it is guaranteed to fall midweek, which means that the Friday following is universally treated as an informal holiday. There's the rub. Those Fridays are not officially sanctioned, so banks and securities markets remain open. Some people work, some play hooky, some take vacation time, and some call in sick. No matter how we cut it, the Friday after Thanksgiving is a write-off for business, so we may as well make it official.

The variable holidays — Veterans Day, Christmas, New Years and the Fourth — are the real problems. They are specific dates, and there appears to be no getting around this fact. But there is. Veterans Day is tied to Nov. 11, 1918, Armistice Day for World War I. Congress changed it to a Monday, and changed it back following a public outcry. And the Fourth will always be the Fourth. But the Christmas to New Years week is the least productive week for business, and we may as well recog-

nize the period as a week-long holiday. Most people already do anyway.

Memorial Day poses a special problem. It is the day we remember those who gave their lives for the nation. It is a solemn day that has been trivialized by changing it from May 30 to the last Monday in May. The result is that it has become just another three-day holiday, a day marking the unofficial beginning of summer. It should be moved to a Sunday, and not one associated with a three-day weekend. Like Mother's Day and Father's Day, it would be recognized, and the people who lost their lives for our nation would be honored as they should be.

Prediction: Sept. 11 will not become a national holiday. Rather, thanks to Mayor Bloomberg, the people who died on that tragic day will be remembered on Memorial Day. And Memorial Day will be changed to the last Sunday in May, a day for remembering, not celebrating.



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WASHINGTON: Both the CIA and as early as Ja that one of the Sept. 11 hijacker attending a meeting al-Qaida. CIA official said revelation an evidence of intel ures.

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CIA says it told FBI of hijackers' meeting with al-Qaida

WASHINGTON (AP) — Both the CIA and FBI knew as early as January 2000 that one of the eventual Sept. 11 hijackers would be attending a meeting of suspected al-Qaida members, a CIA official said in the latest revelation amid growing evidence of intelligence failures.

Word that the agencies had reason to be suspicious of Khalid Almiqdhari emerged as the Senate and House intelligence committees vowed to dig into what went wrong before the terrorist attacks.

President Bush was meeting with employees at the super-secret National Security Agency in Ft. Meade, Md., on the day the joint committee was to open a series of closed door hearings.

"We will certainly be able to improve the capabilities that we have to focus more on the threats that actually exist," Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, said Tuesday on NBC's "Today." "That's going to happen, but Americans are always going to have to

have a little vigilance." Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, top Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said one purpose of the hearings is to ensure that federal law enforcement agencies don't react the wrong way, deciding to spy more on Americans.

"I think we have to be smarter, more clever and protect the people in a way that also protects civil liberties and the Constitution," Pelosi said Tuesday on CNN.

Meeting in soundproofed,

secure rooms at the Capitol, lawmakers will take stock of an intelligence community that overlooked clues and didn't always share information it had about the hijackers. The closed door hearings begin Tuesday before going public June 25.

The intense scrutiny has led to fingerpointing between the CIA and FBI.

Over the weekend, government sources said the CIA had important information in early 2000 about two of the future hijackers, Almiqdhari and Nawaf Alhazmi.

Pakistan president says there are circumstances for use of nuclear weapons

ALMATY, Kazakhstan (AP) — Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf refused Tuesday to renounce first use of nuclear weapons, as efforts to bring him together with his Indian counterpart and defuse tensions over Kashmir appeared to fail.

Asked to state Pakistan's nuclear policy and explain why it will not renounce first use of nuclear weapons as India has, Musharraf said, "The possession of nuclear weapons by any state obviously implies they will be used under some circumstances."

Tuesday morning, the leaders of India and Pakistan angrily blamed each other for more than five decades of conflict, exchanging stony stares across a table while their troops fired at each other in the disputed Kashmir region.

Russia and China pressed India and Pakistan to enter face-to-face talks to prevent the Kashmir conflict from exploding into a fourth full-scale war between the nuclear-armed neighbors. Although the effort failed to bring the Musharraf and Vajpayee together for a direct meeting, Musharraf said he had accepted Russian President Vladimir Putin's invitation for possible talks in Moscow.

He said that it would be irresponsible for a leader to discuss such things, and that Pakistan's "deeper policy" is for denuclearization of South Asia.

