July 23, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT TOMORROW 70°-72° 94°-96°

BRIEFLY

GILL FUND

A fund has been established to help with medical costs incurred by Big Spring resident William D. Gill, who suffered an injury recently and is unable to work. Donations can be made to the William Gill Fund at Western National Bank, 607 S. Scurry St. in Big Spring.

IMMUNIZATIONS

The **Texas** Department of Health is offering special immunization hours from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Parents need to bring their child's shot record or a letter from their school or daycare. The TDH is located in College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B.

INSIDE



SADDAM'S SONS KILLED

Acting on a tip from an Iraqi informant, U.S. forces backed by rocket-firing helicopters stormed a luxury home on the outskirts of this northern city Tuesday. After a six-hour operation they removed the bodies of two of the most hated and feared men in Iraq: Saddam Hussein's two sons Odai and Qusai.

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At the Crossroads of West Texas

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

Council reverses, votes down curfew

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Out-of-school Big Spring children won't have to worry about walking down the street on school days.

The city council voted down 5-2 a proposed amendment to the city's curfew ordinance which would have barred children under 17 from being outdoors on school days between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. without parental permission or a valid excuse such as work or medical emergency.

Thirteen people spoke on the issue before the council voted. Of those, 11 advocated

"It seems like everything that's right for our kids is being taken away. I don't agree with this curfew."

Stephanie Horton Big Spring City Council

defeating the issue, while only two spoke in favor of it.

Voting for the ordinance were council members JoAnn Staulcup and Gloria

The vote came after the council approved the measure on first reading 4-3 two weeks

ago. Jumper and Knox both weighed in against the curfew in the first vote, but changed their mind in second.

McDonald. Stephanie Horton, W.A. "Woody"

Jumper, Joann Knox and Greg Biddision,

and Mayor Russ McEwen voted to reject the

Jumper said the fact that Municipal Judge Tim Green first proposed the curfew and has been a strong supporter of the measure played a part in his decision.

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City council faces budget workshops By ROGER CLINE What: Big Spring City Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members will be rolling up their sleeves and buckling down to work this week on the budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. The council has sched-

uled budget workshops today, Thursday and Friday

at 5:30 each evening. The workshops will take place in

City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St., and are open to the

City Manager Gary Fuqua said the city staff has prepared a draft of the budget for the council to consider.

"At that time they will review it and make See BUDGET, Page 3A

Council budget workshops.

Where: Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth.

When: 5:30 p.m. today, Thursday and Friday.

changes to it as they deem necessary," he said. Fuqua said the proposed budget's expenditure total is similar to this year's.

"It's about the same," he said. "We tried to hold the line on everything. Of course, health insurance has gone up and some medical things, and the cost of energy has gone

Expenditures from the proposed budget's general fund total \$12,247,519, about a 2 percent increase over the current general

Susanne Reed named Herald business manager

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

TDS officials said.

Managing Editor

Susanne Reed has been named general manager of the Big Spring Herald.

Reed comes to the Herald from Stuttgart, Ark., where she served as publisher of both the *Stuttgart* Daily Leader and the Newport Independent.

Her appointment to what is a new position within the paper's administrative team,



Howard County law enforcement officers exam the extent of damage inflicted upon a

Chevrolet pickup Tuesday afternoon following a one-vehicle accident on East Midway

Road. According to the Texas Department of Public Safety officials, when the driver,

Bobby Howell, 67, of Sand Springs blacked out from a medical condition the vehicle con-

tinued forward to knock over a non-working gas meter, a telephone pole and part of a

fence. Howell, the only person in the vehicle, refused medical treatment at the scene.

Chuck Williams. concentrate her team of advertising representatives.

"We been extremely lucky to attract a newspaper professional with

announced by Herald Publisher Susanne Reed's experience and talent and add her to our man-Initially, she will agement team here at the Herald." Williams said. "I working believe she'll fit right in with the with the Herald's Herald family and I believe she'll be a tremendous asset not only to the newspaper but to the com-

feel like munity as well.' Some might say Reed has printer's ink in her blood, coming

from a newspaper family. "You could certainly say I grew

up in the business," she said, noting that her father had been advertising manager of the Northwest Arkansas Times in Fayetteville, Ark., and later owned and published the West Fork (Ark.) Observer. "In fact, I followed in my father's footsteps."

Reed was also publisher of the Heber Springs (Ark.) Sun-Times

See REED, Page 3A

Junior High repairs, salary schedule on agenda for trustees

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

An update on the Big Spring Junior High

School repair work project and a change in the district employee salary schedule are among the items up for discussion Big Spring Independent School District trustees, who meet Thursday.

"We've finalized the contract this week (for the junior high reconstruction work)," said BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes. "James (McFarland, assistant business manager) will report on that to trustees

Thursday night." Earlier in the year, trustees approved a renovation project for portions of the junior high school, which suffered

damage from foundation failure.

In other business, trustees will consider approving an increase of the local increment over the state-base teacher's salary from \$2,000 to \$2,500 for a teacher with a bachelor's degree and \$2,500 to \$3,000 for a teacher who holds a master's degree.

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

Trustees will also con-

 Administrative procedures for planning and decision-making.

• The 2003-2004 Student Code of Conduct. The 2003-2004 Teacher

Appraisal Calendar. · Resignations, retirements and employments.



Big Spring High School Key Club Spirit Committee members Crystal Wingert, left, Katle Policky and Melody McDaniel model Steer sun-glasses. The club is selling the shades at \$10 each to help raise funds for the organization. For more information, call 267-

Shades of Steer spirit

Key Club members selling sunglasses for fund-raiser

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A Big Spring High School civic organization is hoping the community will show its Steer pride by wearing some special

shades.

Members of the high school Key Club are selling yellow-tinted sunglasses. Embossed on one of the lenses is the Steer name.

'Wear your Steer gear

and support our boys and girls," said senior Katie Policky, a 17-year-old Key Club member.

Each pair of sunglasses costs \$10 and money from

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today: NINFA GRAHAM, 41, of 1002 N. Main Apt. 52 was arrested Tuesday on three traffic warrants.

 BOBBY LEE EDMONDSON, 42, of Colorado City was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

• BILLY JOE EDMONDSON, 22, of Colorado City was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

 ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute Drive.

· MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 600 block of South Scurry Street, the 5700 block of Midway Road.

 MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.

• FIREWORKS was reported in the 1400 block of

South Nolan Street. DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 900 block of Golf Course Road, the 2200 block of South

• SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 1400 block of

Sycamore Street THEFT was reported:

- In the vicinity of Eighth and Runnels streets. Items worth \$6,000 were reported stolen from a church in the area.

-. In the 1900 block of North Highway 87. Audiovisual recordings worth \$198 and home electronic entertainment equipment worth \$928.60 were reported stolen.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1100 block of South Gregg Street. \$75 damage was reportedly inflicted on the building. \$2,500 cash was reported stolen. Police seized items as evidence in connection with the case.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street. A tan 2001 Mitsubishi reportedly sustained \$500 damage.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity over the weekend: • ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE: 2

ASSAULT: 1

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION: 5 • BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE: 2

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF: 3

• EVADING ARREST: 1

• SEXUAL ASSAULT: 1

• THEFT: 15 • VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER: 2

• INCIDENTS: 6

• ACCIDENTS: 3

- Major: 1 - Minor: 2

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

lowing recent activity: RUNAWAY was reported in the Coahoma area.

· GASOLINE DRIVE OFF was reported at H-E-B in Big Spring. A sheriff's deputy escorted the driver back to H-E-B, where the gas was paid for. No report was

 GOAT ON PORCH was reported in the 5700 block of Big Spring. Upon arrival, the goat attempted to escape, but deputies were able to capture it and return it to its owner.

 GRASS FIRE was reported in the 3500 block of West County Road 30.

 SHOTS FIRED TOWARD HOME was reported in the 1800 block of Old Colorado City Highway. Deputies met with the complainant and the parents of the juvenile suspects. A warning was issued.

Support groups

WEDNESDAY

☐ The Crossroads Group of Cocaine Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in the office building between Third and Fourth streets on the west side of Lancaster Street. For more information, call 466-3254.

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

☐ Fibromvalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8

Take note

□ ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

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

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

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

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

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon

every Thursday.

☐ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties

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☐ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

SATURDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m

☐ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

☐ The Military Support Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, or wish to support our troos, please join us. For more information,

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Light winds.

Thursday...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 10 Percent. Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70.

Friday...Clear. Highs in the mid 90s.

Saturday...Clear. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday...Clear. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s. Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the mid 90s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 6-12-15-23. Bonus Ball: 15.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$250,000.

Estimated jackpot for Friday's night drawing:

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-3-13-26-31. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$22,778.

Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-3-5

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TODAY

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

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

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Club, Driver Road. Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 203 W.

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

THURSDAY

Third St.

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

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

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

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

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

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

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn., Highway 87.

