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BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Free blood pressure checks and foot assessment will be provided by registered nurses at the Northside Community Center from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.

The Northside Community Center is located at 108 NE Eighth St. For additional information, call the Center at 432-263-2673.

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For some, last chance at TAKS

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

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Richard Light BSISD Curriculum Director

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Sixteen Big Spring third-graders must pass

this last round of testing set for June 26 in order to be promoted to the next grade level.

Third graders in Texas are the first class

as a whole to face one of the biggest changes of policy in the accountability testing process as TAKS replaced TAAS the Texas Assessment of Skills in Knowledge this year. They must pass the reading section of the test to advance to fourth grade.

Thirty-two third Big Spring third-graders

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Shooting sends victim to Lubbock

Third assault in three days

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A third aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in as many days sent a Big Spring man to a hospital in Lubbock Monday night.

Max Hernandez, 36, of Big Spring was taken to Scenic

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Joann Knox, the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club president, is congratulated by Hays Stripling Jr., a member of the Big Spring Rotary Club. The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club received the Club of Merit Award and the Blue Ribbon Award for the Rotary International District 5730 during a banquet held in May.

Greater Big Spring Rotary receives honors at banquet

HERALD Staff Report

The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club received the Club of Merit Award and the Blue Ribbon Award for the Rotary International District 5730 during an awards banquet held in May.

Clubs that meet certain criteria in membership growth, Rotary Foundation and the polo eradication program contributions and community, vocational and international service programs area bestowed the distinguished blue ribbon award.

Joann Knox, the club's president, accepted the award during the district awards banquet.

Sixty-two members from a variety of professional classifications make up the membership of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club.

They provide assistance with local needs including United Way, Salvation Army, Howard County Library, YMCA, Little League Baseball and local schools.

Along with the scholarship funds to officers of the Howard College Rotaract Club, which it sponsors.

Along with the Big Spring Rotary Club, the members have built a park in the downtown area adjoining the

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CHANGES

West Texas Centers for MHMR implements centralized intake plan

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Access to mental health care for people in the 23 rural counties served by West Texas Centers for MHMR will be more user friendly and efficient with the implementation of the agency's centralized intake center and video conferencing capabilities.

The intake center is a consumer's first contact with the agency, explained Shannon Nabors, West Texas Centers for MHMR director of Crisis/Intake Services.

"We are the gatekeeper for inpatient and outpatient services," Nabors said.

Consumers contacting West Texas Centers for MHMR needing information on mental illness or needing help with a psychiatric crisis will be directed to the current 1-800 number instead of calling one of the 15 local mental health centers.

Historically, local mental health centers spent an inordinate amount of time explaining services or directing people to other appropriate agencies when more time needed to be spent face-to-face with people in a crisis needing immediate attention, Nabors said.

The concept is based on how crisis care is provided in larger cities, but needed to be adapted because of West Texas Center's large rural area.

"In urban areas, anyone who wants mental health services is seen locally and sent out for treatment," Nabors said. "Our mental health specialists may be at a local mental health center once every

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Shannon Nabors W.T. Centers for MHMR

two weeks because there's not enough staff for them to be there every day.

If a licensed professional (who screens consumers for services) was there on a Monday and you happened to come in on a Tuesday, it might have been two weeks before you'd be seen for an initial screening.

Now with the centralized booking system, based at 701 Birdwell Ave. in Big Spring, a person can be screened immediately by telephone and then can be set up for an eligibility appointment to be conducted either in person or through the video teleconferencing equipment.

With the centralized intake center, certain clinical intake specialists will evaluate the person's condition and set up

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County refuses to help fund 9-1-1 district audit

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard County won't help to fund a management audit of the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen was at Monday's commissioners' court meeting to ask county leaders to help out with \$2,000 toward the \$10,000 total price tag of the audit.

The commissioners declined, three votes

against, two in favor of the proposal.

Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker favored the expenditure, while County Judge Ben Lockhart and Commissioners Emma Puga and Gary Simer opposed it.

"One thing, it costs too much money," said Lockhart. "For another thing, I don't think it's necessary."

Lockhart stopped short of saying he doesn't



LOCKHART



McEWEN

believe there's a problem at the 9-1-1 district.

"I'm not saying that," he said. "I don't think there's a problem enough

to spend money to get somebody to tell you there's nothing wrong."

McEwen said he feels the audit is an important step in diagnosing the district's problems.

"The county commissioners' court decided that it did not want to participate in the management audit for the 9-1-1 district today," McEwen said. "Our city council feels that it is very important that we undertake this audit. The 9-1-1

District board of directors has asked us to fund this audit because they feel that it is a necessary thing to undertake and we feel like it's important enough to do it."

McEwen said the audit is not designed to be vindictive against district employees or board members.

"This is not a finger-pointing type of situa-

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Mario Esteban Lopez Jr.



Mario Esteban Lopez Jr., 34, of El Paso, died on Friday, June 6, 2003, near Toyah from injuries received in an auto accident.

A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor of St. Thomas Catholic Church, officiating.

Mario was born on May 11, 1969, in El Paso and was employed by the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission. Survivors include his mother, Maria Elena Cortez of Big Spring; his father, Mario Esteban Lopez Sr. of El Paso; one sister, Ashley Estes of Big Spring; four uncles, Alfonso Cortez of Coahoma, Gilbert Cortez of Lost Hills, Calif., Baldomar Cortez of Huron, Calif. and Pablo Cortez of Bakersfield, Calif.; two aunts, Elida Cortez of El Paso and Beatrice Cortez of Juarez, Mexico, and numerous cousins.

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

Earl Jerome Lusk



Earl Jerome Lusk, 76, of Big Spring, passed away shortly after 3 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2003, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, June 9, 2003, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel in Big Spring with Dr. Dave Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Earl was born on Oct. 31, 1926, to Mildred and Jerome Lusk in Big Spring and was the grandson of Dr. G. S. True. He graduated from Big Spring High School and attended Howard College and Texas Tech University. He married Sonia Weaver on Feb. 21, 1950, and his brother-in-law, Gerald Harris, operated Harris-Lusk service station for many years. In 1975 he and Sonia established Lusk Paint and Frame Center, operating it until retiring in 1995.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the United States Navy.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Sonia Lusk of Big Spring; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Debra Lusk and Dan and Kathy Lusk, all of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Sonia and Mark Ellerbe of Midland; seven grandchildren, Eric and his wife Toni, Lusk, Sara Lusk, Dani and Jon Lusk, Samuel and Will Ellerbe and Vanessa VanSlyke; and one great-granddaughter, Makaila VanSlyke; and many good life long friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Joe Martin True Lusk; and two sisters, Valilia Lusk and Ruth Mitchell.

Mr. Lusk's nephews will served as pallbearers and honorary pallbearers.

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

Earl was a devoted husband, loving father and best friend. "We will miss you."

Dorothy Condron Adkins

Dorothy Condron Adkins, 77, of Big Spring, died on Friday, June 6, 2003, at her residence.

Memorial services were held at 10 a.m. today, June 10, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Elvin Collopy, chaplain of Home Hospice, officiating.

She was born on March 24, 1926, in Ralls. Dorothy volunteered at the Chalet Shop to help the Big Spring State Hospital and supported her kids in their education.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter Davis Condron of Big Spring; her son, Dean Condron of Victoria; three daughters, Jeanne Condron Hale of Mathis, Mollie Condron of Beaverton, Ore., and Jackie Condron of Beaverton, Calif.; four brothers, Troy Condron of "Other Pokeny" Ammons and Sterling "Bugs" Condron of Post and Sterling "Bugs" Condron of Post; and four sisters, Weaver Condron of Post, Vargie Jenkins of Post, Bernice Jackson of Bakersfield, and one great-grandchild, Kaitlyn Condron.

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

Marcus Evarts Wilkinson Jr.

Marcus Evarts Wilkinson Jr., 78, passed away on Friday, June 6, 2003, after a valiant battle against cancer. Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, June 9, 2003 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

He was born to Marcus Evarts and Mary Elizabeth Wilkinson in Siloam Springs, Ark., on July 29, 1924. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Naval Air Corps as a naval aviator and flight instructor. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge for 47 years in Louisiana, Kentucky and most recently the Coahoma Masonic Lodge # 992 A. F. & A. M. He was an avid golfer and hunter.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Dana Boyles Wilkinson; his daughter and son-in-law, Marcia and Ken Hamby of The Woodlands; his daughter, Dana Lea Wilkinson and son, Marcus Evarts Wilkinson III, both of Big Spring; his grandson, John Michael Wilkinson of Big Spring; his sister, Rhoda Morton of Slidell, La.; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Shannon and Ernestine Boyles of Coahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, and his brother, Tycus Hart Wilkinson.

