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**THURSDAY** 

June 12, 2003

WEATHER **Tonight:** 



TONIGHT TOMORROW 71°-73° 92°-94°

Jury duty cancelled

Anyone receiving a summons for jury duty on Monday, June 16, for the 118th District Court is not required to appear.

The trial of Manuel Cuellar, 30, of Big Spring for driving while intoxicated and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle originally scheduled to begin Monday has been can-

Cuellar pleaded guilty o one count of DWI in Howard County, one count of DWI in Martin County and for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He was sentenced to eight years in the state prison system.

#### COMING SUNDAY



Cover Story: Each year, hundreds of vintage, home-built, and modern aircraft from across the country converge on Oshkosh, Wis., for the annual Oshkosh Fly-in, a kind of Woodstock of avia-

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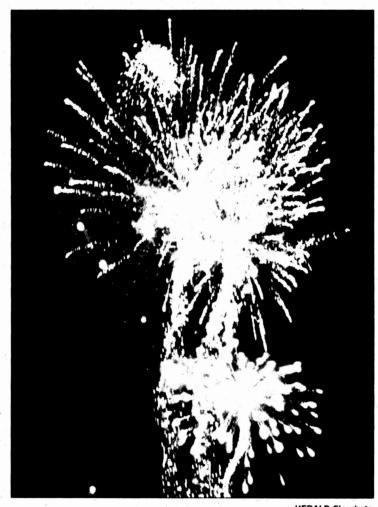
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#### We're Always There

# Pops still needing donations



Fireworks light up the night sky during last year's Pops in the Park celebration at Comanche Trail Park. Donations are being accepted to help with the current effort, which will be

# **Celebration promises to be better than ever**

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor With the "Pops in the

Park" concert and fireworks display just three weeks away, organizers say they still need about \$10,000 in donations to make sure the program continues to be the focal point of the community's Fourth of July celebration on an annual basis.

"We still need money." Tim Blackshear, president of the Fourth of July Foundation, told members of that group when they met Wednesday morning to continue planning for the show that will not only feature the Big Spring Symphony and Chorus, but the 45-piece Air National Guard Band of the Gulf Coast.

"In fact, we probably need another \$10,000 or Blackshear said, explaining that organizers not only needs \$20,000 or more needed to stage the show each year, but

also has to have seed

year's celebration.

"This isn't something we put together in a month or two. It's an

"It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth."

> Tim Blackshear, 3 foundation president

ongoing effort," explained Blackshear, now in his third year of spearheading the foundation.

"We'll actually start work on the 2004 show the minute this year's concert is finished. We'll still be paying some of the bills from this year's show, but See POPS, Page 3

money for the following we'll already be planning on what we need to have for the next one and what we need to do different-

Crowds have packed the amphitheater each of the past five years with between 10,000 and 12,000 attending the concert and fireworks program.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals, as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates to all comers free of charge.

"It is the entire community's celebration," noted Blackshear. "It's an evening to gather with friends and family at the park and join your neighbors in celebrating the fact that we live in the best nation on earth.

"There's no question in

# Recent rains boost area lake levels

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

While a couple of weeks of rain aren't enough to break a decade-long drought, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reported Wednesday that it has already captured more rain this year than it did in all of

Since May 27, the district's three main reservoirs have seen inflow of about 62,600 acre-feet of water, increasing the total water in the lakes from 227,300 to 289,900 acre-feet.

In the first five months of this year, the district's lakes caught 6,600 acre-feet. The total 69,200 is more than last year's total of 67,333

"...let me put it this way:

It certainly lessens the potential that we're going to ration water next summer."



The total CRMWD system is at 22.8 percent capacity, said Director John Grant. The recent intake represents about 4.9 percent of See RAIN, Page 3

the total 1.27 million acre-foot capacity and the Colorado River is still flowing.

"It's hard to project exactly how much water we'll have when the streams quit flowing, but I'm sure the total will rise some more," Grant said.

The director said the recent storms followed a track that was beneficial to the dis-

They were storms that started up at Lubbock and moved from the northwest to the southeast," he said. "They basically moved down the Colorado River. When they

# **Local laundry robbed,** two suspects sought

FOOD AND FUN

Sacred Heart festival set

for Friday and Saturday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Police are looking for two men who reportedly robbed a Big Spring laundry Wednesday.

The men entered the East 11th Place Laundry in the 200 block of East 11th Place about 5:45 p.m., said Big Spring police spokesman Lt. Terry Chamness.

'Two black males displaying knives demanded money from the attendant," he said. "There were no injuries; she gave

By LYNDEL MOODY

Its spring festival time

at Sacred Heart Catholic

This year's event is sure

to be the place to find

games, music, gorditas,

asado plates, turkey legs

and, of course, yummy,

"On Friday at noon we

will have tamales, enchi-

ladas and flautas for sale

at the Parish Hall," said

Carlita Leonardi, a

Tamales are \$6 a dozen

homemade tamales.

church member.

Staff Writer

Church!



attendant offered descriptions of the men. "One was 6'1" to 6'3",

Chamness

money."

CHAMNESS mid-26s, medium

build," he said. "The other was 5'4" to 5'6", mid 20s, medium build. Both were black males and

and are made by the women of the church.

"I don't even don't even

eat tamales but I'll eat

these because they are

include game booths.

bingo, food, a silent auc-

tion, music and a washer

Booths will open at 6

On Saturday, a washer

tournament begins at

See FESTIVAL, Page 3

p.m. on both Friday and

Leonardi

activities

wonderful,"

tournament.

Saturday.

Scheduled

said.

See ROBBERY, Page 3

Cowgirl-in-training Samantha Raney, 18 months old, sits armidst part of the Heritage Museum's "Cowgirls: Women of the West" exhibit. Her hat and belt buckle were provided courtesy of C Bar G Western Wear. The exhibit will open Monday at 6 p.m.

# Tribute to the cowgirl: Exhibit, dinner planned

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer Hail to the cowgirls.

The ladies will gallop in rodeo week Monday as the featured subject of the Heritage Museum's latest exhibit, "Cowgirls: Women of the West.'

"When we began planning for this exhibit, our focus was set on cowgirls in the rodeo," said Nancy Raney, museum director. "The more we researched the subject it became



cowgirl culture encompasses much more than our vision of rodeo performers." The two-

that

month long display will premiere Monday in conjunction with the muse "Legends and um's Legacies" dinner. The

Legends and the Legacies Dinner 6 p.m. Monday, Heritage Museum

> dinner is held to promote the 70th annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

Cowgirls have served an important part of the rich western culture of

See COWGIRL, Page 3

# BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

### **Obituaries**

**Glenn Whittington** 

Glenn Whittington, 63, went to be with his Saviour on Saturday, June 7, 2003, in Fort Worth.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, 2003, at Acton United Methodist Church in Granbury under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home.

Mr. Whittington was born on Aug. 8, 1939, in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1957. After

attending Texas A&M and UCLA, he graduated from TCU in Fort Worth. During his 38 years in the information technology sector, he had several articles published in computer publications. In 1998, he and his wife bought Pack and Ship in Granbury, retiring in

He had been active as a volunteer in the Historic Granbury Merchants Association, Hood County Children's Charity Fund, the Granbury Brigade and was a member of Acton United Methodist Church. His family, church and golf were his greatest passions. He was preceded in death by his father, Shannon M. Whittington, in 1976; his mother, Juanita Reed, in 1991; and his brother, Billy Whittington, in 1994.

Survivors include his wife, Carol of Granbury; two daughters, Quinn Bircham of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Devon Whittington of Bedford; two sons, Mark Whittington of Plainfield, Ill., and Craig Whittington of Denver, Colo.; a step-son, Curtis Morrisson of Granbury; two sisters, Patsy Crenshaw of Big Spring and Jovita Rainey of Pueblo, Colo.; and three grandchildren, Riley Bircham of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Gage Whittington and Lily Whittington, both of

The family suggest memorials be made to the Acton United Methodist Church or Hood County Children's Charity Fund.

Jay Bob Dement

Jav Bob Dement, 49, of Haltom City died Wednesday, June 4, 2003, in Sweetwater. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Mr. Dement was born to James and Peggy Dement in Big Spring on March 29, 1954. He was a former resident of Big Spring and Colorado City. He graduated from Colorado High School in 1972 and was an independent computer programmer in Fort Worth. He was an excellent carpenter and cabinet builder.

