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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 canceled.

Cuellar pleaded guilty to 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 aviation.

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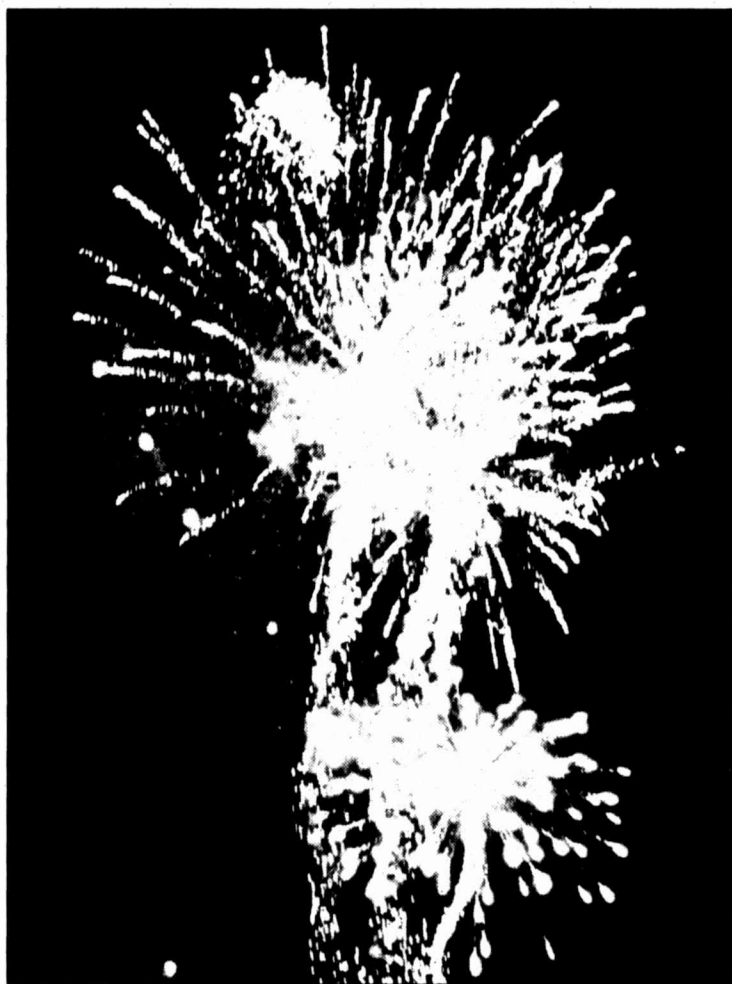
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Pops still needing donations



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 held July 3.

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 so," Blackshear said, explaining that organizers not only need \$20,000 or more needed to stage the show each year, but also has to have seed

money for the following year's celebration.

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

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

we'll already be planning on what we need to have for the next one and what we need to do differently." 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.

"There's no question in

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Tim Blackshear, foundation president

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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 2002.

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."

John Grant, CRMWD director



acre-feet.

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

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 district.

"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

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Local laundry robbed, two suspects sought

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



CHAMNESS

them the money."

Chamness said the attendant offered descriptions of the men.

"One was 6'1" to 6'3", mid-20s, medium build," he said. "The other was 5'4" to 5'6", mid 20s, medium build. Both were black males and

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FOOD AND FUN

Sacred Heart festival set for Friday and Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Its spring festival time at Sacred Heart Catholic Church!

This year's event is sure to be the place to find games, music, gorditas, asado plates, turkey legs and, of course, yummy, homemade tamales.

"On Friday at noon we will have tamales, enchiladas and flautas for sale at the Parish Hall," said Carlita Leonardi, a church member.

Tamales are \$6 a dozen

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 wonderful," Leonardi said.

Scheduled activities include game booths, bingo, food, a silent auction, music and a washer tournament.

Booths will open at 6 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday.

On Saturday, a washer tournament begins at

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Cowgirl-in-training Samantha Raney, 18 months old, sits amidst 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



RANEY

clear to us that the cowgirl culture encompasses much more than our vision of rodeo performers."