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

Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal and meeting to follow, corner of Goliad and First streets.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association, 11:30 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Sr. Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People 50 years old and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 Northwest Fourth. St.

DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47, 6:30 p.m., 610 Abrams.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

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

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m. All members please attend. For more information call Charlie Gray at 393-5715.

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"In my opinion, it might be unethical for a judge to decide the fate of a young person while interpreting a law he promoted," Jumper said. "I don't think that's ethical."

In addition, Jumper quoted statistics tallied in some California cities where daytime curfews are in place.

"They show that the day curfew does not impact the crime rate in any way," he said. "They do show that in some cases in a few counties it has created tension and eroded respect for law enforcement. We don't want that here."

Horton said she feels the responsibility for control and discipline of children should lie with the parents and schools, not with the police department.

BUDGET

\$12,003,357.

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fund spending estimate of

the general fund, because

it's tax-supported issues

and it's our primary

source of revenue," said

city Finance Director

Peggy Walker. "We're

looking at significant

increases across the

board in costs we can't

control. For the general

fund, this is a balanced

budget in that we're look-

ing at our total revenues

for next year to be slight-

ly more than \$12.3 mil-

The proposal doesn't

include any new large

projects, but the council

is still considering a bond

proposal for capital

from the budget proper.

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Most people think of

"I feel that we need to do something with these kids, with the energy they have," she said. "We need to divert it. There's youth centers. We don't have one. They're full of energy. We were full of energy too, but we had the power of the almighty switch. Now you use it and it's abuse. At one time, we could discipline our kids. They took prayer out of the school. That's one more thing gone. It seems like everything that's right for our kids is being taken away. I don't agree with this curfew."

Staulcup and McDonald both urged their fellow council members and the citizens present to continue to demand a solution to the problem the curfew was designed to combat: Juvenile crime.

Staulcup called for the formation of a citizens' committee to discuss possible alternatives to the

ed in the budget. The vot-

ers would have to vote

that in." Fugua said. "Of

course (in the budget) we

always have our mainte-

nance items at our water

plant and wastewater

plant and some of those

are very high-dollar, in

the hundreds of thou-

sands of dollars just on

the maintenance on some

of those facilities. Then

our seal coat program and

our water line replace-

ment program are still in

there. But I don't really

know of any new large

programs that are includ-

Walker said it's too

early to tell what tax

changes might be neces-

sary to implement the

"At this point we have

no idea. We did receive a

preliminary tax certifica-

tion from Keith Toomire,

and his office estimates

that the total taxable

ed.'

new budget.

curfew. Horton said she wouldn't support a committee as a means of keeping the

curfew issue alive.

"If you want to have a committee to talk this over, to look at it, involve the schools, see what they can do to change things and help our kids," she said. "Involve the churches, and involve the parents. That's the only problem I have with getting a committee. I think the committee should be involved with the school looking at what they can do with the truancy that they have now. I think the judge should look at other communities to see what they're doing. I think the city should look at activities to divert the energy of the children. Not just a committee to

look at the curfew." McEwen said he was proud of the council's responsiveness to public

declined by about \$11 mil-

lion," she said. "Of course

there are still certain

parcels that are being

Walker said she plans to

suggest adjusting the tax

rate so that the effective

tax rate remains the same

should the projected

decline in tax base occur.

"That's simply the rate

that would generate the

same tax revenue as the

previous year," she said.

"So there would be some

small increase in that tax

rate to generate that effec-

While the workshops

are open to the public,

Fuqua said they are not

intended as forums for

public input on the bud-

staff presents (the budget)

to the council," he said.

"It's up to the council

whether it wants to open

it up for public comment.

Public input is usually

"This is just where the

contested."

tiveness."

"This came up probably two months ago," he said. "At that point there was

some pretty vocal opposition to it.: We tabled it so that we could have a work session to discuss it. I think the city council members thought about it very diligently and tried to decide what was right and what was wrong. I think that's a good process. I know that every one of us, every single one of us, was not in a situation where it was absolutely cut and dried. There were good argu-

ments on both sides." McEwen said he favors the idea of forming a committee to discuss the juvenile crime issue further, but said that the committee should not be formed under the auspices of the city.

"We will be the catalyst. but I don't see it as being a city of Big Spring com-

brought in when it goes to

the council for official

approval. This is just a

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work session."

mittee," he said. "It's more of an ad hoc type committee that I envision."

In other business, the council:

Rezoned a portion of Jones Valley from "general residential" to "heavy industrial" to allow operation of an auto body shop. Approved a new traffic flow plan for the intersection of Randolph, Wright

and Simler. Rejected 5-2 a proposal to allow the West Texas Water Ski Club to lease a portion of Moss Creek Lake for \$200 a year. Council members offered the club lease for the rest of 2003 for \$2,000 instead, but ski club member Dr. Johnny Stanley asked the council to consider and vote on the original proposal. Council members

voted for the proposal. · Approved 6-1 a resolution opposing the Texas

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McDonald and Knox

plan for congressional redistricting and opposing any plan that would "dilute West Texas' representation in Congress." Council member Greg Biddison voted against the measure. The resolution was on the agenda as an emergency item, but for such items to pass with only one reading requires a unanimous vote. Since the vote was not unanimous, the item will be treated like an ordinary resolution with a second vote required at the next council meeting

House of Representatives

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before taking on her responsibilities Stuttgart. Her career has also taken her to the Northwest Arkansas Times, the New Smyrna

value for the city has

'I'm really excited to be

This is a wonderful community and I'm excited about having a chance to

children: a son, David, 26,

Scenic Mountain **Medical Center**

CEQ report to the community

Timothy E. Schmidt Chief Executive Officer

Dear Community Members:

The winds of change continue to blow through Big Spring following Covenant Health System's announcement that it will no longer operate the Malone & Hogan Clinic. This decision has left many unanswered questions, and I am often asked what will happen to the physicians in the group and the availability of primary care in Big Spring.

At Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC), we value our relationship with the physicians associated with the Malone & Hogan Clinic. We respect the bonds they have built with their patients over the years and our hospital has been the beneficiary of their hard work and dedication. Since Covenant's announcement, we've worked hard to convince them to stay, offering employment agreements to a number of physicians. We are pleased to report that the majority of the physicians will remain in Big Spring; some will become employees of Scenic Mountain Medical Group while others will open their own practices. All should remain in their current office locations.

Unfortunately, a handful of physicians have decided to pursue opportunities outside of Big Spring. While we are sad to see these fine physicians leave the community, their departure does not mean people will have to travel out of town for care. SMMC is excited to welcome several new physicians to our community and several more are on the way. In addition, we are actively recruiting physicians specializing in radiology, orthopedic surgery, cardiology and ear, nose

Despite these changes, SMMC is stronger than ever. During recent years, we have made substantial investments in the facility through important renovations and the purchase of new medical equipment, which allows us to offer the latest technological advances and specialty care right here at home. From our new emergency room to the addition of sophisticated diagnostic equipment and new specialty physicians to our medical staff, the quality of healthcare has never been better in Big Spring.

SMMC's contributions to Big Spring don't stop with the healthcare we offer. Last year, we provided more than \$6.1 million in uncompensated care to people who otherwise could not afford it. We also paid \$500,000 in property taxes funds that support community services and public schools. The hospital actively supports community organizations ranging from the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society to the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce's Health Task Force, and creates a powerful economic ripple effect felt throughout Howard County with our \$10.5 million annual payroll.

Our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for the people of the Permian Basin is as strong as it was when we first opened our doors in 1975. Scenic Mountain Medical Center's future has never been brighter, and we have never been more focused on meeting the needs of the people who matter most - our patients. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Schmidt Chief Executive Officer Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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Starkville Daily Leader.

here in Big Spring and getting the chance to work with the staff here at the Herald," Reed said. "The people of Big Spring have already begun to

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Beach (Fla.) Observer and make me feel at home. make it my home.'

> Reed has two grown who lives in Little Rock and a daughter, Leslie, 23, who lives in Denton.

KEY CLUB

Continued from Page 1A

the fund-raiser goes to support the club. The organization has a limited number of the

sunglasses left and mem-

 at the high school football games.

To purchase a pair contact Spirit Committee members Crystal Wingert

at 267-3017, Policky at 267-3800 or Melody McDaniel at 267-7646.

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

Ortega fund

A fund has been established Western at National Bank for those who would like to help the Ortega Family of Big Spring.

Monica Ortega has been going through dialysis due to kidney failure. A match has been found for a kidney transplant. However the family needs help covering medical expenses.

make a donation may do so from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the bank, 607, S. Scurry, or at the drive through from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Donations should be made to the account of Rudy Ortega Jr.

Anyone having any questions should contact Leonor Rios at WNB, 432 466-0000.

