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TOMORROW TONIGHT 70°-72°

## Dawson Co. woman killed in U.S. 87 wreck **HERALD Staff Report**

A Dawson County woman was killed early this morning when the vehicle she was driving rolled over approximately 16 miles north of Big Spring on U.S. Highway 87.

Soila Martinez, 57, of Lamesa was pronounced dead on the scene at 7:40 a.m. by **Howard County Justice** of the Peace Bennie Green.

Green ruled the cause of death as accidental and said an autopsy will not be ordered.

Martinez was an employee of the Big Spring State Hospital and was reportedly on her way home from work when the accident occurred.

## BRIEFLY

## FINAL POOL HOURS SET

Comanche Trail Park 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.

## COMING SUNDAY



Old barns and other historic farm buildings are a resource to be saved, and a number of barn savers are working to do just that through rebuilding and rehabilitation of these uniquely American structures.

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**HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody** U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, reviews a stack of petitions he received from Big Spring High School student Logan

# Neugebauer promises he'll fight for veterans

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Congressman Neugebauer reiterated his pledge Wednesday to fight against a recommendation by the Department of Veteran Affairs Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission that could result in the closure of the Big-Spring VA hospital.

"This is a No. 1 priority in our office right now," the Lubbock Republican told a group of community leaders gathered for a brief conference at city council chambers. "It's important for two reasons. It's important to the veterans that they get the best care that we can possibly give. It's important to Big Spring.

"This has been a great partnership for a number years. There's

"I think we are poised here to expand this facility, not to realign it. If there is a demand out there that's not being met, what we need to do is ramp up to meet that demand."

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer

no way there should be a separation in this great marriage that has existed for a number years."

A national draft plan for realigning the Department of Veteran's Affair's medical service includes a

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# He's the fair's 'tall order' DELINQUENT

## Dick Helms has enjoyed being on the board for years

Churchwell, left, before adding his signature.

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

o say that Dick Helms stands head and shoulders above other members of the Howard

County Fair board is no exaggeration: the six-foot, fiveinch manager of Athletic Supply is the one to call at the fair when an extended reach is required.

"I've been on the board 10 or 12 years now, and I'm glad I was asked to join. I like the focus of the fair, which is local

people and products," he said. During his association with the fair, Helms has gone to the state convention for fairs and events, which he found to be a great place for new ideas and meeting people who are doing the same thing in other towns and counties. Helms has never served as president of the local

NANCY

KOGER



**HERALD** photo/Thomas Jenkins

Victoria Mocham, right, and Ashley Hodge enjoy one of the many rides at the Howard County Fair Wednesday evening. Tonight's entertainment will feature the Colgate Country Showdown.

fair board because his business prohibits him from being at the fair every day.

"I think the president needs to be there all during the fair," he explained.

That Helms never does anything halfway was attested to by family's being named Big Spring's Family of

See FAIR, Page 3A

## County to file against those who owe fines

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Area residents that have pastdue fines pending with Howard County may find themselves in close quarters soon.

The Howard County Commissioners gave the go-ahead Howard Clerk Wright to begin mailing 'reminders" people with delinquent fines.

"We've got people that have delinquent fines from two years ago," Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart.

"It's really hard to imagine, but the way the systems work it can be really hard to collect these fines.

Wright said delinquent fines have been a thorn in the side of the county for quite some time.

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## Counselor-turned-administrator will rely on experience

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring High School **Assistant Principal Susan** Palmer is settling into her new job quickly.

"I'm just really excited to be here," Palmer said. "I want the kids to know that I care about them."

Palmer sees her years of counseling with the Big Independent Spring School District as going "hand-in-hand" with her new responsibilities.

"I will be disciplining them but the main thing is I think my counseling background is going to be of great benefit," said the mother of two. "You've year of college, Susan got to understand where kids are coming from."

A 1978 Big Spring High

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be of great benefit."

School graduate, Palmer's journey to become an educator took a few turns along the way.

married a neighborhood boy, Clarence Palmer. who later enlisted in the military.

The military allowed Clarence and Susan to travel to several countries during the 1980s. Between duty station postings, Susan finished her associate of arts degree at Howard College.

While stationed in Germany, she worked as an aide in special educa-

"I really enjoyed it," she said. "I enjoyed trying to figure out what type of

After graduation and a See PALMER, Page 3A



**HERALD photo/Lyndel Moor** Susan Palmer, the new Big Spring High School assistant principal, visits with junior Amanda Pina after school. Palmer is quickly adjusting to the position.

## County to lose Extension agent, but gain a public school educator

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Howard County is losing an extension agent, but gaining a future educator.

Texas Cooperative Extension agent for family and consumer science Katy Walker announced this week she is resigning, effective Aug. 31, in an effort to complete her education.

"I want to go back to school and get my elementary (teaching) certification," said Walker.
"I plan to stay in the Big Spring area while I attend classes at the University of Texas Permian Basin, so it's not like I'm leaving Big Spring."