The two-month long display will premiere Monday in conjunction with the museum's "Legends and Legacies" dinner. The

Legends and 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

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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

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 colleges, education service centers and county appraisal districts participate in one or more of the fund's programs.

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Bids for repair, dropout report on agenda for school trustees

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Possible action to accept repair bids for the junior high school and discussion of the annual dropout report top the Big Spring Independent School District school board agenda for today.

Trustees will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

If approved, the repair work will fix structural damage caused when the building's foundation began to fail.

The building, which was discovered to have been partially constructed over a filled-in canyon, suffered extensive damage before it was stabilized.

After two rounds of compaction grouting to shore up the sinking structure, the building has not show any measurable movement in more than a year.

In other business, trustees will review the annual dropout record report for the district.

Also on the agenda, the board will consider:

- Retirements, resignations and employments.
- 2003-2004 Carl D. Perkins allocations for career and technology education.
- Novation of the Title IV SDFSC entitlement; fee for the professional development curriculum and instructional co-op.
- Bids for athletic supplies and equipment, food service department and depository.
- Renewal of annual student insurance contract, food service chemical supplies contract and canine contraband detection services contract.
- Howard County tax collection budget for 2003-2004.
- DEE (local) policy change.
- A nomination for the Texas Association of School Boards board of trustees.

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Blood drive planned

Coahoma Lions Club is sponsoring a community 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.

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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

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Colors," "The Pledge of 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 display have included "This Land Is Your Land," "This Is My Country," "America," "Texas Our Texas,"

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

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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 cowboys.'"

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

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 the 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 museum.

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 p.m.

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pretty much go down the river, then we're going to pick up water all along the way."

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 runoff."

In mid-May, the 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 lessens the potential that we're going to ration water next summer."

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

"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 drought is by no means broken."

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both had knives in their possession."

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

unarmed black man 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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noon. A Mexican dinner provided by the 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 Grupo Formal of Sweetwater will provide live entertainment that 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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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

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

It'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 and Chorus.

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

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'll 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 individuals 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 celebration ever.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Lord, give us the strength to stand up for our beliefs and the grace to love our neighbors.

Stop supporting schools that fail to teach

For many high school seniors around the country, there was no Graduation Day this year. Despite good attendance and, in some instances, decent grades, thousands 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 passed from grade to grade actually learned basic skills during their 12 years of public education.



LINDA CHAVEZ

Now, some policymakers and politicians — not to mention the 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 school."

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 grad-

uation 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.

Who would have thought in a year of a depressed economy that this community could gather for a weekend campout and raise \$174,221.84? We 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 research that has led to 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 little consolation when so many of our friends and neighbors are being diagnosed every week. We must keep up the fight!

The planning committee wishes to thank every person who had a part in the success of this event. We

are especially appreciative of the more than 200 survivors who made the first lap and whose lives we are so happy to celebrate. We owe a big thank you to all our underwriters and sponsors—especially our corporate sponsors for their generous support.

We thank every person who made a donation, every team member who participated, every team captain who worked hard for several months, every person who entertained and everyone who participated in the golf tourna-

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

Again, thank you 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 For Life for next year. Help us to make our 10th anniversary 2004 RELAY another banner event.

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California's runaway recall

The 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 controls. The state's voters may go to the polls this fall to decide whether Gov. Davis shall be removed.

Who would have thought in a year of a depressed economy that this community could gather for a weekend campout and raise \$174,221.84? We should never underestimate the power of a unified community.

While bipartisan establishment politicians remain to defend realists now are taking the recall movement seriously. Dave Galhardo, a Sacramento-based political consultant seeking signatures for recall petitions, says 600,000 voters have signed. He is aiming for 1.2 million, providing insurance that the required 897,000 valid names are collected. If this is done by July 18, an election must be held in September or October.

Gov. Davis, at 21 percent approval in a recent poll, cannot be expected to survive. That is not what

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 Simon without defending Davis, who never prepared voters for his tax increases to solve the state budget crisis.