Earlier Tuesday at an Asian summit in Kazakhstan, India's Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said: "Nuclear powers should not use nuclear blackmail." On Monday, the Indian Defense Ministry said India "does not believe in the use of nuclear

weapons."

India is continually threatening Pakistan for an attack and also refusing dialogue," Musharraf said after meeting with Putin. He said he didn't know whether Vajpayee, who also met Putin shortly afterward, would come to Moscow for talks at an unspecified date.

White House provides Enron-related documents for Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush White House has responded to its first subpoenas from Congress by giving a Senate panel access to more than 2,100 pages of documents related to contacts with Enron officials.

The White House's top lawyer and the office of Vice President Dick Cheney called the release a partial response to the twin subpoenas issued May 22 by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee. The offices of President Bush and Cheney said they were still receiving documents from employees.

White House officials said

they were concerned about the security of the documents, which contain sensitive information, and they wanted to reach an agreement with the committee on safeguarding the materials before physically turning them over.

No instance has been found so far of Enron officials asking anyone in the White House for help before the company's bankruptcy last December, presidential counsel Alberto Gonzales said. The documents reviewed so far also show that White House officials' actions were "responsible and consistent with the

appropriate performance of their official duties," he said in a letter to Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., the committee's chairman.

Houston-based Enron has been one of Bush's biggest campaign contributors.

Gonzales said Monday the documents would not be turned over to the committee until an agreement is reached with the panel on "procedures to safeguard the security and confidentiality of these documents."

Rather, the documents — 1,745 pages from Bush's office and 432 documents from Cheney's — are being made available at the White

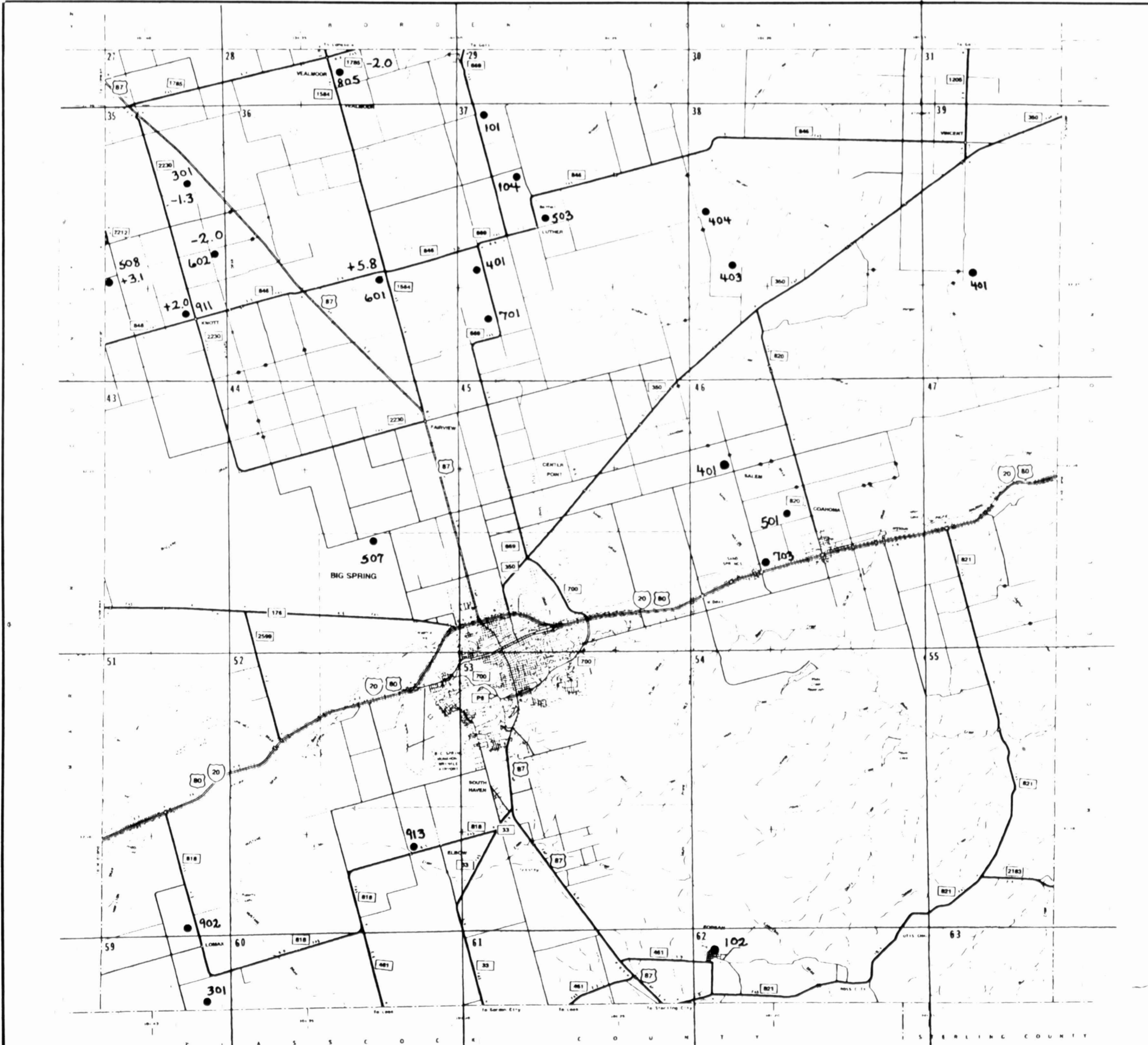
House for inspection and review by the committee staff.

