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FREE SWIMMING SLATED

Beginning this weekend, Towle Park Pool will have a new schedule for swimming hours to welcome in the school year. The pool will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and again Saturday, Aug. 30 through Monday, Sept. 1, Labor Day. The pool will be closed during the week except for prescheduled parties.

Following Sept. 1, the pool will be closed until next summer.

SANDS HOMECOMING SET

Reservations are being accepted for the Sands/Ackerly homecoming, which will be held Saturday, Sept. 27. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. that day, followed by a business meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium. A catered lunch will be served at noon in the cafeteria. Visitation will take place in the afternoon.

To make reservations for the meal, notify Billy Jones at 432-267-7732 or jsjones@apex2000.net. The deadline is Sept. 18. Sands Mustangs will be playing Westbrook on Friday night, Sept. 26, at Mustang Field.

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Clinic's future bright, says doctor/part-owner

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The Malone and Hogan Clinic will in no way be closing its doors, regardless of the upcoming split with Covenant Health System.

That's the message Dr. Rudy Haddad, local physician and part-owner of the Malone and Hogan building, has for the Big Spring community.

"It's almost inconceivable to think the clinic would be closing," said Haddad. "If you think about it, where would all of the local doctors practice? There really isn't another building that's suitable for this type of ser-

"We want people to know we're not closing our doors by any means. If anything, this change just means a brighter future for Big Spring and its medical community."



Dr. Rudy Haddad

vice. "There has been a lot of misinformation out there since the break up between Malone

and Hogan Clinic and Covenant, and that's something we'd like to dispel."

According to Haddad, the termination of Covenant's long-term lease with the facility is more a matter of real estate than anything else and may turn out to be a blessing in disguise.

"First you have to understand there's really three separate entities involved here," said Haddad. "There's Covenant, the owners of the building and the group of doctors that have their offices there. The break in the lease is between Covenant and the building

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Fair has a complex history

1950s drought mothballed event for about 20 years

Editor's note: Nancy Koger is a regular contributor to the Herald during the Howard County Fair.

Contestants in this year's Howard County Fair Queen competition were questioned about the history of the fair Saturday. It turned out to be a complex question.

Finding information about the fair's history was like a scavenger hunt; it just wasn't to be found in any one place. This sounded like a challenge to the writer and the newspaper to put the history together in time for Wednesday's opening of the annual event.

Our search first led to Geraldine Posey, who, though not then a member of the first fair board, was there from the initial meeting and has been on the board every year afterward. She led me to a cache of scrapbooks, assembled by the late Ruth Mitchell, that has newspaper articles, program covers, pictures and booth souvenirs from all the fairs — from the first to



NANCY KOGER



Candy Apple Amusement employees Milo Rosburn, Jason Luera and Jeffery Hicks set one the many carnival rides that will be available during the Howard County Fair.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

the drought of the 1950s, with Although Howard County had a county fair in the early years,

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Howard County Fair activities

WEDNESDAY 4 p.m., Fair opens 6 p.m. Carnival opens 7 p.m., Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys THURSDAY 9 a.m. to noon, free tours 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Pre-K-4th grade 2 p.m.-4 p.m., Senior Citizen Ice Cream Social 3 p.m. Steers arrive 6 p.m., Carnival opens, domino tourney, breakaway roping

7 p.m., Colgate Country Showdown, county roping

FRIDAY 9 a.m. to noon, free tours 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Pre-K-4th grade 1 p.m., Weigh steers 1 p.m.-7 p.m. Receive Lambs 6 p.m., Carnival opens 7 p.m., Carl Shiflett and Big Country Show

SATURDAY 8 a.m., Lamb showmanship

9 a.m., Lamb Show 10:30 a.m., Kountry Kids 1 p.m., Steer showmanship, antique tractor pull 3 p.m. Goats arrive 7 p.m., Battle of the Cheerleaders 9:45 p.m., Quilt drawing

SUNDAY 9 a.m., Weight cards due for goats 11 a.m., Goats showmanship 1 p.m., Goat show



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Veteran's of Foreign War members Steve Turner of Big Spring, left, and Don Harwood, past state VFW commander, of Brownfield, wait for the Big Spring VA town hall meeting to begin Monday. Almost 300 people attended.

CARES Questions over VAMC's future prompt packed town hall event

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Almost 300 people packed the standing room only VA town hall meeting at Howard College on Monday to ask questions and express concerns about the possible curtailing of medical services and closure of the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

"This turnout is indicative of what the VA hospital means for us," said Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen. "The most

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U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer will be at Big Spring City Hall from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday to meet with civic leaders concerning the VA Medical Center.

Commissioners continue to battle budget woes

Propose changes in retirees' insurance, reach agreements on several employee positions

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Still wrestling with a projected \$900,000 budget shortfall, Howard County commissioners' meeting Monday centered on an idea to pare down medical insurance costs for retirees.

County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore proposed a sliding scale system for retirees' medical insurance, based on the employee's age and years of service. If an employee's combined age



KILGORE

and years of service equals or exceeds 75, the county would pay 100 percent of the medical insurance, Kilgore said.

"A long-term employee — anyone 60 years old and more than 20 years of service, we'll continue to pay a 100 percent," Kilgore explained. "Anyone with

55 years of age and at least 25 years of service will be eligible for 100 percent of service.

"Anyone under that who doesn't have the years of service can still retire, but will pay a percentage," Kilgore continued. "This would get us out of this sooner. It wouldn't cost us long-term, it wouldn't cost us quite as much but it would protect the people working now."

Currently, the county carries around \$1.5 million in retiree

medical insurance cost.

In other cost-cutting measures, the county trimmed back by dropping two full-time secretaries to part-time and dropping the Master Gardener position. The Master Gardener's position will not be carried by the state, Kilgore said.

In a compromise to keep its secretary's position, the Howard County District Attorney's Office

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ABC Park becomes a lot more 'kid-friendly'

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

The ABC Park is getting a much-needed facelift.

"The Big Spring City Council authorized \$25,000 to be used to install new playground equipment," said Big Spring City Public Works

Director Todd Darden. "We're currently in the process of getting it all put in right now."

Darden said the new equipment is being installed by the City Parks Department and inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal

Justice Wilderness Camp. "We really think the park is going to be great when it's complete," said Darden. "We're planning some more improvements in the future, mainly landscaping. When it's all completed it's going to look really nice."

Darden said the equipment purchased totalled \$23,832, and the remaining funds should help cover miscellaneous supplies needed to put everything together.

"We've installed a jungle gym and a lot of other equipment," said Darden.

Other equipment includes a merry-go-round, basketball goals, a four-way "spring-saw" and a new swing set.

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Obituaries

Stephen Matthew Brown



Stephen Matthew Brown, 46, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003, in a Lubbock hospital. Private family services will be held at a later date.

He was born on March 1, 1957, in Dallas.

Stephen had lived in Big Spring since 1974 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1976. He worked at the Sonic for 10 years where everyone called him "Speedy." He was a self-taught guitarist and enjoyed music. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his father, Arthur Brown of Big Spring; his mother, Ethel Louise Neel Riley of Big Spring; and one sister, Pamela Louise Denton of Midland.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Danny Brown.

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

Juanita Mayhall

Juanita Mayhall, 92, of Big Spring, died at 11:50 p.m. Monday, Aug. 18, 2003, at Comanche Trail Nursing Center following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Take note

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

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected.

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

□ **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.

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

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

□ **THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1963** is having their 40th reunion Oct. 3-4, 2003. The following list is the names of classmates for which we do not have current address. If you have information about any of these people please call Judy Jones Plumlee, 432-263-7824.