Shelhamer fund

A fund has been estab-Those who would like to lished for anyone who

would like to help defray medical expenses for Sandi Dusty and Shelhamer, whose son Hunter was born prematurely on June 30 and is in Covenant Children's Hospital in Lubbock. Sandi Shelhamer is a fifth grade teacher at Goliad. Dusty is a fireman and a guard at Alon USA.

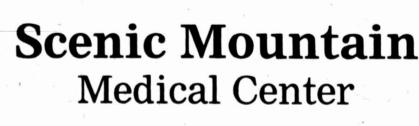
The fund has been set up in Hunter's name at Government the . **Employees Credit Union** on Gregg Street.

Notice to Patients

Covenant Medical Group and Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic regret to announce the resignation of Micheal Stephens, M.D., Family Practitioner effective July 31, 2003. Dr. Stephens will be relocating.

For continuation of care for adult patients, Dr. Manuel Carrasco is available at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. Dr. James Huston will also be available late summer upon his return from military reserve duty. Dr. Steve Ahmed and Dr. Jose Chavez are also available to continue the care of pediatric patients at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. These physicians plan to continue practicing in Big Spring.

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OUR VIEWS

Howard College will stay a real bargain despite increases

t seems like everyone loves a bargain these days. That's especially true for parents sending their children to college, and the same holds true for students paying their own way through school.

As a result, the decision by Howard College trustees to raise tuition and fees for the 2003 fall semester was not necessarily welcomed news Monday.

But for property owners in Howard County, however, the fact that the college's administration is proposing a budget that keeps tax rates at the current level was heartening.

It should be noted, though, that even with the college's tuition and fee hike — \$566 in tuition for students taking a 12-hour course load compared to \$487 a year ago — Howard College remains a tremendous bargain for a student's freshman and sophomore years.

Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks made that clear when she noted that a full-time student's tuition and fees at Howard College would be less than \$700 this fall, the projected tuition and fees for the same student would be about \$2,000 more at Texas Tech University.

The bottom line is that Howard College remains a tremendous opportunity for those in our community seeking higher education.

What's more, freshman students at Howard College won't find themselves seated in an English or history classroom with anywhere between 200 and 500 students like they would at many major universities.

Instead, they'll receive more individualized

instruction from a quality faculty.

And when one considers Howard College also boasts a quality campus life that includes athletic programs that year in and year out compete at the national level, there's little reason not to take advantage of the financial savings the school offers its students.

That, after all, is a real bargain.

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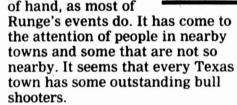
by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, brighten our dull spirits with your love. Renew our lives through your many blessings. Amen

at crazy guy Jim Runge is putting Eldorado on the map again. This time, it's an event called "Running of the Bull." No, it's not a copy of the running of the bulls

in Pamplona, Spain. Bull in this case is singular. "Eldorado has lots of bull shooters," says Runge, "so we thought we'd have a contest to see who can do it the best."

Obviously, it's a running of the mouths rather a running of the bulls. The thing has gotten out of hand, as most of



More than twenty categories have been established for competition. Some of these are the biggest lie contest, fastest talker, cowboy poetry, punning, personal stories, shaggy dog stories, parodies,

rhyming prose, tongue twisters and a special freestyle category.

No entry fee is required and winners will receive special trophies. It all takes place July 26 and 27

on Eldorado's court house square. The event has a website, ShootTheBull@hotmail.com. The phone number is 325-853-2434. The competition is open to anyone except those from France. Besides the tall tales, jokes and

mangled English (ala Norm Crosby), there will be arts, crafts and food vendors galore. Antique and classic cars will be on display and visitors can enjoy face painting, clowns, carnival games, a giant inflatable slide and a "Count The Bulls" contest in which contestants try to see how many bulls they can count on promotional signs in the area. One hitch to that: only signs in Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett, Menard and Tom Green Counties can be counted for the contest.

Running of the Bull has attracted some colorful folks.

Dennis Gaines of Kerrville says he didn't talk until he was almost six when he said "This hot chocolate is no good." When his mother asked him why he waited so long to talk, he replied, "Up until now, things have been just fine."

He was named the Cowboy Storyteller and humorist of the year by the Academy of Western Artists.

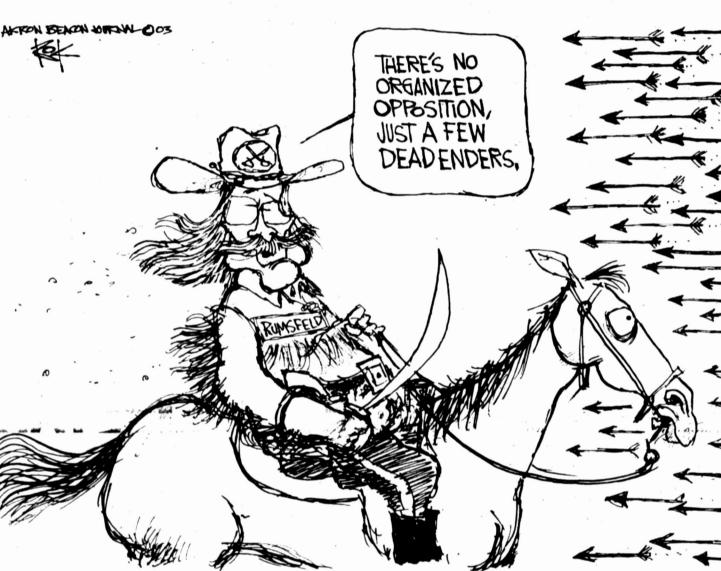
Jimmy Girvin of Arlington talks even during domino games and was once run out of town for talking too much.

Pam Gaddis of Alpine has the Trans-Pecos Dinosaur Obedience School and is a licensed freckle inspector.

Jim Collins of McKinney was born with a plastic spoon in his mouth and as a child loved to sit in front of a roaring fire. His daddy always got mad because the house had no fireplace.

The Running of the Bull comes on the heels of the Eldorado Elgotarod, an event for goats similar to Alaska's Iditarod. All these events are being presented by the Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee (the EOBOC) to shore up their credentials to host a future Olympics in Eldorado.

Attendees to this event should wear tall boots and raise their pants legs.



NAACP, stuck in a time warp

he NAACP is America's oldest civil rights organization, and for years stood as the moral conscience of the nation, fighting for the rights of black Americans to

equal treatment at the polling booth, in the schoolhouse, in the courts and in the marketplace. How sad, now, that this venerable institution has been turned into a caricature of its for-

mer self. Its leaders are stuck in a time warp, imagining they still live in a world of pick-ax-

wielding bigots and lynch mobs. NAACP chairman Julian Bond, a veteran of the civil rights movement and a former Georgia state legislator, has been reduced to ugly name-calling in order to attract media attention. At the NAACP convention meeting in Florida this week, Bond accused the Republican Party of 'appealing to the dark underside

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of American culture. . . . Their idea of reparations is to give war criminal Jefferson Davis a pardon. Their idea of equal rights is the American flag and the Confederate swastika flying side by side," he told a cheering crowd.

The group no longer has an agenda, other than to "uproot the bigger '(B)ush' in 2004," as Bond promised. But the putatively nonpartisan group may run into problems fulfilling that goal, given its declining status.

The NAACP has become so irrelevant that even Democratic presidential aspirants — none of whom could hope to be elected without winning 90 percent of black votes nationwide — can afford to boycott

the group's annual meeting. Senators Joe Lieberman and Dennis Kucinich and former Missouri congressman and House minority leader Dick Gephardt all had "other commitments" that prevented them from attending the convention.

Julian Bond may not recognize it, but racism is no longer the major problem facing American blacks. For the minority of black Americans -23 percent - who lived below the poverty line in 2001, discrimination isn't to blame.

What is? A list of likely culprits would surely include the collapse of the black family, the failure of the public schools and black-onblack crime.

National Center for Health statistics indicate that with two out of three black babies born to unwed mothers today, black children are far more likely to grow up poor than youngsters from any other group. And according to the Census Bureau, black children in single mother households are nearly five times more likely to live in poverty than are black children born to two-parent families; 47 percent of black youngsters under 18 who live in female-headed households are poor compared to only 10 percent who live with two parents. The problem of illegitimacy has plagued the black community for nearly 40 years, but goes unaddressed by the NAACP or any other major black organization.

Julian Bond did talk about education in his convention address. but most of what he said took the form of vicious attacks on both Gov. Jeb Bush's and President Bush's education reform efforts. "Gov. Jeb Bush's notion of school reform is going to send black children to reform school," Bond said of Florida's efforts to put an end to

promoting kids from grade to grade even if they haven't learned anything. So-called "social promotions" have resulted in schools graduating black high school seniors who — on average — read at the eighth-grade level.