White House officials said the documents include sensitive information such as Social Security numbers, e-mail addresses of government officials, communications among government employees regarding policy and foreign relations, and confidential business information.

At the request of the panel's senior Republican, Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee, the committee extended by 24 hours the noon Monday deadline for turning over the documents.

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28-37-401	P	100.9	3/28/02	1	6	1		28-52-913	P	24	3/28/02	1	6	1	40
28-37-503	P	121	3/28/02	1	6	1		28-59-301	P	42.5	3/28/02	1	6	1	
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IN BRIEF

Astros open tourney with 15-1 victory

Jacob Acosta's pitching and hitting were the key for the National Little League minors division Astros, as they opened city tournament play Monday with a 15-1 win over the American Little League Twins.

Acosta arrived at the plate three times with the bases loaded. A triple and a double cleared the bases on two occasions and a walk drove in another run.

The Astros also got hits from Matthew Carrillo, C.W. Kinney and Ivan Martinez.

The Twins got hitting from Joshua Castilaw, Ryan Rodriguez, Cole Campbell and Hunter Sloss.

Softball boosters meeting tonight

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Boosters Club will meet at 7 tonight in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

Parents of all high school and junior high school age softball players should attend.

Crisis Fund tourney slated for June 14

The Cowboy Golf Tournament, benefiting the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund and held in conjunction with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo, has been scheduled for Thursday, June 13, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees for the 4-man scramble event are \$40 per player.

Play will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start.

For more information, call Eddie Blassingame at 263-8421.

Country club slates junior golf clinic

The Big Spring Country Club Summer Junior Clinic has been scheduled for June 13-Aug. 1 with lessons at 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A tournament set for Aug. 6-8 will close out the clinic.

Fees are \$150 per youngster and includes range club membership.

For more information, call 267-5354.

Coahoma softball camp set June 10-13

The Coahoma Softball All-Skills Camp has been scheduled for 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, June 10-13, at the Coahoma High School Softball Field.

The camp is open to girls in grades 2 through 9. Fees are \$50 if received by Thursday, June 7, or \$55 after that date.

For more information, call Robby Dickenson at 394-4924 or 270-7924.

CGA scholarship tournament slated

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual Golf Scholarship Tournament Saturday and Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees for the two-person scramble event are \$60 per player.

For more information, call 264-2366 or 263-4044.

Coahoma schedules Bulldog Tennis Camp

The 2002 Coahoma Bulldog Tennis Camp has been scheduled for

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Bulldogettes dominate selections to 3-2A all-district team

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

After a season that saw them reach the UIL State Softball Tournament for the fifth time in the past six years, it isn't surprising that Coahoma's Bulldogettes dominated the voting when the District 3-2A Softball Team was selected.

With District 3-2A was composed of just two teams — the Bulldogettes and Colorado City's Lady Wolves —

Coahoma went through the season playing most of their games against teams from larger schools.

In fact, the Bulldogettes only regular season games against Class 2A competition were the two league outings against Colorado City. That followed that with successive wins in the playoffs until their 1-0 loss in 11 innings to Alto in the state semifinals.