George Mack Archer, Marcy Ball, Barbara Louise Bennett, Eva Lurae Biffar, Jean Anne Black, Rosalinda Blalock, Cecil Conrad Blount, Jr., Jeanne Bolson, Eric Brewster, Robert Browder, Don Lee Brown, Lillie Marie Brown, Jerry Bungarner, Mary Alice Chavarria, Ronald Max Cheney, Linda Carter, Dan Cone, Louise Cooley, Jacqueline Hazel Dimmock, Edward Leroy Doan, Beverly Dobbins, Alan Bruce Dunn, Aubrey Neal Earp, Sylvia Fern Edwards, Pamela Jo Ehlers, Jack Eisenhart, Benita Flores, Judy Carol Hall, Carole Haralson, Dolores Henry, Kandy Hensley, Rosemary Horn, Charles Michael Houston, Roy Conley Johnson, Rex Moss Jones, Brenda Lou Kennedy, Donna Lee Kenning, Kay Kincaid, Sandy Jean Korchenko, Adolfo Larez, Annette Sharon Lebcowitz, Mary Ann Linn, Pat Loudamy, Virginia Lou Mancha, Johnny Leon Martin, Valera Ann Millard, Walter Lee Minter, Betty Morgan, Amado Ray Molina, Randy Ray Moore, Floydene Moss, Sharon Ann Mullens, Janice Lee McQueen, Douglas Napps, Eddy Lee Nelson, John Eric Nichols, Arlene Gailya Nixon, Elizabeth Jane Nobles, Dannie Norrell, Sandra Kay Norris, Sharon Lynn Osburn, Linda Sue Parker, Ireno B. Perez, Donald Allen Phillips, Tommy Phillips, Jack Riley Piper, Benny Frank Pitzer, Sandra Lee Poole, Robert Puente, Virginia Louise Rankin, Camella Ryan, Joyce Ann Seder, Karla Rae Seward, David Maloy Stevenson, Barbara Ann Thompson, Mary Thompson, Larry Tubb, Sheri Andree Voss, Bill Watson, Kendall Webb, Richard West, Sheryl Louise Whiteside, Bobby Williams, Richard Dale Wisner.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 12-25-26-35-37.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$50,065.
Winning tickets sold in: Garland.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-8-1.

WEST TEXAS DISCOUNT FLOORING

M-F 9-5:30	Pergo Snap	Wilsonart
SAT. 12-4	\$2.59 sf	\$2.59 sf
1712 GREGG	REMNAINT SALE	Plush Carpet
263-5500	16x16 Tile	Vinyl
	\$1.49 sf	\$7.49 yd

Police blotter

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

- **EMILIO HERRERA**, 42, of 1302 Stanford was arrested Monday on two capcus charges.
- **ISRAEL ALVAREZ**, 27, of 1613 Harding was arrested Monday on charges of parole violation, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, possession of marijuana and prohibited weapon.
- **RICHARD BAKER**, 53, of 1201 E. Third Street was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication.
- **TERRY LEON PARTLOW**, 35, of 1305 Stanford was arrested Monday on charges of public intoxication.
- **JAMES CURTIS HAYES**, 41, of 1408 E. Sixth Street was arrested Tuesday on charges of theft and prohibited weapon.
- **ANGELA LEE CARTER**, 21, of 3709 Dixon was arrested Tuesday on a charge of assault, family violence.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported:
 - in the 1200 block of Lloyd Ave.
 - in the 2600 block of Ent Drive.
 - in the 1000 block of N. Main Street.
 - in the 400 block of S. Johnson Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported:
 - in the 1300 block of Wood Street.
 - in the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 1100 block of S. Main Street. Damages estimated at \$450 were reported.
 - in the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street. Damages estimated at \$500 were reported.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 2400 block of Morrison. Car electronics valued at \$150 reported stolen, damages estimated at \$100.
- **THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 2200 block of Alabama. Weapons valued at \$950 reported stolen.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1500 block of Tuscon. Home electronics valued at \$1201 reported stolen.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 1000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of Holbert Street. Home electronics and jewelry valued at \$1,835 was reported stolen.

Sheriff's report

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

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 300 block of Ave. D.
- **ABANDONED VEHICLE** was reported in the area of Hilltop and Hwy. 350.
- **THEFT** was reported at the Howard County Sheriff's Office.
- **WELFARE CONCERN** was reported in the West-bound lane of Interstate 20, mile-marker 172.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the area of the Little Shopper in Coahoma.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 300 block of E. Davis Road.
- **LOOSE COW** was reported 12 miles W. of FM 818.
- **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported in the East-bound lane of Interstate 20.

Support groups

TUESDAY
The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Texas RV Park meeting room. For more information, call 263-4948.

TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1310 for more information.

Compassionate Friends support group for families who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday February, April, June, August and October, in the Family Life Center, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy Drive, east entrance, south end. Our December program is held the same time and address, but in the chapel, north entrance, east end. Call 267-2769.

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.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds 5 to 10 mph.
Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph..Wednesday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s.
Thursday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s.
Friday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.
Saturday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms.Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.
Sunday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.
Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows near 70. Highs in the mid 90s.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

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

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

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

DAV and Auxliary Chapter 47, 7 p.m., 610 Abrams.

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

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.

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

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

Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

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

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

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

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

Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP office, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 379 Vietnam Vets of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Sparenberg Building.

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

FRIDAY
Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

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

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

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

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

SUNDAY
Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m. for meal with meeting to follow, Goliad and First Street.

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

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

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By THOMAS
Staff Writer

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58 years later, Meliton Arriola gets his medals

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

It may have taken the government 58 years to correct its error, but that didn't diminish the effect in any way for former Army Sgt. Meliton Arriola.

"I'm very proud," said Arriola, who was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant following the award of several distinctive medals, including the Bronze Star. "I was supposed to receive these medals about 58 or 59 years ago after the battles in the Philippines, but I'm still just as proud."

Arriola received authorization for his medals Feb. 12, 2003, courtesy of the National Archives and Records Administration. He received the actual medals from TACOM, a Philadelphia-based distribution agent on July 13.

In addition to the

Bronze Star, Arriola was awarded the American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with single Silver Star attachment, World War II Victory Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Philippine Liberation Ribbon and the Honorable Service Lapel Button (WW II).

Arriola said thanks for rectifying the nearly six decade mistake goes to two of his friends at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

"Leo Welch and Jessie Hernandez filed the paper work that got me my medals," said the 81-year-old war veteran. "Jessie recently passed away. I owe them a debt of gratitude."

When asked how the efforts to correct the mistake began, like many government endeavors it starts with a simple form. "We had the forms to



Though it was a long time in coming, Meliton Arriola recently received the Bronze Star and other medals awarded to him during World War II. "It was worth the wait," he said.



send off to St. Louis," said Welch. "We really wanted to see Meliton receive the proper recognition for the things he did overseas."

Arriola, who was born in Pecos in 1922, worked

for the railroad before joining the Army. He's been married 56 years to the same woman, and has several children and grandchildren currently serving in the Armed Forces.

A veteran of World War II and Korea, Arriola's take on current events in the middle east is fairly simple.

"I think what's happening now is fine," said Arriola with a deep look of concern on his face. "I was happy to go do what these boys are doing then, and wish I could do it again, but 81 years is a little too long. I'm just as proud now as I was then."

"I paid quite a price for these medals," said Arriola with a wide grin. "It was worth the wait."

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COUNTY

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will pay the \$19,000 in salary while the county will continue to support the position's benefits. These particular cut-

backs are estimated to save the county about \$73,000, said Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson.

Other changes to employees include a switch in health care. The county has opted to drop

down to the alternate 2 plan of employee health insurance.

Employees will now pay a \$25 doctor's office visit co-pay, up from \$20, a \$100 prescription drug deductible and co-dependent insurance has

jumped to \$2,000 from \$1,500.

This will save about 6 percent over current rate, Olson said.

Yet, even with those cost-saving measures and proposing to raise the tax rate by almost a nickel

per \$100 valuation, commissioners still made no headway on the county's projected \$900,000 budget shortfall.

Commissioners will hold a public hearing over the budget and proposed tax rate on Sept. 8.

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important thing that I have come to find out is this hospital is very, very important to the veterans of West Texas."

Possible changes at the Big Spring facility are spawned from a national draft plan proposed by the Department of Veteran Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission which was created to develop a long-range plan to meet future medical needs of veterans.

Among its recommendations, the plan advises closing inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring facility as well researching the possibility of essentially closing the facility and developing a critical access hospital in the Midland/Odessa area.

McEwen encouraged residents to continue to vocalize their thoughts on what the recommendation means for West Texas veterans.

"It is important to the city of Big Spring obviously from an economic standpoint, but our argument to Washington, D.C. does not come from that fact," he said. "It comes from the fact that we are strategically placed to provide veterans care for West Texas."

Local leaders are working diligently with Washington and state politicians to prevent the closure, McEwen said.

"We plan to go to Washington, D.C., to meet representatives of both congress, the senate and the VA to make our case with this facility," he said. "We have a strong case."

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Who to contact

Department of Veteran Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission:

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sheet handed out at the meeting, 57 percent of veterans who reside in the West Texas Health Care System live closer to the Big Spring area than the

Midland/Odessa area. "If I show a map to my 4 and 1/2-year-old grandson, he can figure out this hospital needs to be in Big Spring," McEwen

said. "Somehow, up in Washington D.C., they are not able to get that."