Bond also talked about crime but his sympathies were directed exclusively to the criminals. He bemoaned the sorry fact that 12 percent of all black men between the ages of 20 and 34 are incarcerated, and the NAACP has made voting rights for felons one of its top legislative priorities in recent years. But what about the black victims on whom these criminals prey, the men and women who work hard everyday, only to be beaten, robbed, raped and murdered, not by Ku Klux Klansmen but by predators in their own communities? If the NAACP were truly concerned for the plight of black Americans, wouldn't it be pushing for more police and tougher sentences for violent offenders, not worrying about whether it can deliver more jailhouse votes to the Democratic

There is much work left to be done if the lives of America's poorest blacks are to improve — but the NAACP seems to have little interest in tackling the really tough issues. Instead, its leaders would rather blame racism and Republicans, and look to government to solve the problems of a community whose only hope is to heal itself.

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What's new at the library... with Hollis McCright

f you like the Calder series by Janet Daily, then author Joan Johnston will be right up your alley. She is a new author to the library and while her books are located in the Western section, I think any reader of romances will enjoy them. Titles

that we have received are: "The **Barefoot** "The Bride," Loner," "The Texan," "Comanche Woman," and

"Frontier

"Stark's Justice."

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Woman.' Additional Westerns are "The Surrogate Gun" by Jack Cummings, "The Lonely Grass" by Nelson Nye and James Reasoner's

I enjoy lighthearted mysteries and two authors that I have written about before are Robin Paige and Joanne Fluke. The library has just received Paige's "Death at Bishop's Keep." This book introduces the character Kathryn Ardleigh and Charles Sheridan. Fluke's protagonist is Hannah Swensen — a cookie baker extraordinaire, whose home is in snowy Minnesota. "Blueberry Muffin Murder" and "Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder" will whet your appetite for even more. so check out "Lemon Meringue Pie Murder!"

Louise Erdrich's "The Master Butchers Singing Club" is a powerfully told story of love, death, redemption, and resurrection. After German soldier Fidelis Waldvogel returns home from World War I to marry his best friend's pregnant widow, he packs up his father's butcher knives and sets sail for America. He settles in Argus, North Dakota, where he sets up a meat shop with his wife Eva. While most of this novel focuses on the changing landscape of small-town life as seen

through Delphine and Fidelis's eyes, Erdrich does a masterful job of illuminating hidden dramas through her secondary characters. Erdrich's portraval of these various townsfolk truly shows off her storytelling talent.

For more than five decades, Rona Jaffe has captivated readers with her "deft, irresistible storytelling" (Los Angeles Times). Now she takes us through a season of friendship, discovery, betrayal, and love to tell a story of four friends and the events that shaped their futures. "The Room-Mating Season" is the story of Leigh, Cady, Vanessa and Susan, who meet when they become roommates in a townhouse on Manhattan's Upper East Side. New York in 1963 is a place of magical enchantment and infinite possibilities, especially when you're young and eager for the adventure a big city offers. Leigh, Cady, Vanessa, and Susan could not know the decisions they made in 1963 would be challenged later, not because they were young when they made them, but because the world itself was going to change around them.

Lorna Landvik makes her contribution to the female-friends-sharinglife's-ups-and-downs genre with this saga of four suburban Minneapolis housewives who form a book discussion group and found a friendship that spans 30 years. "Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons" is the story of five women with dysfunctional and dramatic lives. It is sort of like the Divine Ya-Ya Sisters in Minnesota rather than Louisiana. Thrown together by a harsh winters, the women band together to weather the emotional upheavals such long-lasting friendships are bound to encounter. If you like friendship stories, then you will enjoy this one. What is more important,

who you are now or who you were then?

Other great fiction we have received: "A Piece of Heaven" by Barbra Samuel; James Patterson's "Jester" takes place during the first Crusades; "Thief of Words" by John Jaffe; "A Winter Marriage" by Kerry Hardie — this is an Irish story of marriage and love; and Lee Child's "Persuader" — a Jack Reacher novel; a spine tingler — "The Protector" by David Morrell. I hesitate to call these romances or love stories but guess that is what they are: Judith McNaughton's "Someone to Watch Over Me" and

Elizabeth Lowell's "This Time Love" are two good summer-time, on the beach, reads. "The Center of Everything" by Laura Moriarty is the story of Tina, who is trying to survive her mother in Kansas.

Even more new fiction: "Good Hope Road" by Lisa Wingate; "Plain Language" by Barbara Wrigley; Richard S. Wheeler's "Buffalo Commons;" "The Boy on the Bus" by Deborah Schupack; "Like a Knife" by Annie Solomon; and "Tropic Night" by Michael Gruber.

Three new biographies just received are: "Horton Foote: A

Literary Biography" by Charles S. Watson. Foote was the adaptor for the screenplay "To Kill a Mockingbird" and is a master playwright and novelist. He is a great Texas writer.

"Mary, Queen of Scots and the Murder of Lord Darnley" proves that anyone can choose a bad spouse.

Written by Alison Weir, this is the story of a doomed attempt to become Queen of England. John Eisenhower knew that someday he would write about his father. That day has come. "General Ike" is a series of portraits of his relationships with soldiers and statesmen from MacArthur to Patton to Montgomery to Churchill and DeGaulle. All of these books may be found either in the Biography section or on the New Book Shelf.

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- 8 egg yolks 1 teaspoon dry ground gin-
- 1/3 cup brandy 1 cup apple juice
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup sugar 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup fresh or frozen berries (such as raspberries,

Place the egg yolks, ginger, brandy, apple juice, brown sugar, sugar and vanilla in a metal mixing thickened and increased bowl and whisk until smooth. Place over sim-This airy dish would be mering water in a saucepan. Do not allow the water to touch the bottom of the bowl.

> Whisk the sabayon minutes or until thick. The sabayon should look like very softly whipped cream and should coat the back of a spoon. Place a quarter cup of berries in each of 4 large wineglasses and pour the sabayon over the berries. dividing it equally. Serve

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U.S. troops kill Saddam's sons in raid on luxury hor

By John Daniszewski Los Angeles Times

MOSUL, Iraq — Acting on a tip from an Iraqi informant, U.S. forces backed by rocket-firing helicopters stormed a luxury home on the outskirts of this northern city Tuesday. After a six-hour operation they removed the bodies of two of the most hated and feared men in Iraq: Saddam Hussein's two sons Odai and Qusai.

Two other Iraqis were killed in the assault. Residents of the neighborhood said they were a bodyguard and a teenager, believed to be Qusai's

U.S. officials said they were still unsure of the pair's identity. But Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the American commander in Baghdad, said they were about Saddam's sure sons.

"We are certain that Qusai and Odai were killed today," Sanchez said at a news conference. "The bodies were in such a condition where you could identify them."

The two brothers ranked second only to their father in the deposed regime and shared his reputation for the brutal exercise of power. They were Nos. 2 and 3 on the list of most wanted Iraqis compiled by the U.S. military. In recent weeks, Pentagon offered \$15 million for information leading to the capture of each brother.

The deaths of Odai, 39, and Qusai, 37, mark a strong blow to the morale

through motions;

Lawmakers go

anticipate new

special session

Republicans with high

hopes of taking over the

Texas delegation in the

U.S. House seem to be

giving up hope on

redrawing congressional

lines — at least for the

seven days remaining in

the current special leg-

vote

needed to debate the

issue would likely not be

achieved this session, no

matter what variation of

"I am not optimistic at

this point that something

will happen" this ses-

sion, said Sen. Robert

Duncan, chairman of the

Senate Jurisprudence

Committee, charged with

drafting a map for the

Still, the committee is

forging ahead with its

selection of a map that

would put more Texas

Republicans in Washing-

The push to redistrict

could get new life if GOP

Gov. Rick Perry decides

to call yet another special

session on the matter, as

Perry continues to say

"If not, then obviously

it is an option to immedi-

ately call another session

to address this issue,"

Perry said. "This is an

important issue to the

leadership and, I think,

to the people of the

he would like to get the

job done in this session.

is widely expected.

Senate to consider.

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AUSTIN (AP)

U.S. soldiers stand guard in front of a bombed-out house in Mosul, Iraq, where the two sons of Saddam Hussein were killed in a firefight with troops from the 101st Airborne Division.

of fighters from the former regime still resisting the American-led occupation, U.S. defense officials said. The resistance movement has been fueled in part by rumors that Saddam and his sons were alive and directing the battle.

News of the killings spread rapidly across Iraq. Red, white and green tracers were visible across the moonless Baghdad skyline as many residents went to their rooftops or yards to fire automatic weapons in celebration. But some members of the public vowed that the death of the pair would not end the resistance to the U.S.-led occupation here.