Survivors include two sisters, Kelli Bradbury of Colorado City and Sheri D'Ann Beck of Hermleigh; one niece, Mary Castillo of Lubbock; one nephew, Clint Shoemaker of Colorado City; and a family friend and business partner. Don McQuary of North Richland Hills.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Arrangements are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home in Colorado City.

#### Travis Yater

Travis Yater, 77 of Stanton, died on Monday, June 9, 2003, at his residence.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, 2003, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton. Interment is in St. Joseph

Cemetery, Stanton.

He was born on Dec. 2, 1925, in Stanton and married Bobbye Wilkinson there on Dec. 20, 1947.

Survivors include his wife, Bobbye Yater of Stanton,

his son; Chris Yater of Stanton; his daughter, Bridgette Iaquaniello of Midland; two brothers; and five grandchildren,

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

### Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday night... Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 70.

Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday...Partly cloudy with a chance of thunder-

storms. Lows near 70. Highs near 90.

Monday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thun-

derstorms. Lows iln the upper 60s. Highs near 90. Tuesday. Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the upper 80s.

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

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### Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Wednesday until 8 a.m.

· DANIEL RIOS, 17, of 711 Creighton was arrested this morning on a charge of minor in consumption of

• ISAAC RODRIGUEZ, 19, of 1508 E. Sixth St. was arrested this morning on a charge of failure to identi-

 JAMIEL WRIGHTSIL, 20, of 3703 Hamilton was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving with a suspended license. · RANDY MIER, 25, of 1501 S. Runnels St. was

arrested this morning on a charge of public intoxica-SELESTINO HERNANDEZ, 18, of 3304 W.

Highway 80 No. 25 was arrested this morning on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol. • DAVID RIOS, 17, of 710 Creighton was arrested this morning on charges of no driver's license and no

· AGGRAVATED ROBBERY was reported in the 200 block of East 11th Place. An undisclosed amount of

money was reported stolen in the incident. • POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE was reported in the 3300 block of West Highway 80. Drugs were reportedly seized as evidence by police in

connection with the incident. • THEFT was reported in the 100 block of East 16th Street. An air conditioner worth \$98 was reported

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1100 block of Marijo Avenue.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1100 block of Lloyd Avenue.

• LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 1500 block of Nolan Street and the 600 block of Circle Drive. • SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1500 block of South Runnels.

# Sheriff's report

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

• THEFT was reported in the 9300 block of Jay Road. • PHONE HARRASSMENT was reported in the 3100 block of Oasis Road and in the 5700 block of Cedar

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1600 block of Todd Road. Deputies separated the parties involved.

### Take note

□ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglect-

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

□ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon

every Thursday. THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which deliv-

ers 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. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and

delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3

□ ANYONE WHO GRADUATED from Forsan High School in the period of 1980 to 1989 is invited to an all 1980s reunion that will take place Aug. 1-2.

A schedule is still in the planning stages, but tentative activities include individual class get togethers on Friday, Aug. 1, and a golf tournament, tennis tournament and "Black and White Ball" on Aug. 2.

Some of the activities will be fund-raisers for the Forsan High School scholarship fund.

Organizers have taken great pains to reach as many students as possible but are still missing many. Any who graduated from Forsan during that time period or knows someone who did, is encouraged to call Carole Madry at 268-9191 or email Rick Hope at chalfrmhrt2@aol.com.

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# **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

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

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

Arts, Craft and Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

Neighbors & Newcomers Club. New members welcome. For more information call, 268-9335.

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad, call, 267-1307 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin Iron Inn, Highway 87 by Wal-Mart.

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

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

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Spring Festival, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., 508 Aylesford. For more information call 264-7010.

Spring City Senior Center Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

**SATURDAY** 

Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast is served.

Free eye glasses, 9 a.m. to noon, Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third, Big Spring Evening Lions

Twenty-third annual Fun Fly, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Big Spring Model Aircraft Association, John Buzbee Flying Field, Old Howard County Airport. For more information or directions to the field call, Charles Buzbee at 267-7114 or Don McKinney at 399-4793.

Old Sorehead Trade Days, all day, Stanton.

Heritage Museum, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry St.

Potton House, a restored historical home, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., 200 Gregg St. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Spring Festival, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m., 508 Aylesford. Tamale sale begins at noon at the Parish hall. For more information call 264-7010.

Dance, Eagles Lodge, 8:30 p.m.12:30 a.m. Members and guests welcome. 703 W. 3rd.

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Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

**MONDAY** 

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 4 p.m. 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years and older are invited to participate,

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

Edwin Vela Tony Hernande

Big Spring Symphony Chorus, which is preparing for the annual Big Spring Pops in the Park celebra-

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By LYNDEL MOOD

Staff Writer Forsan and school districts recipients of a s association gran port worker's in property loss pi programs.

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# Bids for I on agent

By LYNDEL MO Staff Writer

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Coahoma Li sponsoring a blood drive fro 7:30 p.m. \ June 25.

The drive, United Blood will be at th Country c store. A free be given to ea Donors mus

least 110 pour older, in good have a valid tion card. Do also know th any medicatio taking.



# SAFETY FIRST

## Forsan, Stanton ISD receive funding to help prevent injury

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Forsan and Stanton school districts are the recipients of a statewide association grant to support worker's injury and property loss prevention programs.

The Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund has awarded FISD with a \$2,000 grant and SISD with a \$3,000 grant.

"Safety in the workplace and loss prevention have been major objectives of the fund's Loss Prevention Grant Program since its inception six years ago," Edwin Thompson, TASB loss control director, said in a written statement.

"The fund is dedicated to partnering with its members to do everything we can to help educate staff, provide for a healthier workforce and create a safer work environment."

A total of a 100 school districts and educational entities received more than \$200,000 in grants from the TASB Risk Management Fund this year to help implement loss prevention and safety initiatives.

"We hope the money we receive from this grant that we use toward safety

By LYNDEL MOODY

Possible action to accept

high school and discus-

sion of the annual

dropout report top the Big

School District school

Trustees will meet at

5:15 p.m. in the Big

Spring High School board

If approved, the repair

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Staff Writer

Spring

**Bids for repair, dropout report** 

on agenda for school trustees

repair bids for the junior tions and employments.

training and actual safety equipment for our maintenance and custodial people will, in the long term, help cut down on our worker's compensation claims," said Wayne Rotan, Forsan ISD superintendent of schools.

SISD plans to use the money toward a purchase of a hydraulic lift in hopes of increasing employee safety while working in high places.

"Instead of having to build a scaffolding to reach high areas like in the gym or outside on the building, this platform lift will allow a person to raise it himself and do the work," said David Carr. SISD superintendent of schools. "We can do the work in a much more timely fashion."

TASB is a statewide nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. Currently, more than 1,100 school districts, education cooperatives, junior collèges, education service centers and county appraisal districts participate in one or more of the fund's programs.

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board will consider:

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development curriculum

· Bids for athletic sup-

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and instructional co-op.

### **POPS**

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our minds that everyone in the community sees this as a worthwhile event," Blackshear noted. "We had an overflow crowd at the amphitheater last year and have had the last couple of years. But that's part of the beauty of an event like this. Even for those who decided to spread blankets on the grounds outside the amphitheater, the show was just as thrilling as for those sitting inside.'

Sponsors of the event are the Big Spring Herald, 'Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Symphony, the city of Big Spring and KBST.

Gates to the amphitheater usually open four hours prior to the start of the symphony's performance and numerous vendors' booths are opened a few minutes later.

Those vendors always offer a wide range of foods and novelty items and there are still openings for a few more vendors for the show. Any group or organization interested in serving as a vendor should contact Pam Welch by calling 264-6032...

The symphony and chorale's patriotic music program has not yet been finalized, but can be expected to include selections like those chosen in the past — pieces like "Fanfare to the Common Man," 'Washington Post March," "To the

Anyone wishing to make a donation to "Pops in the Park" can do so by mailing them to Debbye ValVerde at the Big **Spring Area Chamber of** Commerce, P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721.

Colors," "The Pledge Allegiance," "The Star Spangled Banner," "Armed Forces Salute,"
"The Liberty Bell March," "American Salute," "Salute to the Big Bands," "Hoe-Down from 'Rodeo,'" "Cohan Medley" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Selections for the fireworks dis-Your Land," "This Is My Country," "America," "Texas Our Texas,"

"The Yellow Rose of Texas," "Deep in the Heart of Texas," "America "God Bless the Beautiful," America" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

Dr. Keith Graumann said this year's show will include at least two new selections, an orchestral piece entitled "Memories of 9-11," and "The Promise of Liberty," a piece written for both the symphony and chorus.