Past Veterans of Foreign Wars state commander Don Harwood of Brownfield said many veterans in his area prefer seeking medical services in Big Spring rather than the Amarillo hospital, which services the Panhandle area.

"This is closer to us," said Harwood, who also served for 12 years as the Terry County veterans service officer. "Brownfield is 160 miles from Amarillo and it's 80-something miles to Big Spring. We have a lot of veterans from the Lubbock, Brownfield area that go to the Big Spring VA for treatment."

When composing letters, McEwen stressed to the crowd to add personal stories about how the facility has helped the writer.

"I'm a lifetime member of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans)," said Clovis Phinney. "I have a grandson who just returned from two tours in Afghanistan and we've got a commission that's making a survey on shutting down veterans hospitals. What are they going to do with the wounded that's coming back from Iraq, Liberia and all these other places? It's a damn slap in the face of every man in service and every veteran in Howard County!"

Some people questioned if the motivation behind the move was political, but McEwen said responses from politicians lead him to believe that isn't the case.

"When the state Speaker of the House (Tom Craddick), who is from Midland, called me last week, he was concerned," McEwen said. "He had heard rumors that it was because of him that this was taking place. He called me to specifically say 'its not me.'"

"If he just said that and was not willing to follow up, I would say there was maybe something to it but in fact he had followed that up by saying 'what can I do?'" McEwen continued. "I asked him specifically today for a letter stating how important this facility is to veterans of West Texas and its location, being centrally located, and he said he will send me that letter. If I don't get that letter, I'll go along with you."

Local youth Logan Churchwell, who started a petition drive to keep the VA open, told the public the petitions are being circulated throughout the city.

"There is a petition at every store in the Big Spring Mall and they are making their way around the churches," Churchwell said.

People wanting to make comments to the CARES commission on the draft plan have until Oct. 7.

The public can view the CARES draft plan in its entirety, as well as make comments, at the Web site, www.va.gov/cares. Comments can also be sent to the CARES Commission e-mail address at carescommission@mail.va.gov or send by mail to the Department of Veterans Affairs (OOCARES), 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20420.

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OUR VIEWS

Be sure to take
in the county fair
here all this week

If you are in need of something to do this week, we have a great suggestion: Let the fair entertain you. That's right, the Howard County Fair officially opens Wednesday at the fair grounds off FM 700, and this year's version has something of interest for every member of the family.

From art displays to wild carnival rides and live music, there's always something going on at the fair.

Exhibits are going on all the time, of course, but there are some specialty events.

For instance, evenings will be filled with toe tapping and hand clapping. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will headline the first night of the fair. Thursday's big entertainment will be the Colgate Country Showdown, a chance for budding musical performers to hit the big time. Winners advance on to regional, state and the national competition with \$100,000 at stake.

On Friday, The Karl Shiflett & Big Country Show will bring some great acoustic, traditional country music. And on Saturday, there will be the annual Battle of the Cheerleaders.

In between will be the Kountry Kids contest, an antique tractor pull and a domino tournament.

A variety of booths — more than 70 this year — will be set up by businesses, civic organizations and individuals and offer products and information for fair-goers. Don't forget to stop by the Herald's booth; we'd love to visit.

Admission is just \$4 to the fair and remember, senior citizens get in free from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday.

As usual, there will be plenty of food and drink to go along with the fun and excitement.

So if you are looking for something to take the whole family to, look no farther than the fair grounds. Check out the Howard County Fair. It's good, down home fun.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

We don't know your wisdom, Lord, but we know that you care for us and you are always there for us. Amen

What kind of "tater" are you?

While I'm sure I miss the mark in many cases, it's my hope and prayer that I can share something with you in each of these visits that will make a difference in your life. As we work and grow together to develop and use more of our God given potential to serve others and to be happy and contented with who we are, one of the most important factors is our attitude. The person with a great attitude is head and shoulders above the crowd and, if not already, is well on their way to becoming a more productive and successful human being.



JIM DAVIDSON

With these thoughts in mind, I want to tell you about one of the most fantastic ladies I've ever had the privilege of knowing. Her name is Willie Oates and while I have never had the courage to ask her age, she was a cheerleader for the Arkansas Razorbacks back in 1937-40, but since that time what a difference she has made in the lives of others! Without a doubt she has started or been involved in more civic, charitable and humanitarian organizations and received more awards and honors (including from 6 former governors) than any person in the histo-

ry of Arkansas. Wouldn't you know it! She is originally from Arkansas City, Kansas, but she has become an institution in our state. Her resume, single spaced, is seven pages long and even you would be impressed.

One of the things listed on her resume is that she has traveled to all 50 states doing "hat" skits over a period of years. She is known far and wide as the "hat" lady and each time you see her in person, in the newspaper or on television, she will be wearing a 'hat' that is a show stopper, if you know what I mean. Recently I had the pleasure of being in her audience when she performed one of her famous "hat" skits. After some opening remarks she began to pull long Irish potatoes from a shoe box. Each potato had both ends cut off so it would stand up and she had painstakingly painted a face on each one so it could be identified as a person. As she continued to talk, she would pin a little hat on each potato and set it up before the audience.

Now here is the part that I don't want you to miss. She was very creative and this made the message she was sharing 10 times more effective. The first potato she called 'spectator' or 'Spec' for short. She then talked about how most people never get too involved in anything worthwhile. In other words they are a 'spec-tater'. They show up for the meeting but that's as far as it goes. The next potato

she called 'agitator' or 'Agie' for short. As she said, there are some people who never plan on getting too involved but their nature is to needle people and always ask controversial and emotional questions at the wrong time. This type of person is a "lightning rod" and quite often makes the sparks fly. Just one person like this can kill the enthusiasm of any group.

The next potato she called 'dictator' or 'Dick' for short. None of us want to be around, much less be under, any person who tries to be a dictator. Unfortunately, this is the style of many people but they are far less effective than they could be. The final potato was a little different color than the others because it was a 'sweet-tater'. She said old 'Sweet' is the one who has a sweet spirit, is always there and is willing to do more than their share. Every successful organization, profit or nonprofit, has people with these very important qualities.

I'm sure you know, not every person can or wants to be a leader. We need great leaders but we also need good followers if the job is to be done. When you boil it all down, (I hope you caught the pun) the big question becomes, "WHAT KIND OF TATER ARE YOU?"

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'Terminator' could be what Bush needs in California

Arnold Schwarzenegger's late decision to jump into the California recall election was made after week-end meetings to plan what was supposed to be a campaign for governor by Richard Riordan. The two men, non-conservatives and only nominal Republicans, are friends and political allies. But the multi-millionaire movie actor was disturbed by the demeanor of the multi-millionaire former mayor of Los Angeles.



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As Schwarzenegger later related to associates, he was unpleasantly surprised by his old friend. In their private conversation, the 73-year-old Riordan duplicated his shaky performance in losing the 2002 Republican primary for governor. To Schwarzenegger, Riordan seemed so confused and disorganized he could not possibly be elected governor. That was the trigger to create the state's current uproarious scene, casting a long shadow on national politics.

Behind the pandemonium of candidates by the hundreds, the outlook for the Oct. 7 election is seen clearly within both political parties. Gov. Gray Davis, still railing against the recall, seems doomed as the first California governor removed in mid-term by the voters. The outcome then becomes a choice between two candidates, neither of which could win his own party's primary: self-styled "moderate" Republican Schwarzenegger and Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante. The advantages of Hollywood's Terminator suggest an unanticipated windfall for George W. Bush.

It is no secret that President

Bush's political advisers were cool to recalling Davis. They relished the thought of the universally disliked governor twisting in the wind throughout 2004, helping Bush win in a state that surely would smother Democratic presidential hopes. But that delicious prospect has disappeared. The question is: who will replace Davis?

Bustamante as governor would not be good news for Bush. As a Democrat in the governor's chair, he would inherit Davis's fiscal problems but not his personal baggage. Accordingly, the election of a Republican Oct. 7 suddenly becomes a Bush priority. Nobody gives 2002 nominee Bill Simon a prayer, and State Sen. Tom McClintock is a very dark horse. That is why, on the day after Schwarzenegger nudged aside Riordan to become a candidate, the president declared of the five-time Mr. Universe: "I think he'd make a good governor."