In Washington, L. Paul Bremer, the top U.S. civil-

PROPOSITION 1

(HJR 68, Section 1)

HJR 68. Section I would authorize the

Veterans' Land Board to use excess

receipts in the Veterans' Land and

Veterans' Housing Assistance funds for

payment of revenue bonds, and use excess

assets in those funds to provide veterans

The proposed amendment will appear on

the ballot as tollows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the Veterans'

Land Board to use assets in certain vet-

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tance funds to provide veterans homes

for the aged or infirm and to make prin-

cipal, interest, and bond enhancement

PROPOSITION 2

(HJR 51)

HJR 51 would expand from six months to

two years the period in which the former

owner of a mineral interest that was sold.

for unpaid property taxes may buy back the

The proposed amendment will appear on

the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment to establish a two-year peri-

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PROPOSITION 3

(HJR 55)

HJR 55 would authorize the legislature to

exempt from taxation land owned by a reli-

gious organization that is leased for use as

a school or that will be used to expand or

construct a place of religious worship that

The proposition will appear on the ballot as

follows: "The constitutional amendment

to authorize the legislature to exempt

from ad valorem taxation property

owned by a religious organization that is

leased for use as a school or that is

owned with the intent of expanding or

PROPOSITION 4

(SJR 30)

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certain parks and recreation facilities.

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legaslature to allow local elections for the

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yields no revenue.

payments on revenue bonds."

ian administrator for Iraq, told reporters during a visit to Capitol Hill: "It's a great day for the Iraqi people and a great day for the American military, who showed their astounding professionalism in this operation."

President Bush "was pleased to hear the news," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. "Odai and Qusai were two leaders of a very brutal regime and this is further assurance to the people of Iraq that the regime is gone and will not be back.'

address the nation from the White House Wednesday morning on the progress of operations

As pieced together from had

The proposition will appear on the ballot as

tollows: "The constitutional amend-

ment relating to the provision of parks

and recreational facilities by certain con-

PROPOSITION 5

SJR 25 would authorize the legislature to

exempt from all property taxes certain tan-

gible personal property, which could

include a travel trailer not substantially

affixed to real estate and not used as a resi-

The proposed amendment will appear on

the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment to authorize the legislature

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PROPOSITION 6

(HJR 23)

TUR 23 would authorize a qualified home-

owner to refinance a home equity loan with

The proposition will appear on the ballot as

follows: "The constitutional amendment

permitting refinancing of a home equity

PROPOSITION 7

(HJR 44)

HJR 44 would reduce the number of per-

sons who make up the jury in a district

court crimina: misdemeanor case from

The proposed amendment will appear on

the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment to permit a six-person jury

PROPOSITION 8

(HJR 62)

HJR 62 would authorize the legislature to

to qualify in an election for that office and

the election is required by the Texas

Constitution. This proposition applies to

state and local political subdivisions,

whereas Proposition 18 applies only to

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to permit a person to take office without

an election if the person is the only cau-

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HJR 68. Section 2 would redefine the com-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED

SPECIAL ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

witnesses and military spokesmen in Mosul, Tuesday's action began before 9 a.m. when troops of the 101st Airborne Division surrounded the imposing columned house of wealthy businessman Nawaf Zaidan, claimed kinship Saddam and reputedly had been involved in business dealings with

the two sons. According to Brig. Gen. Frank Helmick, deputy commander of the 101st Airborne, said the division had received "actionable intelligence" the Bush is scheduled to night before that "highranking members of the former government" were using the home. In Baghdad, Sanchez said

that an unidentified Iraqi approached U.S.

position of the permanent and available shoot funds by requiring during the next two fiscal years, and authorizing thereafter, annual distributions to the available school fund of a percentage of any increase in the value of the permanent school fund's total investment assets The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income

PROPOSITION 10

and appreciation of the permanent

(HJR 61)

HJR 61 would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment. supplies, or materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would be authorized to distribute based on need the equipment to

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments.

> PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 85)

HJR 85 would authorize the legislature to regulate the operation of wineries in Texas, regardless of whether a winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has been authorized by local option election.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "A constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state.'

> **PROPOSITION 12** (HJR 3)

HJR 3 would immediately authorize the Legislature to limit non-economic damages assessed against a provider of medical or health care and, after January 1, 2005, to limit awards in all other types of cases.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages."

> **PROPOSITION 13** (HJR 16)

HJR 16 would authorize a county, city, town, and junior college district to freeze property takes on a residential homestead of a person who is disabled or aged 65 or

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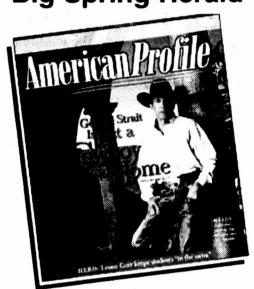
tion.

A witness at the scene said soldiers took Zaidan into custody, and put him in an Army vehicle near the house with his hands bound in plastic cuffs. According to the witness. Zaidan was heard urging the soldiers not to search

forces with the informa- the house because they would meet fierce resistance.

> While the discussion was taking place, gunfire erupted from the house directed at the soldiers. The small-arms fire began from the roof, and then came from the rest of the building.

In Sunday's **Big Spring Herald**



George Strait puts it all in perspective

Country music's George Strait is a true superstar, but the singer says that it is the time he spends on horseback at his Texas ranch that truly puts his life in perspective. Plus, delicious shrimp dip and weight loss for health.



notes or borrow money to find highway improvement projects. The terms of the notes or loans may not exceed two years. The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportationrelated projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund."

> PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would prohibit a local retirement system and the political subdivision that finances the retirement system from reducing or otherwise impairing certain accrued benefits under the local retirement system.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The Constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or

> PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 42)

SJR 42 would amend the Texas Constitution to allow home equity lines of credit and allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans."

> PROPOSITION 17 (HJR 21)

HJR 21 would prohibit an increase in school property taxes on residence home steads of disabled persons

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person."

> **PROPOSITION 18** (HJR 59)

HJR 59 would authorize the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office and the election is required by the Texas Constitution. This proposition applies only to local political subdivisions, whereas Proposition 8 applies to state and local political subdivi-

The proposed amendment will appear on the bulks as follows: "The constitutional endment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without un election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office,"

> PROPOSITION 19 (SJR 45)

authority to create rural fire prevention dis trictis Sinfective September 4, 2003, all existing rural fire prevention districts will convert to emergency services districts.

the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts.'

> PROPOSITION 20 (SJR 55)

SJR 55 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$250 million that will be used to provide loans for economic development projects that benefit defense-related communities in Texas.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military

> **PROPOSITION 21** (SJR 19)

SJR 19 would authorize current and retired faculty members of a public institution of higher education to receive compensation for service as a member of the governing body of a water district.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district."

> **PROPOSITION 22** (HJR 84)

HJR 84 would authorize the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to serve on behalf of a state, district, or local public officer who is called into active military duty for longer than 30 days.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed

Estos son los informes explanatorios sobre las enmiendas propuestas a la constitución que aparecerán en la boleta el 13 de septiembre de 2003. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obetener una gratis liamando al 1/800/252/8683 o escribiendo al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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every week day A copy of each child's birth certificate and report card will be needed at the time of registration. The cost for football is \$75 per person.

For more information, call 268-9634.

Rose Magers-Powell volleyball camp set

The Rose Magers-Powell Volleyball Powell Camp begisn today at Steer Gym.

Registration forms available Athletic Supply and atthe BSHS Athletic Training Center.

Camp times for players in the seventh through ninth grades will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Players in grades 10-12 will attend from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The cost is \$85 per camper.

For more information, call 263-4847.

Area players sought

for all-star game Several positions on the 2003 All Americas Basketball squad are available to area, seniors interested in participating in the event.

Area boys and girls, who graduated this past year, are eligible to compete in the con-

For more information, contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336.

WTGSC to hold 100hole golf marathon

The West Texas Girl Scout Council will be holding a golf marathon on Aug. 4 in Sweetwater.

Golfers participating in the event will play 100 holes of golf during the one-day event. All participants will have their own cart, and play at their own speed using modified rules.

ited to 40 golfers. For more information or to register contact, Shirley Olson at (325) 670-0432.

The field will be lim-

All Americas Open

slated for today The All Americas Open, which is open to the general public, is scheduled today, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course in Big Spring.

For more information contact Tommy Wells at 816-6336.

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N BRIEF Waco police continue search for body

for a missing Baylor basketball player, Waco police say they expect to find his body based on information from his former teammate, who is now charged with murder.

Investigators, some on horseback, searched river banks and a gravel pit Tuesday for Patrick Dennehy's body. Teams were to resume their search later Wednesday, said police spokeswoman Sharon Holt.

Rvan Holt said.

Dennehy's mother and stepfather reportedly were in Waco Wednesday specific to talk with investigators. Valorie and Brian Brabazon told Dallas-Fort Worth television station WFAA they will also collect Dennehy's belongings from the player's apart-

Former roommate Carlton Dotson, 21, was "There is always the with murder after he con-

WACO (AP) - Despite a that we find Mr. he shot Dennehy in the Dotson told someone he land, said he was hearing day of fruitless searching Dennehy, mostly for his head "because Patrick family and then for the had tried to shoot him," criminal case," police Sgt. according to an arrest warrant released Tuesday.

