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WEATHER

Tonight:



PARTLY CLOUDY

TONIGHT 74°-75° TOMORROW 97°-100°

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WORKOUTS

Local and area high schools began football workouts on Monday. Page 1B

BRIEFLY

KOUNTRY KIDS

The Kountry Kids contest sponsored by the Howard County Fair will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the fair grounds on Saturday, Aug. 23. Boys and girls up to age 5 are eligible to enter.

Entries must be turned in to the Howard County Extension office by Friday, Aug. 22. Entry fee is \$10.

Children entered in the contest must be attired in a country sportswear garment of at least 50 percent cotton.

Entry forms are available at the Athletic Supply, Master's Touch and Posey Insurance.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

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

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

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Wildlife rehabilitators to offer library program

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Howard County Library will be "flying high" Thursday, as it once again welcomes representatives of the South Plains Wildlife Rehab Center and their many feathered and furry friends.

"This is a program we've done here before," said Children's Librarian Karen McIntyre. "Every year we try to have a special program for the children before they head back to school, and this one was just so much fun last year we really wanted to

"This is a program we've done here before. Every year we try to have a special program for the children before they head back to school, and this one was just so much fun last year we really wanted to have them back."

McIntyre said the rehab center, along with local animal rescue workers, will present several of their non-releasable animals that have been worked with and prepared for the program. In the past, the group has brought owls,



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golden eagles, hawks and possums to name a few.

"The children really loved the owl last year," said McIntyre. "Every time the handler tried to get it to hoot, the owl would look away and act like she didn't hear them. Then, when the handler turned their head, the owl would hoot. It was really very entertaining, not to mention educational."

Children get the chance to see different animals that normally aren't tame up close, as well as

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MORE THAN 50 YEARS WAITING



World War II veteran Jess Green accepts his Purple Heart medal Monday at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Home. Presenting the award is Lt. Col. Sharon Hamilton, commander of the 344th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Local veterans home resident finally awarded Purple Heart

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

At a time when military resources are focused on the woes and threats of today, members of the United States Armed Forces took time to honor one local veteran whose accomplishments remain

undiminished by the years.

Army Air Corps 2nd Lt. Jess Green was presented several awards and medals during a ceremony at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Home on Monday afternoon, including the correction of a nearly 50-

year-old oversight.

"Airman Green was submitted to receive the Purple Heart for injuries he received during World War II," said retired Chief Master Sgt. Tom Nurrey, vice president of the San Angelo Senior Enlisted Group. "Somehow after his sub-

mission the proper paper work was never filed, so in truth, he didn't receive his medal."

Green, who was part of the 511th Bomb Squadron stationed in Polebrook, England, was injured when the B-17 he helped

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Commissioners to work on budget shortfall

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will need to pare down a \$900,000 projected budget shortfall for the 2003-2004 fiscal year or face running out of money come late in 2004. Commissioners will discuss the budget at 9:30

a.m. Wednesday in the county courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

Currently, commissioners are considering a 4.8-cent hike in ad valorem taxes — from 47.36 cents per \$100 valuation to 52.23 cents — in order to help raise an additional

Even after raising taxes a proposed 4.8 cents, commissioners face a deficit of \$900,000.

\$400,000. The proposed hike, which equates to 8 per-

cent more than the effective tax rate, is the largest increase commissioners can implement without triggering a possible rollback election.

Yet even assuming that increase in tax revenue, the county still faces a projected shortfall of \$900,000.

The deficit would decrease the county's fund balance from \$2.2 million to \$1.5 million, which could be a big concern when the 2004 fiscal year rolls around.

"When we budget, we attempt to have a balance

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New students welcomed to Howard College

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

New to Howard College? Well, the faculty and staff want to say a big hello to all the new faces this week by holding several new student orientations.

"We want new student

orientation to be very informal," said Administrative Dean of Student Services Javier Flores. "We want the prospective student to come and get all the information he or she can so the student can be comfortable on the first day of classes.

"We'll focus on providing information to our students about all our services and departments available on campus so when they arrive the first day they don't feel lost," Flores continued.

The NSOs began today with two sessions held in the morning and this

afternoon and will pick up again on Thursday with two more.

"The sessions on Thursday afternoon from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. are really for students from this area," Flores said. "The evening session from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. is for the non-traditional, older stu-

dents. We'll have a bouncy castle for the kids while their parents can get all the information they need."

Students participating in NSO sessions Thursday will be assigned a time for registration

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## Obituaries

### Henry Alton Thames



Henry Alton Thames, 72, of Big Spring died on Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Irvin C. Stanke, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will be at 1704 Harvard in Big Spring.

He was born on Oct. 24, 1930, in Big Spring and married Nell Norwood on Jan. 15, 1951 in Big Spring.

Henry was a lifetime resident of Big Spring; graduating from Big Spring High School in 1947 and then from Howard College. He had owned K&T Electric, co-owned A&N Electric, owned TIMCO Electric, had worked at Bradley Supply and was presently employed at Cain Electric Co.

He was a lifetime member of the Kiwanis Club, where he had served as local chapter president, was a past district lieutenant governor and had recently received his 35-year pin.

Henry had sponsored many Big Spring youth activities including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Key Club, band boosters and choir boosters.

He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

Henry was known as Daddy, Papaw, brother, cousin, uncle, friend, mentor, employer and substitute father to many.

Survivors include wife, Nell Thames of Big Spring; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Kelly and Bob Priebe of Big Spring, Karyl and Jerry Dunne of Rowlett, Lonnie and Gary Prater of Big Spring and Lynde Thames of Big Spring; one sister and brother-in-law, Clara Joyce and Charles Simmons of Rosebud, Ark.; six grandchildren, Jeren, Breegan and Logan Dunne, Derek and Kasey Priebe and Paige Prater; and one great-grandchild, Ricky Prater.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry C. and Willie Thames, and one grandson, Rick Prater.

The family suggests memorials to: Isaiah 58, 107 Runnels, Big Spring 79720 or a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 8 to 9 tonight, Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at the funeral home.

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

*Paid obituary*

### Robert E. Barlow



Robert E. Barlow, 72, of Big Spring died on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, in a local hospital. Memorial services with military rites will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Feb. 5, 1931, in Hay Springs, Neb. Robert attended schools in Hay Springs and high school at Valentine, Neb. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and trained at Lackland Air Force Base. He served during the Korean War in Germany. After returning to the States, he was stationed at McGee Tyson Air Force Base in Knoxville, Tenn., where he met his wife, Mickie Eurbin. They married on April 23, 1955.

The family transferred to Yokoto Air Force Base in Japan where he served with the air maintenance squad. He served one year in Saudia Arabia and one year in Vietnam in 1963. He was a life time member of the American Legion.

Robert worked for Daves Welding after retiring from the military. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Mickie Barlow; a daughter, Cheryl Brown; a son, Robert C. Barlow; four grandchildren, Angela Dugger, Martin McCormick, Sonia Barlow and Robert D. "Bubba" Barlow; and four great-grandchildren, Jacob, Dylan, C.J. and Matthew all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Fern Kutschara, and his step-dad, Ben Kutschara.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 tonight at the funeral home.