The identity of the only possible Democratic replacement for Davis would seem to indicate nobody at the wheel in either party. Bustamante is an overweight, uninspiring career politician who has been in the right place at the right time during a charmed career. He has ended up as the most visible if not the most magnetic representative of California's growing Hispanic population. More attractive Democratic hopefuls for governor stayed out, pressured by Davis's loyalists in organized labor (though the school teachers started pushing for an alternative Democrat on the ticket).

Bustamante broke the line set by the governor, Democratic Chairman Art Torres and the unions to save Davis by keeping credible Democrats off the ballot. He had decided to run even before Schwarzenegger's surprise

announcement. But it seemed Bustamante's lifelong good fortune would continue and his principal opponent would be Dick Riordan, who long ago had left his best game behind him.

Schwarzenegger changed all that. Bustamante certainly will not win on charisma, but he has many advantages: the only substantial Democrat in the field, his Latin ethnicity, and perhaps most important, the title "lieutenant governor" on the ballot.

This rare opportunity for a little known political lifer to become governor depends, ironically, on ability of conservative Republicans to tear down Schwarzenegger as an untrue believer. Simon and McClintock have begun the assault, and the news media immediately began pressing the new candidate to detail his positions. Longtime Democratic hit man Bob Mulholland talked about shooting "real bullets" at Schwarzenegger (though State Chairman Torres said he cautioned him against "using that word again").

The Republican establishment in Washington clearly hopes the Terminator can deflect those bullets. Schwarzenegger's posture as a pro-business social liberal is similar to what former Gov. Pete Wilson advocated as the last Republican elected to high office in California (in 1994). No genuine conservative has been elected in California since Ronald Reagan in 1970. Arnold Schwarzenegger may not be much of a Republican and not conservative at all, but George W. Bush welcomes anybody invigorating a comatose California GOP.

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Stocks continue rising as investors look to a stronger economy

By JOSH FRIEDMAN

Los Angeles Times

Stocks rallied on Wall Street and abroad Monday as more investors bet on a strengthening economy. The Dow industrials hit their highest mark in 14 months, defying pessimists who have been betting on an extended summer slump.

"It's all about the economy right now," said Erik

Gustafson, manager of the Liberty Growth Stock fund in Chicago. "The recent statistics and the second-quarter earnings reports have indicated the economy is growing. Investors are looking down the road four to six months and seeing further improvement."

Stock gained in part on Friday's upbeat data on U.S. industrial production in July.

The report wasn't fully digested Friday because the Eastern power failure kept many players away.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 90.76 points, or 1 percent, to 9,412.45, the highest close since June 20, 2002.

The technology-dominated NASDAQ composite jumped 37.48 points, or 2.2 percent, to 1,739.49.

Though trading volume has been subdued over the last week — typical for mid-August — some analysts have been impressed by the breadth of the market's advance. The Dow and the Standard & Poor's 500 have gained ground in eight of the last nine sessions.

What's more, after mostly treading water for the last two months, a number of major

indexes joined the Dow at 52-week highs on Monday, including the S&P 400 index of mid-sized stocks, the Russell 2,000 small-stock index and the SOX index of semiconductor-related shares.

Markets also were at their highest levels in nearly one year in Germany, Britain, Mexico and Japan, among other nations.

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owners, and has very little effect on many of the doctors that practice here. On the other hand, the doctors that have been employed through Covenant, such as myself, are faced with a decision.

"Doctors that have been employed by Covenant have all of their billing and other common office duties handled by Covenant Health System," he explained. "If they want to stay in Big Spring, they have to go into private practice which means assuming a lot more responsibility. They would have to run an office in addition to seeing patients, and several of the Covenant doctors that have left or are leaving simply don't want that added hassle."

Haddad confirmed talks to procure the clinic's lease are ongoing between Community Health Systems, the parent company of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and Covenant. "All we know at this time is the talks are ongoing," said Haddad. "It could take a long time for them to actually come to an agreement. That's why we, the doctors, had to act on our own and privatize our businesses, because we have no way of knowing how long it will take them to come to agreement, if they will at all."

Haddad believes Malone and Hogan will attract new doctors because of its proximity to the hospital. "There's a great deal of security in knowing I can be at my patient's bedside at the hospital in less than a minute," said Haddad. Although Covenant is leaving Big Spring on Sept. 30, Haddad said its presence will still be a

factor, but not in a medical context. "As private practitioners, we still have to work with Covenant to work out leasing the office space," said Haddad. "We'll basically become renters. Technically, who owns the building is of little concern to the care provider."

Haddad said the future of the clinic's laboratory and X-ray facilities are still uncertain. "Originally, we expected Covenant to try to sell the equipment in these facilities to Scenic Mountain," Haddad noted. "They are designed strictly for out-patient purposes, and if they were closed down, it would double the work load on the hospital's X-ray and laboratory, which are designed for in-patient use. I can't imagine SMMC or Covenant allowing that to happen. I believe it will fill the

needs of the clinic even after Covenant has left. "I really feel like the future of Malone and Hogan and the physician community in Big Spring is very bright in spite of this," he added. "There is a definite need for good doctors in this area, and I expect Scenic Mountain will take a strong, proactive role to bring more in."

Haddad said he's happy to remain in Big Spring, regardless of who holds the lease on his office. "The situation has been blown somewhat out of perspective," he said. "We want people to know we're not closing our doors by any means. If anything, this change just means a brighter future for Big Spring and its medical community."

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which began as a week in mid-September, was traditionally just before the Permian Basin Fair in Odessa and the State Fair of Texas in Dallas. Choosing a date which doesn't conflict with other nearby fairs but fits in with them is important in being able to book concessionaires, entertainment acts and carnivals, and well as encouraging livestock entrants. In recent years, the state fair moved its date back, causing the Odessa fair to move its date, which has led the Howard County Fair to be held in late August rather than mid-September. Two years ago, the present board of directors saw reduced numbers of fairgoers as a prompt to change the fair from a week-long event to four days.

During its present incarnation, the Howard County Fair has had such varied events as an opening day circus, mule races, fiddling contests, the first bale of cotton contest and a 4-H omelet supper. One year, the Four County Young Farmers sponsored comedian Jerry Clower, with paid admission, to set up a scholarship fund. Another year, singer Bobby Bare performed. The Agri-business barbecue, which is now a separate event, used to be held during the fair, as was the Big Spring Prospector's Club show.

One original contest, held for several years, was for the best answer to the statement, "I haven't had so much fun since..." The highly popular Battle of the Cheerleaders began in 1987.

In 1982, when Paul Hopper was fair presi-

dent, the board had a contest for a HC Fair logo, with prizes of \$75, \$50 and \$25. The winning logo was designed by Doris Vieregge and used until 1988 on programs and fair publications. In 1988, the logo was changed to the simplified boxed HCF that appears on publications today.

In 1984, the late Floyd "Smitty" Smith, while serving as board president, instituted the "Friends of the Fair" program to generate funds for a beautification and improvement program at the air grounds. Inspired by an idea he got at the annual state fair convention, Smith sold memberships to local folks in return for an appreciation dinner and a fair pass. These funds have been used for landscaping around the fair building and for new rest rooms. A few years ago, the "Friends of the Fair" fund joined with the Rodeo Association to install a chain link fence around the entire complex, an addition which has lessened the problem of vandalism.

From the original gate price of \$1.50 a ticket, the price in 31 years has risen to only \$4 — small change compared to the price of a movie or a gallon of gasoline. Cost of securing an exhibitor's booth is a flat \$150, a bargain in advertising costs, according to other fair people and businessmen. The Howard County Fair has always provided free entertainment, with the exception of those acts sponsored by separate organizations.

The price of a fair ticket offers entrance to more than 70 commercial exhibits, free entertain-

ment, a look at produce, art, crafts and livestock from the area as well as the opportunity to visit with neighbors and strangers in an old-time community atmosphere.

Membership on the board of directors is attained by nomination of a nominating committee; anyone interested in being on the board should submit their name to a present director.

The board has 21 directors, all volunteers, and three associations: The Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture, the assistant agent and the women's county agent.

The president of the board is elected for a one-year term, but is encouraged to be re-elected for a second year. Experience has taught that the first year is a "learning experience" which enables the president to be more effective the second year.

The current president is Tommy Corwin, a long-time board member, who is serving his second term. He will be succeeded by Ron Logback, president-elect.

Former board president since 1972 are Johnny Walker, 73; Buddy Barr, 74; Arnold Marshall, 75 and 79; Neil Friar, 76; Skipper Driver, 77 and 87; Delbert Donaldson, 78; Loyd Underwood, 80p; Jerry Forsyth, 81; Paul Hooper, 82; Smitty Smith, 83-84; Geraldine Posey, 85-86 and 01; R.G. Click, 88-89; Bob Nichols, 90-91; Jewell Tubb, 92; Tom Koger, 93-94; Danny Wright, 95-96; Howard Armstrong, 97-98; and Tammy Watt, 99-00.