The family suggests memorials to the Masonic Home and School for Children, P. O. Box 15040, Fort Worth, 76119.

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

Tommy Hogan



Tommy Hogan, 59, of Big Spring passed away Saturday, June 7, 2003, at his home following a two year illness.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Olive Cemetery with the Rev. Randy Gee, pastor of Crestview Baptist Church, officiating.

Tommy was born on January 30, 1944, to William Franklin Hogan and Ila V. Hogan in Big Spring.

He moved to Big Spring from Luther in 1992. He worked for Feagins Implement Company from 1982 to 1990. In 1990 he bought Clanton Automotive and operated it until he retired. Tommy had also done farming along with other endeavors.

He is survived by two sons, William Hogan and Michael Hogan, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Dolly Hogan of Big Spring; two sisters, Betty Muller of Big Spring and Kay Blanton of Little Rock, Ark., and 10 grandchildren. He is also survived by his constant companions, Gerry Buchanan and daughters Shelly Lamb and Christy Sims.

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

Police blotter

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

• **MYRTICE PETERSON**, 46, of 1103 E. Sixth St. was arrested Monday on city traffic warrants.

• **BRENDA MICHELLE PUGA**, 28, of 501 E. 18th St. was arrested Monday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **ALLISON REDDING**, 31, of 1205 Ridgeroad Drive was arrested Monday on a city theft warrant and an Ector County warrant.

• **JOYCE ANNETTE PEARSON**, 36, of 5511 Midway Road was arrested Monday on traffic citations.

• **JACOB ALMAZAN BUSTAMANTE**, 31, of 503 N. Goliad was arrested Monday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported:
- In the 200 block of Northeast Seventh Street. A shotgun was reportedly involved in the incident. Police reportedly seized evidence related to the assault.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported:
- In the 4300 block of West Highway 80. \$10 damage was reported in connection with the burglary. Police reportedly seized evidence at the scene. Items worth \$1,729 were reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION INTENDING OTHER FELONY** was reported in the 1900 block of Wesson Road. \$50 damage was reportedly inflicted on the home's door frame.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 7th block of Sunset Boulevard. \$300 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure. Evidence was reportedly seized by police and items worth \$2,609 were reported stolen.

• **THEFT** was reported in the 400 block of South Goliad. Items worth \$48 were reported stolen.

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 500 block of South Gregg Street.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY
Intermediate Line Dance Class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Free blood pressure checks and foot assessment, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Northside Community Center, 108 NE Eighth Street. Registered nurses will determine the need for additional foot care and can also determine if the procedures can be covered by Medicare, or can provide information on other payment sources. For more information call 432-263-2673.

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club.

Eagles Lodge Ladies auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

THURSDAY
Gideon International, B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 20-21-28-29-37.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$24,986.
Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Victoria.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-6-6

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs near 90.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the lower 90s.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the lower 90s.

Sheriff's report

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

• **ASSAULT** was reported to sheriff's deputies from Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
• **PHONE HARRASSMENT** was reported in the first block of Meadowbrook.

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By ROGER CLINE
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PBRPC board to consider several items impacting Big Spring

HERALD Staff Report

Several items impacting Big Spring are on the agenda for Wednesday's Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors meeting.

The board will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in its office, 2910 La Force Boulevard at the Midland International Airport.

Among other items, the board plans to:

- Consider the Big Spring

Independent School District's grant application for its "Improving Literacy through School Libraries" program.

• Consider a grant application by the Big Spring Retired and Senior Volunteer Program for its volunteer coordination pro-

gram.
• Consider the recommendation of the PBRPC's Regional Development Review Committee regarding the Texas Department of Transportation's 1-20 Union Pacific Rail Corridor Enhancement Project.

• Consider approving the allocation of Homeland Security funds for the Permian Basin region for FY 2002-2003 and the 2003 supplement.

For more information, contact the PBRPC at 432-563-1061.

Workshop designed to bring auto body workers in environmental compliance

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Do you own or work at an auto body shop?

If so, you need to be at a free workshop on environmental issues scheduled for Wednesday evening by the Small Business and Local Government Assistance section of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The workshop — sched-

uled for 6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors meeting room, 215 W. Third St. — will focus on required environmental record keeping for paint and body shops.

Although the workshop is free, those planning to attend must register in advance. Registration forms can be obtained at the chamber office or online

at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/exe/c/sbea/sblga/abws.html.

Those attending the workshop are asked to enter the boardroom through the east alley entrance.

"What we're finding out as an agency is that most of the people who don't comply with the rules just don't understand them and don't understand the record keeping required in order to comply with the rules and regulations

of the state," said TCEQ spokesman Kit A. Owens. "This workshop is a brief 2 1/2-hour program which will give them the information and the tools to walk away, go back to their shops and get themselves in compliance."

Owens said information obtained at the workshop will not be shared with the enforcement arm of the TCEQ.

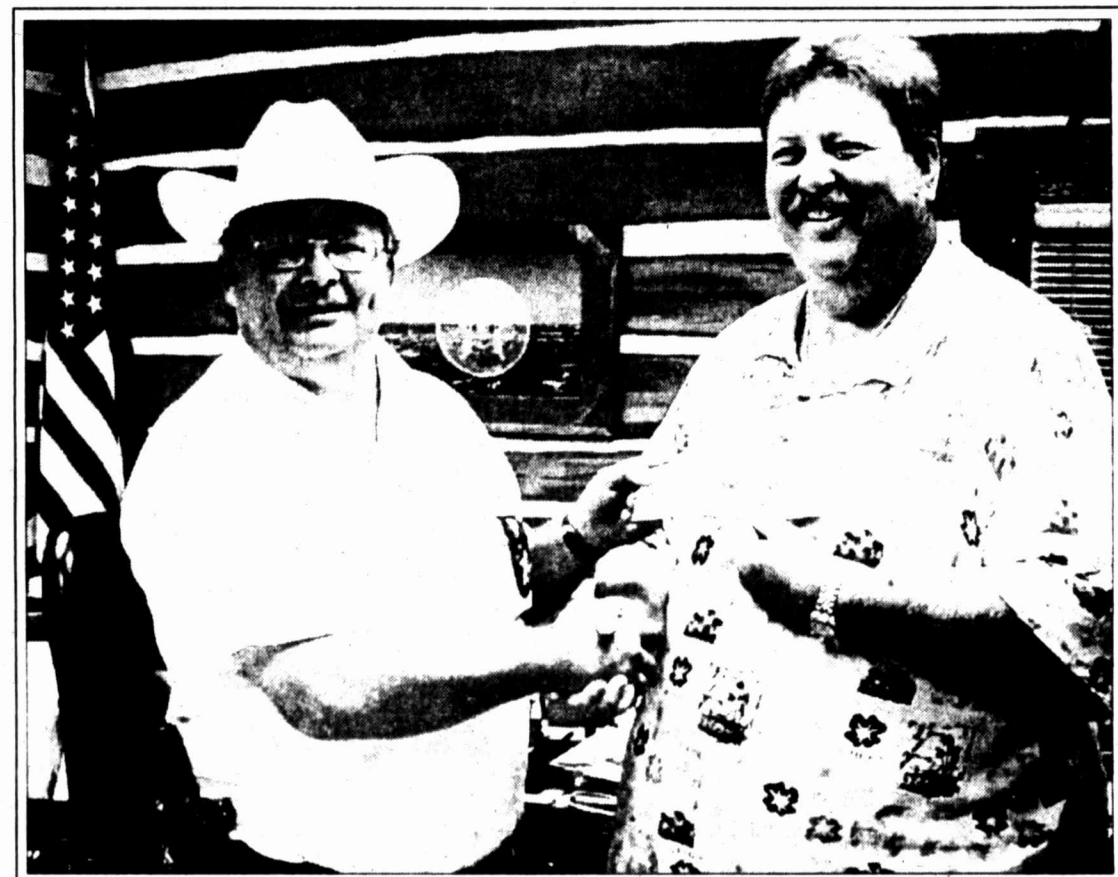
"My section is an independent arm of the

agency," he said. "My sole purpose for being is try to help small business owners and local government officials comply with our environmental rules and do it in a non-threatening way. And to do it in a way so that it does not even become knowledge to the investigative arm of our organization. In other words, guys can come to our workshop and find out what they need to know.