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 entrepreneur, Issa called Republican Leader Jim Brulte off the Senate floor to detail his plans to fund the movement. \$700,000 contributed 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 Republican hopeful. State Sen. Tom McClintock, an anti-tax advocate, is running to Issa's right. Simon, actor Arnold Schwarzenegger and former Secretary of State Bill Jones have been privately testing support.

All may be dwarfed by a liberal Republican, former 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 banker who is Bush's main political agent here, has not joined the recall movement. "I understand why people in California would be upset by the financial crisis," Parsky told me. "But my first priority is the re-election of the president and getting the financing necessary to accomplish this." Other Republican critics of the recall see a nightmare scenario where Democratic Sen.

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 GOP establishment's defeatism, resulting from the state party's 2002 wipeout.

The prospects for a recall, however, have lifted spirits of California grassroots 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 runaway recall.

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

Big Spring State Hospital patients embraced the warm weather and enjoyed refreshments and gifts during their annual Summer Fun Day, welcoming the arrival of summer.



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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 information.

The best lemonade

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



KATIE
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Raspberry Lemonade
1 (12 fluid ounce) can frozen raspberry lemonade concentrate
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3/4 teaspoon lime juice
1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle lemon-lime flavored carbonated beverage
1 cup crushed ice
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 U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Children's Nutrition 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

reservation.)

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 double-sized portion and instructed to scoop what they wanted onto their plate — and they were allowed to come back for seconds.

No need to bore you with details of the methodology, but suffice it to say that the scientists took steps to avoid biases, such as scrambling the order in which the children were offered the different lunches and standardizing the time they had to eat (20 minutes) and what other

foods were included with 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 were served more — a finding consistent with previous research.

What surprised the researchers was how the children consumed more. Served the double portion, the participants "increased the size of their bites, but not the number of bites," said Jennifer Fisher, assistant

professor of pediatrics at 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. Super-sizing is a common problem — one that some researchers believe helps fuel the ongoing obesity epidemic. Recent studies have concluded that between 1977 and 1996, portion sizes for all categories of foods (except, oddly enough, pizza) jumped at home. Other research demonstrates that restaurant

fare has ballooned, too.

"Kids are not often left to their own devices when foods are served," Fisher said. "We tell them how much we want them to eat. We give them prompts about how much to eat. We make deals."

Allowing children to serve themselves — the healthier items, that is, rather than junk food, ice cream and sugar-soaked sodas — "may lessen the exposure to large portions," she said.

That failed diet could be in the genes

By DENNIS O'BRIEN

The Baltimore Sun

Jose Ordovas 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 markers and mutations may be why some people are more susceptible to obesity, cardiovascular disease, cancer and osteoporosis, or more responsive to drug therapies and diets. "The information just wasn't available until a few years ago," said Cousins.

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 roughly the same intake of fats, proteins, carbohydrates and cholesterol. They're also at the same general socioeconomic level. But Indians have four times more heart disease than the Chinese and twice the rate of Malays.

Ordovas plans to compare their cardiovascular problems and mortality rates to those found in the Framingham Heart Study, a long-term project

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

Experts say that Ordovas' work and other studies will help determine how much control we have over our health and how much is predetermined.

"Is it genetics or is it environment? That's always been an argument in this particular field," said Raymond Blanchard, a molecular biologist at the University of Florida who works with Cousins. "I think the answer is that it's both."

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Perry signs tort reform bill

HOUSTON (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry has begun a 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. Perry spokeswoman 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 parties pay damages.

Medical groups who supported the reform said skyrocketing insurance costs were forcing doctors to close their practices or

chief of staff at Ben Taub General Hospital — the primary caregiver for Harris County indigent — said the caps are impor-

(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 threw out a damages cap in 1988.

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Rick Perry, 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 Trial Lawyers 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 and the rule of law 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 over-crowds the public system."