"Mr. Dotson provided information about the murder of Mr. Dennehy that would lead us to believe he committed the murder," Holt said, declining to release more details.

Dennehy, 21, was last seen on campus on June 12; his family reported him missing on June 19. charged Monday night The next day, Waco police said Delaware police told hope, very sincere hope, fessed to FBI agents that them an informant said his hometown in Mary-

shot Dennehy in the head after the two argued.

Dotson was seen "during 12 in Sulphur Springs, the hometown of estranged wife, driving Dennehy's Chevrolet Tahoe, and told someone he planned to go to Maryland, the warrant said.

Dennehy's Tahoe was found abandoned, without license plates, in a Virginia Beach, Va., mall parking lot June 25.

On Sunday, Dotson contacted authorities near

voices and later, after being taken to a hospital, asked to speak with FBI the late evening" on June agents about Dennehy's disappearance, authorities said.

Dotson attorney Grady Irvin said Tuesday afternoon that he had not spoken to his client since his arrest.

"I don't think he's in a mental state right now to be speaking to anyone in any lucid fashion," Irvin said.

Irvin said he would examine the arrest warrant and see if any com-See BAYLOR, Page 2B

Astros stymie Pirates

PITTSBURGH (AP) -In one night, the Pittsburgh Pirates managed to help two NL Central contenders improve their chances of winning the division.

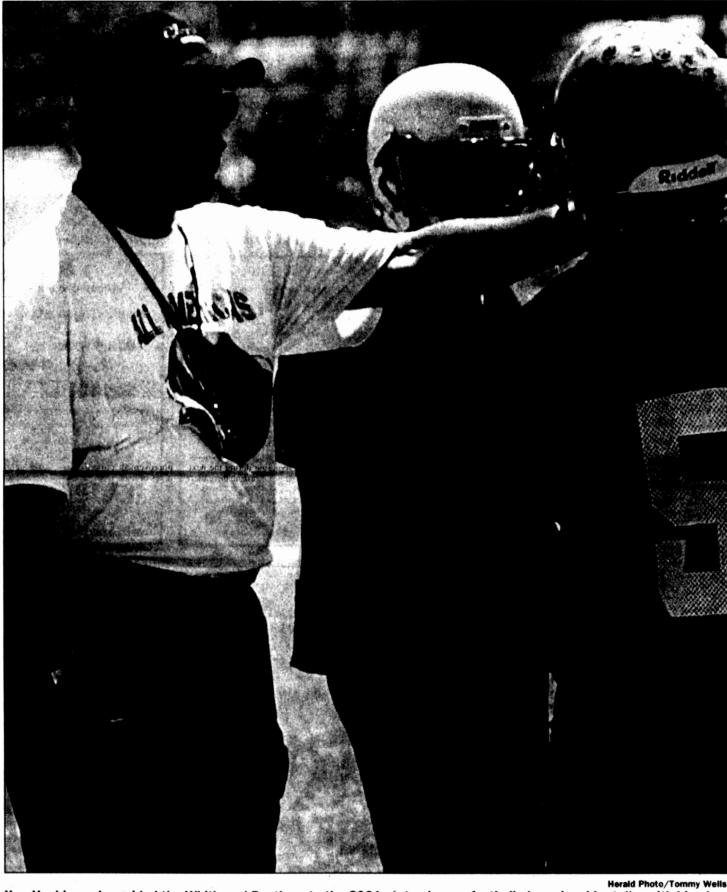
First, they put up little resistance as Astros rookie left-hander Jeriome Robertson shut them out for 7 1-3 innings during division-leading Houston's 2-0 victory Tuesday.

Afterward, the Pirates dealt their top run producer, third baseman Aramis Ramirez, and starting center fielder Kenny Lofton to the contending Cubs for strikeout-prone infielder Jose Hernandez and two minor leaguers.

No wonder Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon must have felt like he had lost twice in the same evening without playing a doubleheader. Not only did his team lose a game, the trade weakens McClendon's everyday lineup and signals the Pirates have all but given up on winning in the short term.

McClendon couldn't explain how his team went down weakly against Robertson (10-3). But he tried to defend a trade that was made mostly so the money-losing Pirates could dump Ramirez's \$6 million salary in 2004.

"I don't think people quite understand what See ASTROS, Page 3B



Ken Hoskins, who guided the Whitharral Panthers to the 2001 state six-man football championship, talks with his players during Tuesday's afternoon practice for the All Americas Bowl. Hoskins, who was recently hired as the new head coach at Garden City, will lead Texas against the Nations at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

In one magic moment, Armstrong saved his Tour de France hopes

PAU, France (AP) -There are rare, inspiring moments in sports when the magic all comes together. Cycling superstar Lance Armstrong conjured his up on a mountain in Pyrenees.

In a feat to match Michael Jordan's championship-winning basket that sunk the Utah Jazz in 1998 or Pete Sampras' comeback win at the 2002 U.S. Open, Armstrong saved his chances of capturing a record-tying fifth Tour de France on a mistshrouded 8.3-mile stretch of road.

It's a fact of life for Armstrong that his sport cannot match basketball or tennis for popularity in his native America — and he still may lose this year's Tour. But in that exhausting climb to the Pyrenean ski station of Luz-Ardiden, Armstrong the true champion shone

through.

The two weeks that led to his victory were as torturous as the ascent itself.

Armstrong, a 31-year-old Texan steeled by his winning battle against cancer, has had a troubled Tour. Instead of dominating the three-week slog around France, he's struggled with illness, crashes, team and equipment problems and legs that lacked their usual vigor.

The Tour is perhaps sport's most grueling event; it preys on problems like those. As the miles rolled Armstrong's challengers have closed in. For four years, they had ridden in his dust. Now, they sensed he might be ready to fall.

Closest was Jan Ullrich. a 29-year-old German who won the Tour in 1997 and twice finished runner-up to the Armstrong in 2000 and 2001. Just 15 seconds

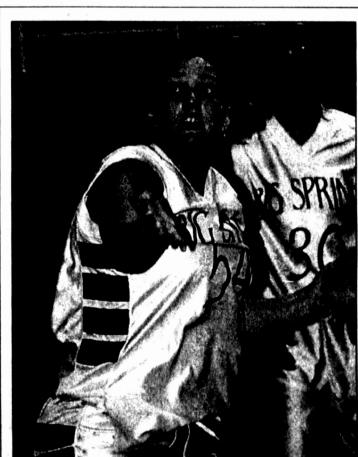
behind the Texan overall. Ullrich was gaining momentum. Armstrong, meanwhile, was talking about losing.

On Sunday, the day before the 98.9-mile stage to Luz-Ardiden, Armstrong said he'd go home and have a cold beer if defeated. "I'm not going to cry and whine," he said.

The next morning's start in the picturesque town of Bagneres-de-Bigorre was clear and hot bad for Armstrong, who has struggled in the heat wave that has gripped this year's Tour. But up high, mist cooled the mountains. It was there that the day's dramas would play out.

That morning, Armstrong also awoke feeling better than he had for a while. "He said: 'I think I'm back," said his sporting director, Bruyneel.

See TOUR, Page 3B



Big Spring's Ashley Smith and Courtney Brock will begin practice for the 2003 All Americas basketball game Thursday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The two BSHS stars will practice from 2-4 p.m. The girls' allstar game will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The boys, who begin practice Thursday, are set to plan Friday night at 7:30 pm.

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Sports Briefs

Father says coach helped with education

DALLAS (AP) Patrick Dennehy's father claims a Baylor coach helped arrange to pay for the missing basketball player's education and living expenses when the player agreed to give up his scholarship to another player last year.

Patrick Dennehy Sr. said in a story in the online edition of The Dallas Morning News Tuesday night that his son told him a coach promised to "take care of" him after he transferred last summer from New Mexico to Baylor.

Baylor athletic officials disputed the claim. Such extra benefits could be a potential violation of NCAA rules.

"Our coaches claim that the story is false," said Baylor spokesman Scott Stricklin, who said coach Dave Bliss and his staff wouldn't comment.

Stricklin told the newspaper the school was aware of the allegations before Tuesday and had begun an inquiry independent of the athletic department.

Grieve to have surgery, will be out for season

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Tampa Bay Devil Rays designated hitter Ben Grieve will miss the "the solo because of surgery in remove a

to take place next week, is part of a program to treat a small blood clot in his upper right arm. He is expected to be ready for spring training.

Dadlas on Tuesday He was hospitalized last Friday after tests found the blood clot.

"He's got some impinge-

ment in the vein that has the clot, and maybe some impingement in his artery," Devil Rays head trainer Ken Crenshaw said, add9int that Pearl "wants to do a nerve test to make sure the nerve is not impinged."

After being released St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg on Sunday, Grieve flew to Dallas on Monday.