If I determine from that that they may not be in compliance, they're not going to get in any trouble. I'm not a snitch. That's not my purpose for being there."

For more information, call Owens at 432-620-6116.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Sheriff Dale Walker, left, accepts a \$567 check from Robert Smith, owner of A-Bob's Bail Bonds, to be used to purchase a bullet and knife resistant vest for a deputy. Smith and his wife, Denise, own a breakfast burrito business, and donated the receipts from a week's burrito sales toward the vest purchase. "I think it's wonderful," Walker said. "Robert and Denise Smith did a lot of work to make this donation. It's very much appreciated."

AUDIT

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tion," he said. "This is a circumstance where the 9-1-1 District board of directors has said this would be a very good tool for us to determine what we're doing and whether we're doing it properly."

Although the Big Spring City Council decided the city would pay for the audit, members hoped the county and the cities of Coahoma and Forsan would reimburse some of the expense. McEwen said Big Spring was asking for \$2,000 from the county and \$500 each from Coahoma and

Forsan

"The 9-1-1 District does not have the money to pay for the management audit, therefore, we're willing to fund it," McEwen said. "We were hoping for other public entities to stand with us and help out with the payment for this audit. They decided not to, so we'll go forward from there."

The county's refusal is disappointing, he added, but won't stop Big Spring from funding the audit. "We were hoping that everyone would stand shoulder to shoulder and say, 'We're in this together,'" he said. "We tried to do it on a very good apportionment of the

costs, so of course I'm disappointed."

Bottom line: 9-1-1 is too important to take chances with, the mayor said.

"We need, we absolutely need the 9-1-1 District to be functioning properly," he said. "When there are concerns about whether or not it is, you've got to be in the position where you say, 'Let's give them all they need.' In a time when the financial situation is hard for them, we're willing to step up to the plate and help them out."

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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failed the first administration of the test in February — and were required to again take the test in April.

Coahoma Elementary

School is also preparing its students for this last administration.

"Every effort is being made to make sure each child is successful and their needs are being met," said Carol Fowler, principal at Coahoma Elementary.

Elbow Elementary School had a 100 percent passing rate for its third-graders on the reading exam.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331 ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

MHMR

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appointment, either face-to-face or via teleconferencing if they are screened as potentially eligible for services.

"They will make a determination whether they are eligible for services and if we offer the services that they need."

All pertinent information necessary for admittance, such as demographics and payment information will be taken over the phone and will not need to be repeated when services are provided at the mental health

center in their home communities, Nabors said.

"When they receive services in their local community, workers can focus on treatment and not so much on what you have to do to get admitted. The centers will have more time to address the issues at hand rather than focus on the paperwork."

Another benefit to centralizing services is that all 23 counties will require identical information, which will assist with the consistency of data used for things such as waiting lists, case load assignments and the like, Nabors said.

Patients needing emer-

gency care will be evaluated immediately, she said.

"When someone calls the 1-800 number, clinical intake specialists will answer that line right away and see if it's a psychiatric crisis. If it is a psychiatric crisis, then we will immediately dispatch someone in that community to the caller. There will be no delays in access to emergency services."

West Texas Centers for MHMR constantly searches for ways to provide services more efficiently that benefit the consumer, said Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for

MHMR's CEO.

"Because of our rural setting and the special needs of people with mental illness, we were spending many hours on the road going to centers and meeting with consumers. We will still be doing that, but it will be more organized and more efficient."

"When consumers need face-to-face meetings, we can either do it by video conferencing or in person if staff is available, whichever works best for that situation. The local staff won't be bogged down in the office filling out paperwork."

"It's a good idea whose

time has come. It will give us better customer service, it's more cost-effective and it provides better clinical services," said Smith.

The West Texas Centers for MHMR Crisis Hotline number is 1-800-375-4357.

Counties served by West Texas Centers are Andrews, Borden, Crane, Dawson, Fisher, Games, Garza, Glasscock, Howard, Kent, Loving, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Reeves, Runnels, Scurry,

Terrell, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler and Yoakum.

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Tommy Hogan, 59, died Saturday. Graveside services are 2:00 PM today at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

ROTARY

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Heart of the City Park. The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club also sends five area girls to RYLA camp which enhances the leadership skills of 11th grade girls. The camp is a Rotary project.

Internationally, the club has supported a school in Creel, Mexico, and has hosted a foreign exchange student for many years. Each member of the Greater Big Spring Rotary Club has also committed funds for the next three years in the Rotary International project to eradicate polio.

Other officers of the

club include Charles Myers, president-elect, and Terri Davis, secretary. Board members include Troy Tompkins,

Kent Sharp, Debbye Valverde, Chuck Condray, Lee George, Pam Welch, Amber Buske, Walter Brumley,

Todd Darden, Dale Coates, Max Moore, Tom Dawson, Cynthia Scott, Lynn Simpson and Clay Grizzle.

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OUR VIEWS

Don't miss great offerings going on at Heritage Museum

Today is the deadline to reserve a seat for a special night of entertainment and barbecue when the Heritage Museum of Big Spring opens its Legends & Legacies, Cowgirls, Women of the West exhibit. The event is set for Monday, June 16.

The evening will begin with The Anderson Sisters performing cowgirl ballads at 6, while complementary drinks will be served on the museum's patio.

A barbecue dinner catered by Big John's Feed Lot will be at 6:45 p.m. and the museum's Cowgirls, Women of the West exhibit will be open throughout the evening.

Tickets are \$13 per person and must be reserved by calling the Heritage Museum at 267-8255 by 5 p.m. today.

And don't forget to go by the museum at 510 Scurry and take in another featured exhibit this month, a display of memorabilia and information about the Great Staked Plains Masonic Lodge that is currently celebrating its 120th anniversary.

The Great Staked Plains Lodge was the first organization to be founded in Big Spring and the exhibit provides a glimpse into a colorful past.

The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and children.

Stop by and spend a couple of hours. You'll be glad you did.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we receive your love and joy today, Lord, and spread it to others.

Amen

Strangling the Police Corps

The Police Corps, a small federal program that actually works, faces strangulation by politicians and number crunchers. It would take a mere pittance to maintain this imaginative program of training high-caliber, college-educated street cops. That pittance, however, is hard to come by.

Final appropriations approved this year for the Police Corps totaled \$15 million, half of what President Bush requested. Even if Congress approves the full \$30 million for next year, the Police Corps would be unable to maintain its present 22-state program, much less add five states that want to join. It would take \$45 million just to stay even. In a climate where members of Congress dispense billions for unneeded pork-barrel projects back home, this is a trifling sum.

Its size may be its undoing. In contrast to commercial enterprises that are deemed too large to fail, this government program may be too small to succeed. The Police Corps, extravagantly praised by the few government policymakers familiar with this program, lacks a political top gun to ensure its survival.

It never has enjoyed high profile support. The Police Corps was envisioned in 1982 by New York City lawyer Adam Walinsky, who long ago was an aide to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy and then the Democratic nominee for attorney general of New York. It took 12

years to become reality despite an indifferent governmental establishment, and keeping it alive became Walinsky's life work.

The major bureaucratic complaint against the Police Corps is that it is too expensive. Actually, the cost of educating and training a Police Corps cadet ranges between \$40,000 and \$60,000 (depending upon geographical region), plus a \$30,000 college scholarship.

While some Office of Management and Budget (OMB) bureaucrats shudder over this cost, it is a bargain. FBI training costs \$50,000, without counting pay and benefits. It takes \$1 million to train a member of U.S. special forces. Although Police Corps costs can be reduced through larger classes and training more classes per year, the OMB actually has found that the government gets more back from the Police Corps than the billions of dollars worth of other Justice Department grant programs.

Beyond cost-benefit ratios, the value of the Police Corps is appreciated by the handful of officials who have observed it first-hand. One middle-level administration official who witnessed Police Corps training in Baltimore (and asked not to be quoted by name) told me: "I was impressed by the caliber of training and the confidence of the recruits. They were learning how to protect people and apprehend suspects with a minimum of violence. They felt they were embarking on a noble profession."

I came away with precisely the same conclusions after my contacts over recent years with Police

Corps cadets and their training in Mississippi, Florida and Missouri. After undergoing an arduous physical and academic regimen, the cadets must spend four years on the street — not at a desk. Participating police chiefs have eagerly embraced them as prize rookies on their forces.