Not surprisingly, then, the Bulldogettes claimed eight of the 12 positions on the 3-2A all-star squad.

Senior pitcher Erin Stovall led the way, along with classmates Karen Sterling and Tara Dickenson. Sterling played second base for the Bulldogettes, while Dickenson had responsibility at third base.

They were joined by four juniors — first baseman Tawna Jacobs, shortstop Ashley Lang and outfielders Megan Young and Miranda Parsons.

Rounding out the Bulldogettes' selections was freshman catcher Ruby Garcia.

Colorado City's four all-district selections went to a pair of infielders, Kassie Redwine and Amanda Guerra, and two outfielders, Alison Lopez and Rebecca Ornelas.

2002 District 3-2A All-District Softball Team

Catcher: Ruby Garcia, Fresh., Coahoma.
Pitcher: Erin Stovall, Sr., Coahoma.
Infielders: Tawna Jacobs, Jr., Coahoma; Karen Sterling, Sr., Coahoma; Amanda Guerra, Soph., Colorado City; Kassie Redwine, Sr., Colorado City; Tara Dickenson, Sr., Coahoma; Ashley Lang, Jr., Coahoma.
Outfielders: Megan Young, Jr., Coahoma; Alison Lopez, Jr., Colorado City; Rebecca Ornelas, Sr., Colorado City; Miranda Parsons, Jr., Coahoma.



Here is the Big Spring 12 and Under girls' all-star basketball team that will compete against 16 other teams this week at the Little Dribblers National Tournament in Georgetown. Front row, from left, are: Brinnan Pierce and Madeleine Hopkins. Second row: Caille Partee, Lyza Lopez, Clarissa Carrisalles and Lauren Bryant. Third row: Brooke Felts, Porscha Knowlton, Brittney Chudej and Chelsy Nanny. Coach Alan Partee stands behind his team.

Agassi moves on to French quarters

PARIS (AP) — He was once part of a new tennis generation, a phase of his life when "Image Is Everything" defined Andre Agassi, from his long hair to his cutoff shorts.

Now the 32-year-old husband and father dresses conservatively on the court, is balding and has greater appreciation for both the game and his skills.

Agassi's hardly the grand ol' man of tennis, but he must now contend with the twentysomethings. Some of them speak of Agassi in reverential terms but would like nothing better than to fatten their resumes by beating a seven-time Grand Slam tournament champion.

For the second time in as many matches, Agassi, the oldest player left in the French Open draw, had to get by a 20-year-old upstart.

He took care of Tommy Robredo easily in the third round, but on Monday his stay at Roland Garros was nearly ended by a wild card entry named Paul-Henri Mathieu.

"There are plenty of matches where somebody is really down and out and they get back in the tournament," Agassi said.

He needed to rally from two sets and a break down to overtake Mathieu 4-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3 and move to the quarterfinals.

"I don't know if I would have done this before when I was younger," Agassi said. "It's not an easy task."

Fourth-seeded Agassi must play another youngster, 22-year-old Juan Carlos Ferrero, a semifinalist the

Lady Hawks get five All-WJCAC softball honors

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks earned five spots on the All-Western Junior College Athletic Conference Softball Team when the league's coaches gathered to select their honor squad.

The Lady Hawks, who finished WJCAC play tied with Midland College's Lady Chaparrals, saw their season come to an end with a pair of losses at the NJCAA Region V Tournament in Abilene, while Midland reached the regional championship round before being eliminated.

Midland, which led the WJCAC until the final week of the season, picked up the largest number of spots on the All-WJCAC team, seven, and the Lady Hawks' Katya Eronia was named the conference's most valuable player.

In addition to the Lady Hawks' five all-conference spots, Howard head coach Dawn Wutrich shared coach of the year honors with Midland boss Tommy Ramos.

The Lady Hawks' all-conference selections included infielders Breanna Bohls and Rose Tirre, catcher Diana Faulkner and pitchers Jennifer Reed and Amanda Michael.

Three more Lady Hawks received honorable mention. They were outfielders Devon Melby and Samantha Ward and infielder Naomi McNeely.

Joining Eronia on the all-conference squad were Lady

Chaps teammates Nicole Cortez and Stacy Broman, both outfielders; catcher Ksewia Stepanova, infielder Tiala Tacoloo; pitchers Ekaterina Eronia and Heidi Miller; and defensive specialist Alicia Frias.