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

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### Isaiah Lee Castillo

Isaiah Lee Castillo, 4 months, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral mass was at 3 p.m. today, Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on April 4, 2003, in Big Spring.

He is survived by his mother, Jaime Valdez of Big Spring; his father, Tony Castillo of Big Spring; two brothers, Ivan Castillo and Tony Castillo Jr., both of Big Spring; one sister, Delanie Valdez of Big Spring; grandparents, Fred Castillo, Senayda Castillo, Juquin Valdez and Janie Valdez, all of Big Spring; a great-grandmother, Manuela Perez of Big Spring; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

### Clyde J. Franklin

Graveside service for Clyde J. Franklin, 76, of Big Spring are set for 11 a.m. today, Tuesday, Aug. 5, 2003, at the Brunson Memorial Cemetery in Eunice, N.M., with Chaplain Elio Barrios, of Vista Care Family Hospice, officiating.

Calvary Funeral Home in Eunice, N.M., has charge of arrangements.

Mr. Franklin died Friday, Aug. 1, 2003, in Big Spring. He was born on March 30, 1927, in Robert Lee. He had lived in Big Spring for the past 11 years. He was a veteran, having served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include one son, Billy Franklin of Arlington; one sister, Ruby Olds of Lamesa; and two

grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Cynthia Franklin.

### George T. Lujan

George T. Lujan, 79, of Big Spring died at 12:05 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2, 2003, at University Medical Center in Lubbock following a lengthy illness. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2003, at Myers & Smith Chapel. Military graveside service will be at 1 p.m. MDT Thursday, Aug. 7, 2003, at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso.

He was born on Feb. 22, 1924, in Marfa. He was a long time Howard County resident coming here from Presidio County. He was a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army. He served in campaigns in China, India and Burma. His awards included the American Theater Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Medal and The China Memorial Badge.

Mr. Lujan worked for Fina in the lab from 1953 until 1979. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by five sisters and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

### Dorothy Marie Green

Dorothy Marie Green, 82, of Odessa died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Grace Temple Baptist Church in Kermit with the Rev. Mike Bartlett officiating. Burial will follow in Kermit Cemetery.

Born Dec. 6, 1920, in Baltimore, she married Lomer Davis Green Oct. 6, 1943 in Midland. Lomer was a pastor at Baptist churches throughout West Texas and in Louisiana. He was a pastor in Big Spring during his career.

Mrs. Green was also highly involved in church activities as a Sunday school teacher, nursery worker and member of the Women's Missionary Union.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a sister, two brothers, a nephew and a grandson.

Survivors include her husband Lomer of Odessa; two sons, L.D. Green Jr. of Odessa and Fred Green of Longview; two daughters, Marie Vaughn of Lubbock and Beverly Vincent of Center Point; a brother, Joe Welzel of Collinsville, Ark.; and eight grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors in Odessa.

### Woody W. Crow

Woody W. Crow, 50, of Stanton died Sunday, Aug. 3, 2003, in Odessa. Arrangements are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

## Police blotter

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

• **SANJUANA PEACOCK**, 43, of Midland was arrested Monday on a local traffic warrant.

• **MARSIA OLIVAS**, 21, of 604 S. Main St. in Coahoma was arrested Monday on two local traffic warrants.

• **DANIEL RAMIREZ**, 45, of 817 W. Sixth St. was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while intoxicated and on two local warrants.

• **ROBERTO LOPEZ**, 40, of Fort Worth was arrested Monday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 500 block of South Birdwell Lane.

• **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 2400 block of Alabama.

• **ABANDONING OR ENDANGERING A CHILD WITH INTENT TO RETURN** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported: In the 1600 block of South Benton Street. Merchandise worth \$440 was reported stolen.

• In the 1300 block of Mount Vernon. A purse or wallet worth \$35, jewelry worth \$1,160 and credit or debit cards were reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported: In the 1100 block of East 11th Place. Home electronics worth \$430 and other items worth \$10 were reported stolen.

• In the 1500 block of Sycamore Street. Merchandise worth \$155 was reported stolen and

## Weather

Tonight — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 70s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. Light winds.

Wednesday night — Mostly clear with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Chance of rain 10 percent.

Thursday — Partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 90s. Chance of precipitation 10 percent.

Friday — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs in the upper 90s.

Saturday — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs near 100.

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## Take note

□ **A TRUST FUND HAS** been set up to help defray the medical expenses of KBYG News Director Brian Michaelz that occurred from complications of appendicitis. The trusts is set up at Woodforest National Bank located in Wal-Mart.

## Bulletin board

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

### TODAY

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

Coahoma Senior Citizens Luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

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

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler.

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 2 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Gospel Singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Activity Center, 2805 Lynn Drive. Everyone welcome.

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

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

Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m., Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

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

### WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-3-5-18-27. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$55,535.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 5-4-9

## Sheriff's report

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

• **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the intersection of New Gail Road and Richardson Road.

• **SUICIDE THREAT** was reported in Howard County.

• **LOST GOATS** were reported in the 4900 block of North Salem Road.

• **PUBLIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 5700 block of Cedar.

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## Glacier Park reopens to the public for day

WEST GLACIER (AP) — Glacier Park's busy weekend reopened to more than a week of fast-moving weather, it was threatened the park's quarters and town.

Officials waived fees Monday only day trips were allowed — and Appgar Village, a tourist destination home to a lodge and shops.

More of the park was set to be reopened to visitors on Tuesday.

After weeks of weather, it was and chilly Monday, with the smoke still hanging in the air.

It was unclear if the entire stretch of the park's Going-to-the-Sun Road would reopen because of other fires elsewhere in the park, Superintendent Holm said.

Monday's reopening came just a day after officials lifted an evacuation order and let the park and business open and around West return.

The weather expected to help firefighters as they continue to contain the acre fire.

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Although the have been trained to deal with large situations, McIntyre said contact is still needed. "These animals!

## HEART

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crew took heavy Berlin.

The aircraft's heavy damage: three of its four engines. The crew managed to keep the aircraft until it was on German air space. The plane in the Sea where they were rescued by a British vessel.

Green was treated for severe head injuries caused by shrapnel, and was transferred back to the United States for treatment and discharge in October 1945.

Many years later became a Big Spring resident at the Lamar Sanchez Texas Home earlier this year.

"You look at them and women in their 8's," said Susan Sanchez, Texas Veteran Board outreach specialist. "You have to re-



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## Glacier Park reopens gate to the public for day use

WEST GLACIER, Mont. (AP) — Glacier National Park's busy west gate reopened to tourists, more than a week after a fast-moving wildfire threatened the park headquarters and this tiny town.

Officials waived park fees Monday because only day trips were being allowed — and only to Apgar Village, a popular tourist destination that is home to a lodge and several shops.

More of the park's west side was set to reopen to visitors on Tuesday.

After weeks of hot, dry weather, it was overcast and chilly Monday morning, with the smell of smoke still hanging in the air.

It was unclear when the entire stretch of the popular Going-to-the-Sun Road would reopen because of other fires elsewhere in the park, Glacier Superintendent Mick Holm said.