Mach, president of Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, has teamed for years with homebuilder-backed 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 now," Mach said. "I think

Patients line up for services of doctor under investigation

DALLAS (AP) — Rebecca Martinez looked at the men with guns on their hips, the federal agents and other investigators who had just raided the clinic of her doctor, linked in court records with 11 patient deaths, and had one concern: she had to get her diabetic father medical attention for his 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

Maynard's home, office and bank to investigate whether he committed acts ranging from insurance fraud, manslaughter to criminally negligent homicide.

An investigator said in an affidavit filed Tuesday that the 57-year-old doctor prescribed narcotics without a valid medical purpose and defrauded state Medicare and Medicaid systems by charging for medical services that were never performed.

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.

District Attorney Bill Hill

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 and New Mexico. Those cases involved far fewer deaths than Maynard's case, officials have said.

"This is just the beginning of 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 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 cash to hungry patients so they can buy fried chicken down the 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.

Troops round up Hussein loyalists

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 launched near-daily attacks on U.S. forces.

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 Duluyyah, 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 rape, sexual assault, assault and burglary — charges that could send him to prison for up to 115 years.

Government targets monkeypox

ATLANTA (AP) — The U.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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Registration 2003 Crossroads Football League ball and cheer squads will get way June 23 at Spring Mall.

Registration cheerleaders held from July 14 at 5:30 7:30 p.m. dur week, and from 4 p.m. on week

A copy of each birth certificate report card needed at the registration.

The cost for leading is \$65 son.

For more i tion, contact Campbell at 26

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The Big Country Club Golf Associa be holdin Cloverleaf Scramble on BSCC. The e begin at 9 a.m. shotgun start

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Crossroads cheer, football sign-ups near

Registration for the 2003 Crossroads Little Football League football and cheerleading squads will get underway 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 person.

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.

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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.

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 915-263-8723.

CGA to hold monthly gold tourney June 15

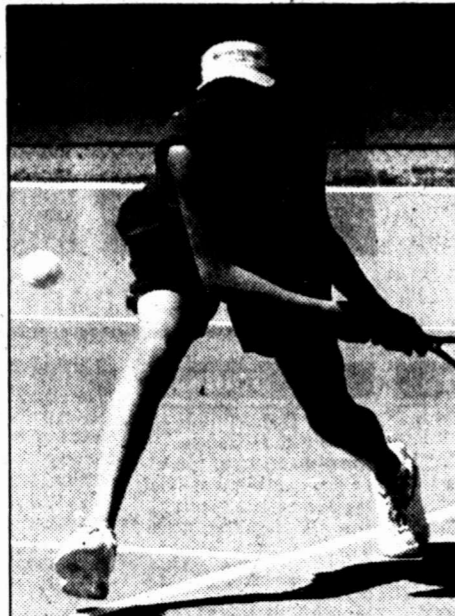
The Chicano Golf Association will be holding its monthly golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course on June 15. The event will begin at 10 a.m. with a shotgun start.

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 own.

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 Stripes 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 by taking an 8-4 victory over teammate Michael Morton.

Burleson fell into the consolation

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 clip.

Westbrook freshman Cory Morton also competed in the tournament, finishing with an 0-2 record. Justin Morton, a 10-year-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 the 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 18 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.