We really feel like this celebration has always offered something for virtually everyone," Blackshear noted. "With our nation now at war, we feel like it's just that much more important that we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy as Americans. We want to invite everyone in the community to again be a part of the event this year and help us celebrate our nation's birthday.'

Anyone wishing to make a donation to "Pops in the Park" can do so by mailing them to Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring 79721.

Contact Managing Editor John A. play have included "This Land Is Moseley by calling 263-7331, ext. 230 by e-mail editor@bigspringherald.com

### COWGIRL

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Howard County. 'We can't forget about Annabell Edwards and Mary Nell Edwards," said Tammy Schrecengost, museum curator. "They were from the Edwards Family of Big Spring — a ranching family:

"The girls, who were

teen-agers at the time, were asked to perform in (New York's) Madison Square Garden in 1939," Schrecengost continued. "They were trying to bring a little class to the rodeo — a little bit of the female persuasion,"

The Edwards sisters were among seven girls chosen to participate in that year's 25-day rodeo.

"They weren't allowed to bring a dress with them on this trip," Schrecengost said. "They had to wear full rodeo costumes. The girls were invited to everything while they were in New York. They were asked (by a reporter), 'What do you think about these New York boys?' and they said 'Well, we like our

Pictures and memorabilia of the Edwards sisters as well as current cowgirls Mary Ann Fincher,

cowboys."

Middleton, Mary Tindol, Wanda Driver and others are a part of the display.

Among the items are a costume and saddle owned by Fincher, a Howard County ranch owner who hails originally from a Montana ranching family. Fincher was a trick riding performer in the 1950s.

No admission will be charged to view the exhibit during its premiere on Monday. Local singing group Anderson Sisters will kick off the festivities at 6 p.m. Complementary drinks will be served on the museum's patio area.

The barbecue dinner

will begin at 6:45 p.m., catered by Big John's Feed Lot. Tickets are \$13 per person and can be purchased at the muse-

The exhibit will be on display through the end of July.

Daily admission to the museum, 510 Scurry, is \$2 for adults and a \$1 for senior citizens and children. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5

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### RAIN

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pretty much go down the · Retirements, resignariver, then we're going to pick up water all along 2003-2004 Carl D. the way. Perkins allocations for

The recent storms' sustained rainfall also helped promote runoff into the lakes, he said.

"In the past few years, we've been getting one or two of these systems, just enough to wet the ground and fill the tanks," he said. "Now, we're starting to get repeat systems over wet ground and full tanks. That means more

mid-May, In CRMWD announced that if dry conditions continued, the district might be forced to ration water to its member cities in 2004.

"(The recent rains) certainly lessens the potential that we would," Grant said." We're pretty close. I haven't run the numbers yet, but let me put it this way: It certainly we're going to ration broken.' water next summer.'

That said, area residents should still concentrate on conserving water.

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"This doesn't mean that people can go hog-wild," he said. "You still need to . remember that you live in a semi-arid part of the state and people still need to conserve water. The lessens the potential that drought is by no means

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depository. · Renewal of annual stuboth had knives in their possession.'

dent insurance contract, food service chemical supplies contract and canine contraband detection services contract.

 Howard County tax collection budget for 2003-3004.

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 A nomination for the Texas Association of School Boards board of trustees.

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

# ROBBERY

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The men escaped with an undisclosed amount of cash, he added.

Sweatt said the crime does not appear to be related to Friday's robbery of the Classic Inn on West Highway 80.

"The (crimes) are totally

different," he said. In that incident, an

black man unarmed reportedly demanded money from the motel clerk and escaped with an undisclosed amount from the cash register.

The description of the Classic Inn robber was of a black man about 6 feet tall, weighing about 180 pounds and wearing a ski mask, a blue shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information about either robbery should call the Big Spring Police at 264-2550.

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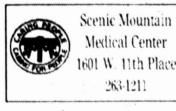
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# **Blood drive planned**

Coahoma Lions Club is blood drive from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. June 25.

The drive, held by United Blood Services, will be at the Town & Country convenience store. A free T-shirt will be given to each donor.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, be 17 or older, in good health and have a valid identification card. Donors should also know the names of any medications they are taking.



To register for the sponsoring a community drive, call Russ Mullins at 394-4277. For more information, contact UBS at 432 561-5539.



## **FESTIVAL**

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noon. A Mexican dinner provided Rodriguez family of Casa Blanca Restaurant will be on sale at the Parish Hall from noon to 2 p.m. Also on Saturday, a

silent auction will be held and Groupo Formal of Sweetwater will provide live entertainment that call 264-7010. night.

"The money we receive from the festival helps with our religious education for our youth such as youth groups and choirs, things like that," said Cruz Olague, a member of the church.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church is located at 508 N. Aylford. The festival is being held at the front of the church this year.

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### OUR VIEWS

# Let's pitch in and make 'Pops' the most patriotic yet

't's time for all of us to show our true colors and make sure the "Pops in the Park" concert and fireworks display at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater continues to be a mainstay of our community's Fourth of July holiday celebration.

Crowds exceeding 10,000 pack the park and amphitheater each year to be a part of the affair, one that members of the Big Spring Fourth of July Foundation spend much of the year making plans for and gathering the \$20,000 to \$30,000 needed annually to stage the event.

Donations making the concert and fireworks show possible come from local businesses and individuals as well as corporate sponsorships. What's more, they make it possible for the organizing committee to open the gates free of charge.

Committee members are winding up preparations for this year's July 3 show that will feature the 45-piece Air National Guard Band of the Gulf Coast in addition to the Big Spring Symphony

Donation requests seeking contributions from local businesses and individuals were mailed more than two months ago and many have

However, the committee still needs to raise another \$10,000 or so to make sure "Pops in the Park" continues to thrive.

Sponsors of the event are the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Symphony, the city of Big Spring and KBST.

Regardless of whether you or your business has been contacted or not concerning a donation, we hope you pitch in and help make sure this year's concert and show is a success

The committee doesn't just need donations of \$50 or \$100 from businesses. Anything individuall in the community can do to help would be appreciated, even just a dollar or two

Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact Debbye ValVerde at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office or mail them to the chamber office at P.O. Box 1391. Big Spring 79721 Let's all of us make this our community's best and most patriotic Fourth of July holiday cele bration ever.

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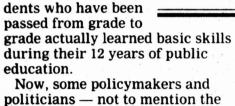
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# Stop supporting schools that fail to teach

or many high school seniors around the country, there was no Graduation Day this year. Despite good attendance and, in some instances, decent grades, thou-

sands of high school seniors failed to pass mandatory state graduation exams implemented over the last decade to improve standards in education. Nearly half of all states now require, or are in the process of implementing, graduation tests to ensure that students who have been



affected students and their parents are crying foul. In Florida, black activists have even called for a boycott of the state unless Gov. Jeb Bush reverses the requirement that students pass a state exam before they receive a diploma. So who's right — those who

claim the tests prevent worthy seniors from receiving a diploma to which they're entitled, or those who argue that without some objective measure of what students have actually learned, a high school diploma isn't worth the paper it's printed on?

Rene Martinez, who will have to pass the California Exit Exam next year if he is to graduate from Roosevelt High School in East Los

Angeles, says the test is not only unfair, "it makes me feel dumb," he told The Los Angeles Times last month. "It makes me feel like I should know all of this stuff, but I don't," he said, complaining of overcrowding at his school and poorly trained teachers. Only 22 percent of low-income California seniors passed the math test last year, the Times reported.

Robyn Collins, a high school senior from Sparks, Nev., has maintained a 3.0 ("B") average but can't pass the state's math test required for graduation, even though she has taken it five times. "I'm not a stupid kid," Collins told The Washington Post recently. "It is just that in my opinion, the stuff on the test doesn't equate to anything that I've learned in

Students like Martinez and Collins are right to be angry but the tests aren't the problem. Most states require students to demonstrate only rudimentary knowledge of high school math, language arts, science and social studies in order to graduate. In some states, a student can "pass' the test by answering less than half the questions correctly, and virtually all states allow students multiple attempts to take the tests.