The Howard County Fair runs through Saturday at the fair barns, located off FM 700.

NEWS BRIEFS

Democrats want sanctions lifted

AUSTIN (AP) — Eleven Texas Democratic senators in self-imposed exile in New Mexico to block a Republican redistricting plan demanded Monday that their Republican colleagues lift sanctions against them and their staffs.

And one warned that Gov. Rick Perry's persistence in pushing for redistricting was awakening "a sleeping giant" of formerly apathetic voters.

"We are getting a lot of phone calls from people who never wanted to participate who now want to participate," Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, said during a news conference in Albuquerque, N.M. "People who have never been involved in the political process are now starting to call and want to get involved."

A letter from the Democrats to Texas Republicans said the exiled Democrats will consider legal recourse if sanctions are not lifted by Tuesday afternoon but did not specify what.

On Friday, Senate Republicans — meeting without a quorum — preliminarily adopted a resolution denying absent Democrats and their staffers parking spots on Capitol grounds, cell phone use, purchasing and mail privileges, floor passes, travel, conference rooms and subscriptions if they did not pay fines the Republicans imposed on the Democrats because of their absence.

Health worker denied care, judge says

HOUSTON (AP) — Because a man who gouged his girlfriend's eyes with a knife was released from supervision without a court's permission, a judge has found a state mental health provider in contempt of court.

Leon Evans, Center of Health Care Services executive director, was determined Monday to be in violation of State District Judge Debbie Mantooth Stricklin's order to find proper outpatient care for Nathan Dale Campbell in Bexar County.

Campbell, 29, was acquitted in 1997 after a jury found he was legally insane when he attacked girlfriend Kristen West the previous year, blinding her in one eye and permanently damaging her sight in the other. Campbell received treatment as an inpatient at the Kerrville State Hospital, until earlier this year when doctors there determined he was well enough for outpatient treatment.

Evans could be jailed for failing to comply with Stricklin's order. A hearing on sanctions against him is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday.

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lack of produce and economic depression, caused county leaders to call it to a halt. In 1972, a group of civic-minded leaders felt that Howard County should have an event that showcased the talents and products of both big Spring residents and people from the rural parts of the county.

The fair opened in September 1972. The county had a bard that was used for some exhibits and produce entries. The main "building" was a huge tent and rain greeted fairgoers most of the week. Still, after 20 years without such an event, the fair was back in business.

During that year, the organizers, all non-paid volunteers, set up a board of directors, electing Johnny Walker as president. The solicited funds from the Dora Roberts Foundation for an exhibit barn, which was complete for the 1973 fair.

The grand opening, under the direction of Dorothy Garrett, was a big event, with local, area and state dignitaries, back up by Bill Bradley's Big Spring High School band. R.H. Weaver, master of ceremonies, introduced Big Spring Mayor Wade Choate, Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Sam Anderson, Howard College President Dr. Thomas Salter, State Sen. Jack Hightower from Vernon, State Rep. Renal Rosson of Snyder, Howard County Judge A.G. Mitchell, and Walker. An estimated 8,000 people welcomed the event.

The Howard County Fair now had a permanent home, the Dora Roberts Fair Barn. The board has responsibility for maintenance of the building. The property it sits on, as well as that for all the other barns and the rodeo arena, belongs to the Big Spring Rodeo Association. The other exhibit barns belong to the county, which maintains them. The fair/rodeo complex is a shared responsibility of the three entities.

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By BETTY DEBNAM

They Are Back on Display

See the Charters of Freedom

This year, on Constitution Day on Sept. 17, the original Charters of Freedom will be back on display at a special ceremony at the National Archives building in Washington, D.C. Beginning on Sept. 18, the public is invited to go and see them.

What are the charters? They are our nation's most treasured documents. They are on parchment, which is a thin piece of animal skin.

More than 200 years ago, clerks used feather pens and ink to write the words of each document in large letters. This is called "engrossing." The documents were then signed by our founding fathers.

Declaration of Independence

With this one-page document, written in 1776, we declared our freedom from England and the right of people to govern themselves.

U.S. Constitution

With these four pages, written in 1787, we created the type of government our nation has and described the basic rights we enjoy as a people.

The Bill of Rights

On this one-page document, written in 1789, are amendments to the Constitution. Together, the amendments list the basic rights and freedom that each American has.

Protecting words of freedom



The Charters of Freedom and other important papers are stored inside the National Archives Building.

For more than 200 years, we have protected our Charters of Freedom. Sometimes they were moved to safer places.

When British soldiers attacked the U.S. capital in 1814, the Declaration and Constitution were put in a linen bag and moved to safety. They were first hidden in an unused mill near the Potomac River, and then taken farther away and hidden in a vault beneath the steps of a house. When it was safe again, they were returned to Washington.

When America entered World War II in 1941, people again worried about the safety of the charters. The Declaration and Constitution were shipped by a special train to one of our safest places, Fort Knox, Ky. They were kept there until 1944. During the Korean War, the Bill of Rights was hidden at Hyde Park, N.Y.

Putting charters on display

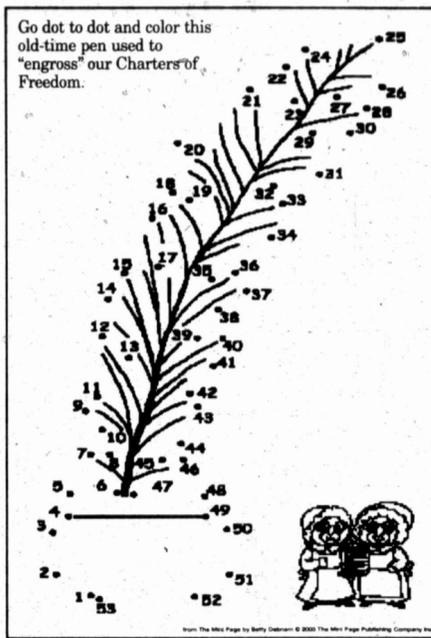


Sometimes a Charter of Freedom has been displayed in an unusual way. The Bill of Rights traveled on a special "Freedom Train" to 322 cities from 1947 through 1949.

As the charters traveled, they were damaged by all the handling and displaying. The Declaration is the oldest, so it has been displayed most often. It has not been treated as well as the other documents. All the rolling up and unrolling damaged the document. When the Declaration was displayed on the nation's 100th birthday in 1876, people became worried about how bad it looked.

The Constitution has four pages, so it was not displayed as often. It did not go on display full time until 1924 at the Library of Congress, a building in Washington, D.C.

President Harry Truman is credited with the idea of keeping all the charters on display in the same place. They all got a new home at the National Archives Building in 1952.



Go dot to dot and color this old-time pen used to "engross" our Charters of Freedom.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Twisty Parmesan Bread Sticks

You'll need:

- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 (16.3-ounce) can refrigerated biscuits

What to do:

1. In a bowl, mix together salt and parmesan cheese. Set aside.
2. In another bowl, pour the milk.
3. With clean hands, cut biscuits in half and stretch out each one into a 3-inch roll and twist.
4. Dip each twist in milk.
5. Then dip each twist in the cheese mixture until it is well-coated.
6. Bake on an ungreased cookie sheet in a preheated 400 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes until lightly browned.
7. Remove from oven and serve warm. Serves 16.

You will need an adult to help you with this recipe.

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Goldie Goodsport's Report

Supersport: Michelle Wie

Height: 6-0 Birthdate: 10-11-89
Weight: 140 Home: Honolulu

Michelle Wie is 13 years old, too young to drive a car — but she can drive a golf ball almost out of sight. Her tee shots have soared in the 300-yard range, a distance longer than most women and many of the big boys can reach.

She is already such an accomplished player that she competes in professional tournaments against women more than twice her age. Michelle recently won the U.S. Women's Public Links championship and became the youngest player ever to capture a national title in adult competition. She also qualified for the women's U.S. Open and finished 39th. And in the Nabisco Championship, another major adult event, she shot a third-round 66 to earn a spot in the final group. Maybe she should change her name to "Michelle Wie."

Although she's good enough to play with the pros, Michelle can't join the Ladies Professional Golf Tour until she turns 18 because of an age rule. Michelle likes to shop and hang around with her friends. She also intends to get a college education in addition to collecting championship trophies.