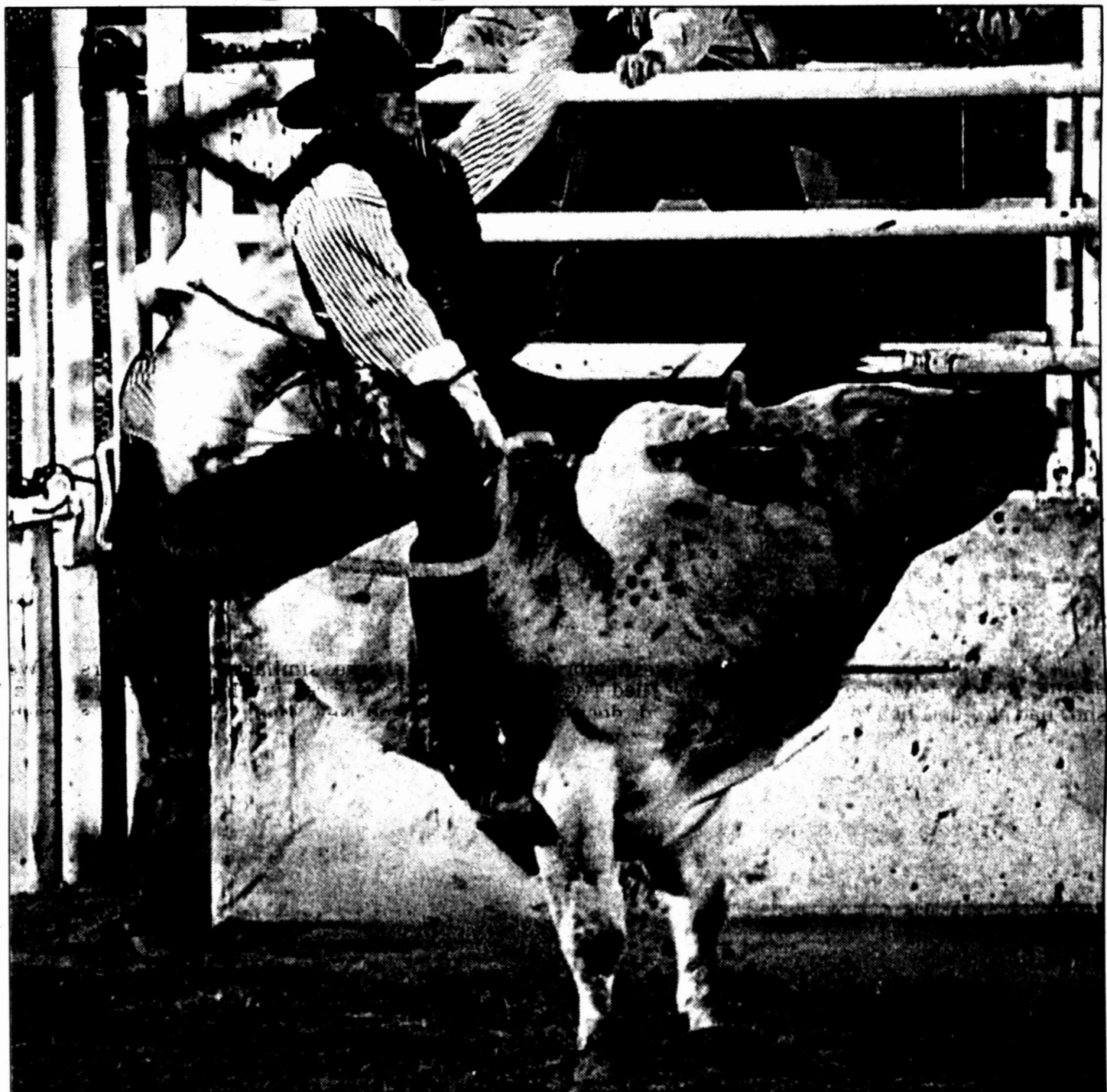
But their woes were nothing compared to the Spurs' miserable offensive performance. San Antonio shot 29.8 percent (26-of-90) — the third-worst shooting game in NBA Finals history. Duncan had 23 points, 17 rebounds and seven blocks.

Six Astro pitchers no-hit Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) — The Houston Astros used a record six pitchers to no-hit 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 ...



Herald File Photo
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 round.

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



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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.