With Police Corps programs now functioning in 22 states (most doing well, with a few struggling), five additional states want in but are barred for lack of funding: Alaska, Arizona, Connecticut, Ohio and Virginia. Yet, the current budget crunch threatens to reduce vital training in the current states.

Ignored in that crunch is what the Police Corps can contribute against terrorism, surmounting the partisan debate enveloping the issue. Democrats in Congress never tire of demanding more federal funds for "first-responders" in unionized fire and police departments controlled by Democratic mayors. The White House contends that the way to protect the American people is through better intelligence rather than more police and firefighters.

That ideological struggle is not addressed by the Police Corps, whose role in the war against terrorism goes to the second criticism of the program: elitism. Indeed it is elitist, and intends to be. It can provide educated, thinking officers to form the nucleus of police who can cope with terrorism without emotional excesses. The question is whether the Police Corps will be crowded out for minimal budget savings while the government spends billions on dubious projects.



ROBERT NOVAK

YOUR VIEWS

To the Editor:

Senate votes unanimously to replace school finance system.

Does this announcement sound familiar, or has everyone forgotten Senate Bill 7, a bill similar to the Robin Hood plan, which is still in effect today?

Lt. Gov. Dewhurst and 29 senators unanimously approved the bill, which would cut the state's property tax in half, while increasing the 6.25 percent sales tax to 7.25 percent. Sales tax would also be collected on several services and commodities that are now exempted from the sales tax. The plan also would establish a statewide property tax that would be capped at 75 cents per \$100 property evaluations. Voters would have to approve the change because of it being prohibited by the state constitution.

Voters need to be aware of such measures because in 1997, we were asked to vote for or against an amendment to our state constitution sponsored by Sen. Cain and Rep. Paul Hilbert. Senate Joint Resolution No. 43 was advertised to voters twice before election day of Nov. 4, 1997, implying that a cap, or maximum increase in "average annual percentage increase in the appraised value of residence home-steads for ad valorem tax purposes to 10 percent," would be placed in effect. However, four words were added at that point, "or a greater percentage," allowing the legislature to increase the taxable value by any amount.

When Rep. County was asked about the additional four words, he simply replied, "This was not the way that the bill was described to me." Sen. Robert Dewhurst would not return either my written inquiry or telephone call.

The point I make is for everyone to be very aware of the exact wording of the constitutional amendment or other legislation that you are asked to vote for or against that is being offered to you for

consideration.

By decreasing property taxes by half would greatly benefit senior citizens, but would the increase in sales tax more than offset the decrease in property taxes? We need to be very aware of propositions presented to us by our legislators and always look at the fine print.

Roy Simmons
Big Spring

To the Editor:

I couldn't help but cry when I read that Don Newsom had passed away.

Our town has many special people and Mr. Newsom was a very special person. He did so many nice things for others. Often the things he did for others were done without him even receiving a thank you, but he didn't seem to mind because he truly seemed to enjoy helping others.

He wasn't one to put on airs. He had the means to live in a big fancy house, but he chose to live in a not so big or fancy home on Scurry Street.

Those new to Big Spring don't know that we once had a very special place to shop in Don Newsom's grocery store. Everyone knew that Newsom's had the best fresh vegetables and fruit in town. His in-store bakery also had the best pies and cakes.

December was a special time to shop at Newsom's because the shelves were stocked with all kinds of unique decorations. But that store is just a memory now for they tore it down and another building stands there. But Mr. Newsom opened a new store at the old "sideway on Gregg and to celebrate he decided to give away prizes. One of those prizes was a complete Nintendo game system.

There was one little boy who wanted a Nintendo more than anything else, but he knew that he might not ever get one because all his mother could do was promise maybe next year.

Well, Mr. Newsom made a little boy's dream come

true that year.

I still remember how Mr. Newsom smiled when that little boy thanked him for making his dream come true. That boy was my son.

Mr. Newsom may be gone but his memory will live on in the hearts of those he touched with his kindness.

Lana F. Anguiano
Big Spring

To the Editor:

We made the difference! The voters of Howard County elected the 19th District congressman on June 3.

Randy Neugebauer won by the narrow margin of 715 votes. With the vote count between the Midland-Odessa and Lubbock areas being so close, it was our 1,150 votes that made the difference.

Howard County voters should take the credit because they did make the difference in this election.

Maybe this is the spark that will unite us in the future progress of our community. Let's work together.

Thanks for voting.

Bill Crooker
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Hearings indicate redistricting to return

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Public hearings scheduled for next week indicate that Republican legislative leaders are ready to follow through on a commitment to renew the congressional redistricting fight.

Monday, Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, said a redistricting hearing was scheduled at the Texas Southern University campus in Houston on June 21.

Meanwhile, the office of GOP House Speaker Tom Craddick has sought and secured hearing rooms at University of Texas System campuses in San Antonio, Brownsville and Dallas next week, sources told the San Antonio Express-News in Tuesday's editions.

The hearings could be a prelude to a special ses-

sion this summer. By law, a special session can last no longer than 30 days. The agenda topics are set by the governor.

Gov. Rick Perry has not confirmed if he intends to bring up redistricting. The issue is an explosive one.

In May, Democratic state representatives fled to Oklahoma to prevent action on a contentious congressional redistricting bill pushed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

The departments of Homeland Security and Transportation are investigating whether their agencies' assistance to Texas law officers in the search was inappropriate.

Democratic redistricting panel members, including Rep. Mike Villarreal, the panel's

vice chairman, were unaware of new hearings being set.

"If that is the case, that there is a hearing set in my hometown, in my district next week, and I haven't been called for input or to help out, then I am very disappointed," said Villarreal, D-San Antonio.

Another committee member, Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, also had not been told of any hearings.

Republicans vowed to bring back the issue after the Democratic walkout, arguing that 58 percent of Texans voted Republican in the 2002 elections while the state has 17 Democrats and 15 Republicans in the U.S. House.

Over the past 50 years, no state has redrawn its

congressional boundaries more than once a decade without a court order until this year, when a similar GOP effort succeeded in Colorado. It faces a court challenge.

"There are no redistricting hearings planned at this time," Bob Richter, Craddick's spokesman, said Monday.

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst told the Houston Chronicle editorial board on Monday that he is inclined to use a procedure that would mean two-thirds of the state's 31 senators would have to agree to consider the redistricting issue before it could be debated.

That would mean 11 of the state's 12 Democratic senators could kill GOP efforts to bring up redistricting.

SHOOTING

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Mountain Medical Center and transported to Lubbock after sustaining a shotgun wound to the buttocks.

Police have arrested Jacob Bustamante, 31, also of Big Spring, in connection with the assault. Bustamante had not been arraigned and bail had not been set this morning.

"Approximately 9:54 last night, we got a call of 'shots fired' in the 200 block of NE Seventh Street," said Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness. "We responded and started an investigation and we finally found the suspect and the victim."

Chamness said the victim and suspect have been foes for a long time.

"From what we understand, this stems out of a disagreement from about seven years ago that is still going on," he said.

Police have seized evidence in connection with the crime, including the shotgun involved.

Christopher Hill, 20, of Big Spring was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center before being transported to Lubbock after sustaining head injuries and other wounds in a beating assault Monday morning. Rigo Moran, 32, was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center Saturday with several stab wounds. He was later airlifted to Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock, where he was listed in critical condition.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Battle against SARS continues

TORONTO (AP) — Health authorities closed a hospital outside Toronto to new patients because of a possible fresh cluster of SARS cases, while Taiwan on Tuesday reported a half-dozen more cases of the disease.

At least 14 patients at a hospital in Whitby, Ontario, 40 miles east of Canada's largest city, were under investigation for symptoms of SARS, officials said Monday. The hospital was closed and people who came in contact with the patients went into a 10-day quarantine.

"We have to assume they may be SARS," said Dr. James Young, the Ontario commissioner of public safety.

In Taiwan, six new cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome Tuesday came one day after it requested that the World Health Organization remove a travel warning for the island.

One of the requirements for the lifting is to have fewer than five new infections per day for a week. And while Taiwan reported six more cases Monday, officials said only four of them were new infections and that two of them had been monitored for some time and only recently confirmed as cases.

The global death toll stood Tuesday at 785, out of more than 8,300 infections. More than four-out-of-five of the deaths have been in China's mainland and its territory Hong Kong.

Rumsfeld greets U.S.-supported nations

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — On a four-day visit to Europe, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is thanking nations that supported the U.S.-led war in Iraq — and asking for more postwar help to keep the peace there.