Meet Josh Groban

Josh Groban is known worldwide for his remarkable singing voice. He can sing both pop songs and classical songs. Josh was born and raised in Los Angeles, where he still lives today. He has a younger brother and two dogs.

When he was a young teenager, Josh joined his school choir because everyone else was doing it. He didn't take his singing seriously until he attended a special school, the Interlochen Arts Program.

Lots of people are noticing Josh's singing today. He sang at the closing ceremonies for the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City and was on the TV show "Ally McBeal" for two episodes. Last fall, he appeared on PBS in part of the "Great Performances" series.

Josh plays both the piano and the drums. His favorite ice cream flavor is coffee.

Mighty Funny's Mini Jokes

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

Simon: What are marshmallows filed under in a library?
Toby: The Dewey Goopy Decimal System!

Lisa: Why was the clock banned from the library?
Theresa: It ticked too much!

Gary: What volume in the library tells you everything about bicycles?
Cindy: A bicyclopedia!

Where Words of Freedom Stay

How the old Rotunda looked

How the new Rotunda will look

Improving charters' home

Seeing the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights with our own eyes helps us to appreciate our freedom and the meaning of democracy. The documents are a popular attraction. In the past, more than a million people have visited the National Archives building each year to see them. The documents are displayed in the Rotunda, a large, round part of the building with a dome. For more than two years, the documents have not been on display. They have been restored, and their home, the Rotunda, improved. This fall, Americans can again see the charters when the Rotunda reopens.

For the first time in the Rotunda, all four pages of the Constitution will be displayed, along with the Declaration and the Bill of Rights. Before, only the first and last pages of the Constitution were displayed.

Site to see: To learn more about the Charters of Freedom, go to: www.archives.gov/exhibit_hall/

The Mini Page thanks Lee Ann Potter and Milton Gustafson of the National Archives for help with this issue.

Special cases for charters

We're much more careful with the charters today than we have sometimes been in the past. For example, at one time the Declaration was displayed opposite a window so that sunlight shone directly on it. Once it was hung in a cabinet near a smoking fireplace. For the past 50 years, the documents were in special cases designed by scientists. They were in cases of metal and glass. A gas, helium, filled the case, called an encasement. The gas helped to protect the documents from insects and damage from oxygen. But checks revealed the encasements were going bad. So scientists were asked to find a better way to protect the charters. The new cases will be of stronger metal and glass. This time, the glass will not touch the parchments, and a different gas, argon, will fill the case. Argon has larger molecules than helium, so it is less likely to leak. The new cases will also be put in positions where all visitors, including children and people in wheelchairs, can easily see them.

Charters of Freedom

Words and names that remind us of the National Archives are hidden below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ARCHIVES, ROTUNDA, AMERICA, CONSTITUTION, RIGHTS, DECLARATION, INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY, VAULT, DELEGATES, SAFE, PLAN, PRESERVE, PROTECT, WORDS, HOME, FREE, AMENDMENT, LIBERTY, CHARTER.

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IN BRIEF

'Meet the Bulldogs' set for Aug. 25

The Coahoma Booster Club will be holding a "Meet the Bulldogs" event on Aug. 25 in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

The event will begin at 7 p.m.

Youth bowling league sign-up to be Sept. 6

The YABA-sanctioned Youth Bowling League will begin registering bowlers for this season at 10 a.m. on Sept. 6 at the Bowl-A-Rama.

A parent's meeting will be held at 9 a.m.

YMCA slated to hold Putt Putt tournament

The Big Spring Family YMCA will hold a putt putt golf tournament on Aug. 30 at the Big Spring Putt Putt course on Highway 87 south of the city.

Golfers can register to play in either the Youth division (12 and under), Teen (13-17) or Adult (18 and over). Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. The entry fee is \$10 per player for the 18-hole event.

Entry forms are available at the course or at the YMCA.

Rodeo Bowl to host roping event Aug. 21

Area cowboys and cowgirls will get the chance to show their skills Thursday when they converge on the Howard County Rodeo Bowl for a Team Roping/Break-Away competition.

All entrants must be a resident of Howard County.

For more information about the team roping/break-away event, call 267-8041 or 270-3805

BSHS season tickets now on sale at ATC

Big Spring High School football season tickets are on sale at the ATC. Tickets can also be purchased for individual games.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Brownfield Jamboree slated for Aug. 23

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

For more information call (806) 637-4523.

Football officials needed for '03

Football officials are needed for the upcoming 2003 season. Persons interested should call Delvin Guinn at (432) 267-9729.

Longhorns to host softball tourney

The Big Spring Longhorns will host the Hook-Em Ups For LULAC Softball Tournament on Aug. 23-24 at Comanche Trail Park.

The entry fee is set at \$125 per team.

For more information call Sally Grant at 393-5237 or Mike Hilario at 267-6619.

Correction

The player leaping over a Socorro defender in Monday's paper is Michael Shockley.

Permian game switched to Memorial

 By TOMMY WELLS
 Sports Editor

The news just keeps getting better and better for the Big Spring Steers in 2003.

Already sporting a schedule that features six home games, the Steers received another welcome piece of news Monday afternoon: Odessa is officially off the varsity travel plans.

Ector County Independent School District officials informed Big Spring yesterday that construction at Ratliff Stadium would not be completed in time for the Panthers' home game

against Big Spring on Sept. 6 and that the game would be shifted to Memorial Stadium.

The Panthers and Odessa High are being forced to work around the installation of artificial grass — similar to that installed at Midland Scharbauer Sports Complex last year. The field is not expected to be ready until late September.

With the announcement that the game will be held locally, the BSHS varsity squad will enter a 2003 season which they will travel just three weeks — on Sept. 19 against Plainview, on Oct. 17 against Frenship and on Oct. 30

against Estacado. The Steers are scheduled to open the 2003 season next Friday at home against Odessa High.

Despite switching sites, the Panthers will still be considered the home team for the matchup of the two former district rivals. Permian will wear its home black jerseys for the contest.

Ticket prices for the game will be the same as at Ratliff. Big Spring season-ticket holders will not be valid for the game. Tickets, in bought in advance, are \$2 for students and \$6 for adults. Regular prices at the gate are \$4 and \$7.



Big Spring will play seven home games this season, including on Sept. 5 against Permian.

Lady Steers to open '03 season

BS spikers will travel to Midland this afternoon

 By TOMMY WELLS
 Sports Editor

The months of planning and hours of pre-season workouts have to an end for the Big Spring Lady Steers. It's all for real now.

Big Spring, coming off its most successful season in more than a quarter of a century last fall, will open its 2003 volleyball campaign this afternoon when they travel to Midland to face the Greenwood Rangers. The game is scheduled to begin at 5 p.m.