Some teachers — and especially, their unions — complain that graduation exams force them to "teach the test," rather than helping their students learn "how to think." The high failure rate among high school seniors suggests that many teachers aren't doing a good job on either score. At least when teachers instruct students on the specific facts and skills that will be covered by graduation tests, we can be reasonably assured the students will actually learn something. But modern theories of education favor "higher-order thinking" and

"problem-solving" skills over rote memorization and drills, which may be why so few store clerks can make correct change today without the aid of fancy cash registers.

Parents who are angry that their. children won't get into college or earn enough to support themselves because of the exams ought to stage a revolt, but not the kind being sponsored by anti-testing groups around the nation. Several organizations now advocate abandoning so-called high-stakes testing; and in some states, groups have organized to boycott the test. The Los Angeles Unified School Board voted unanimously in April to oppose implementation of the statewide test for graduation next year, but this is like shooting the messenger instead of facing the problem.

A far better solution would be for parents — and other taxpayers — to refuse to support schools that fail to teach. Funding for education has increased exponentially over the last 40 years, but the quality of education hasn't kept pace. Requiring students to pass graduation exams before receiving their diplomas was supposed to make schools more accountable. So far, the only ones being held responsible are the students. If we're willing to deny diplomas to seniors who can't demonstrate they've earned them, maybe we ought to deny paychecks to school administrators and teachers who aren't doing their jobs.

### Your Views

TO THE EDITOR:

On behalf of the Relay For Life Planning committee, we want to offer our heartfelt congratulations to the citizens of Howard and Glasscock counties for another record-setting Relay to benefit the American Cancer Society.

nity could gather for a weekend campout and raise \$174,221.84? should never underestimate the power of a unified community

We thank you for continuing to fight to find a cure for cancer and to fund more effective treatments and means of prevention. Our efforts have resulted in a decline in cancer deaths in the past few years; however, this is of Who would have thought little consolation when so economy that this commune neighbors are being diagnosed every week. We

> must keep up the fight! The planning committee wishes to thank every per-

are especially appreciative of the more than 200 survivors who made the first research that has led to lap and whose lives we are owe a big thank you to all our underwriters and sponsors-especially our corporate sponsors for the generous support.

participated, every team captain who worked hard for several months, every person who entertained son who had a part in the and everyone who particisuccess of this event. We pated in the golf tourna-

ment. We wish we could mention every single one by name.

Again, thank you so happy to celebrate. We Howard and Glasscock counties for support the American Cancer Society in a huge way. Remember. it is not too early to become involved in Relay We thank every person For Life for next year. in a year of a depressed many of our friends and who made a donation. Help us to make our 10th every team member who anniversary 2004 RELAY another banner event

> DIANE WOOD, PHYLLIS AND JEFF TURNEY RELAY FOR LIFE CO-CHAIRS

# California's runaway recall

he movement to replace just re-elected Democrat Gray Davis as governor of California is beginning to look like a runaway train with nobody at the controis. The state's voters may go to the polls this fall to decide whether Gov. Davis

stiall be removed would then probably vote him out and on the same vallet select his succes sur Nobudy can predict that succes SUL ULEVEL



whether the winner would be a Kepublican or Dennial While bipartisan estab

lishment politicians remain in demal realists now are taking the recall movement seriously Dave Sallia d a Sacramento based politi cal consultant seeking signatures for recall peti tions, says 520,000 voters have signed. He is aim ing tor 1.2 million, providing insurance that the required \$97,000 valid names are collected H this is done by July 18 an election must be held in September or October Goy. Davis, at 21 percent approval in a recent pri vale labor union poll. cannot be expected to

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President Bush's strategists want to hear. They fear the recall could elect a popular Democrat to replace the weakened Davis, making it more difficult for Bush to carry the state that would ensure his re-election. They cannot stop the train at this point, however. The recall movement has characteristics of anti-establishment resentment that in 1978 passed the famous Proposition 13 tax cut. Seven months after

winning a second term against neophyte Republican candidate Bill Simon, Davis has lost support from everybody except organized labor His campaign team, headed by Garry South, is reassembling to fight the recall. But this is the same team that won in-2002 by savaging 5imon without defending Davis who never prepared vot ers for his tax increases to solve the state budget CT1515

Similarly, Republican leaders have changed their attitude since a recent visit to the state capital in Sacramento by the conservative congressman who triggered the recall movement: Rep Darrell Issa, a multi millionaire entre Prenent

Issa called Republican Leader Jim Bruite off the Senate floor to detail his plans to fund the movement \$790,000 cantributed by him so far

with more coming. Since then, Brulte's hostility to a recall has changed to neutrality.

As the recall originator, Issa must be considered a leader in the winner-take-all non-party election on the same ballot as the Davis removal question. But he

is not the only

Républican hopéful. State Sen. Tom McClintock, an anti tax advocate, is running to Issa's right Simon, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger and for mer Secretary of State Bill Jones have been privately testing support.

All may be dwarfed by a liberal Republican: for mer Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, After losing to conservative Simon in the 2002 GOP primary, Riordan has asked for White House help in clearing out the rest of the Republicans Since that is patently Impossible, Riordan may run as an Independent.

Gerald Parsky, the investment hanker who le Bush's main pulitical agent here, has not Joined the recall move ment. "I understand why people in California would be upset by the tinancial crisis," Parsky told me, "but my first princilly is the re election of the Bresident and Hetting the financing neces safy to accomplish this."

Other Republican orit the of the recall see a Highfinale Scenario Where Demorato Ben

Dianne Feinstein, the state's most popular politician, enters the race and easily wins — replacing a 21 percent favorable Democrat with a 62 percent favorable. But Feinstein is on record against Davis's recall and can hardly urge voters to vote for her on the same ballot.

The same conflict afflicts other Democrats who are more likely to run than Feinstein: Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante. Atty. Gen. Bill Lockyer, State Treasurer Phil Angelides and maybe San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown.

It least affects State Senate President John Burton, who detests Davis and is ready to run. (One of Burton's supporters, a well-known Democrat, told me he is tempted to sign a Davis recall petition.)

Fear by leading Republicans that any one of these Democrats probably will replace Davis reflects the GOF estab lishment's defeatism. resulting from the state party's 2002 wipcout

The prospects for a recall, however, have lift ed spirits of California grassionis Republicans. who hope a low turnout autumn election will defeat the Democrats Whether or not that appraisal is realistic, it is becoming too late to stop the runawas recall

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By SALLY SQUIR

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# Goings on at Big Spring State Hospital... with Billie Russworm

ig Spring State Hospital patients embraced the warm weather and enjoyed refreshments and gifts during their

annual Summer Fun Day, welcoming the arrival of summer.

Fun Day Chairman Shirley **Bodin** planned another outstanding party, and enlisted the help of her husband, Bill, who served ice cream floats.

Plenty of bright new T-shirts. caps, sunshades, and sports bottles were handed out to appreciative patients by numerous volunteers, including Ruth Stephenson, Javiar Flores, Nancy Kimball, Sara Caddell and several Midland College nursing students. Suzanne Markwell enjoyed assisting patients who wanted to decorate their new sports bottles.

On another front, Judy Jarmes and Murlene Williams

took Summer Fun Day to patients on the Medical Services Unit, while Jay Jarmes, Dorothy Sheppard and two more Midland College students brought the party to Youth Services.

Activity therapies, food services and the plant management departments teamed up to sponsor a hot dog cookout for patients and staff. It is so rewarding to continue to watch Summer Fun Day grow during the past 15 years with the addition of new activities, new gifts and most of all, new volunteers.

A summer workday for June 25 will tackle Christmas appeal letters. These letters will be mailed to churches, clubs, and organizations in our 79-county area in early August. Christmas co-chairs Markwell and Sheppard are busy planning for this year's Christmas fund-raiser.

Chalet Resale Shop co-chair Williams recently informed me that the volunteers hold a generous sale on particular items each Saturday. The Saturday Surprise Special Sale changes each week and is up to the discretion of the Saturday worker. The volunteer might decide to put all shoes on 50 percent off or pants at 25 percent. Who knows? It's a surprise. The Chalet is located at 1107 E 11th St. Remember, the volunteers depend on your donations of clothing and household items to keep the store going.

My friend Jody Nix recently dropped by our office after cleaning out his closet to leave a donation of clothing. We challenge you to dig into that closet and share with our patients. We always are in need of men's clothing in good condition that has been laundered. Clothing donations can be left at the Community Relations Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Volunteer Services Council board is taking a summer break but will convene Aug. 21 when Austin fund-raising consultant Holly Doggett will provide annual board training. We will begin work on the council's annual development plan.