He said the failure of the U.S.-led coalition to prove deposed Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is dead may be fueling continued violence and resistance in the country.

"There are people who may fear that he could come back," Rumsfeld said Monday.

"If they fear he could come back, they might be

somewhat slower in an interrogation to say what they know" and it could "give heart" to some from Saddam's Baathist Party who hope "that they can take back that country."

Rumsfeld said 41 countries are considering assistance to Iraq and some half dozen have committed forces. He didn't name them, but he said the first forces should be ready in September.

He spoke during a flight to Portugal, where he was to thank officials Tuesday.

Rumsfeld said he did not doubt that intelligence on Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction will prove correct, despite the failure after two months to find the weapons.

Police search for human remains

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — State police continued searching for more human remains at a home where authorities say parts of five bodies were discovered buried in the backyard.

The bodies of a missing pharmacist and his girlfriend were discovered last week, and three more sets of human remains have been discovered since, officials said Monday.

"I have ... pieces of three other people," Luzerne County Coroner George Hudock Jr. said.

The additional fragments were discovered outside the Kingston Township home of Hugo Selenski, days after authorities uncovered the bodies of pharmacist Michael Jason Kerkowski Jr., 37, and Tammy Fassett, 37.

Hudock said both Kerkowski and Fassett had been strangled and he classified their deaths as homicides. The pair had been missing since May 2002, when Kerkowski failed to show up for sentencing on charges he illegally sold prescription painkillers.

Authorities have been tightlipped about the case.

Ten Commandments removed from school

WEST UNION, Ohio (AP) — Protesters, sheriff's deputies and school officials who clashed over a judge's order to remove four giant Ten Commandments tablets from school buildings prayed together after workers loaded the last monument on a

truck and drove away.

All four granite tablets were removed by Monday evening.

Earlier, dozens of protesters locked arms and knelt in prayer to hinder workers who had been ordered to remove the monuments from four schools in the Adams County/Ohio Valley School District about 60 miles east of Cincinnati. Deputies briefly took at least 30 protesters into custody, but later released them without filing charges.

"A judge's order is a judge's order," said Francis Manion, the school board's lawyer. "We think (the judge) got it wrong, but it's the school board's duty to remove the monuments."

The protesters temporarily blocked a crane from taking the 800-pound granite tablets from three of the schools, but sheriff's deputies removed the protesters from school property.

U.S. Magistrate Timothy Hogan ruled in Cincinnati last year that it is unconstitutional to display the Ten Commandments on public school grounds. He ordered them removed on Monday, after the school year.

Child tax credit controversy ongoing

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republican leaders unhappy with the Senate's endorsement of a bigger child tax credit for low-income families now find themselves under White House pressure to pass the bill quickly.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Monday that President Bush wants to see the House pass a bill expanding the child tax credit for low-income workers without letting it get "bogged down or slowed down."

Bush's signature last month on a \$350 billion tax cut and state aid package led Democrats to demand an expansion of the child tax credit to 6.5 million low-income families who otherwise would not see any added benefit.

The tax cut increased the child tax credit to \$1,000 but left unchanged the eligibility rules that prevent families that earn more than \$10,500 but less than \$27,000 from claiming an additional refund. Under the existing rules, those families pay too little tax to claim the refund.

Children ordered back to parolee mom; CPS objects

HOUSTON (AP) — Child welfare officials are fighting a judge's order to return six of a woman's seven children to her custody, saying they instead want to keep her away from them.

An attorney for Children's Protective Services said the agency will move to terminate Catherine Rene Kegg's parental rights.

Kegg of Liberty, who has been working as a receptionist in a tattoo parlor since her release from prison in March, served eight months of a two-year sentence for using a 1-by-4 board to strike her eldest child Tyler, now 14, more than 60 times on Dec. 20, 2001.

The child's stepfather, Jack Anthony "Kindle" Kegg, is serving a two-

year sentence for helping his wife beat Tyler. He was previously convicted of malicious punishment of the same child in Minnesota in 1997.

A parole stipulation is that Catherine Kegg not have unsupervised contact with children.

The children's foster parents, CPS and a child advocacy group have protested visiting senior Judge David Dunn's decision Monday.

A trial to terminate Kegg's parental rights is set for Nov. 7.

Officials of CPS were told by Dunn last month to return the six children by Friday. CPS did not arrange to do so because Kegg proposed to have an 18-year-old daughter of a friend live with her in order to supervise the

contact with her children.

After a four-hour hearing Monday, CPS agreed to comply and return Kegg's 7-year-old son and 5-year-old daughter by Thursday; her twin 4-year-old daughters by June 17; her 3-year-old son by June 22; and her 17-month-old daughter by June 27. The oldest child, Tyler, has not been ordered to be returned to Kegg.

CPS will monitor the home at least once a week.

Kegg, 32, said she is looking forward to a reunion with her children and vowed to do everything possible to assure that they are not removed from her home again.

"No one's perfect," Kegg told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's

editions. "I made a mistake and paid dearly for it. I love my children, and I'll do anything for them."

Kegg's attorney, Ed Lieck, said Kegg has done everything requested of her by the court, such as including getting a job and a home, completing parenting and anger management classes and undergoing a psychological evaluation.

Four foster parents who have cared for Kegg's children are outraged. They are working with child advocacy group Justice for Children to file an intervention with the court to possibly stop the reunion.

When CPS officials took in the children they suffered from vaginitis and damaged skin from

diapers kept on too long. The children also had roaches matted in their hair, according to the foster parents.

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IN BRIEF

Clarendon College to hold baseball tryouts

Clarendon College will be conducting baseball tryouts for high school seniors and players with junior college eligibility on June 5. The camp will be held at Bulldog Field and begins with registration at 9 a.m.

There is no pre-registration needed. For more information call Trent Petrie at 806-874-3571, extension 272.

ASC's golf pass is now available locally

Looking for the perfect Father's Day gift for dad? Try the American Cancer Society's Texas Golf Pass, which is now on sale for \$35. The pass entitles golfers more than 670 rounds of golf at 281 participating courses throughout the state, including Comanche Trail Golf Course and Big Spring Country Club.

For more information call 1-800-ACS-2345 or check out the pass online at www.texas-golfpass.com.

WGA to hold Two-Lady Golf Scramble

The Big Spring Country Club Women's Golf Association will be holding its Cloverleaf Two-Lady Scramble on June 19 at BSCC. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Registration for the scramble is now under way. The cost for entering is \$100 per team and includes the cost of a cart and one mulligan per person. Registration can also be completed the morning of the scramble.

For more information contact Larry Bryan at 915-267-5354 or Claudia Patterson at 915-263-8728.

CGA to hold monthly gold tourney June 15

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding its monthly gold tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course on June 15. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start.

Persons wishing to participate in the tournament must be registered by 9:30 a.m. the day of the event.

For more information contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

All-star softball game slated for Saturday

The West Texas All-Star Softball Classic will be held Saturday night in Midland. A team of Permian Basin All-stars will face an Abilene-area squad, beginning at 7 p.m. at MLUGS Field.

Coahoma's Ashley Lang, Michelle Walker, Megan Young and Tawna Jacobs will compete.

Ranger College to hold baseball tryouts

Ranger College will hold its annual series of baseball camps on June 20 and 28.

Those participating must be high school graduates and furnish their own equipment.

For information contact Don Flowers at (254) 629-2412.

Pirates end Diamondbacks' run, 10-7

Trevor Burchette had a triple and a home run and scored three times Monday night en route to leading the Big Spring Pirates to a 10-7 win over the Big Spring Diamondbacks in the fifth round of the 12 & Under city tournament.

With the win, the Pirates advance to face the Mets in the next round. The Diamondbacks, who had entered the game as the lowest-seeded team remaining in the 15 team tournament, ended their season at 7-13.

The Pirates didn't waste any

Expos could clinch title berth tonight

The Expos will try and nail down a berth in the finals of the Big Spring Little League City Tournament this afternoon when they square off against the Coahoma Rangers in the winner's bracket semifinals.

The Expos, the regular season champion, enters the game with

an 18-1 record.

The winner of the Expos-Rangers' game will advance to the finals. The loser will fall into the consolation round of the double-elimination event.

The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m. at the National League field.

time in getting their offense going. Ty Gabbard and Burchette highlighted a four-run first

inning with big hits. Burchette's

hit was an inside-the-park home run to left field.