Odessa College's Lady Chaparrals earned four spots on the all-conference team — outfielder Julie Soto, infielders Kari Rolls and Cara Cook and defensive specialist Michelle Peterson.

El Paso Community College's Tejanas rounded out the all-conference squad with Jamie Price earning a spot in the outfield and Auroa Carbajal picking up an infielder's position.

2002 WJCAC ALL-CONFERENCE SOFTBALL TEAM

SUPERLATIVES
Most Valuable Player: Katya Eronia, Midland College.
Coaches of the Year: Dawn Wutrich, Howard College; Tommy Ramos, Midland College.

ALL-CONFERENCE
Outfielders: Jammie Price, El Paso CC; Julie Soto, Odessa College; Nicole Cortez, Midland College; Stacy Broman, Midland College.
Designated hitter: Natasha Hill, Midland College.
Catchers: Ksewia Stepanova, Midland College; Diana Faulkner, Howard College.
Infielders: Breanna Bohls, Howard College; Rose Tirre, Howard College; Tiala Tacoloo, Midland College; Auroa Carbajal, El Paso; Kari Rolls, Odessa College; Cara Cook, Odessa College.
Pitchers: Jennifer Reed, Howard College; Amanda Michael, Howard College; Ekaterina Eronia, Midland College; Heidi Miller, Midland College.
Defensive Specialists: Michelle Peterson, Odessa College; Alicia Frias, Midland College.

HONORABLE MENTION
Outfielders: Devon Melby, Howard College; Samantha Ward, Howard College.
Infielders: Naomi McNeely, Howard College; Savannah Adams, Midland College; Jennifer Garcia, El Paso CC.

Embarassed Expos, Pirates put practice balls in play

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Montreal Expos and Pittsburgh Pirates played with practice baseballs for more than four innings. Like a lot of things that happen at Olympic Stadium, nobody noticed.

Troy O'Leary hit a two-run triple, and Montreal took advantage of some sloppy defense by Pittsburgh to beat the Pirates 7-5 Monday night. Balls marked "Practice" were in play until the fifth inning.

"I don't know how they got in the game, but it should not happen," Montreal manager Frank Robinson said.

The practice baseballs somehow wound up in the umpires' room and were rubbed by an attendant along with those to be used in the game. Nobody realized until Montreal starting pitcher Tomo Ohka called time in the fifth and asked for a new ball.

"He throws the ball in and I didn't know what I was looking for. I didn't see 'Practice' written on it," Expos catcher Michael Barrett said. "I'm glad he said something. It would have been unfortunate going through the entire game throwing practice baseballs in a major league game."

In the middle of the fifth, Robinson walked over to the ball bag near the Pittsburgh dugout and grabbed a handful of the practice balls. He showed them to plate umpire Jerry Crawford and carried the balls back to his own dugout, taking them out of play.

"I've seen some weird thing" in baseball, and that's got to be one of the craziest. Practice balls in a game!" Barrett said.

In other National League games, it was: Arizona 10, Houston 4; Atlanta 5, New York 4; Milwaukee 7, Chicago 6; Los Angeles 11, Colorado

5; and San Francisco 11, San Diego 3.

In American League games, it was: Detroit 7, Boston 6; Toronto 6, Tampa Bay 1; Baltimore 4, New York 3; Seattle 4, Oakland 1; Chicago 4, Kansas City 0; and Anaheim 5, Texas 2.

The Expos, targeted for elimination in the offseason, are 28-29 and just 3 1/2 games out of first place in the NL East. That doesn't mean anybody in Montreal is aware of it. Only 4,821 fans showed up Monday night.

The Expos scored three unearned runs in the fifth as Pittsburgh committed two errors, including first baseman Kevin Young's throwing error on Jose Vidro's two-out grounder that allowed Orlando Cabrera to score from third to break a 3-all tie.

"They just happened to play a little bit worse than we did," Robinson said.

Pirates starter Kip Wells (8-3) saw his scoreless streak end at 22 1-3 innings, snapping a personal four-game winning streak.

Ohka (5-3) did not allow an earned run in seven innings for the victory. Scott Stewart got his fifth save in as many chances.

Diamondbacks 10, Astros 4

Curt Schilling, showing no effects from a high fever, allowed three hits in seven innings at Bank One Ballpark to become baseball's first 11-game winner.