With a tear in our eye we say good-bye on July 9 to our right

arm, Karen Brewer. Jay and Judy Jarmes will host a luncheon and we will bid farewell to Karen and wish her well. Karen and Del are retiring and moving to Knoxville, Tenn. Valentines Day will never be the same.

Congratulations to Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life Team for surpassing everyone's expectations and raising more than \$12,725 for this year's Relay. Martha Long did an outstanding job of chairing this group for the second year.

The challenge is on: Big Spring State Hospital employees will compete against other local hospitals in the calf dressing at this year's Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. This is a first and a must to see. The team, consisting of Kelly Lockhart, Katrina Robinson, Woody Jumper and Bobby Silva, promise plenty of fun and laughs.

It's not too late to take advantage of some of the Junior Volunteer opportunities at Big Spring State Hospital.

Call 268-7536 for more informa-

"Kids are not often left

to their own devices when

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said. "We tell them how

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Allowing children to

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ate until chilled. Remove seeds from lemon juice, but leave pulp. In pitcher, stir together chilled syrup, lemon juice and remaining 7 cups water.

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1 cup fresh raspberries. garnish

1 cup fresh mint, garnish

**Directions** 

In a large punch bowl, combine raspberry lemonade concentrate, water and lime juice. Stir in lemon-lime soda and crushed ice. Garnish each glass with a fresh raspberry and a mint leaf.

Katie Walker is the Cooperative Extension agent for family and consumer science.

# **Eating Right: Portions for the pint-sized**

By SALLY SQUIRES

The Washington Post Let your kids dish out their own food. In this world of super-sized portions, it may help them eat more healthfully.

That's the take-home message from a series of studies of preschoolers led by scientists from the Department of Agriculture (USDA) Nutrition Children's Research Center at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

To help counter the trend toward oversized kids, nutrition experts and behavioral scientists are looking for better ways to get children started early on healthy eating. (And it's not just preschoolers who are targets: The USDA and the National Cancer Institute have teamed together on a \$6 million pilot program designed to boost consumption of fruit and vegetables in schools in four states and on an Indian

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In the latest research, groups of children aged 3 to 5 were offered different portions of macaroni and cheese to see what effect size had on how much they ate. At one test lunch, children were served a portion that experts considered appropriate for their age. At another, the youngsters were served twice as much. And in a third, they were given a bowl that contained a doublesized portion instructed to scoop what they wanted onto their plate — and they were allowed to come back for

seconds. with details of the finding consistent with methodology, but suffice previous research. it to say that the scientists took steps to avoid researchers was how the studies have concluded biases, such as scrambling the order in which the children were offered tion, the participants categories of foods the different lunches and standardizing the time their bites, but not the pizza) jumped at home. they had to eat (20 min- number of bites," said Other research demonutes) and what other Jennifer Fisher, assistant strates that restaurant

foods were included with professor of pediatrics at fare has ballooned, too. the lunch (sugar cookies, applesauce, carrots and milk).

The results, published

Super-sizing is a common problem one that some researchers believe helps fuel the ongoing obesity epidemic.

in last month's American Journal of Clinical Nutrition: Children ate 25 percent more macaroni and cheese when they No need to bore you were served more — a

Baylor and lead author of the study. However, they didn't eat less (or more) of the other foods offered at the same meal; the study found. "They just ate more macaroni and cheese," Fisher said. And when allowed to serve themselves from the double-size bowl, the participants ate about 25 percent less than when the larger portion was placed on their plates.

The findings suggest. Fisher said, that the amount of food piled on our plates provides visual cues that determine how much food is eaten a sout

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# That failed diet could be in the genes

By DENNIS O'BRIEN

The Baltimore Sun Jose Ordovas thinks he knows why diets work for some people, but not for others: It's in their genes.

"We don't all wear the same size shoes, so why should we think that the same diet is going to work for everyone?" says Ordovas, chief of the nutrition and genomic laboratory at Tufts University.

Ordovas is an expert in genetic responses to diets. He tries to find out why some ethnic groups are more prone to life-threatening ailments than others, and why people respond differently to diets, vitamins and exercise.

He and others say the government's reliance on a single food "pyramid" a mainstay on cereal boxes that lists recommended servings of traditional food groups will be replaced by personalized pyramids based on specific genetic profiles:

"There's certainly going to be more information out there about what people's food needs are, in terms of nutrition," said Robert Cousins, a professor of nutrigenomics at the University of Florida who studies the effects of zinc on genes.

Scientists have known for years that genetics is a factor in human response to food — why some people eat whatever they want and have low cholesterol while others on low-fat diets have high cholesterol.

But with the completion of the human genome project in 2000, they have stepped up searches for genetic markers and mutations. These mark ers and mutations may be why some people are more susceptible to obesity, cardiovascular disease, cancer and estecporosis, or more responsive to dring therapies and diets. "The information just wasn't available until a few years ago, said Cousins.

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Ordovas is studying residents of Singapore to learn why the island nation's three ethnic groups — Indians, Malays and Chinese - have different rates of heart disease. All three have Ordovas' work and other roughly the same intake of fats, proteins, carbohydrates and cholesterols. They're also at the same general socioeconomic level. But Indians have

twice the rate of Malays. Ordovas plans to comproblems and mortality rates to those found in the Framingham Heart Study, a long-term project—that it's both.

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ease than the Chinese and

that tracks the health of volunteers Framingham, Mass. The results could pave the way for better dietary recommendations. Experts say

studies will help determine how much control we have over our health and how much is predetermined.

"Is it genetics or is it environment? always been an argument in this particular field, said Raymond Blanchard, pare their cardiovascular a molecular biologist at the University of Florida who works with Cousins. "I think the unswer is

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# Perry signs tort reform bill

HOUSTON(AP) - Gov.Rick Perry has begun a supported the reform said General Hospital - the victory lap around Texas, planning visits to six cities Wednesday and today, to ceremonially sign tort reform legislation he made a priority for the just-concluded legislative session.

Starting at a Houston pipe manufacturer owned by lawsuit abuse activist Cora Sue Mach, Perry autographed House Bill 4, the measure authored by west Houston Republican Joe Nixon that will set damage award caps for pain 'and suffering in medical malpractice cases and create new protections against liability lawsuits.

"It is the most sweeping, comprehensive lawsuit reform measure in the nation," Perry told a crowd of more than 200 businesspeople, homebuilders, doctors, lobbyists and others at Mach Industries Group's facility in north Houston. spokeswoman Perry Kathy Walt said the governor's formal signature making the bill law likely will come Friday.

The bill will bring about changes to how civil liability lawsuits are filed in Texas. It also creates new liability protections for manufacturers and retailers while enacting new rules for class-action lawsuits and limits on which and the rule of law lost." parties pay damages.

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Medical groups who chief of staff at Ben Taub primary caregiver for costs were forcing doctors Harris County indigent to close their practices or said the caps are impor-

"The only folks hurt in the pocketbook ... are the plaintiff's trial lawyers who have profited from frivolous lawsuits by gaming the legal system. That is over with in Texas."



Governor

move out of state. They said caps were needed to curb frivolous lawsuits.

The bill caps lawsuit awards for pain and suffering at \$250,000 for physicians, \$250,000 for hospitals, and \$250,000 for nursing homes and other institutions for a maximum of \$750,000 per claimant.

Houston attorney Hartley Hampton, who was part of the Texas Lawyers Trial Association's legislative team during the session, said the organization fought hard to defeat the bill. Lawyers contend the caps could be a green light to bad doctors or crooked businesses to wreak havoc with relative impunity.

"We did fight this until the last dog died," Hampton said. "We lost, the people of Texas lost

Dr. Kenneth Mattox,

tant because they will keep or even attract doctors to Houston and Texas, giving people more options which could help reduce dependence on public hospitals.

"We're in greater trouble when we lose doctors, trauma centers, obstetricians and neurosurgeons," Mattox said, identifying two specialties particularly vulnerable to lawsuits. "That overcrowds the public system."

Mach, president of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, has teamed for years with homebuilderbacked Texas for Lawsuit Reform to fight for the changes but always was stymied by Democratic lawmakers traditionally sympathetic to trial lawyers.

"What this means is that a lot of business is going to come to Texas threw out a damages cap now," Mach said. "I think in 1988.

(the lawsuit threat) is why we've missed a lot of big things in the recent past."