The Diamondbacks answered

by a two-run single by Bobby Wells, tallied four in the bottom of the frame to knot the score at 4-4.

The Diamondbacks' luck didn't hold out, though.

The Pirates reeled off six runs over the ensuing three innings and took a 10-4 lead into the final frame.

The Diamondbacks, playing with just eight players, attempted a rally in the fifth. Sparked by Aaron Guzman's sixth home run of the year, they reeled off three runs in the frame.

A Final Yell



Herald Photo: Tommy Wells

Big Spring senior cheerleaders Stormi Huff and Krystal DeLeon made their final appearance as high school cheerleaders Saturday at the FCA all-star game in Abilene. The two BSHS standouts performed at the half with cheerleaders from throughout West Texas.



Texas clinches return to CWS by downing FSU

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The Texas Longhorns earned a return trip to the College World Series and made Augie Garrido the winningest coach in Division I history in the process.

Garrido, who has won four national championships, passed former Longhorns coach Cliff Gustafson with his 1,428th victory — 6-5 over top-seeded Florida State in the super regionals Monday night.

"It's about a number and a moment in time," said Garrido, who won three titles with Cal State Fullerton and another with Texas last year.

Taylor Teagarden and Curtis Thigpen homered on consecutive pitches in the third inning as the Longhorns (48-18) took a 5-2 lead, on their way to a two-game sweep of the Seminoles (54-13-1).

Huston Street, last year's CWS Most Outstanding Player, struck out three of the first five hitters he faced and got Tony Richie to ground back to the mound with two runners on for his 12th career postseason save.

"It was a championship-type of game," said Garrido, in his 35th season as a college coach.

"Street needs to have a street named after him," Florida State coach Mike Martin said.

Richie homered and drove in three runs for the Seminoles, who have

never won a national title. They have also been eliminated in three straight super regionals, including the last two at home as the tournament's top-seeded team.

"There are some suffering young men in our clubhouse right now," Martin said. "There will not even be close to a negative word out of my mouth about any Seminole. I have never been prouder of a group of young men in my 29 years with this program."

Matt Lynch (13-4), who came in with a 42-7 career record at Florida State, had been bothered in recent days with a blister on his pitching hand but told coaches he was OK to make the critical start.

He ended up making his earliest exit of the season after allowing five runs and five hits in 2 2-3 innings.

J. Brent Cox (6-0) pitched three innings of relief after taking over for starter Justin Simmons.

"They were better than we were," Martin said. "They played great baseball."

Texas, making its NCAA-record 30th College World Series appearance, will play Miami on Saturday in its first-round game at Omaha, Neb. The Longhorns and Hurricanes join Rice, Southwest Missouri State, LSU, Cal State Fullerton, Stanford and South Carolina in the College World Series.

Rangers looking for answers, changes after bad trip

ARLINGTON (AP) — A disastrous road trip that ended with a nine-game losing streak has drastically changed the tone of the Texas Rangers' season that seemed on an upswing just a couple of weeks ago.

"We just don't like being in the spot we're in," Rangers general manager John Hart said Monday. "The inconsistency of the starting pitching continues to plague us. We've lost games we should be built offensively to win, and we've blown some games late in the bullpen."

The 2-10 trip, which ended Sunday with a 3-2 loss to Montreal in Puerto Rico, left the Rangers at 25-36 and 17 games behind AL West leading Seattle. Their losing streak is longest in the majors.

"We've got over 100

games left, and I hold out hope that we'll get back in that groove we were in," said new manager Buck Showalter. "It's frustrating because there are some good things going on that are not necessarily showing up on the scoreboard."

But, with the Rangers seemingly on the way to a fourth straight finish at the bottom of the AL West, more changes could

be on the way. Hart sent Ruben Sierra to the Yankees last week for a minor-league outfielder.

"I think it's still a little bit early, but obviously Seattle is running away and we're not playing well," Hart said.

Texas has several players eligible for free agency at the end of the season, and could be coveted by contending teams before the July 31 trading

deadline. Some won't be back anyway since owner Tom Hicks wants to cut the \$90 million payroll.

The possible movers include outfielders Juan Gonzalez (.284, 18 homers, 47 RBIs) and Carl Everett (.301-16-44), closer Ugueth Urbina (0-2, 17 saves, 3.38 ERA) and right-hander Ismael Valdes (5-2, 4.79).

Outfielder Doug Glanville is also on a one-year deal, but has been hurt.

Comets' star out 2-3 weeks with injury

BOSTON (AP) — Houston Comets forward Sherrill Swoopes will be out two to three weeks with an ankle sprain.

Swoopes suffered a moderate right ankle sprain during the Comets' 85-78 loss at Connecticut on Saturday, the team said Monday.

Swoopes, a two-time WNBA MVP, was hurt while battling the Sun's Nykesha Sales for a loose ball under the Comets' basket.

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association will hold its 2003 closing ceremonies at 7:30 p.m. on June 19 at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater.

Valerie Ross (right) and the CIA girls will be among the teams recognized for their efforts this year.



Armstrong in fourth in Tour tune-up event

VAISON-LA-ROMAINE, France (AP) — Four-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong was in fourth place Monday after the first stage of the Dauphine Libere race.

Bulgaria's Plamen Stojanov won the stage, a 123-mile run from Meaudre to Vaison-la-Romaine. The event started Sunday.

Overall, Iban Mayo of Spain was in first place, followed by David Miller of Britain and Bradley McGee of Australia.

Armstrong was 11 seconds off the leader.

Armstrong is using the Dauphine Libere to train for the Tour de France, which starts July 5. The seven-stage race includes three tough mountain climbs and finishes June 15, about three weeks before the Tour de France begins.

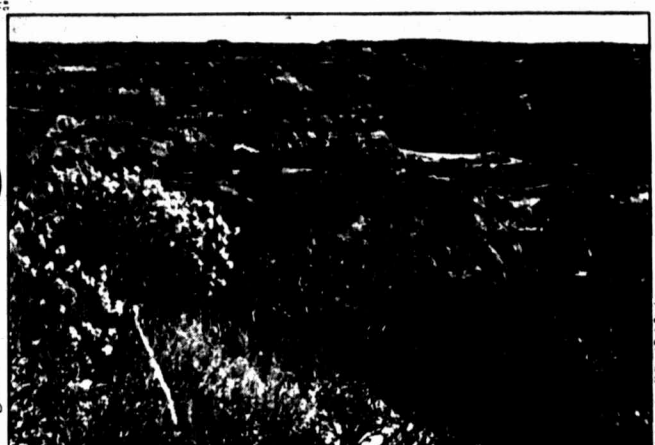
At this year's Tour, Armstrong will be trying to tie a record set by Spain's Miguel Indurain, who won the event five years in a row (1991-95).

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The Peace Garden State

North Dakota From A to Z



President Theodore Roosevelt spent much time in the beautiful, lonely Badlands, where he had two ranches. This national park in the area is now named after him. He said: "I never would have been president if it had not been for my experiences in North Dakota."

Agriculture is the top industry. Farms and ranches cover almost 90 percent of the land. Food processing and the manufacture of farm equipment are also important.

The first known European in the area was Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, Sieur de la Verendrye. He was seeking a river route to the Pacific Ocean.

France, Great Britain and Spain all claimed parts of the area at times. The United States bought most of it from France in 1803, as part of the Louisiana Purchase. In 1818, the U.S. gained the northeastern part through a treaty with Great Britain.

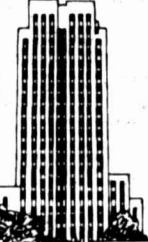
Fur traders were the main European visitors until Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led their expedition to the area in 1804. It became a state in 1889.

It is the 47th most-populated state, with about 640,000 people.

The American elm is the state tree.



Bismarck, with about 55,000 people, is the capital. Its 19-story capitol building is called the "skyscraper on the prairie."



Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge has the biggest breeding colony of white pelicans in North America.

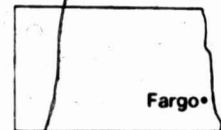


The Corps of Discovery, under the command of Lewis and Clark, built Fort Mandan near today's Washburn, where they wintered in 1804-1805. They returned to the state in 1806 on their journey home.