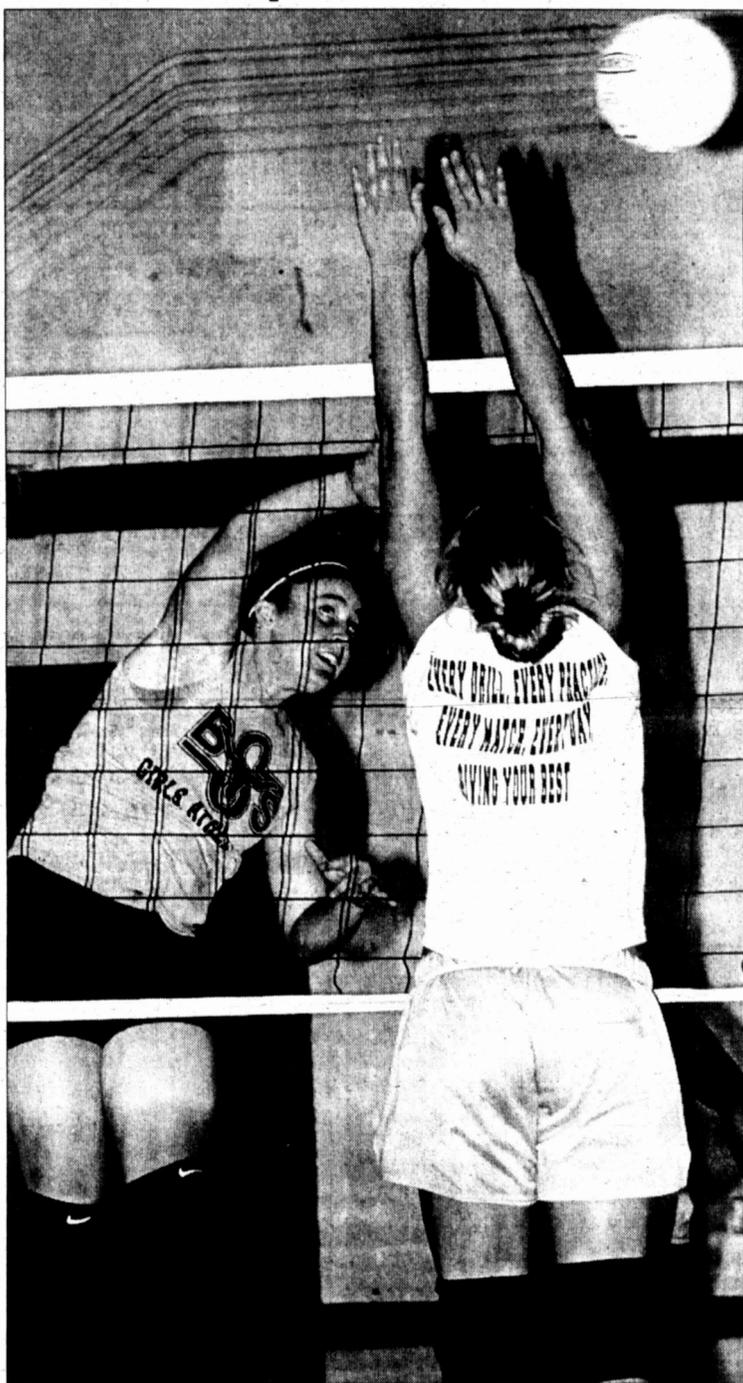
The Lady Steers enter the season as one of the top-rated teams in West Texas. And for good reason, the BSHS squad opens the year with four returning all-state performers from last year's squad that rolled to a 23-12 record and a berth in the regional semifinals.

The game will also mark the debut of new Lady Steers head coach Revis Ward-Daggett. The former University of Texas at El Paso head coach took over the BSHS squad earlier this summer.

Daggett said the Lady Steers, despite the need from some minor adjustments, were ready to begin the year.

"One of the parents asked me the other day what I think about the team," she said. "The ladies are ahead of where I thought they would be at this point. We still have some fine-tuning to do, but I think they're ready to play."

The Big Spring freshman and junior varsity squads also will be competing against Greenwood. Their games begin as 5 p.m.



Big Spring senior Leina Braxton drives a shot past a defender during the Lady Steers' scrimmage against Lamesa Saturday afternoon. The BSHS girls open their season this afternoon at 5 p.m. against Midland Greenwood.

Mavericks finally pull trigger on Jamison trade

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks never felt the need to make a major offseason move, even while the other top teams in the Western Conference were upgrading their rosters.

The Mavericks changed their mind when they revisited an old conversation with Golden State. The result was a nine-player trade Monday that brought forward Antawn Jamison to Dallas.

Dallas also got guard Jiri Welsch and forwards Danny Fortson and Chris Mills from the Warriors. The Mavericks sent guards Nick Van Exel, Avery Johnson and Antoine Rigaudeau, Evan Eschmeyer and forward Popeye Jones to Golden

State. The 6-foot-9 Jamison has averaged 20.2 points a game in his five NBA seasons, and has been the Warriors' top scorer the past four seasons.

Van Exel was the Mavericks' leading scorer off the bench last season. During the playoffs, when Dallas advanced to the conference finals before losing to San Antonio, the 10-year veteran averaged 19.5 points — seven points higher than his regular-season average in 73 games.

The moves makes Dallas younger. Jamison is 27, four years younger than Van Exel, and Welsch was the Warriors' No. 1 pick last season from the Czech Republic.

A-Rod blast sinks ChiSox

DETROIT (AP) — Alex Rodriguez didn't worry about being 0-for-6. He made up for it with his seventh at-bat.

Rodriguez hit the game-winning homer in the 16th inning Monday night to give the Texas Rangers their sixth straight win, 4-2 over the Detroit Tigers.

"I didn't feel like I was having a bad night," Rodriguez said. "I hit one ball that I thought was going to be a homer and another rocket [right at the third baseman]. I was swinging the bat pretty well, so I wasn't worried."

The homer came as the clock approached 11 p.m. on a day when both teams got to bed in the wee hours of the morning. Texas played at home on Sunday, while the Tigers were in Anaheim.

"That's a great baseball game, especially when you come out on top," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said.

Hank Blalock led off the 16th with a single and Rodriguez followed with a homer over the scoreboard in right-center, his 34th of the year, off Steve Sparks (0-6).

The Tigers ended up with their sixth straight loss and 10th in 11 games. Detroit is now a season-worst 61 games under .500 at 31-92.

Ismael Valdes pitched well for Texas in his first start after a stint on the disabled list with knee tendinitis, but he was forced to leave after 6 1/3 innings with a cramp in his right hamstring. He allowed one run on three hits and three walks.

Roberts transferring from Baylor

DALLAS (AP) — Lawrence Roberts, Baylor's leading scorer and rebounder last season, said Monday he's transferring to Mississippi State.

Roberts, a junior forward, became the first returning player to leave following the school's self-imposed probation over major NCAA violations uncovered during the investigation and death of player Patrick Dennehy.

Roberts told The Associated Press that he signed a letter of intent with the Bulldogs. He said he hoped to register this week for classes that begin Wednesday.



The Sands Mustangs continue to prepare for their upcoming season opener against Ropes on Aug. 29. The Mustangs host Ira in a scrimmage this Friday.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

There's a stop-and-go quality to the day. Just when it feels like you're coasting, an up hill pitch will cause the action. The Leo sun rushes in, and the Taurus moon plods along, so even if we show up thinking we're in full force, chances are there's an emotional part of us that wants to be sure of every step and is holding back. Go forward anyway.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Whatever you do, what counts is that you enjoy it. A minor inconvenience works to your benefit. A higher-up is prepared to reciprocate a favor. Tonight, light, inventive conversation has everyone reveling in group acceptance.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your instinct for success is finely tuned. You have the power to turn tables in a negotiation if you're willing to take a risk! The extra effort is worth the reward in terms of personal satisfaction — financial remuneration comes later.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Financial review is in order. The fiscal makeover will also be good for your soul. Rely on the support of loved ones while executing difficult plans. A Sagittarius crosses your romantic path.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): If you are sweet on someone, don't worry — everyone can tell. Whether or not to make a movie depends on the vibes you're getting from the other person. When in doubt, watch and listen to see what you can learn.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If you know where your points of leverage are, you can move mountains. Think about what you bring to relationships — you're missing an important piece. All it takes is one realization to set you on the path of success.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (August 20): Kaching! Financial success finds you this year. Bide your time for the next three weeks, but after that, you're in a prime position to ask for a raise or promotion. Singles pop the question or get popped with one in December. Travel in January and February leads to a new outlook and an opportunity for thrilling romance with

an Aries or Leo. Your lucky numbers are: 26, 52, 40, 48 and 10.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The key to happiness is not hard to figure out today. Do the activity that makes you feel excited about life. That's when you'll be most in the flow, and you'll have the energy to tackle some less exciting tasks later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): You deserve to be valued by your sweetheart, friends and family. If you don't like the way you are treated, try modeling a more loving attitude. Others will adopt your ways and reflect them back to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): You attract generous and open people. If you've got something to hide, consider bringing it out in the open instead. This will probably give you freedom in the long run, whereas a short-term "solution" will do more harm than good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make no impulsive decisions — quitting only proves the wrong person right. Show business, real estate and communication are all lucky directions for your talent. Money through in-laws is not without personal obligation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Creativity is

what you value highly today, so give your employees flexibility in the way they do their job. Family members provide solutions you might not have thought up. A mentor gives you the connections you need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can accomplish anything you set your mind to, but you've got to take care of yourself in order to handle your business. If you're not running the show, who is? Use your intuition as a success tool.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): What you do in the morning prepares you for increased responsibility. Attention to the details of a project allows the bigger things to fall in line. Investment research, real estate shopping and antique buying are lucky.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: This letter is in response to "Enlightened in Virginia," whose daughter is a restaurant server. I was concerned because the woman wrote that her daughter was being paid only \$2 an hour. This is illegal. The federal minimum wage is \$5.15 an hour. In addition, some states have an even higher minimum wage. That waitress is being cheated. — Modesto, Calif.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Modesto: Not exactly. We heard from both ends of the spectrum on this subject. Many suggested U.S. restaurants apply the European system, where the service charge is added directly to the bill and there is no tipping. Read on:

Dear Annie: I am a Certified Payroll Professional in Virginia. The minimum wage for servers is \$2.13 per hour. This is because restaurant owners are given a "tip credit." If, however, the tips do NOT make up the difference between the salary and the \$5.15 minimum wage, the restaurant owner is required by law to do so. "Enlightened's" daughter should check her pay stub for a code that would indicate this, such as TA (tip allocation). If she is not making minimum wage even with her tips, she has the right to contact the Department of Labor and file a complaint.