Schilling (11-1), who had a 104-degree fever Sunday night, gave up one run, struck out eight and walked none. He has not issued a walk in his last five starts, a string of 37 innings and 138 batters, and has 131 strikeouts and eight walks on the season.

Counting the postseason,

Schilling improved to 22-1 in starts following an Arizona loss. Erubiel Durazo ended an 0-for-21 drought with a two-run homer.

Braves 5, Mets 4

Vinny Castilla hit a grand slam in the first inning, and Andruw Jones added a tiebreaking homer off Steve Trachsel (3-6) in the sixth at Turner Field.

The Braves extended their NL East lead to a season-high 2 1/2 games, winning for the seventh time in nine games. The second-place Mets lost their third in a row.

John Smoltz got four outs for his 15th save.

Brewers 7, Cubs 6

Paul Bako and Lenny Harris hit back-to-back homers to start a five-run seventh inning as Milwaukee overcame Sammy Sosa's major league-leading 20th home run at Miller Park.

Valerio De Los Santos (1-1) pitched two shutout innings for his first victory since Sept. 27, 2000, and the Brewers matched a season high with their fourth straight victory. Fred McGriff homered twice for Chicago.

Dodgers 11, Rockies 5

Eric Karros drove in four runs, and Adrian Beltre hit a three-run homer at Coors Field as Los Angeles won for the ninth time in 12 games.

Colorado reliever Jose Jimenez (1-3) made a throwing error in the eighth that allowed two runs to score, capping a four-run rally for the Dodgers.

Los Angeles has won nine of 10 against the Rockies dating to last season. Colorado lost for only the fourth time in 14 games.

Giants 11, Padres 3

Benito Santiago and Marvin Benard hit three-run homers as visiting San Francisco routed punchless San Diego for just its fourth win in 11 games.

Santiago's homer highlighted a six-run third inning. Tsuyoshi Shinjo homered leading off the five-run eighth, and Jeff Kent added an RBI double to finish 3-for-5 with three RBIs.

San Francisco had a season-high 20 hits, and every starter had at least one hit and one run scored. Starting pitcher Russ Ortiz (5-4) had two hits and scored once.

The Padres, who have lost five straight and 14 of 18, kept Barry Bonds in the ballpark, but he went 2-for-3 with two walks.

Tigers 7, Red Sox 6

Detroit's quick start against Pedro Martinez wouldn't have meant anything if not for Shane Halter's clutch hitting.

The Tigers tagged Martinez for four runs in the first inning then had to rally to beat Boston on Halter's RBI double in the 10th inning.

Ramon Santiago led off the Tigers' first with his first career homer and Damion Easley followed with another homer. It marked the first time in his career that Martinez gave up consecutive homers to begin a game.

After allowing two more runs in the first, Martinez didn't give up anything else. But Tim Wakefield (2-2) couldn't hold a 6-4 lead.

Santiago's second homer pulled Detroit within a run in the seventh, and Wendell Magee tied it with a two-out single in the eighth against Wakefield.

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Monday through Friday, June 11-15.
The camp is for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 16. Fees for the camp are \$10 per player.
For more information, call

394-4355 or 395-4535 or 394-4111.

Country Club slates junior golf clinic

The Big Spring Country Club Junior Golf Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday

through Friday.

The clinic is free to country club members, while non members will pay a \$25 fee.

Youngsters between the ages of 5 and 9 will have sessions between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., while those 10 and

older will attend sessions from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
For more information, call 267-5354.

Lady Steers hoops camp scheduled

Big Spring Lady Steers head basketball coach

Jimmy Avery will conduct the Lady Steers Fundamental Basketball Camp from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. June 10-13 in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.
The camp is open to current first-through eighth-