Monday's reopening came just a day after officials lifted an evacuation order and let residents and business owners in and around West Glacier return.

The weather was expected to help firefighters as they continue trying to contain the 24,400-acre fire.



Big Spring High School junior April Salazar works through flag drills with the BSHS Marching Band Flag Corps early Tuesday morning. Summer practices for the band will continue throughout this week and next in preparations for the coming football season and band competitions.

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learn about their diets, life cycles and other facts of interest.

Although the animals have been trained to handle situations involving large groups of spectators, McIntyre said physical contact is still avoided. "These animals have been

deemed non-releaseable and exposed to people quite a bit, but they still get nervous around large groups. Because of that, we don't allow any physical contact between them and the children or adults."

If you want to get a good seat for the presentation, come early.

"Last year we had over 200 people show up, so

we're expecting a good sized crowd this year," said McIntyre. "We'll also host a question and answer period toward the end of the program."

The program will get under way in the Howard County Library's Community Room, located in the facility's basement, and is expected to last approximately 45 minutes. The event is free

to the public, although donations are certainly welcome and encouraged.

Those planning to attend need to bring only one thing, according to McIntyre. "They need to bring their good manners."

Staff writer Thomas Jenkins can be contacted at 263-7331. He can be e-mailed at

## HEART

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Many years later, Green became a Big Spring resident at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas Veterans Home earlier this year.

"You look at these men and women now, and they're in their 70s and 80s," said Susan Cutney, a Texas Veterans Land Board outreach specialist. "You have to realize that

when they went off to war, they were like 17 and 18 years old. Compared to the level of maturity in those age groups today, what these folks did was absolutely amazing."

The 87-year-old veteran officially received his Purple Heart medal during the ceremony, presented by Army Lt. Col. Sharon Hamilton, commander of the 344th Military Intelligence Battalion.

Green was also presented with a shadow box containing his various awards and medals, which include the Air Medal, American Campaign Medal, European Theater of Operations Medal and World War II Victory Medal. Also part of the display was a cotter pin from a bomb dropped over Berlin, a pocket compass and an Goldfish uniform patch.

"I actually had to do some research to find the Goldfish patch," said Nurrey. "This was awarded to pilots and crew members that ended up in

the drink. In other words, they got this patch if they ever went down in water and Mr. Green certainly earned that one."

The group also presented Green with a Texas flag previously flown over the state capitol, compliments of San Angelo Rep. Scott Campbell.

"This is very nice," said Green after receiving his awards. "It was really nice to get the Purple Heart medal after all this time. They mailed me one after I was approved for it back in 1998, but this moment really makes it special."

When asked what he thought of the current situation in the Middle East, Green lived up to his reputation for being short-spoken. "We've opened up a keg of nails," said the veteran, "and now we can't close it."

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## VA

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internal review. Patients who are in need of specialty care not provided at the hospital are being referred to tertiary VA centers.

Geographically, the Big Spring hospital outreach area encompasses 74,000 square miles in West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico. The veteran population for this area is estimated at more than 62,000.

Additionally, the hospital operates six community based outpatient clinics. Clinics located in Abilene, Odessa, San Angelo and Hobbs, N.M., are VA staffed clinics while Stamford and Fort Stockton are VA contract clinics.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center  
1601 W. 11th Place  
263-1211

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at the end of the year," explained County Auditor Jackie Olson. "We need that money to operate in October, November and December. The first three months of our fiscal year ... we don't have much tax revenue coming in until January."

Essentially, a \$1.3 million fund balance will not cover three months of county operations when the 2004-2005 fiscal year rolls around.

The county is projected to spend \$1.4 million in the first two months alone.

"That's where the problem lies," Olson said. "We need to carry over money to operate."

Finding a solution will not be easy, because the county faces a \$28 million

decrease in mineral and property values, equivalent to a \$129,600 loss in tax revenue.

The proposed tax hike will raise the county's income for 2003-2004 to about \$8.1 million.

Last year, commissioners raised taxes from 42.07 per \$100 valuation to 47.358 per \$100 while ending the year with a \$670,000 shortfall. In FY 2001-2002, commissioners gave tax payers 2.8 cents in tax relief by dropping taxes from 44.890 cents per \$100 valuation while operating on a \$855,000 shortfall.

Before heading into the workshop, commissioners will meet with a representative from the state's Office of Court Administration to discuss helping the county collect its delinquent fees and fines.

## COLLEGE

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time for Monday, Aug. 18.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 17, from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. the college will hold sessions aimed solely for students living in the residence halls. On Saturday, students and their parents are invited to a hot dog cookout. Students will meet with academic advisors and register for classes Sunday.

Parents of incoming Howard College students are encouraged to attend.

"All of our student orientations have a parents' segment," Flores said. "We try to provide information to the student as well as the parents."

Staff members bilingual in English and Spanish will be at all parent sessions.

Anyone considering attending any of the NSO orientations is encouraged to call the dean of students' office at 264-5028 to sign up, but those who do not sign up in advance are still invited to attend.

The first day to register for classes will be Monday, Aug. 18, at the Student Assistance Center in the Administration Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Those who participate in NSO on Thursday will be assigned a time to register between 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open registra-

tion begins at 3 p.m. and runs through 7 p.m. Registration picks up again Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 8:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Late registration will be held from Aug. 25-Aug. 29.

The first day of class begins Aug. 25.

### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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267-8288

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George Lujan, 79, died Saturday. Vigil Service will be 7:00 PM Wednesday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Military Graveside Services will be at 1:00 PM "M.D.T." Thursday at Fort Bliss National Cemetery in El Paso, Texas.

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## OUR VIEWS

Two-a-days  
have our best  
hard at work

Once again, the dog days of summer have arrived. Nonetheless, several hundred high school students throughout the Crossroads area are hard at work toiling in that heat, most taking part in two-day drills designed to hone a plethora of skills.

Schoolboy football players began two-day practices Monday, as have volleyball players. They will soon be joined by cross-country team members and tennis players at some schools.

Also hard at work are members of high school bands throughout the area. Just like the athletes in their schools, they have their eyes set on mastering skills that will show up in front of the entire community.

The West Texas sun beats down almost unmercifully in August, even in a year when it's not as hot as it has been in some years, so coaches and band directors in the area do their best to schedule practices at times other than afternoons when the sun is at its scorching hottest.

Still, there's no real escape. Two-a-days by their nature, even if they were conducted in air conditioned comfort, are a grueling task.

So why on earth would the young people of this area put themselves through the agony?

It's the desire to be the best they can possibly be at their particular extracurricular endeavor.

We here at the *Herald* think that's admirable and want to take this opportunity to salute each and every one of them.

Whatever the upcoming season holds, we believe these young people are most certainly en route to a job well done.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Before we turn out the lights at night, Lord,  
may we thank you for the day. Amen

## The "Why don't they" Syndrome

The other day I heard a story about this mother who took her young son to visit a church where they had a new minister. After it was over and they were leaving the service, the young lad said to the minister, "That was the worst sermon I have ever heard." The mother, somewhat flustered and embarrassed said, "Oh, don't pay any attention to him. He just goes around repeating what he hears other people say."