Perry said a majority of Texans will benefit from a lessened threat of frivolous lawsuits and lower insurance rates as the state evolves from one of the friendliest forums in which to sue to one of the toughest.

"Doctors, patients, employers, workers, all stand to benefit from House Bill 4," Perry said. "The only folks hurt in the pocketbook ... are the plaintiff's trial lawyers who have profited from frivolous lawsuits by gaming the legal system. That is over with in Texas."

Hampton said the next fight comes Sept. 13, when voters will decide whether to give the Legislature constitutional authority to set damage caps in liability cases.

"We've lost a lot of battles," Hampton said. "Now we're just trying to keep them from coming back and bayoneting the dead."

Ken Hoagland, spokesman for Texas for Lawsuit Reform, said the amendment is important because it will render moot any attempts by Hampton's group to kill the tort reform laws. The state Supreme Court

### TEXAS NEWS BRIEFS immigrants' remains still unidentined

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Remains of three illegal immigrants who died in a sweltering railroad car in South Central Texas remained unidentified and law officers are still searching for others who escaped from the train.

But Mexican Consulate officials have been in touch with victims' relatives in Mexico.

An Austin priest has talked to three of the survivors, with oat least one of them speaking to Mexican Consulate officials last week. But they have not made themselves available to law enforcement agencies.

Harris County investigators want to speak with a survivor who consulate officials there say is a cousin of one of those who died inside the grain hopper car.

Two immigrants who managed to flee the Union Pacific train in La Coste, near San Antonio, contacted the priest who informed the Mexican consulate on May 31 about their weakened companions left behind. The three bodies found June 3 in the car near Baytown were taken to a Houston morgue.

#### **Ag commissioner unveils Texas Yes!**

LUBBOCK (AP) - Agriculture officials want Texans to say 'yes' to rural parts of the state and unveiled a plan Wednesday that will

showcase and market communities that have devised ways to help sustain their economies.

Texas Yes! will begin in October when the success stories of five towns with populations of less than 20,000 are selected by an advisory panel from a group of about 20 communities.

The idea is to share economic development success stories from areas of the state that are seeing population and employment

opportunities dwindle.

"Somebody's else success story over here can be a tremendous spark to somebody else over here who never thought of it," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said at a news conference. "It's marketing. It's kind of the whole enchilada of saying yes, rural Texas is very, very powerful. We love good ideas, and we do think there are an awful lot of very exciting stories out there and we want everyone to know how exciting they are in a statewide effort."

# Patients line up for services of doctor under investigation

Martinez looked at the men bank to investigate whether he with guns on their hips, the federal agents and other investiga- insurance fraud, manslaughter tors who had just raided the to criminally negligent homiclinic of her doctor, linked in cide. court records with 11 patient deaths, and had one concern: surging blood pressure.

"They told us, 'Can you get your car out of the driveway?' and I said 'Can we see a doctor?'," Martinez, 42, recalled Wednesday of the raid a day earlier. "They were more concerned about taking files out of an office than letting my dad see a doctor. He could have died.

Martinez was one of a steady stream of patients of Dr. Daniel Maynard who lined up Wednesday for his services a day after investigators confiscated thousands of documents and computer equipment from

committed acts ranging from

An investigator said in an affidavit filed Tuesday that the she had to get her diabetic 57-year-old doctor prescribed and New Mexico. Those cases cash to hungry patients so they father medical attention for his narcotics without a valid medical purpose and defrauded state Medicare and Medicaid systems by charging for medperformed.

The state's Health and Human Services Commission late Wednesday canceled Medicaid payments to Maynard's office pending the outcome of the investigation, said Angela Hale, a spokeswoman for the Texas attorney general's office.

A clinic employee told investigators that about 80 percent of Maynard's patients are on Medicaid.

DALLAS (AP) — Rebecca Maynard's home, office and said it could take months to sift through the seized evidence to determine whether Maynard, a doctor of osteopathy and a Texas general practitioner since 1973, will face criminal charges similar to those doctors have faced in Florida, Georgia involved far fewer deaths than can buy fried chicken down the Maynard's case, officials have

"This is just the beginning of ical services that were never a lengthy investigation," Hill said Wednesday. "Only time will tell what we'll come up with.'

Hill said his office and five other local and federal agencies, including the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Agency, began investigating Maynard after complaints by family members of patients who died from drug overdoses.

Patient Jackie Webster, 49, said she doubts the doctor is District Attorney Bill Hill responsible for anyone's death.

"He's always been good to me. I don't know what he did to other people," Webster said as she took a seat on the curb to wait. "Maybe some people are lying.'

Webster described the doctor as a kind soul who hands out street and is always available during an emergency. Webster said she has heard that some of Maynard's assistants have prescribed the wrong medication, but the doctor himself has always provided her the drugs she asks for, though she won't say which.

"I ain't going to tell you that, but he gives me the right kind,' she said.

But former patient Walter Shearin, 53, who said he has been trying for three months to get his medical records from the clinic, said he wasn't surprised by the investigation.

"I kind of expected it," he said. "When you've got 300 people ahead of you, you know a production line is what he's doing. It's a red flag. I'm surprised they didn't investigate him before this.'

Shearin, who said Maynard prescribed him narcotics, said he thought Maynard was a good doctor, but left because he "didn't like to wait eight or 10 hours to see a doctor."

Court records show that 11 of Maynard's patients, ranging in age from 29 to 62, died over the last three years from causes such as drug overdoses, toxic effects of mixed drugs and congestive heart failure.

Records show that among Texas doctors in 2002, Maynard wrote the most prescriptions for the sedative diazepam and the second-most prescriptions for Tylenol with codeine. That year, he wrote 54,748 prescriptions, according to the records.

#### NATION, WORLD BRIEFS

#### **Palestine: Cycle of vengence escalates**

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon swore to hunt Palestinian militants "to the bitter end" and Israeli helicopters rocketed a car carrying Hamas activists in Gaza early today, the latest strike in a cycle of vengeance that killed 28 people in a less than a day and wounded more than 100.

Also today, the Islamic militant group Hamas issued a new threat, saying it has ordered "all military cells" to take immediate action and carry out more attacks on Israelis.

The group also urged foreigners to leave Israel and the Palestinian areas for their own safety.

In a Cabinet meeting today, Sharon dismissed Palestinian leaders as "crybabies" for saying they can't use force against the militias, according to a Cabinet official briefing reporters.

Israel said it will not stand by until Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas persuades the armed groups to halt attacks.

#### **Treeps reund up Hussein loyalists**

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Thousands of American troops backed by jets, helicopters and unmanned drone aircraft swarmed a town north of Baghdad this week to round up Saddam Hussein loyalists who have rape, sexual assault, assault and burglary — charges launched near-daily attacks on U.S. forces.

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Some 400 suspects were detained in the raid, which followed reports that Saddam has been traveling in the area and has offered a bounty for each American killed.

The sweep, dubbed "Operation Peninsula Strike," continued for a third day Thursday, sending troops through an area of several square miles centered on the Tigris River town of Duluiyah, 45 miles north of Baghdad, U.S. Central Command spokesman Lt. Ryan Fitzgerald said.

#### **Prosecutors say girl repeatedly attacked**

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Prosecutors said a man who abducted a 9-year-old last week sexually attacked the girl in her house before taking her to his home and repeatedly assaulting her again.

Deputy District Attorney Matt Braker said the girl was eventually able to persuade her abductor not to kill her but to release her instead, authorities said.

Investigators praised the girl for winning her release by telling her kidnapper she had asthma and could die without medication. She also memorized his cell phone number, which helped authorities make a quick arrest, the girl's mother said.

As new details of the girl's two-day captivity emerged, prosecutors pressed their case against the man accused of abducting her, Enrique Sosa Alvarez. He was arraigned on nine felony counts including that could send him to prison for up to 115 years.

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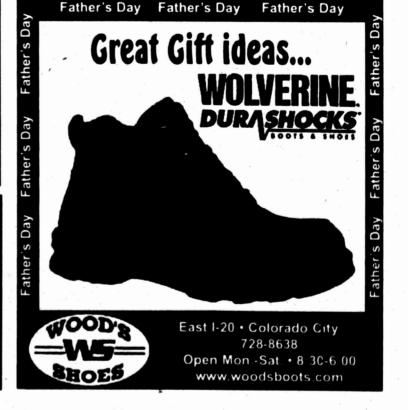
## **Government targets monkeypox**

ATLANTA (AP) - TheU.S. government moved aggressively to contain the first outbreak of monkeypox in the Western Hemisphere, prohibiting imports of African rodents, banning the sale of prairie dogs, and recommending smallpox shots for people exposed to monkeypox.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced the measures Wednesday, the same day federal investigators searched for infected prairie dogs in eight more states, bringing the total to 15.