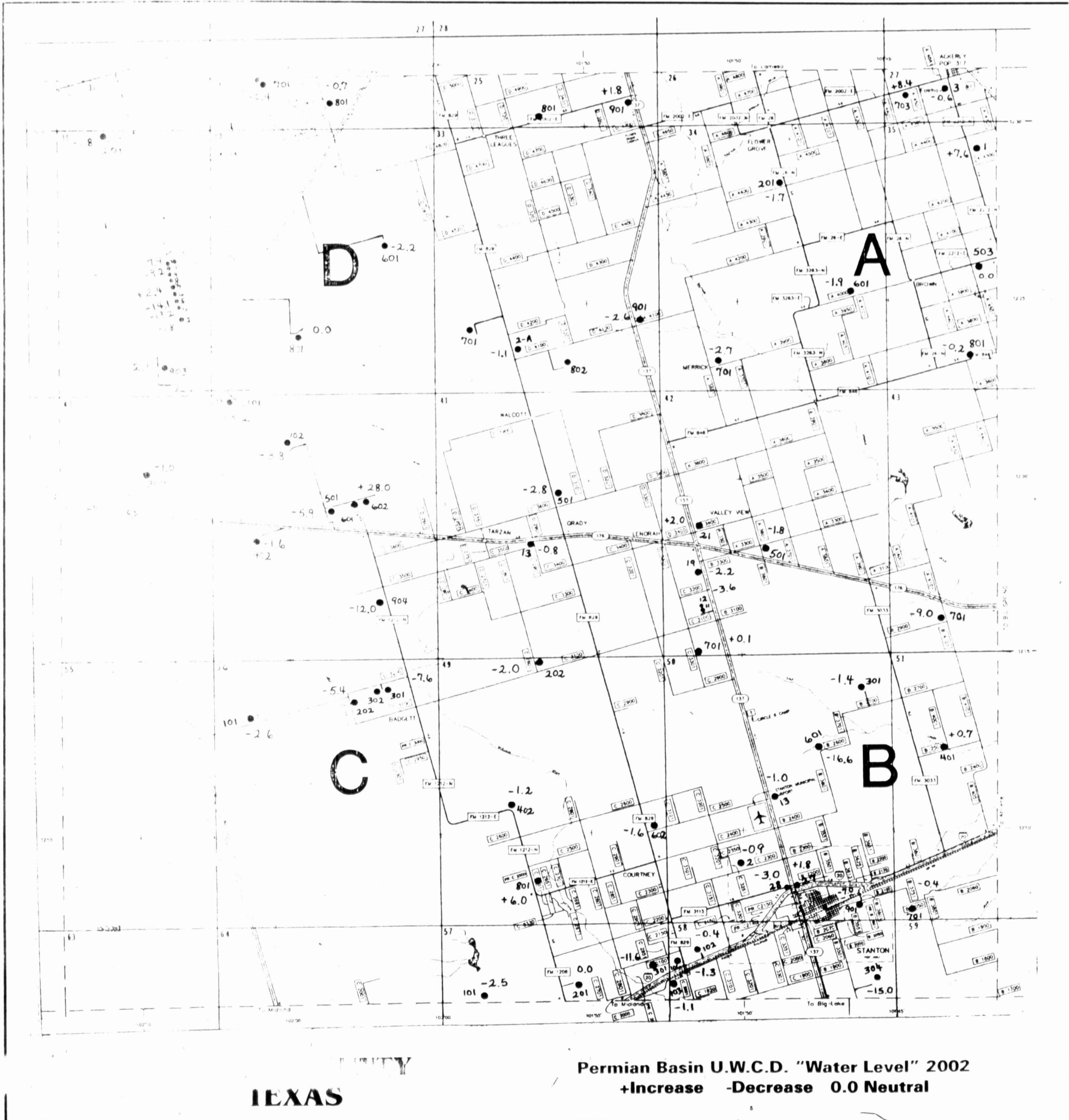
graders.

The camp fee is \$45. Registration forms should be mailed to Avery at 1600 Thorpe, Big Spring, 79720.

In addition, girls interested in taking part can sign up on the first day of camp at 8 a.m.

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27-39-F-11	P	124.2	3/14/02	1	6	1		28-42-501	P	-29.5	1/20/02	1	6	1	
27-39-907	P	132.6	2/7/02	1	6	1		28-42-701	P	54.4	1/20/02	1	6	1	
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28-27-701	P	57	1/19/02	1	6	1		28-57-301	P	-64	2/9/02	1	6	1	
28-33-H-2A	P	-45.2	2/5/02	1	6	1		28-58-102	P	-75	2/9/02	1	6	1	
28-3-701	N		2/9/02	1	6	1	63	28-58-103	P	-48	2/9/02	1	6	1	
28-1-801	N		1/19/02	1	6	1	61	28-58-106	P	-53	2/28/02	1	6	1	
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You still might be