JIM  
DAVIDSON

Hopefully you understand this is not a true story but it does serve to enhance a concept that if properly understood and applied, could be of real value. The key word in this concept that I would like to illuminate is "repeating" and the danger here is that if we repeat something often enough and for a long period of time, it could turn into a syndrome.

Over the past several years I have heard a lot about the various kinds of syndromes, but do you know what the word syndrome means? The dictionary defines this word as "a group of signs and symptoms that collectively indicate a disease or disorder." In other words, the person who devel-

ops a syndrome of one kind or another is sick, at least to some degree. Whether we have been personally affected or not, we all know about "Downs syndrome" and "Parkinson's syndrome."

However, the syndrome that I want to discuss with you here is curable, because it has to do with our human personality. Really and truly what I'm sharing with you here is good news. In recent years the behavioral sciences have proven beyond the shadow of a doubt that a human being's personality can be altered and changed for the better.

As a basic premise for this discussion, I believe I'm safe in saying that most people, at some time in their lives have developed "hang-ups" of one kind or another. What I'm referring to here is people who form the habit of thinking in a certain vein for so long that they just do it over and over again until it actually becomes a syndrome. Many years ago I worked for a man who owned a laundry and he used the expression, "on the thing out there" at least 50 times in every conversation. In short, he had developed a syndrome.

As it relates to our own mental health I would like to narrow this discussion down to one particular syndrome that affects many people in a negative way. This is what I call the "why don't they" syn-

drome. Unfortunately, this is how many people view life. When they don't get the breaks they think they deserve, the all too often question, "why don't they" comes to their mind.

Without being aware of it, it is possible that you may have developed this syndrome? How often do you say, "why don't they?" Here are some questions we have all heard from time to time: "Why don't they like me?" — "Why don't they respect me?" — "Why don't they treat me better?" — "Why don't they accept me?" — "Why don't they respect me as an individual?" — "Why don't they give me a raise or a promotion?" — "Why don't they do a number of other things for me?" — "Bless my poor little heart!!"

Do you see what's happening here? If we are not careful, any of us can fall into the "why don't they" syndrome. What this is of course, is an attempt to transfer the burden of guilt for our failures to someone else. In our mind, it is really someone else's fault rather than our own. We all have our ups and downs and our good days and bad days, but we just need to be careful that our "self-talk" from the bad days does not turn into a syndrome. Please repeat after me, If-It-Is-To-Be-It-Is-Up-To-Me.

(Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

## Appeasing Castro may sting Bush

It was not just that the Bush administration dispatched 12 Cubans who hijacked a boat to the tender mercies of Fidel Castro. What inflamed pro-Bush Cuban-Americans in south Florida is that the United States negotiated with the communist dictator to impose 10-year prison sentences. This sudden agreement between Washington and Havana could cost George W. Bush a second term.

ROBERT  
NOVAK

President Bush's Cuban-American friends consider this a de facto trial, resulting in incarceration by a police state. "This is a very pained community," Republican Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart told me. Sharing the pain of his Cuban constituents and known to be unhappy with the decision is the president's brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. "I do not think the president was aware of this decision," said Diaz-Balart.

Although there is truly no sign the decision went to the Oval Office, its political sting may be felt there. It is clear that Bush could not have won Florida and the presidency in 2000 without Cuban votes. Since repatriation of the hijackers, Florida Democrats have been busy pointing out betrayal by the White House. If Cuban voters stay home next time, Florida will almost surely be won by Bush's Democratic opponent.

Eleven men and one woman, seeking freedom in America, stole the Cuban boat Gaviota 16 on July 15 but were intercepted by the U.S. Coast Guard the next day. They

were denied automatic entry into the U.S. granted under law, citing an agreement with Castro made by President Bill Clinton. The issue went to a U.S. interagency committee, where Justice and State Department career bureaucrats insisted the refugees be returned to Castro.

The three Cuban-Americans from south Florida in Congress — Lincoln Diaz-Balart, his brother, Mario, and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen — pleaded to send the hijackers elsewhere, perhaps Guantanamo. Instead, the bureaucrats bargained with the Cuban dictator. Once Castro agreed not to execute the refugees as he had U.S.-bound hijackers in April, U.S. negotiators eagerly accepted 10-year prison sentences. The freedom-seekers were sent back July 21.

Desire to achieve accord with Castro has not borne fruit. Starting July 6, U.S. broadcasts to Iran that are critical of the mullahs were illegally jammed from Cuba. Why has the U.S. government not protested? The CIA has informed the White House that the jamming originated at the Iranian embassy in Havana. It defies belief that this could have been done without concurrence and cooperation by Cuba's government.

Repatriation of the hijackers fits a pattern. In federal court in Key West, Fla., July 10, a Cuban accused of skyjacking was denied permission to testify that he feared for his life if he surrendered control of the plane to Castro's agents. President Bush has waived the rights of Americans to sue foreign speculators who profit from stolen American properties in Cuba. The Justice Department never has sought indictments of Cuban Air Force pilots who shot down small

civilian aircraft in international air space.

President Bush has been prevented from getting his choices in control of Cuban policy. Democratic Sen. Christopher Dodd has been relentless in blocking confirmation of Bush's own assistant secretary of state for Latin America. Bush gave up on Otto Reich, former ambassador to Venezuela, who was instead named a presidential adviser. No progress has been made toward action on the new nominee, Roger Noriega (currently ambassador to the Organization of American States). The administration's efforts to confirm either Reich or Noriega have been barely minimal.

If Fidel Castro was a fixation for John F. Kennedy, he seems off the screen for George W. Bush. While repatriation to Cuban prisons caused a furor in south Florida, it hardly made a ripple in Washington. My check of Bush policy and political advisers indicated neither awareness of nor interest in what happened.

Lincoln Diaz-Balart refers to the Cubans as the base of Hispanic support for the president and the Republican Party. If this is the treatment given the only minority group that supports the GOP, he wonders what message will be sent other minority groups wooed by Republicans. "When the base is ignored," the congressman said, "there is a problem." More than ignored, the Cubans are simply disrespected, and that is the painful message in Miami.

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## YOUR VIEWS

## TO THE EDITOR:

Texas Democrats — they would not be absent from a vote on tax increases if they were in bed dying. Why are they missing votes on redistricting?

These 11 senators are

disrupting my rights to representation as a majority of Texans and I have voted for the Republican Party to represent us in Austin. This action does not reflect well on the Democrats and is not right to the voters.

I encourage the lieutenant governor to change the rules and get a vote on redistricting. If the Democrats can use parliamentary procedures to stop a vote, the rest of Texas should use procedures to allow the vote.

Then the 11 yellow bellies can just stay in New Mexico.

Democrats. They are not the party they use to be.

CHUCK BAGWELL  
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# STALEMATE CONTINUES

## Redistricting: Both sides more resolved than ever

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — With the Texas Senate stalemate entering its second week, both sides in the battle over plans to redraw congressional districts remained focused on their mission.

"To quote John Paul Jones, 'We've only begun to fight,'" said Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, one of 11 Senate Democrats who left the Capitol for New Mexico on July 28 in protest of Republican efforts to redraw congressional districts.