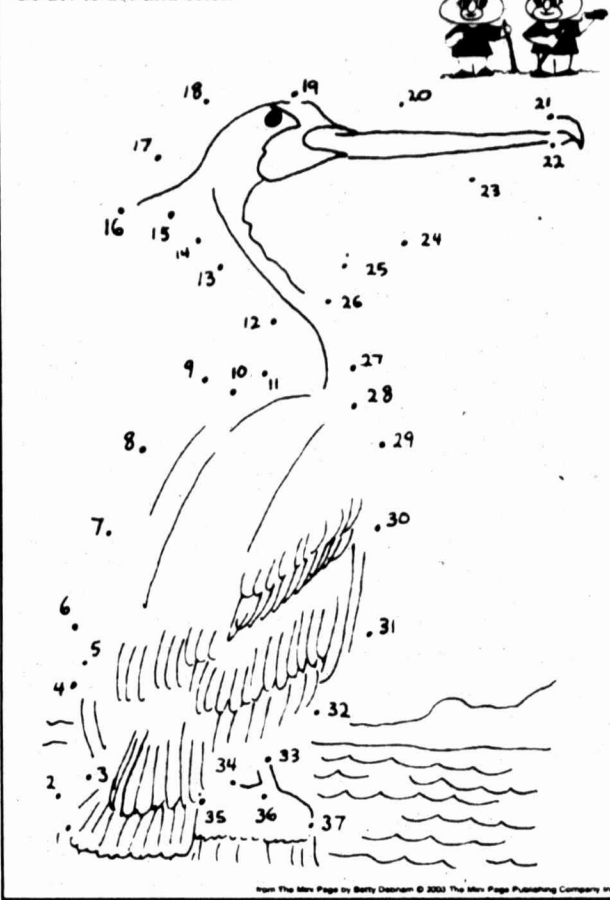


The Enchanted Highway near Gladstone has some of the world's biggest metal sculptures, including the "World's Largest Tin Family" and "Grasshoppers in the Field."

Fargo is the largest city, with about 90,600 people.



Go dot to dot and color.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Colorful Corn Salad

You will want an adult's help with chopping the vegetables in this recipe.

- You'll need:
- 2 (16-ounce) packages frozen sweet corn kernels, thawed
 - 4 green onions, chopped
 - 1 red pepper, chopped
 - 1 green pepper, chopped
 - 1/4 cup white vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 - 1 teaspoon sugar

- What to do:
1. In a large bowl, combine corn, onions and peppers.
 2. In another bowl, combine vinegar, olive oil, salt, lemon juice and sugar for the dressing.
 3. Pour dressing over corn mixture. Mix well.
 4. Place in refrigerator until ready to serve. Serves 8.



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Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Annika Sorenstam

Height: 5-6 Born: Stockholm, Sweden Residence: Incline Village, Fla. Put a golf club in Annika Sorenstam's hand and she turns into Wonder Woman. In 2002, the smooth-swinging Swede dominated the Ladies Professional Tour. She played in 23 tournaments, won 11 and finished in the top ten 20 times. Since turning pro in 1994, Annika has won 43 LPGA titles. Annika, who started playing golf at age 12, is one of the longest and most accurate players off the tee. In fact, she's so good that she was invited to play in a men's PGA tournament. She practices hard, usually about four to six hours per day when she's not competing in a tournament. Besides golf, Annika's interests include snow-skiing, music and gourmet cooking. Last summer she worked several days per week in the kitchen at Lake Nona Country Club in Florida. Her competitors probably wish she would spend more time in the kitchen and less on the course. That's because she's so hard to beat!

Meet Hilary Duff

Fifteen-year-old Hilary Duff is a singer, an actress, and a star in the making. Her biggest claim to fame is her own TV show, "Lizzie McGuire" on the Disney channel. Born on Sept. 28, 1987, she started her acting career when she was only 6 years old, touring in a production of "The Nutcracker." Since then, she has been in four movies, including "The Lizzie McGuire Movie" and "Agent Cody Banks." She has also been a guest star on the TV series "Chicago Hope." And she was nominated as Favorite Television Actress for Nickelodeon's 16th-annual Kids' Choice Awards. Hilary has a talent for singing, too. She has released two albums. Her family has homes in both Los Angeles and Houston. She lives with her parents, her sister and two dogs. In her spare time, she likes swimming, tumbling and in-line skating.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

Randall: What did Sir Lancelot wear to bed?
Donny: A knight-gown!

Sarah: What happens when you put a light bulb in a suit of armor?
Dennis: You have a knight light!

Angela: Why do we sometimes call the Middle Ages the Dark Ages?
Quentin: Because there were too many knights!

North Dakota TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of North Dakota are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: BADLANDS, FLICKERTAIL, BUFFALO, MISSOURI, SAGAWA, RIVER, REFUGES, PEACE, GARDEN, FARM, ROOSEVELT, LEWIS, CLARK, ELM, BISMARCK, FARGO, MEADOWLARK, DAKOTA, WHEAT.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting the Missouri River in North Dakota. See if you can find a spool of thread.

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- elephant
- eyeglasses
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- letter C
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- word MEN!
- button
- number 3
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- heart
- teapot
- frog

More About North Dakota

The Flickertail State is one nickname, named for the flickertail squirrel that romps through the state.

Forests cover about 1 percent of the state. Millions of snow Geese stop on their way south for the winter. Millions of ducks nest there.

At Medicine Hole cave near Killdeer, an eerie fog flows from the opening. Indian legends say that the first people and animals came out of this cave.

The International Peace Garden in Dunseith honors the peace between the U.S. and Canada. It was built on the international boundary running between North Dakota and Manitoba Province in Canada. Peace Garden visitors can stand with one foot in the United States and one foot in Canada.

Jamestown features the National Buffalo Museum. Visitors can watch a live herd and see White Cloud, a rare all-white, or albino, buffalo, considered sacred to Native Americans.

Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site is where Lewis and Clark got to know Sacagawea and her husband, Charbonneau. It features remains of three Indian villages.

Lewis and Clark spent more consecutive days in North Dakota than in any other state.

The Missouri River provides power and irrigation water for much of the state. The Red River flows along the border between Minnesota and North Dakota.

More National wildlife refuges, 63, are in this state than in any other.

Oil and lignite coal are top resources. About two-thirds of the nation's supply of lignite coal is there. It is one of the biggest areas of sand, gravel and clay are also important resources.

The wild prairie rose is the state flower.

Quiet outdoor sports attract many to the area. Walleye, perch, northern pike, trout, salmon, catfish and bass are top catches.

A spot outside Rugby is the geographical center of North America.

Strasburg is the birthplace of famous bandleader Lawrence Welk. The sod house where he was born in 1903 is open to visitors.

Turtle Lake features the USA National Championship Turtle Races.

Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site is where John Jacob Astor's American Fur Co. built the largest fur trading post on the upper Missouri River, which operated from 1828 to 1867.

Valley City is the site of Medicine Wheel Park, which features a replica of a Native American stone calendar. Its 28 spokes were used to track the movement of the moon.

The Western meadowlark is the state bird.

Chief Sioux is their enemies, the Lakota, or Dakota, people gave the state its name. "Dakota" means allies or friends. The Anishinai, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara, Assiniboine and Cheyenne also lived in the area.

The average January temperature is 17 degrees in the northeast and 47 degrees in the south. It has mild summers and light winters.

Bonanza farms were large wheat farms in the fertile Red River Valley. In the late 1800s, they made farmers huge profits. More durum wheat, used to make pasta, spring wheat, barley, sunflowers, dry edible beans, lentils, beans, chickpeas and flaxseed are grown in North Dakota than in any other state. Soy and corn make up important crops. Soy is a top product. A bonanza is something that brings great wealth.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON
The main point of the day is simply to pay attention. In the afternoon, Scorpio lunar energy casts a sexy glow on the goings-on.



Joyce Jillson

There are many planes of existence, and if you quiet your thoughts down, you'll be amused by how clearly you can see different ones operating all at once. You might even shift your activities based on what you learn.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). As long as you're dreaming, dream big. You're the only one who limits you. A family drama may include arguing over an inheritance. You know what they say: Where there's a will, there's a relative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've got the power to appeal to the emotions of others today, which could translate into making someone fall in love with you, having the top sales numbers or getting difficult people to transform their attitude.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some days, you just don't feel like putting up a fight, and that can be a lucky thing. Your rebelliousness kicks in later, when it's more appropriate to stand out. All this going with the flow is good for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You might find yourself

in a situation that you've been dying to get into, and yet, you're still not happy. It's not your fault; it's just that things don't look the same from the inside. Don't waste a moment feeling foolish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A psychic revelation is featured this morning, when a subtle visual trigger will set off your intuitive mind. This flash of knowledge could have you in hot pursuit of something all morning.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 10). This year is all about making bold choices. Clarity emerges in the next three weeks, and you can even lead others out of their murkiness. Work toward your own goals first, and you'll have more to contribute. Your tenacity impresses an Aries or a Pisces love interest. Your significant period of personal and financial transition is January to February. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 26, 37, 3 and 54.

VRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A big breakfast will give you the energy to sustain through the demands of the day. An intellectual intolerance might come out at work for the one who never seems to get the job done right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your gift for eloquence and newfound leadership skills is prominently featured. Use the charismatic energy to green-light intellectual interests - this will actually bring hot passion into your love sector as your mind is your sexiest part.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You go after your finan-

cial goals with enormous fortitude, as is required in order to meet such lofty ones! Taking on a new job will allow you to pay off debt completely. Do your homework tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Human failings are frustrating, but at least you've got enough compassion to make others comfortable when things go wrong. That's real class, and your kindness will be remembered.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). At work, you'll be especially drawn to things hidden. This makes someone paranoid - you know, the one person with something good to hide. You can make a fast friend by being able to keep a secret.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Lucrative business this afternoon includes haggling away with a fire sign (that's an Aries, Leo or Sagittarius). These guys don't back down easily, but eventually, you'll win if you keep at it. It's a good day to fight for a cause.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll chat up the phones all morning with friends who just want to talk. Pisces employees who aren't being watched closely at work will feel like using hours on the clock to catch up with social obligations.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I am Leo born on July 23, 1983. For the past three months, I've been seeing the number 11 quite a few times every day. I believe that it is a sign, but I can't figure out the meaning! What does the number 11 mean for me?"

The number 11 points you toward the 11th sign of the zodiac: Aquarius. The qualities of Aquarius are inventive, innovative and futuristic.

I think it's a sign to forge your destiny and ignore what fate is throwing at you because the past is no indication of what you can create. The number 11 is also representative of magicians and magic. Reality folds and bends to your will when you have this number around you. A powerful time is upon you. If you still feel lost and are not sure what to make of your gift, seek out an Aquarius mentor to guide you. This person helps you understand your power and how to home in on what life you want to invent. As a Leo, this task should be easy for you. Leos are very in tune with what drives them. Enjoy this blessing from the stars - and good for you for paying attention!

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Bridget" for four years, and we are expecting our first child soon. I had always been faithful to my wife, but that changed the day I traveled alone to visit my family in another country. I was sitting at the airport waiting to board the plane, when a young and attractive woman walked over and sat next to me. We started talking and continued for the entire trip.

When I returned home, we began e-mailing each other and shared our life stories. Two months later, I went to visit her for a day. We kissed passionately, but there was no sex. We continued to communicate via e-mail and became close friends. I have not told her that I am married or that Bridget is pregnant.

I realize that I have made a big mistake, and I deeply regret it. I want to apologize to my female friend and come clean, because I value her friendship. Should I tell her the truth, or should I say goodbye? Confused in New England

Dear Confused: Both. Tell her you are sorry you misled her about the nature of the relationship, that you are married, your wife is pregnant and you are committed to your marriage (which we hope you are). Then say goodbye. You are asking for trouble if you keep corresponding with a woman to whom you are seriously attracted. Do her a favor and end the "friendship" now.

Dear Annie: My husband, "Tom," and I have been married for 14 years. In that time, he has addressed me by my name only once, and that was in front of the minister on our wedding day. Since then, Tom uses my name only when speaking to others about me. When he wants my attention, he stands in front of me until I look at him, and then he just starts speaking. I asked Tom about this during the first few years of our marriage, and he said he had no idea why he couldn't call me by name. I have tolerated this odd behavior for some time now, and I no longer bring it up, but I have to confess

it still bothers me. Why would someone do this? - Nameless in Michigan

Dear Nameless: We're stumped on this one. Is Tom capable of telling you he loves you? Does he ever call you "sweetheart" or "honey"? Do you have the same name as someone he dislikes? You could try some behavior modification and stop responding unless he calls you by name. He would eventually get used to saying it. Or, you could simply give up and wear a nametag. Readers? Any ideas?

Dear Annie: Has the term "RSVP" lost its meaning? I recently threw a party at a restaurant for my husband's birthday, and half the guests never bothered to respond to the invitation. They apparently don't know that RSVP means "I need an answer," because I had to track people down by phone. To top it off, six people who said they were coming didn't bother to show up.

Do people not realize that when you hold a catered event, the host must pay for each person who is expected? I had to pay for those six no-shows, because the restaurant had prepared food for them. Cancellations are only accepted in advance.

These people are upper-middle class and college educated, so it can't be ignorance. Am I too rigid, or are my friends inconsiderate? - Had My Pocket Picked

Dear Pocket Picked: People are lazy, and they often do not realize it is both expensive and inconvenient when they fail to respond to an invitation.

America's Drug Problem Is Not As Big As You Think.



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People In The News

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Paul Walker stars in the drag racing movie "2 Fast 2 Furious," but there's nothing fast or furious about his social life.

"I'm pretty chill. I don't go out that much anymore," the 29-year-old actor tells Cosmo Girl! magazine for its June/July issue. "I just hang out with people I grew up with, go camping or have barbecues."

Walker says he spends as much time as he can with his 4-year-old daughter, Meadow, though he admits he was "really freaked out" at the prospect of being a dad.

"It's kind of like that Creed song that says, 'I don't know if I'm ready/To be the man I have to be.' Every day you find yourself scratching your head, going, 'Wow, am I really?'"

They're going to see the shows. There's more than just the gambling, there's an attraction to those cities," she said.

"In Detroit, no one's coming there out of Michigan. The people there who are gambling live in Detroit, and a lot of them there can't afford to gamble, so we're making money off of people that can't afford to lose any."

Although Carter is a Detroit native, she lives in New York City. Her latest disc, "Paganini: After A Dream," was released in April.

NEW YORK (AP) — Jazz violinist Regina Carter isn't a fan of the casinos in her hometown of Detroit.

"Bringing gambling was not the move," Carter told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "In my mind, it didn't really benefit the city financially."

The first of Detroit's three casinos opened in 1999. Although they've been credited with creating thousands of jobs and generating millions of dollars in revenue, Carter doesn't believe the casinos have improved the city economically.

"When you think about gambling in Atlantic City or in Las Vegas, people are going to those cities.

Answer to previous puzzle

MAIZE	PEACE	MRS
UNCAS	RAMIS	ABE
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BABY	WOMAN	IPSO
RIB	WATERED	DOWN
ODE	PREGO	RELIC
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ACROSS

- 1 Corporate division
- 6 Foolhardy
- 10 Shut soundly
- 14 Apart (from)
- 15 Director Kazan
- 16 Les Misérables author
- 17 Closely held company
- 19 Tannish tone
- 20 Authorize
- 21 Individual
- 23 Author Follett
- 24 Plant part
- 26 Not on time
- 28 Experience
- 31 Hanks and Brokaw
- 32 polloi
- 33 Test
- 36 Plant part
- 39 Annapolis inst.
- 41 Force back
- 43 Pleasant
- 44 African carnivore
- 46 Touchy
- 47 To's companion
- 48 Boxing stats
- 50 Wine containers
- 53 Gasoline numbers
- 56 Admired celebrity
- 57 Average mark
- 58 Coup d'—
- 60 Extend
- 64 Born Free feline
- 66 Making an effort

DOWN

- 1 Ump's call
- 2 Wise owl
- 3 Peru's capital
- 4 Fit for consumption
- 5 Merchant
- 6 Football official
- 7 Actress MacGraw et al.
- 8 Fathered
- 9 Very small town
- 10 Ewe or doe
- 11 Fortunate fellow
- 12 See eye to eye
- 13 Pitcher's place
- 18 Aviator Chuck
- 22 Failure
- 25 Cunning canines
- 27 Prayer ending
- 28 "Nope!"
- 29 Inquisitive
- 30 Apartment furniture
- 34 Mil. address in Toulon
- 37 Farm unit
- 38 Most August infants
- 40 "Puppy Love" singer
- 42 "Show me the way!"
- 45 First-class
- 49 Small sofa
- 51 Areas off the fairway
- 52 Gibson of tennis
- 53 Neptune's realm
- 54 Violin kin
- 55 Plastic wrap
- 59 Novice
- 61 What police enforce
- 62 Angers
- 63 Whirlpool
- 65 Superb serve
- 67 — and outs

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