"We're optimistic we can deliver the vaccine to these people in time to do good," said Dr. David Fleming, the CDC's deputy director for Public Health and Science.

As of Wednesday, health officials had confirmed a total of nine human cases of the disease.



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#### Crossroads cheer, football sign-ups near

Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League football and cheerleading squads will get under way June 23 at the Big Spring Mall.

Registration for cheerleaders will be held from June 23 to July 14 at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. during the week, and from noon to 4 p.m. on weekends.

A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration.

The cost for cheerleading is \$65 per per-

For more information, contact Stacy Campbell at 268-9634.

#### 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

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#### WGA to hold Two-Lady Golf Scramble

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

The cost for entering is \$100 per team and includes the cost of a cart and one mulligan per person.

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

#### CGA to hold monthly gold tourney June 15 The Chicano Golf

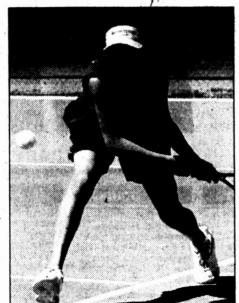
Association will be holding its monthly golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course on June 15. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start.

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 7:30 p.m. at MUGS Field.



Herald File Photo Westbrook's Linsey Chavez won the Abilene Stars and Stripes Junior Open Title last weekend.

# Chavez cruises to Stars & Stripes crown

#### By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Linsey Chavez is used to living in the big shadow of her older brother, Trey, when it comes to tennis. It's only natural, she figures. He is, after all, older and a state qualifier in the sport.

Make no mistake, however, Linsey has a big shadow of her

The 13-year-old daughter of Westbrook High School tennis coach Marcelino Chavez, Linsey Chavez left her mark on the tennis world this past weekend when she nailed down the Abilene Stars and Strips Junior Tennis Open in commanding fashion, winning three matches while allowing just six points.

Chavez, who is competing in the Big Spring Black and Gold Circuit event this week, ousted Abilene's Sarah Birdwell in the finals of the event, winning in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

She earned her way into the finals by routing Abilene's Brittany Harkins, 6-2, 6-1, in the semifinals. She won her first match with ease, taking a 6-0, 6-0 victory.

Chavez wasn't the only local netter turning a strong performance at the meet. Tate Burleson took the consolation honors in the boys' 14 & Under division by taking an 8-4 victory over teammate Michael Morton.

Burleson fell into the consola-

tion round after dropping his first match to the tournament's No. 1 seed.

Trey Chavez, who advanced to the state tennis tournament this past year as a freshman, also competed in the event. He claimed a first-round win over Abilene's Bradley Smith and advanced to the semifinals.

In the semis, he stumbled. falling to Abilene Wylie's top seed, Ross McMillan by a 6-2, 6-4

Westbrook freshman Cory Morton also competed in the tournament, finishing with an 0-2 record. Justin Morton, a 10year-old standout competing in the 14 & Under division, also went 0-2.

## Nets pull even with Spurs in Game 4

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — In one impossibly fluid motion, Manu Ginobili stole a New Jersey pass and dribbled the ball behind his back while hurdling intended receiver. He raced up the floor for a layup — and he somehow missed the entire rim.

Almost every moment of beauty so far in the NBA Finals has been obscured by something hideous. The Nets and the San Antonio Spurs are crossing new frontiers of offensive ineptitude while embarrassing their high-scoring ABA forefathers.

But when Ginobili launched a 3-pointer that could have tied the game with 3 seconds left, the struggles of the previous 48 minutes were forgotten for a moment. Strangely enough, these teams' relatively equal awfulness has produced a tense series with the promise of genuine drama \_ or at least more tragi-comedy.

Kenyon Martin had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and Ginobili badly missed the next-to-last shot in the Nets' bruising 77-76 victory over the Spurs in Game 4 Wednesday night. New Jersey's first home finals victory evened the series at 2-2, with Game 5 set for Friday night at the Meadowlands.

Richard Jefferson added points and 10 rebounds, and Jason Kidd had 16 points, nine assists and eight rebounds despite another horrible shooting performance. The Nets survived an 11-point third quarter that was just the start of their troubles.

They shot 36 percent. They blew a 15-point lead. They didn't have a basket in the final four minutes.

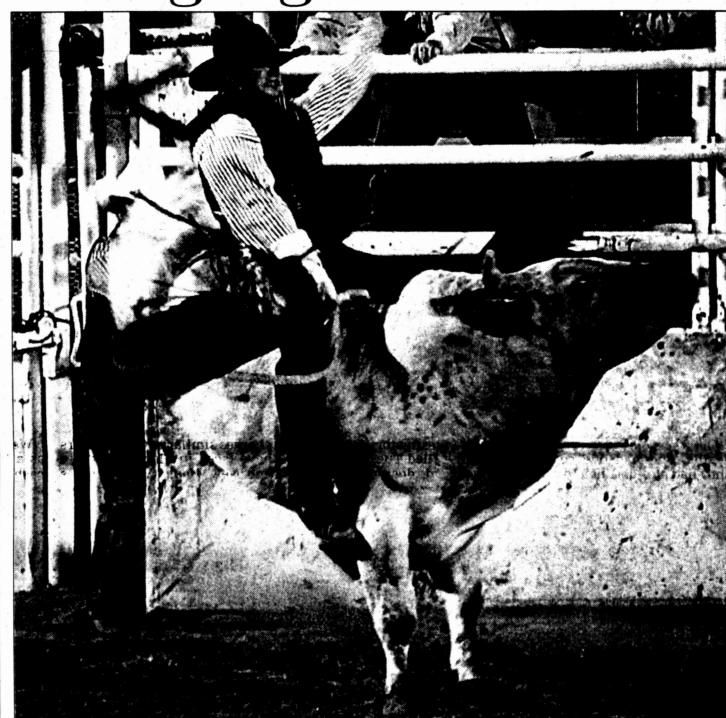
But their woes were nothing compared to the Spurs' miserable offensive performance. San Antonio shot 29.8 percent (26-of-90) — the thirdworst shooting game in NBA Finals history. Duncan had 23 points, 17 rebounds and seven blocks,

#### Six Astro pitchers no-hit Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) - The Houston Astros used a record six pitchers to nohit the New York Yankees in 45 years...

After ace Roy Oswalt was injured, Pete Munro, Kirk Saarloos, Brad Lidge, Octavio Dotel and Billy Wagner finished off the 8-0, no-hit victory Wednesday night.

Riding high



Howard College's Danny McDowell grimaces as he records a ride at a recent college rodeo event. McDowell and Seth Swearingen could both earn berths in the College National Finals Rodeo final round on Saturday with strong efforts today. McDowell is currently eighth in the overall bull riding standings. Swearingen in third in steer wrestling.

# McDowell, Swearingen closing in on berths in CNFR's final round

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Danny McDowell probably knew from the moment he drew a bull named "Tabasco" on Tuesday night he was in for one hot time at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo.

Fortunately for McDowell, he was hotter than the bull, scoring an 82 and joining teammate Seth Swearingen in garnering a second-place in the second round's final standings.

Swearingen was second in the steer wrestling competition.

For McDowell, a freshman, "Tabasco" added the right spice to his first CNFR trip. The HC cowboy needs only one more solid performance this evening to clinch a spot in the finals.

"He made a real good ride and things worked out for him," said Howard College rodeo coach Greg Kernick.

With his latest ride, McDowell moved one step closer to qualifying for Saturday's finals. The top 12 riders in the overall points standings will reach the final

McDowell currently sits eighth overall in the event. Jake Mann of Wharton County Community College leads the bull riding com-



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petition.

Swearingen may have the Hawks' best shot at making the finals. The Howard College steer wrestler finds himself third in the overall average after two rounds.

After posting a time of 5.7 seconds on Monday, Swearingen came out Tuesday and turned in an electrifying run of 4.5 - giving him a combined mark of 10.2 in the two rounds.

Luke Lancaster of Cal Poly State University-San Luis Obispo leads the steer wrestling competition courtesy of a time of 4.1 seconds in the first round.

individual Other leaders through the first two rounds include Will Lowe of Vernon College, who retained his hold on first place in bronc riding.