In Austin, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said he is optimistic that the situation can be resolved promptly. "But it really depends upon our

colleagues and our friends who are out in Albuquerque," he said.

The Democrats' flight out of Austin came shortly before Gov. Rick Perry called a second special legislative session on redistricting after a bill failed to get approved in two previous sessions.

Republicans, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, are pushing for the redistricting. Democrats have a 17-15 majority in Texas' congressional delegation, but Republicans say based on the state's voting trends the GOP should hold the majority in the delegation.

The Democrats have

said they will not return to the Capitol unless Perry removes redistricting from the current special session's agenda or Dewhurst restores a Senate tradition of requiring two-thirds of senators to agree to take up a bill on the Senate floor.

Under that tradition, the Democratic senators blocked redistricting in the last special session.

Dewhurst said he would not change his mind about the so-called "two-thirds rule," saying it is a tradition for the Senate not to have it in place when lawmakers tackle redistricting.

"I don't think our eleven colleagues are in a

position to ask for, for anything," Dewhurst said.

"They have broken the Texas Constitution. They need to come back."

Democrats said that is not going to happen without movement from Perry or Dewhurst.

"If I were a betting man considering a wager on how long we'll continue, if we'll hold or if we'll fold, I'd place my chips on the Texas 11," said West, invoking the name the Senate Democrats have been calling themselves.

The Texas Senate met briefly Monday afternoon and then broke for the day because of a lack of quorum.

## Secretary Colin Powell calls reports of his pending resignation 'nonsense'

The Los Angeles Times

WACO — Secretary of State Colin L. Powell on Monday dismissed as "nonsense" reports that he had informed the White House that he would not continue in his job if President Bush is elected next year to a second term.

In an unusually vigorous response to an article published Monday in The Washington Post, Powell and his deputy, Richard L. Armitage, insisted that a conversation the newspaper said Armitage had with National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice had in fact never occurred.

"I don't know what they are talking about," Powell said. "I serve at the pleasure of the president. The president and I have not discussed anything other than my continuing to do my job for him."

"This is just one of those stories that emerge in Washington that reflects nothing more than gossip, and the gossip leads to a rash of speculation about who might fill a vacancy that does not exist," he

said in an interview with Radio Sawa, a U.S. government-supported station broadcast in Arab nations.

Earlier in the day, White House officials also denied the report.

Speaking to reporters in Crawford, Texas, where President Bush is vacationing at his ranch, White House spokesman Scott McClellan praised Powell and Armitage and dismissed the Post article, which had the two resigning on Jan. 21, 2005, the day after Inauguration Day, as nothing more than "speculation and gossip."

"I think you have to love August, when there's a news void to fill and there's a lot of the rumor mill going around Washington, D.C.," McClellan said.

Back in the capital, however, McClellan's lighthearted remarks — he repeatedly thanked reporters for presuming that Bush would be re-elected — failed to dampen the media furor first spawned by the Post article and then fanned by subsequent coverage on cable-television news shows.

State Department officials used language similar to Powell's to discredit the report, calling it "just baseless speculation, gossip and rumor."

But when Powell, in his interview with Radio Sawa, was asked to respond to the Post article, the nation's top diplomat spoke directly and bluntly.

"The story has no substance," Powell said.

Referring to the report that Armitage had told Rice that neither he nor the secretary would serve in a second Bush term, Powell said, "The so-called conversation ... did not take place."

Speculation about the plans of Bush administration officials is ripe in Washington, and not only because congressional and presidential vacation schedules have left the media with little news.

It is common for officials either to resign or to state their intentions to do so shortly before a first-term president officially begins his campaign for re-election.

## Governors want medicare compromise to ease states' drug costs for elderly poor

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's governors, facing large budget deficits, are pressing lawmakers to lift the states' \$7-billion-a-year burden of paying for prescription drugs for the 6.2 million Americans who receive both Medicare and Medicaid.

The governors see an opportunity to cut states' rising health care costs as negotiators for the House and Senate attempt to rec-

oncile their versions of a new prescription drug benefit under Medicare, the federal health program for older and disabled Americans.

The House bill would give drug coverage to all Medicare recipients, phasing out over 15 years the states' obligation to pay drug costs. The Senate version would deny a Medicare drug benefit to people —

dubbed dual eligibles —

who also are enrolled in Medicaid, the joint federal-state health program for poor people.

All 50 governors signed a letter to Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., the lead House negotiator, urging lawmakers to keep the House provision in the final bill. Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton, a Democrat who chairs the National Governors Association, said Monday that the issue is of "vital impor-

ance" as governors try to cope with budget shortfalls.

The federal government pays the entire bill for Medicare. But states pay about a third of the cost of Medicaid, about \$40 billion annually just for people who are covered by both government health programs, the governors association said. Prescription drug costs account for \$7 billion, the association said.

## Man gets five years for photos he took on River Walk

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A man who took nude photographs of a 16-year-old boy on San Antonio's River Walk two years ago, he said the pictures were art, not pornography.

A jury disagreed in June, finding 33-year-old Benito Tovar guilty on charges of inducing a sexual performance of a minor and possession of child pornography.

And Monday, state District Judge Juanita Vasquez-Gardner pronounced sentence: five years in prison.

The sentence came after a brief hearing in which the San Antonio

man's friends, family and attorney pleaded that he be granted probation.

Tovar said in court that he took full responsibility for what he labeled as an error in judgment.

He said he was only trying to help his victim fulfill his desires of being a model, while at the same time trying to expand his own art portfolio.

"I just wanted to help someone with his dream, and I wanted to create something that was beautiful, but I messed up," Tovar told the judge.

Tovar's sister asked for leniency.

She told the judge that her children, ages 7 and 9, considered their uncle a father figure and now cry every day because they are forbidden by law to be around him, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its Tuesday editions.

"You are not only punishing him, you are punishing my children as well," the sister said. "They ask where he is every day. They don't understand why the man that has been helping me raise them is no longer around."

But the mother of the teenager who posed nude said Tovar wasn't punished severely enough.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Vote to confirm gay bishop derailed

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A vote by Episcopal leaders on whether to confirm the church's first openly gay elected bishop was derailed in the 11th hour as allegations questioning both his name and reputation surfaced.

Just as bishops convened Monday to consider approving the Rev. V. Gene Robinson, allegations that he inappropriately touched a man were lobbed at the candidate and he came under scrutiny for his connection to a Web site that can indirectly link users to pornography.

Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold said Robinson, with current New Hampshire Bishop Douglas Theuner and representatives of his diocese, decided together "that a thorough investigation be undertaken before we proceed."

The decision threw the national church meeting into turmoil, after several days of intense debate over whether Robinson's election would strengthen or shatter the church.

### Hollings' retirement draws interest

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The retirement of Democratic Sen. Ernest "Fritz" Hollings of South Carolina has Republicans salivating at the chance to take over the seat in the increasingly GOP-leaning state.

Hollings announced Monday he will not seek re-election next year, ending a 55-year political career. "It's time I go out and work and make a living," said Hollings, 81.