Mote hopes Cheyenne ride will reignite career

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) A defending world champion and a seventime titleholder bolted to the top of the leaderboard at the 107th Cheyenne Frontier Days rodeo on Tuesday.

Bobby Mote, the 2002 bareback king, and Clay O'Brien Cooper, a seventime world champion team roper, were among the top performers as the first round of the \$1 million "Daddy of 'Em All" drew to a close.

Mote scored 86 points on a horse named Beaver Dam to earn \$5,206.

The 27-year-old cowboy from Redmond, Ore., started 2003 with a win at Denver, then suffered a broken collarbone, separated shoulder and sprained neck at Houston in March. He returned to action six weeks ago but has struggled Tuesday.

Lions agree to terms with Redding, 2 others

ALLEN PARK, Mich. The Detroit Lions said Tuesday they agreed to terms on 3-year contracts with defensive tackle Cory Redding, defensive back Blue

Travis Anglin. No other terms were released for the players, who were all selections in the 2003 NFL draft.

The 6-foot-4, 285-pound Redding was selected in the third round. During his four-year career at Texas, he played in every game, recording 201 tackles and 21 sacks.

Adams, at 5-9 and 182 pounds, was drafted by the Lions in the seventh round. He completed his career at Cincinnati with 129 tackles as a cornerback.

At 6-foot-4, 192 pounds, Anglin also was drafted in the seventh round. In his senior year at Memphis, he had 55 catches for 740 yards after spending his first three seasons as a quarterback.

Report: Horry reaches agreement with Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) agent forward Robert Horry has reached a verbal agreement for a one-year contract with the San Antonio Spurs plus a club option for a second year, according to a Houston television sta-

Horry, who turns 33 in August, may sign a contract with the defending NBA champions on Wednesday,

Spurs spokesman Tom James didn't immediately return a message left by The Associated Press.

O's close out best homestand in five years with rout of Texas

Camden Yards with a sixgame winning streak that their lengthy rebuilding venture is finally bearing fruit.

When the Orioles return home on Aug. 1 — one day after the end of the non-waiver trade deadline

the team just might look.

The Orioles closed out their most successful homestand in five years by beating the Texas Rangers 12-6 on Tuesday. As they packed their bags for a two-day trip to New York to face the Yankees. none of the players could be certain if they would return for Baltimore's next home game.

It's hard to predict what deals the Orioles (47-50) will make in the days ahead, but for now, it appears the team is finally heading in the right direction.

"Who knows how far we can go this year at this point?" second baseman Brian Roberts said. You're just trying to build for the future. Whether that's in a month or a year from now, you just try and continue and

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The Baltimore Orioles left progress. I think that's what we're doing."

Jay Gibbons homered seemed to indicate that and drove in four runs, and Robert Machado also homered for the Orioles, on their longest streak since winning six in a row in June 2000.

Baltimore finished 7-2 against Texas this year. The Orioles, who swept have an entirely different the defending champion Angels after the All-Star break, went 6-0 on a homestand for the first time since 1998.

> "Baltimore is playing well," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "It revolves around their pitching, but that's no surprise to anybody."

Hank Blalock and Einar Diaz homered, and Alex Rodriguez had four hits Thomson (7-10).

BALTIMORE (AP) - move forward and make for the Rangers, who have lost seven of nine.

Rafael Palmeiro played in his 1,512th game with Texas, matching the Rangers' record set by Jim Sundberg. The former Oriole went 1-for-5 and ended an 0-for-14 skid.

Baltimore led 7-5 in the seventh before Gibbons hit a three-run shot off Ron Mahay, who hadn't permitted a run in eight appearances since being recalled from the minors. It was Gibbons' 15th homer.

Machado homered off Mahay in the eighth, and Conine added an RBI double to make it 12-5.

Down 3-2, the Orioles took the lead for good in the fourth against John

Reports: Rockets forward accepts 4-year deal with Grizzlies

HOUSTON (AP) - is pleased with it. **Houston Rockets forward** James Posey has agreed to a four-year deal with the Memphis Grizzlies, according to broadcast financial details. "It was reports Tuesday.

Houston stations KRIV-TV and KILT radio reported Posey has not signed the offer but has

"I think I made the best decision for myself and for my future," Posey said while not disclosing more than what the Rockets put on the table."

The Rockets have 15 days to match the Memphis

approved it verbally and Posey signs it. **MURPHY USA** Located in the Wal-Mart SuperCenter parking lot Best Cigarette Pack Prices in Town!! Mariboro Virginia Slim

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Continued from Page 1B ments that Dotson made in recent weeks were

included. "If it is, there is a significant likelihood that his competency to make those statements are in question," he said.

Dotson was ordered held without bond in Maryland on Tuesday. An extradition hearing was set for within 30 days after the defense refused to allow Dotson's transfer to Texas.

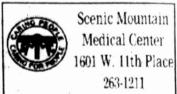
Dotson and Dennehy were on the basketball team at the Baptist-affiliated university last season. Dotson recently lost his scholarship and was not planning to return to Baylor in the fall.

Melissa Kethley, Dotson's estranged wife, said she does not believe he killed Dennehy.

"I've known that he's psychological needed help for a very long time," Kethley said, crying, during a telephone interview. "He needs help; the boy needs help. ... Maybe, if he did do this, it's a blessing in disguise, and he can get the

help he needs." In a brief statement Tuesday, Baylor basketball coach Dave Bliss said the team and university

were shaken. "We keep hoping this isn't true. It seems unreal, especially that a 21year-old who always wore that big smile and couldn't wait for the season to begin might be gone," Bliss said



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Sands running back Nate Looney attempts to fight off the arms of a tackler during the first day of practice for the All Americas Bowl. The Texas team practices from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily behind the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Rockets' Ming breaks bone above left eye during practice for exhibition

Houston Rockets center Yao Ming broke a bone above his left eye when he collided with another player while practicing for the Chinese national team earlier this week.

Yao received eight stitches above the eye and is expected to miss at least several of the national team's five exhibition games against a traveling NBA All-Star

official told the official Xinhua News Agency on Wednesday.

News photos showed the 7-foot-6 Yao with a bloodied bandage on his left eyebrow after the collision Monday. It is expected to take Yao about a week to recover.

Yao is a member of both the NBA All-Star team and China's national team, but was to play for Chinese the Chinese squad in this

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Basketball Association exhibition. The first is scheduled for Wednesday night in the northeastern city of Qinhuangdao.

> Yao, one of the first Chinese players in the NBA, was the No. 1 draft pick last year. He was runner-up to Phoenix's Amare Stoudemire for the NBA Rookie of the Year award this past season after averaging 13.5 points and 8.2 rebounds a game.

ASTROS

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we're trying to do," McClendon said. "We're trying to get better. Sometimes you have to take a step backward to get better.'

They took two steps backward Tuesday as the Robertson and two relievers combined to pitch Houston's fourth shutout of the season. Morgan Ensberg homered and Robertson, won his ninth straight decision by helping himself with an RBI single.

Houston, the NL Central leader, had lost four straight in Pittsburgh but has won six of seven and 11 of 13 overall. They're winning at even a higher rate when Robertson takes the mound.

"To me, that was the best game he's pitched," manager Jimy Williams said of his rookie left-han-

der. "He changed speeds well, he threw his breaking ball. He just likes to pitch and he believes in himself. Once you have some success, it makes you feel good .'

Robertson must have felt pretty good about facing the Pirates, retiring 16 of 17 batters until pinch-hitter Adam Hyzdu singled with one out in the eighth.

Brad Lidge came on to get Kenny Lofton to line into a double play on the only pitch he threw, and Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 29th save in 32 chances. Wagner has converted his last seven save opportunities and finished each

Houston's last five wins. Robertson kept his winning streak going and ended Jason Kendall's 23game hitting streak as the catcher went 0-for-4. Kendall was within four games of matching Jimmy Williams' 104-

not be disappointed.

able.

powered into the climb,

legs whirring, probing to

see who would crack first.

Then came the unimagin-

As he was starting to

pull away, skirting the

crowd about 5.9 miles

Armstrong's right handle-

bar caught a spectator's

outstretched bag, toppling

him. Iban Mayo of Spain

hit Armstrong and fell,

too. Ullrich, however,

swerved to avoid them,

raced

the

year-old Pirates record of hitting in 27 consecutive games.

Pirates starter Salomon Torres (5-3) held the Astros to two runs and six hits over six innings in a spot start, but that wasn't enough to keep up with Robertson.

Torres, who started so right-hander Kris Benson could rest his sore right shoulder, got into trouble when Lance Berkman and Richard Hidalgo singled to start the second. With two outs, Robertson singled with two outs for his second RBI of the season.

"That was very hitterish right there," Ensberg said. "Torres is throwing his sinker 93 mph and he stayed back with the pitch and took the ball the other way, just like we're trying to do."