Other individual 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 Eyrige 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 7.1 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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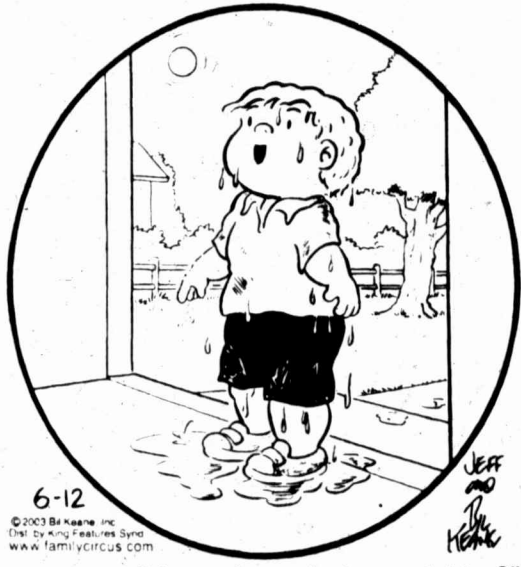
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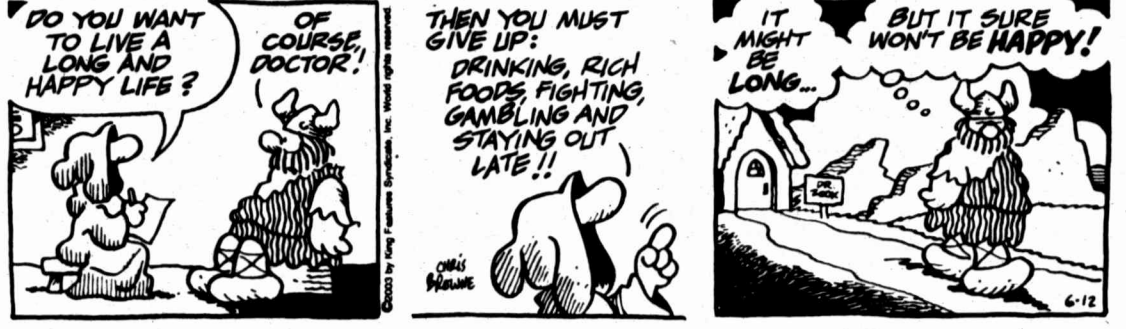
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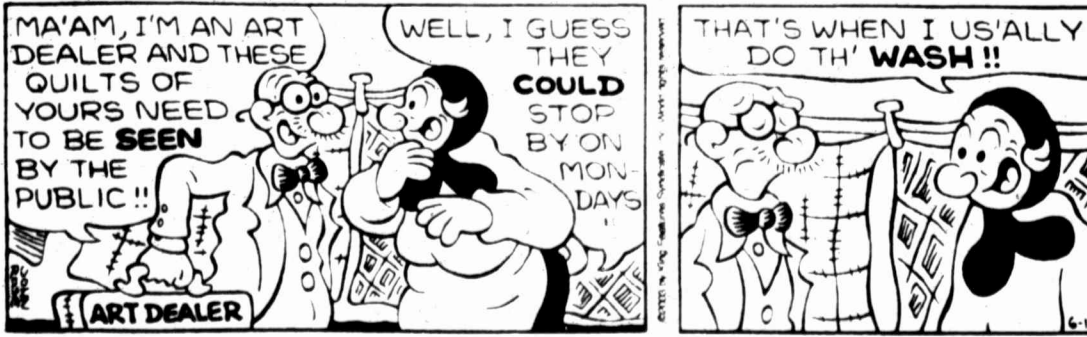
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK - He's a multi-billionaire, 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 star-struck fan when the topic turns to Jennifer Lopez.

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."

His manager, J.F. Mastroianni, said Licitra had sung Riccardo in Verdi's "Un Ballo in Maschera" in Zurich, Switzerland, "when he was coming down with bronchitis." "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: A grid of words including TARP, AMUSE, FEAT, IGOR, LOTUS, LAME, COMO, TRACT, AGAR, CRASH, HELMET, ALLURE, EERIE, BREAM, TSARS, ASTI, GAUCHO, MOI, BOOMING, BUSINESS, ANN, LAREDO, ORAL, SITAR, AWAKE, OSTIA, URBANA, THUNDER, CLOUD, TANG, DELTA, APED, EPEE, ALARM, YOGI, REDS, MYNAS, STOP.

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