His retirement would give Republicans a second strong opportunity to pick up a Southern seat — alongside Georgia — in their bid to maintain control of the Senate in 2004.

Hollings is the third senator to announce he will retire after the 2004 elections. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill., and Sen. Zell Miller, D-Ga., announced earlier they will not run again.

The decisions by Hollings and Miller confront Democrats with the need to hold two Southern seats as part of their drive to regain control. Republicans control the Senate, 51-48, with one independent.

### New York city to review DNA profiles

NEW YORK (AP) — The city will review hundreds of DNA profiles in unsolved sexual assault cases and bring indictments against unknown suspects, a way to stop the statute of limitations from running out.

Charging the unidentified rapists by their DNA profile alone will "stop the clock" on a 10-year deadline to prosecute, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Monday in announcing the effort.

"So on the day that we find out who that rapist is, whether it takes us 10 years, 20 years, 30 years or more, he will have his day in court," he said.

While the strategy has been used sparingly in New York and elsewhere in the past, Bloomberg said it will become "business as usual in our city." The city said in a news release it believed this was the most comprehensive DNA indictment project in the country.

### Democrats meet to discuss Gray, Boxer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Democratic unease ahead of California's landmark recall vote appeared to leave the once-unified front behind Gov. Gray Davis in tatters, with one official wondering whether "putting all the eggs in one basket makes sense."

Seventeen state senators met behind closed doors Monday to discuss a possible Democratic alternative to Gray and Sen. Barbara Boxer said Democrats should field another candidate if polls indicate Davis would lose.

After the meeting, lawmakers declined to endorse having an alternate candidate on the Oct. 7 recall ballot, leaving for now only Republicans and unknown Democrats as alternatives to Davis.

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### IN BRIEF

#### BSHS season tickets now on sale at ATC

Big Spring High School football season tickets are now on sale at the Athletic Training Center.

Current season ticket holders can renew their tickets from Aug. 4-15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on Aug. 18.

Tickets to individual games can be purchased the day of the contest at the ATC from 8 a.m. to noon.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

#### ASC's golf pass is now available locally

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#### BSCC to hold 2-day, 2-person scramble

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a two-day, two-person gold scramble on Aug. 9-10.

Teams competing in tournament will consist of one male and one female member. Entry fee is set at \$135, excluding the cost of the cart.

For more information, call 267-5354.

#### Football boosters to hold meeting Monday

The Big Spring High School football boosters will hold a meeting tonight in the ATC. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Randy Phillips at 264-6600.

#### Peloteros touney, HR bash scheduled

The Texas Peloteros Softball Tournament and Home Run Derby will be held Aug. 8-9.

Entry into the event is set at \$115 per team. Class D and E squads finishing first through third in the overall team standings will receive trophies and t-shirts.

For more information, contact Manuel Gonzales Jr. at (432) 816-6465 or Pete Carrillo at (432) 263-8219.

#### Brownfield Jamboree set for Aug. 23

The annual Brownfield cross country Jamboree will be held Aug. 23 at Coleman Park.

The event is open to all junior high and high school athletes.

For more information call (806) 637-4523.

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## American basketball, baseball teams post big wins

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Jamie Carey of Texas scored 20 points and made all six of her 3-pointers to lead the U.S. women to a 77-64 upset of regional powerhouse Brazil on Monday in the Pan American Games.

The United States used a swarming, half-court defense to hold Brazil to 21-of-52 shooting from the floor and forced 21 turnovers, including three shot-clock violations.

A group of collegians representing the United States upset a Brazilian women's team that has four former WNBA players.

"This was by far the best game

since we've been together," coach Debbie Ryan said. "We played great team defense."

The Americans (2-1), trailed 44-32 at halftime, but opened the third quarter with an 8-0 run. They also closed the period by scoring eight straight points to take a 56-52 lead into the fourth quarter.

Rebekkah Brunson of Georgetown sat out most of the first half because of two quick fouls, but sparked the second-half comeback by scoring all 13 of her points.

Off the hardwood, American teenagers starred.

Chelsie Memmel, 15, of West

Allis, Wis., edged 13-year-old Nastia Liukin of Plano, Texas, for the all-around women's gymnastics gold. Both also won gold with the American team on Saturday.

Collyn Loper, a 16-year-old shooter from Indian Springs, Ala., had to overcome two delays when another competitor's gun malfunctioned to win the women's trap event and earn a Olympic berth for the U.S. team.

Carly Gullickson and Ansley Cargill won their first-round matches in women's tennis. Gullickson, 16, became the youngest American tennis player in Pan Am Games history when

she defeated Daniela Alvarez of Bolivia.

The women's water polo team, fresh from winning the world championship, routed Puerto Rico 20-2, while the U.S. men beat Puerto Rico 14-2.

The United States stretched its lead in medals to 27-16 over Cuba. The Americans have nine golds, 11 silvers and seven bronzes. Cuba has 12 golds and four bronzes. Twelve nations have won medals.

Jered Weaver allowed just one hit in 7 1-3 innings as the U.S. baseball team beat the host country 2-0 for its 25th straight win of the summer.

## They're back ...



Coahoma High School football players go through receiver drills Monday morning as Bulldog coach Kim Nichols watches. High school preseason football drills began this week for schools throughout the state. Teams will practice in t-shirts and helmets through the remainder of this week before donning their pads next Monday in preparation for their first full-contact scrimmages.

## Official: Gun used to kill Dennehy not found yet

FORT WORTH (AP) — Neither of two guns found during the investigation of the death of Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy is the weapon that killed him, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Tuesday, quoting a law enforcement source.

McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch declined any comment on the whereabouts of the gun that was used to shoot Dennehy or any other aspects of the case.

Lynch said, "We're not going to comment on anything in this case."

But a law enforcement official, who the newspaper said asked not to be identified because of the sensitive nature of the investigation, said forensic tests on a firearm found near Dennehy's body showed it was not the gun used.

The 21-year-old player, a 6-10 forward for the Baylor University basketball team, was last reported seen on June 12. His body was found July 25 and his head was found July 27 near a rock quarry five miles southeast of Waco. The Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office ruled he died from gunshot wounds to the head.

## DE coach Jeffcoat the only link to every Cowboys coach

By JAIME ARON

AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — He became a starter for Tom Landry, won a Super Bowl playing for Jimmy Johnson and was part of Barry Switzer's first team.

Chan Gailey got him started in coaching. Then Dave Campo promoted him and Bill Parcells kept him.

That makes Jim Jeffcoat the only person to work under all six coaches in Dallas Cowboys history, a label he appreciates but doesn't exactly advertise on his business cards.

"I played here 12 years," Jeffcoat said. "I hope I'm more

than a trivia question."

Still, the 42-year-old's resume gives him a unique niche in team lore. His roots run deeper than Bill Bates, who was involved with the first five coaches, and Darren Woodson, who this season will become the first player under five Cowboys coaches.

"People ask me what it's like," Jeffcoat said, "because I'm the only one who probably knows the difference between coach Landry and coach Parcells, the difference between Jimmy Johnson and Chan Gailey or Barry Switzer or Dave Campo, because I've been around all of them."