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** Delegate what you can, then close the door and dig into your work. Reach out for expert advice. Opportunities pop up out of the blue. You might not be inclined to take any risks. You will tend to overdo it anyway. Postpone phone calls until later in the day. Tonight: Vanish with a loved one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Aim for what you want. Success follows those who go that extra mile. Adjust to unusual financial requests. Sometimes you need to spend money in order to make money. Your attitude tells someone you mean business! Tonight: A midweek get-together with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You go to the head of the class. You lead others in new directions. Simply flow with the opportunities that head your way. Reorganize your schedule, if need be. Do not underestimate your abilities and what you can get done. Tonight: Work as late as necessary.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Fiery impulsiveness leads your way. Act like a true fire sign. Your creativity marks your actions. Others step back when they see your enthusiasm and drive. Yes, you do know what you are doing. You have previously thought through what you desire. Tonight: A midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Deal with another directly. What might be a problem for you, might not be for someone else. Why not ask another to pitch in and help? Your intuition helps you when dealing with a boss or loved one. Think through a decision carefully. Tonight: Go along with another's ideas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Just because someone agrees with you, doesn't mean that it's so. Be willing to adapt to changing circumstances. An opportunity might be too good to turn away from. Check out facts, don't take anything for granted. Do a better job of listening. Tonight: Be your easygoing self.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** When others might scatter, you maintain your focus. Knowing what you want can help. Curb unrealistic expectations, especially financial ones. You'll be happier as a result. Information comes in quickly. You might be overwhelmed. Tonight: Get some exercise.

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Actor Mark Wahlberg (1971), musician Kenny G (1956), TV journalist Bill Moyers (1934)
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months. In the past 10 years,
we have spent five family
vacations at
Yellowstone Park because
Joe loves geysers.

A few years ago, Joe went
online and discovered a
club for geysers who
keep in touch over the
Internet. Since then, he has
geysers on his mind all
year. He has gone to
Yellowstone without me
several times for long
weekends. Now he tells me
he wants to spend every
vacation there, by himself,
for the rest of his life. I was
very hurt when he said he
wants to go to Yellowstone
instead of joining me on the
cruise we had planned for
our silver anniversary.

We live on the East Coast,
and Yellowstone is not an
inexpensive trip. Right
now, we could use the
money to fix up our house
and put something away for
our retirement. Joe says
he'd rather spend the
money looking at geysers.

I am feeling abandoned
and cheated. Is it unreasonable
for me to object to this
recent development? Sign
me. Competing with Old
Faithful.

Dear Old Faithful: Is it
possible that Joe has found
something other than geysers
to interest him? It
seems mighty peculiar that
he wants to spend every
vacation at Yellowstone
alone. It's a beautiful park,
but it should not take the
place of a wife and family.

Whether Joe is obsessed
with geysers or something
else is going on, the result
is the same. He has made
himself unavailable to you.
Insist that he go with you
to see a marriage counselor
and sort this out before he
does irreparable harm to
your relationship. He must
put your marriage first.

Dear Ann Landers: This
is for "Alabama Sister,"
who recently discovered

HER BROTHER IS GAY AND ISN'T
SURE HOW TO TALK TO HIM

I have a gay sister. Do
you want to know what we
talk about? Books, movies,
current events, my kids,
recipes, gardening and our
jobs. Do you want to know
what we do NOT talk
about? Our sex lives - hers
or mine.

To "Alabama Sister," I
say, your brother hasn't
changed. The only difference
is your perception of
him. Love him for all the
wonderful qualities he has
that you can share as his
sibling and friend. You
wouldn't discuss his sex life
if he were heterosexual, so
why should it matter now?

Sister, and Friend
Forever

Dear Sister, You are
absolutely right. I hope
everyone who reads your
letter will take it to heart.
Bless you for putting things
in the proper perspective.

Dear Ann Landers, I
recently received a computer-
printed invitation to a
co-worker's wedding. It was
not personally addressed to
me, but she handed out
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Am I out of touch, or is it
now acceptable to bill your
guests to attend your wedding?
Virginia Miss

Dear Virginia: It is never
acceptable to treat your
guests as "customers." Bridal
couples should have the
kind of reception they can
afford and not expect their
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you sent your regrets.

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