Ensberg, moved from seventh to second in the batting order, led off the third with his 19th homer.

Luz-Ardiden, the huge happened. Ullrich, perhaps recalling crowd lining the route was growing frenzied in Armstrong had waited for anticipation. They would him when he crashed in the 2001, slowed while the Armstrong and Ullrich Texan picked himself up,

remounted and rejoined the race. "Ullrich showed incredible fair play," said Stephen Roche, the 1987 Tour winner. "Both of them showed they are

true champions." Armstrong almost fell again moments later when his right foot slipped from his pedal. But from there, he never looked back.

Powered by the adrenaline of the crash, he overtook Ullrich and Mayo and raced to the summit, finishing first, then slumped exhausted over his handlebars.

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TOUR

Ullrich first powered away from Armstrong on the climb to the Col du Tourmalet, a pass at 9,976feet. The Texan, saving himself for the Luz-Ardiden ascent coming 12 miles later, let him get away, sensing Ullrich was making his move too

soon. "I said 'OK, if you're going to ride like that all day then he can win the Tour de France because I continue,"

Armstrong later recalled. By the top of the 10.6mile climb, Armstrong had closed the gap. He and Ullrich crossed the pass and sped down the descent together.

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the center of your world. Bosses and clients want royal treatment (and will pay for it). Generally, it's time for everyone to shine like a superstar.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What used to satisfy you is now not as important, and things that never were important are now interesting to you. You've come a long way, baby. At work, you'll experience roadblocks and get a chance to catch your breath.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Other people feel more vital when they struggle, but not you. Is it so wrong to want your path to be made easier? Doing what you love is one way to work day and night and still be rejuvenated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). How you start the day will be crucial. Give yourself a relaxed morning with plenty of time to reflect. By 3 o'clock, there will be an additional 10 things added to your todo list.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It seems that life is forcing you forward, but really, it's you who's got that drive burning inside you. You may have to go to extra lengths to collect your prize but it's worth it. Accept a Virgo's help.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fresh ideas and foresight are the two qualities you need to be successful. Dates tonight will be tuned into how well you take care of yourself. This sends a signal that makes others want to

treat you well. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 23): You explore your star quality this year and get recognition for being a true original. The next six weeks will show you what you're really good at. In August, it pays big to acquire new job skills and education. but set a sensible learning pace. Hot signs to connect with are Scorpio and Libra. A hunch could spark a new career direction at the first of the year. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 9, 44, 20 and

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With your killer smile, you get exactly what you ask for. Enlarging your circle will bring a powerful friend into your midst.

Someone mild mannered and perhaps even meek is going to blossom into a big player in the next five years.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's transformation now if you're willing to get rid of old baggage. It's not what you do but the measure of style you use to do it that matters now. Be a planner and not a victim of circumstance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Take comfort in the fact that your significant one is crazy about you and in fact can barely function if all is not right with your union. Even your smallest gesture of acknowledgment makes a difference in this person's mood.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). At work, you'll get the feeling that someone powerful is controlling matters from the sidelines, which may be true. But that doesn't mean you can't take control of your own destiny.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). For big luck today: First, don't talk to strangers, and second, the redefine "stranger." If you have a common interest with someone, that person is really not a stranger. Revise your financial plan tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20) Feb. 18). For every road: block on your career jour ney, there is a remedy that involves being open to new ideas. Luckily; this is your specialty; Your most creative ideas are brilliantly illogical. A Taurus flirts but doesn't mean it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Chances are that you won't get a proper introduction, so go ahead and introduce yourself. Better yet, volunteer to be on the greeting committee. Financial moves are scary. Good things come to those who initiate the deal.

CELEBRITY PRO-FILES: Though born on the cusp of Leo and Cancer, Monica Lewinsky is a Leo. While others in the same boat would have dropped into obscurity, Lewinsky uses name recognition as à springboard to various lines of work. I predict she'll start a dozen companies before hitting a moneymaker in 2010. She may be remembered as a naughty intern, but her lifetime accomplishments will overshadow this label. If you would like to

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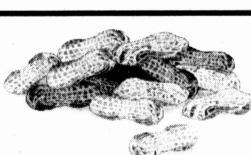
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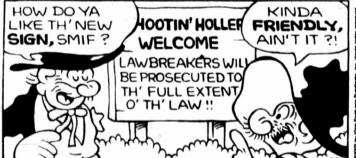








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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 23, the 204th day of 2003. There are 161 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 23, 1886, New York saloonkeeper Steve Brodie claimed to have made a daredevil plunge from the Brooklyn Bridge into the East River.

On this date: In 1885, Ulysses S. Grant, the 18th president of the United States, died in

Mount McGregor, N.Y., at age 63. In 1892, Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia was

born. In 1914, Austria-Hungary issued an ultimatum to Serbia following the killing Archduke Francis Ferdinand by a Serb assassin; the dispute led to World War I. In 1942, Harry James and

his Orchestra recorded "I

Had the Craziest Dream" in

Hollywood for Columbia Records. In 1952, Egyptian military officers led by Gamal Abdel Nasser overthrew King

Farouk I. In 1967, rioting that claimed some 43 lives erupted in Detroit.

In 1977, a jury in Washington, D.C., convicted 12 Hanafi Muslims of charges stemming from the hostage siege at three buildings the previous March. In 1984, Vanessa Williams

became the first Miss America to resign her title, because of nude photographs of her that turned up in Penthouse magazine. In 1986, Britain's Prince

Andrew married Sarah Ferguson at Westminster Abbey in London. The couple divorced in 1996.

In 1997, the search for Andrew Cunanan, the suspected killer of designer Gianni Versace and others, ended as police found his body on a houseboat in Miami Beach, Fla., an apparent suicide.

Today's Birthdays: A Rock musician Blair Thornton (Bachman Turner Overdrive) is 53. Actor Woody Harrelson is 42. Rock musician Martin Gore (Depeche Mode) is 42. Actor Eriq Lasalle is 41. Rock musician Yuval Gabay is 40. Rock musician Slash is 38. Actor Philip Seymour Hoffman is 36. Rock musician Nick Menza is 35. Model-actress Stephanie Seymour is 35. Actress Charisma Carpenter is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sam Watters is 33. Country singer Alison Krauss is 32.



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Timothy E. Schmidt Chief Executive Officer Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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At Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC), we value our relationship with the physicians associated with the Malone & Hogan Clinic. We respect the bonds they have built with their patients over the years and our hospital has been the beneficiary of their hard work and dedication. Since Covenant's announcement, we've worked hard to convince them to stay, offering employment agreements to a number of physicians. We are pleased to report that the majority of the physicians will remain in Big Spring; some will become employees of Scenic Mountain Medical Group while others will open their own practices. All should remain in their current office locations.

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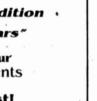
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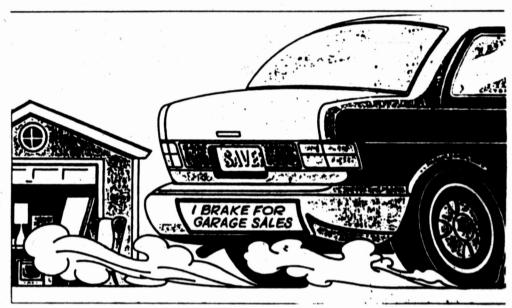
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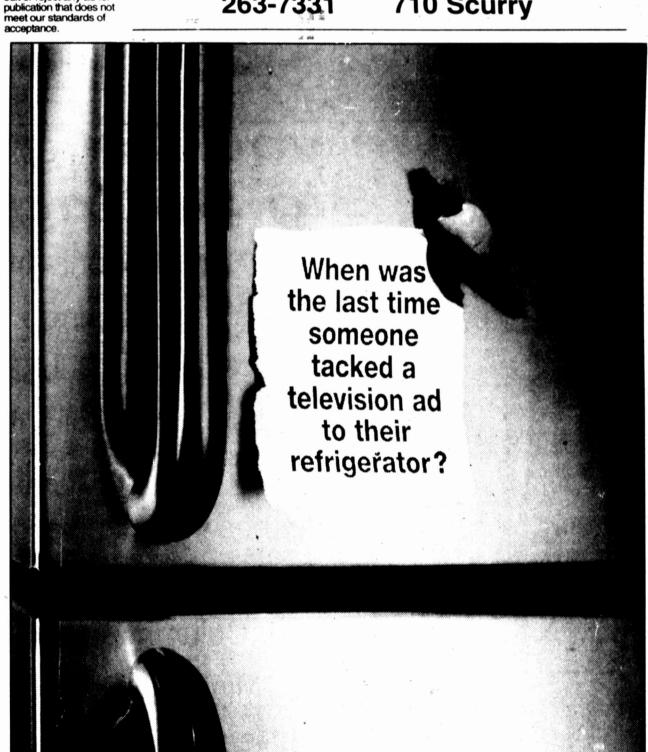
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