A first-round pick in 1983, Jeffcoat played in 227 games. He made 102 1/2 sacks, behind only Harvey Martin, Randy White and Ed "Too Tall" Jones in team history. He and Bob Lilly are the only Cowboys to ever record five in one game.

The Cowboys won the division his rookie year, then went into a steep decline. They bottomed out in 1989, going 1-15 while making the traumatic change from Landry to Johnson. Jeffcoat was a starter on that squad.

Three seasons later, his 10th in the NFL, Jeffcoat was part of an end rotation led by Charles Haley and Tony Tolbert when he finally won a playoff game.

Dallas won Super Bowl titles the next two seasons.

Having experienced great success and awful failure, Jeffcoat can help players handle either end of the spectrum.

"It's how you come through it," he said. "The biggest difference is the mental attitude."

Jeffcoat's final season in Dallas was Switzer's first. Then he went to the Buffalo Bills for three seasons, which gave him the chance to learn from another Hall of Fame coach, Marv Levy.

Jeffcoat began his second career back with the Cowboys in 1997 when, after retiring as a player, Gailey hired him as a defensive assistant.

## Judge rejects Bryant's request to bar cameras

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — The judge in the Kobe Bryant case rejected the NBA star's request to keep cameras out of the courtroom during his first court appearance on a sexual assault charge.

Bryant's attorneys argued against allowing cameras during the hearing scheduled Wednesday, saying they could jeopardize Bryant's right to a fair trial.

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett ruled that was unlikely.

Gannett said he will release one brief submitted by the prosecutor in

response to a media request to unseal all court documents, according to Chris Beall, a Denver attorney representing some media groups.

Bryant is charged with felony sexual assault against a 19-year-old woman on June 30 at a mountain resort. The Los Angeles Lakers superstar said the sex was consensual and that he was guilty only of adultery.

Bryant was at the Colorado resort to undergo surgery on an injured knee. The Lakers' star helped lead the NBA team to three straight titles.



Big Spring Herald General Manager Susanne Reese (right) presents Debra Lusk the women's Seniors championship trophy from the City Golf Championships at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

## KC lineman sprains neck in HOF game

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — Kansas City Chiefs offensive tackle Willie Jones sprained his neck but had feeling in his hands and feet after being injured in the Pro Football Hall of Fame game.

Jones crumbled to the turf with 17 seconds left in the second quarter after briefly blocking Green Bay Packers linebacker Marcus Wilkins on a pass play.

After going down, Jones laid motionless for nearly 10 minutes before he was removed from the field by medical personnel.

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Put a slink in your walk to celebrate the Scorpio moon. I associate this transit with the sound of a jazzy saxophone and a red, blinking neon sign. The Leo sun encourages us to get into the spirit of our surroundings, playing up the subtle vibes that infuse our lives with intrigue. There's nothing wrong with looking at life with a sly, sideways glance.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When it comes to an event that gives you the jitters, just wing it. You're a fantastic actor! Team sports, group classes or finding a workout buddy are a sure-fire ways you'll stay motivated about your fitness goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If your commitment level has changed, it's probably because your feelings for your partner have changed. You might be the last to know this! Life has a way of making decisions for you in the romance department.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are a sensational flirt today, with lots of style and many admirers. Send the right signals, and you'll get the right response. In business, squash any hesitation this afternoon, and get that client!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Seek out information as to how you can better yourself. It's not that you need much improvement, but the search gives you satisfaction. Also, if you're single, it leads you to a hot new prospect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's fine to extract yourself from social obligations if your family needs you around. Parties understand your absence. A visible commitment to your priorities puts you in an excellent light. At work,

**Horoscope**

loosen your grip. **TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY** (August 6). Step out of your shell this year! Your birthday propels you toward the love and money that have been just out of your reach. A raise in August makes possible a long-desired luxury. Love matures, and relationships become more committed in October. Discover a kindred spirit in an Aquarius or Libra — it's a creative match as well. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 11, 28, 42 and 19.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Meditation connects your mind and body. It's so good that they are talking again! This afternoon, it's imperative that you find a way to express your true feelings to those who are still in the dark. Team with a Leo or Sagittarius.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's impossible to keep the peace, but life would be boring without conflict. Steer clear of caffeine; it only adds to anxiety. Your best romantic bet is with an Aquarius or Pisces tonight, but expect that you'll be paying the tab.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Positive intentions mean positive outcomes. How you react is key this afternoon, when things go slightly off plan. See the good, and your boss/client/opponent will follow in kind. There's a special chemistry with a Cancer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A creative project starts to really take off. Your best ideas come during the most routine tasks today: showering, exercising or riding to work. Virgo and Leo have a killer instinct if fighting for your business.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Following your intuition can help you avoid a deception in business affairs. Take care of the problem right away. Develop your grace through dance classes or yoga. Call a family meeting, and sort things out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You deftly

respond to the emotional needs of others. Come to the rescue of friends and family members alike. There are wonderful messages in your dreams — the information helps you later in the week.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Look for ways to incorporate your spirituality into your environment. Feng shui, symbols of peace and calming sounds are excellent methods of bringing positive energy into the office. You dazzle people just by showing up.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "Another Aries wrote you recently that he or she does not feel like the typical Aries. I am a go-getter with incredible energy to spare. I love people and making them smile. Other Aries I now couldn't care less about their fellow man. I was told I have Cancer in my sign and that is why I'm that way. Is it true? I love that I'm not the so-called typical Aries."

I don't have the negative association with "typical Aries" that you apparently do. As humans, we are tend to be very judgmental of our qualities. A lion doesn't walk around thinking to itself, "Well, I'm

arrogant. I have a big ego, but at least I don't sting people like a scorpion does." The lion is too busy using his qualities to survive his life the best he knows how. I don't like to use astrology as a way of pigeonholing people or judging them, but I do like to point out that each sign has strengths and tendencies to be aware of. One of your strengths as an Aries is that you aren't afraid of life and therefore don't waste energy in hesitation and doubt. Your self-assurance allows you to be a leader, even if you don't know what the heck you are doing. Use this quality to make big money next year.

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

Dear Annie: For 40 years, I have been the son-in-law of the Mother-in-Law from Hell. My wife is wonderful, but her mother never wanted us to marry. She felt I was not good enough, or rich enough, to support her daughter in the style in which she was raised.

My mother-in-law likes to spend money as if there were no tomorrow. When my father-in-law passed away, he left her quite well provided for. However, she ignored the advice of money managers and her daughter, and thanks to extremely poor money management skills, she is now forced to live on Social Security and a small pension. She borrows from everyone and never pays it back.

We have a child with a permanent disability, and we need whatever extra cash we have for medical expenses. My wife is a teacher, and I am retired, living on a pension. My mother-in-law phones daily to complain and demand money. My wife has high blood pressure, and these calls are causing tremendous stress.

I have had it with this 86-year-old woman and her constant demands. Can you offer any advice? — Sonny Boy

Dear Sonny: How does your wife feel about this situation? You will need her support, and possibly therapy, to change the dynamics between the family members.