Kannapolis, N.C.: Servers should add their pay and tips together at the end of their shift and divide it by the hours worked. If it doesn't equal minimum wage, the employer must pay the difference. Any employer who expects a person to work for less than minimum wage doesn't deserve to have a business.

Walkerton, Ind.: When my grandmother was a food-service worker back in the 1940s and '50s, she had no salary at all and was expected to live off her tips. The blame should go to greedy restaurateurs who refuse to pay their people a liv-

ing wage, and then say, the workers provided poor service or the customers are bad tipppers. I believe most customers would be happy to pay a higher price for their food if they could forget the need for tipping. Why, on earth are restaurants permitted to be the ONLY businesses that pay their people substandard wages?

Pittsburgh: As a former restaurant manager, I know that federal minimum wage for anyone who receives tips is \$2.13. If that waitress consistently gets low tips, either the manager is overloading the waitstaff, or she needs to look at the type of service she provides. Good waitresses make good tips. Please do not blame the management. It complies with the law.

Pensacola, Fla.: Tell your readers not to tip on the total tab. The amount of the tax should be deducted before calculating the gratuity. On the other hand, one should tip on the full amount of the check (less tax) before any discount or coupon is deducted by the establishment.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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6 PM	News Wheel	King of the Hill	Cyberchase Zoboamfo	7th Heaven (CC)	News Ent. Tonight	News Wheel	Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC)	El Manantial	Blind Date	Movie: The Distinguished Gentleman	World's Most Wanted	Booker John Hagee	American Justice: Free	FBI Files (CC)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Sister, Sister
7 PM	8 Simple Rules	American Juniors (CC)	Blenko Handcraft	Movie: Hot Shots!	Big Brother 4	8 Simple Rules	Shania Twain Up! Live in	Movie: Deep Blue Sea	Valo de Novia	Star Trek: Next	Zoolander (CC)	Gentleman (CC)	What Were You	Movie: Blood Work (CC)	Update/Arrest N. McBride	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Movie: The Cheetah Girls
8 PM	Accord- Jim	The O.C. (CC)	American Heart of	Cupid (CC)	Accord- Jim	Chicago (CC)	Chicago (CC) (DVS)	Nina... Amada	Var Para Crear	Movie: Kickboxer	New York Sidewalks of	National Lampoon's	What Were You	Light of the Southwest	Cold Case Files (CC)	Nefertiti Resurrected	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Sister, Sister
9 PM	NYPD Blue (CC)	70s Show Dharma-Greg	Whose Line? Whose Line?	Judging Amy (CC)	NYPD Blue (CC)	Law & Order: Special	MLB Baseball	Primar Impacto	Gary the Rat Ren & Stimpy	Movie: State of Mind	Dead Like Me	What Were You	Sex and-City Wire (CC)	Hour of Healing	Third Watch (CC)	New Detectives	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Law & Order (CC) (DVS)	Sister, Sister
10 PM	News Nightline	70s Show Raymond	American Soundtrack	700 Club (CC)	News Late Show	News Nightline	News Tonight	Giants (CC)	En las Mejores	Blind Date	Movie: Mississippi	What Were You	Real Time	Sam Peak Richman	Biography: Patrick	Nefertiti Resurrected	X-Files (CC)	X-Files (CC)	Boy World Smart Guy
11 PM	Jiminy Gimmel	Sudden-Susan	This Land is Your Land	Caroline Rhea	Ent. Tonight Late Show	Ent. Tonight Jimmy	Late Night (CC)	Giants (CC)	En las Mejores	Blind Date	Movie: Mississippi	What Were You	Real Time	Sam Peak Richman	Biography: Patrick	Nefertiti Resurrected	X-Files (CC)	X-Files (CC)	Sister, Sister
12 AM	Paid Program	Blind Date	Best of Pledge	Paid Program	Show (CC)	Live (CC)	Fraser (CC)	12:10 Movie: Deep Blue	Camita	Highlander (CC)	12:15 Movie: Desert Hearts	Maasia	Animal Imitators	Movie: Dead	Update/Arrest Warning	Cold Case Files (CC)	X-Files (CC)	X-Files (CC)	Sister, Sister

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2003. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 19, 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate Guerriere east of Nova Scotia during the War of 1812.

On this date: In 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

In 1929, the comedy program Amos and Andy, starring Freeman Gosden and Charles Correll, made its network radio debut on NBC.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1942, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering

about 50 percent casualties.

In 1955, severe flooding in the Northeast claimed some 200 lives.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage.

In 1974, U.S. Ambassador Rodger P. Davies was fatally wounded by a bullet that penetrated the American embassy in Nicosia, Cyprus, during a protest by Greek Cypriots.

In 1976, President Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1977, comedian Groucho Marx died in Los Angeles at age 86.

Today's Birthdays: Actor L.Q. Jones is 76. Former jockey Willie Shoemaker is 72. Actress Debra Paget is 70. Tennis coach Renee Richards is 69. Actress Diana Muldaur is 65. Rock musician Ginger Baker (Cream, Blind Faith) is 64. Singer Johnny Nash is 63. Actress Jill St. John is 63. Actor and former U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson is 61. Singer Billy J. Kramer is 60. Country singer-song-

writer Eddy Raven is 59.

Rock singer Ian Gillan (Deep Purple) is 58. Former President Clinton is 57.

Tipper Gore, wife of former Vice President Al Gore, is 55. Actor Gerald McRaney is 55. Rock musician John Deacon (Queen) is 52. Actor Jonathan Frakes is 51.

Political consultant Mary Matalin is 50. Actor Peter Gallagher is 48. Actor Adam Arkin is 47. Singer-song-

writer Gary Chapman is 46. Actor Martin Donovan is 46. Actor Eric Lutes is 41. Actor John Stamos is 40.

Actress Kyra Sedgwick is 38. Actor Kevin Dillon is 38. Country singer Lee Ann Womack is 37. TV reporter Tabitha Soren is 36.

Country singer Clay Walker is 34.

Answer to previous puzzle

FISH	ABLE	ALA
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Newsday Crossword

IN THE MARKET by Mark Moldowsky
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| ACROSS | DOWN | ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Indian symbol | 1 Oolong or pekoe | 56 Dutch cheese | 9 Like some exercise |
| 6 Romeo (auto) | 2 Like Mother Hubbard | 57 Lightning form problems | 10 Lunar lander |
| 10 Alan Alda sitcom | 3 Male turkey | 62 Bike wheel | 11 Coral formation |
| 14 Wed on the run | 4 On a grand scale | 63 Not on tape | 12 Fur piece |
| 15 Use a peeler | 5 A natural gas | 64 Asian nation | 13 Actor Buchholz |
| 16 Beetle Bailey dog | 6 Swiftly | 65 Chair part | 21 Cake decorator |
| 17 Grant entrance to | 7 Actor Lorenzo | 66 Southernmost Great Lake | 22 Pitcher's mistake |
| 18 Roman love god | 8 Former tadpole | 67 Winding curves | 23 Musical pauses |
| 19 Hatchway | | | 24 Balanced, as teams |
| 20 Michael Jordan's champion team | | | 25 Delicious |
| 23 The Bridge of San Luis | | | 29 "Little Teapot" |
| 26 Unreturned serves | | | 30 Pea holders |
| 27 Milieu for Nureyev | | | 32 Herringlike fish |
| 28 Horselike | | | 33 Roof material |
| 30 Stack | | | 34 Film role for Madonna |
| 31 Seasonal theater | | | 35 Spanish title |
| 34 Compass point: Abbr. | | | 36 "It's the ___ an era!" |
| 37 Author Janowitz | | | |
| 38 Was in possession of | | | |
| 39 Not bumpy | | | |
| 40 Underhanded | | | |
| 41 Keeps thinking about | | | |
| 45 Glove insert | | | |
| 46 Body art | | | |
| 47 Toward the back, nautically | | | |
| 50 Make the acquaintance of | | | |
| 52 Canine sound | | | |
| 53 Merchant often near courthouses | | | |

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