Jarret Corn of New Mexico State University held on to top honors in calf roping.

Lindy Lu Evridge of Central Wyoming College remains the leader in breakaway roping and Josh Hunt of the University of Alabama leads in saddle bronc riding Josey Stubblefield became the new goat tying leader by coming in at 71 seconds, while John Schalla of Lamar Community College and Chase Gauger of Sheridan College stayed atop the team roping event.

Jessica Mueller of National American University rounded the barrels in 14.56 seconds to take the lead in her event.

A.J. Franzen of Dawson Community College led the men's all-around scoring while Jennifer Freeland of Weber State University topped the women's category.

McDowell and Swearingen, the only two HC rodeo team members to qualify for the event, saw a familiar opponent holding down the top spot in the team standings. Vernon Regional Junior College, which competes against HC during the regular season, held the top spot in both the men's and women's divisions.

Should Vernon hold on to sweep both divisions, they would become the first college ever to win both the men's and women's CNFR titles in the same year.

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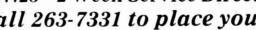
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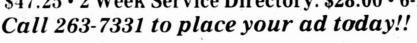
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're high on volume, low on fuel. You'll be attracted to people and concepts that are loopy and anarchic, but may not have much followthrough when it comes to the full pursuit. That's OK. Accept that you can't do everything.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The workplace might feel like a jungle where only the fittest survive. Indeed, you are among the living and thriving! Try to be kind to the ones who are still learning the rules.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A dreamy quality pervades, just when you know you're supposed to be getting down to business. Allow yourself a little goofiness, as it's futile fighting it. If you agonize over what to wear, it's a sure sign you're smitten.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You get a cheerful start to the day because you do what makes you feel good. You're a true independent. A decision at work won't go over well with everyone, but you've only got to please a few to get your way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Work-related issues can't be ignored anymore — they will take their toll. Consult a parent on a matter you ordinarily wouldn't. Your pet gives you lots of love and care, and it's time to return the

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You long for fame and recognition of some kind, and will search far and wide for it. Work is unexpectedly confusing, but this only gives you an excuse to ask that cute someone for

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### **Annie's Mailbox:** Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I am the only daughter of two wonderful parents. I grew up worshiping my father and am constantly amazed at his ability to solve any problem, but this situation is truly bothering me.

Every weekend, my father spends all his free time online. My suspicions became aroused when he would immediately change screens every time I walked by his computer. After a little digging, I discovered that Dad gave himself a new screen-name account. When I looked up his new member profile, he had writter that he is bisexual.

I tried to accept this information and decided my father's sexual orientation was not my business. Last week, my computer was on the fritz and I needed to use my father's laptop. I know I was snooping, but I opened one of his saved file folders. I was instantly inundated with pictures of naked men — and some of the pictures

were of my dad. I now believe my father is having relationships with men online, and I am heartbroken. I want to confront him. I also think I should show my mother what Dad is doing behind her back. I am confused, hurt and lost.

Daddy's Little Girl Dear Daddy's Girl: Tell your father what you found on his computer, and insist that he come clean with your mother. She already may be aware of what's going on, but if not, she certainly deserves to know about his sexual orientation, and the information should come directly from him. She should not have to find out from you or one of his computer friends. Meanwhile, please stop snooping around.

Dear Annie: I am responding to a letter printed in The Denver Post that was signed "Had It with Stepkids." I could have written

I married the wrong woman. She has little kids. I love kids, Annie, but not hers. They have made my life miserable, and she always takes their side, right or wrong. I sleep in a bed with her, but my possessions are elsewhere. We have separate addresses and phone numbers. I stay over frequently, but there is a dog between us on the bed. Frankly, at this point, that is OK.

The kids rule the house, and she has no control over them. I haven't cut the cord yet for financial reasons, but it is only a matter of time. She is going to be fac-

Annie's Mailbox

ing old age alone, and she won't find it too appealing. I understand now why so many men are reluctant to marry a woman with kids.

Too Late For Me Dear Too Late: It's a shame your wife allows her children to walk all over vou, and her, as well. Keep in mind, however, that the kids will grow up one of these days and hopefully move out of the house. If you haven't tried it yet, please consider family counseling. There is still time to work on this relationship. Good luck.

Dear Annie: Why does every couple with a new baby think the world is interested in every single detail of the birth? The latest was my best friend who had a baby girl I was appalled to be told things I would rather not know

Annie, I have had chil dren, and at no time did I care to share such personal information. Please tell me how to stop someone from discussing her intimise medical procedures. Too Much Information in Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Florida: You can't Some folks are so excited about the experience of giving birth that they cannot contain their enthusiasm Smile faintly and say, "I'd much rather talk about your plans for the baby's future." If they pull out a videotape of the delivery. run for the hills.

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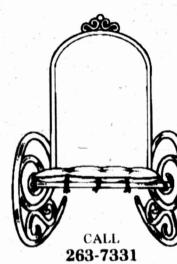
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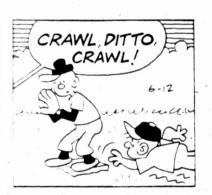




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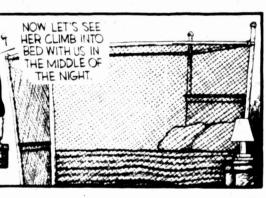




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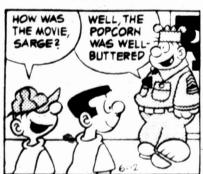


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### People In The News

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK -He's a multibillionaire, the mayor of New York City and someone who'd have no trouble finding a date.

But that hasn't stopped Michael Bloomberg from becoming another starstruck fan when the topic turns to Jennifer I opez.

"Jennifer Lopez is another great New Yorker," the mayor told reporters. "She comes from the Bronx, and I'm here to ... umm ... make sure that I'm willing to shake hands.'

Pausing a moment, the mayor forced the issue with the grace of a guy who'd just watched an endiess loop of J.Lo's "Jenny From the Block" video, in which she cavorts on a yacht in a skimpy two-piece bikini.

"I'd even have dinner with Jennifer Lopez," he

said. "I assume Jennifer Lopez would want to have dinner with me. I don't know. I never met the young lady, but I'd certainly be willing to.'

The mayor's comments came a day after he appeared on a radio program and told a pair of disc jockeys, "I tell you what who I really want to have .... J.Lo.

He made the remark in response to an invitation from one of the hosts to meet singer Ricky Martin, who was scheduled to appear on the radio program.

Lopez is making a film in Canada and was unavailable for comment Wednesday. But the radio station, WKTU-FM, has launched an effort for the two to meet.

tenor Salvatore Licitra has Giordano's

NEW YORK (AP)- Italian

withdrawn from his first scheduled performances of "Andrea Chenier" because of laryngitis.

manager, His Mastroianni, said Licitra had sung Riccardo in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera" in Zurich, Switzerland, "when he was coming down with bronchi-

"The doctor in Italy said, Let's play it safe and just take some vocal rest," Mastroianni said.

Mastroianni said Licitra had just completed a studio session for a recording with Marcelo Alvarez and would resume singing June 12 in Rome at a concert with Alvarez, which is scheduled to be televised in the United States two days later.

#### Answer to previous puzzle



#### Newsday Crossword BIG APPLE TEAMWORK by R. Silvestri Edited by Stanley Newman

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- 10 Branch 14 Seed covering
- 15 Updated 16 Grad-school
- exam 17 Football player's tableware?
- 19 Aggressive 20 Marked down
- 21 German **23** Sun emanation
- 24 Buddy
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- 27 Baseball player's
- scribble? 33 Turn on
- a pivot 36 Kennel order 37 His and her
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- nonchalantly 63 Gung-ho
- 64 Basketball player's talent?

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- 11 Golfer's selection 12 Star followers
- 13 Political alliance
- 18 Isle off Tuscany
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- Muskogie" 27 Middle East
- republic 28 And the
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  - 32 Historic periods
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- 39 Old Nick 41 Off-pitch
- 45 Like some surfaces 48 Hammer
- partner 49 Rap star 50 Author
- Dinesen 53 One thing after another?
- 54 Track activities 55 Day-care denizens
- 56 Immense 57 State with conviction
- 58 Occupation 59 Swirl in a stream
- 33 Catch fungoes 60 Leeds' river 62 Peeved state
  - 65 Bamboozle