Meanwhile, it sounds as if Mom could benefit from having a financial counselor look into her situation and set up a budget. She may not be cooperative, but at least you will have made the effort. For information, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, 801 Roeder Rd., Suite 900, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 1-800-388-2227 ([www.nfcc.org](http://www.nfcc.org)).

Dear Annie: I have been friends with "Sara" for over 20 years. My 2-year-old's birthday party was scheduled for the same day as Sara's wedding anniversary. I told Sara about the party two months in advance, and she said she wasn't sure she could make it because she wanted to celebrate with her husband. I told her there were more than enough hours in the day to celebrate both, but she obviously disagreed because she decided to spend the whole day with her husband at a resort.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

This is the second party in a row that Sara has missed. I gave her ample time to figure out a way to come, and I also let her know her presence at my daughter's party was important to me. I am ready to throw away the friendship because of this slight. Am I wrong? — Hurt and Confused in New York

Dear Confused: Yes, quite wrong. While it was nice of you to give Sara advance warning, you should not consider the events of equal importance. One's wedding anniversary, and the opportunity to spend it at a resort with one's husband, takes precedence over a friend's daughter's second birthday party.

A true friend would be happy that Sara could enjoy a lovely day with her husband. If at all possible, next year, schedule your daughter's party on a different weekend. Sara will appreciate your thoughtfulness and be more likely to attend.

Dear Forgiven: My wife informed me of her affair five years after it happened. Happily, we will be celebrating our 32nd anniversary this year, but even though I have been able to forgive, I have never been able to forget. I still spend many hours trying to understand how she could have done this to me. You were right, Annie. For God's sake, never tell your spouse about your affair. — Forgiven but Never Forgotten

Dear Forgiven: Thanks for the back-up. If you think a little counseling would help you let go of this, please give it a try.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"ME AN' JOEY DO THE MUSIC, AND RUFF DOES THE VOCALS."



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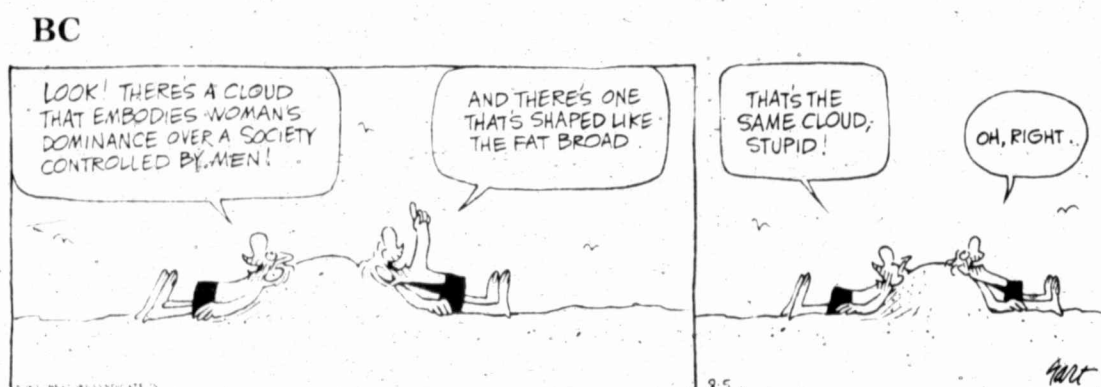


This Date In History

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Aug. 5, the 217th day of 2003. There are 148 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On Aug. 5, 1963, the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union signed a treaty in Moscow banning nuclear tests in the atmosphere, in space and underwater. On this date: In 1861, the federal government levied an income tax for the first time. In 1884, the cornerstone for the Statue of Liberty was laid on Bedloe's Island in New York Harbor. In 1914, the first electric traffic lights were installed, in Cleveland. In 1924, the comic strip "Little Orphan Annie," by Harold Gray, made its debut. In 1953, Operation "Big Switch" was under way as prisoners taken during the Korean conflict were

exchanged at Panmunjom. In 1957, "American Bandstand," hosted by Dick Clark, made its television network debut on ABC. In 1962, actress Marilyn Monroe, 36, was found dead in her Los Angeles home; her death was ruled a probable suicide from an overdose of sleeping pills. In 1981, the federal government began firing air traffic controllers who had gone out on strike. In 1984, actor Richard Burton died at a hospital in Geneva, Switzerland, at the age of 58. In 2000, actor Sir Alec Guinness died at a southern England hospital at age 86. Ten years ago: Japan's Cabinet resigned, paving the way for the end of 38 years of rule by the Liberal Democratic Party. Five years ago: Iraqi President Saddam Hussein broke off cooperation with U.N. weapons inspectors and demanded the commission monitoring the weapons be reorganized. One year ago: Israeli helicopters fired missiles at a suspected weapons factory in Gaza City following attacks that killed 13 people in 24 hours. The coral-encrusted gun turret of the Civil War ironclad USS Monitor was raised from the floor of the Atlantic, nearly 140 years after the historic warship sank during a storm. Death claimed Los Angeles Lakers play-by-play announcer Chick Hearn at age 85, former "Sesame Street" cast member Matt Robinson at age 65 and soap opera actor Joshua Ryan Evans at age 20. Today's Birthdays: Former astronaut Neil A. Armstrong is 73. Country singer Vern Gosdin is 69. Actress Cammie King ("Gone with the Wind") is 69. Actor John Saxon is 68.

Answer to previous puzzle grid with words like SHUSH, SCHEME, MOONLIT, INHALER, OATCAKE, MEOWING, CREATESPARK, HELPS SPIKE, AMA, ADS, LEES, USED, CATCHONFIRE, ALIEN, LIONS, BLAZE, TRAIL, AIDE, HOBO, MST, NEE, SCALA, SPATE, FLAME, COLORED, MOORAGE, UNAIDED, AERATES, SENSORY, PREYED, STEWS.



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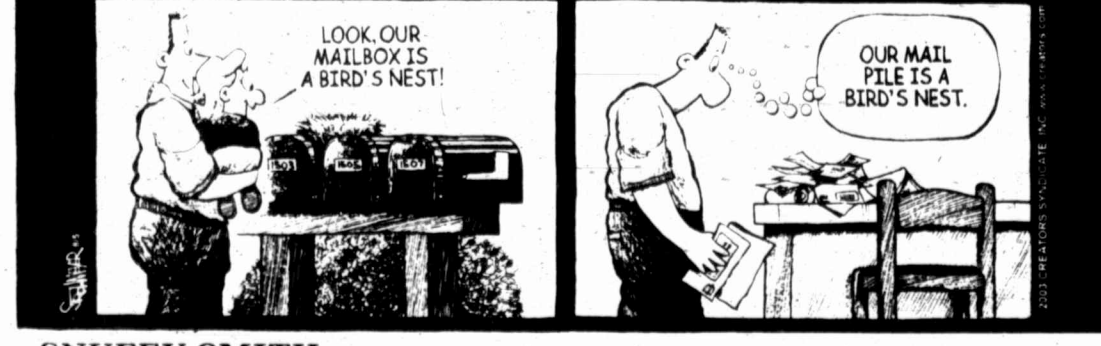
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Newsday Crossword

BOWL GAME by Shirley Soloway

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