Walker has served the Howard

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## Attracting, retaining members becomes priority for chamber

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has weathered some tough economic times through the years, and as the statistics begin to look up both locally and nationally, the effort to keep area merchants in busi-

ness is still top priority. "Our biggest concern is with

our existing members," said Debbye ValVerde, executive director for the chamber. "Of course it's always good to invite others to join in, and get involved, but that's not our main focus. We want to keep our members that have been loyal to us for so many years.

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## Juanita Mayhall

Juanita Mayhall, 92 of Big Spring, died at a local nursing home following a long Funeral services is 10 a.m. Friday, Aug.

22, 2003, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be held in Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m..

Juanita was born on June 2, 1911, in Mississippi. She married William C. Mayhall in 1927 in Mississippi. He preceded her in death in 1980. In 1952, she moved to Midland. She also moved to other various place before coming to Big Spring in 1970. She had worked many years as a caregiver and retired in 1989.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Ann Ross of Big Spring and Jannett Pugh of Lake Charles, La; one son, Ken Mayhall of Big Spring; one sister, Verna Ruth Miller of Rolling Fork, Miss.; 14 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and several nieces and

In addition to her husband, Mrs Mayhall was preceded in death by two sons, Jerrell Mayhall and Billy Mayhall; one daughter, Jannell Meddley; and one infant daughter, Susie Mayhall.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial to the Midway Baptist Church Building Fund, 6200 S SR 120, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.myersandsmith.com.

## Ellna Pitts Byrd



Ellna Pitts Byrd, 93, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, in a local nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring, with Chaplain Joe Torres of Home Hospice, officiating. Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum.

She was born on Jan. 23, 1910, in Lancaster and married Alex Clifford Byrd on Aug. 25, 1930, in Durant, Okla. He preceded her in death on May 25, 1994.

She came to Big Spring in 1945 from Clayton, N.M. Mrs. Byrd worked as a nurse for 40 years, retiring from Hall-Bennett Hospital. She received her pilot's license at the age of 55. She loved to fly and to ride motorcycles.

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Bobby McDonald of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Leon and Cheryl Byrd of Austin; four grandchildren, Andy Duncan of Branden, Miss., Dana Duncan of Midland, Cydni Manning of Temple, and Russell Byrd of Austin; three great grandchildren and one brother, Howard Pitts of Plano.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 ...Gregg, Big Spring 79720.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

## Linda R. Torres

Linda R. Torres, 60, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2003, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

## Support groups

## **THURSDAY**

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

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

## FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

## SATURDAY

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

## SUNDAY

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



**HENRY BACKES** 

## Police blotter

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

 JANIE AGILAR, 36, of 708 Johnson, was arrested Wednesday on four traffic charges and a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

 BETHANY COLLINS, 32, of 1429 East Sixth Street No.20, was arrested Thursday on charges of theft of

TRACIE MONTANEZ, 28, of 825 West Sixth Street,

was arrested Wednesday on four traffic charges. · ROBERT SANCHEZ, 39, of 1023 Stadium, was arrested Thursday ona charge of public intoxication.

 REYES CASTENADA, 44, of 311 West Fifth Street, was arrested Wednesday on charges of evading arrest, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and parole violations.

· LAURIE AVILA, 29, of 1905 Wasson Drive No.71, was arrested Wednesday on charges of driving while

license suspended. TERRI A. COLLINS, 31, of 1425 East Sixth Street

#20, was arrested Thursday on traffic warrants. DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported:

in the 2100 block of Grace Street. in the 700 block of Abrams Street.

- in the 4200 block of Burch Ave.

in the 700 block of West Interstate 20. in the 1200 block of East 15th Street.

· DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported in the 1400 block of Harding Street. MAJOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported in

the 3400 block of East Highway 350. · THEFT was reported in the 1400 block of Lincoln

Ave. An air conditioner valued at \$250 was reported CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800

block of West Marcy Drive. Damages were reported at

ASSAULT was reported:

in the 1500 block of Kentucky Way. in the 700 block of West Seventh Street.

- in the 1500 block of East 17th Street.

 ASSAULT BY THREATS was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

 ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported: - at Forsan High School.

- in the 3400 block of Old Colorado City

· DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported at the intersection of Driver Road and Riva Ridge.

 MAJOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported at the intersection of Highway 350 and Old Colorado City

· LOOSE SHEEP was reported at the intersection of Highway 350 and FM 700.

· SHOTS FIRED was reported in the 2200 block of

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 6-10-14-27-34. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-11-14-36-41. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$15 million.

Winning ticket(s) sold in: Hebbronville.Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$4 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-1-0

## Take note

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

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

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## **Bulletin board**

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TODAY

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

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

Howard County Fair, 4 p.m.-10 p.m., Howard County Fair Barns. Scheduled events includes: at 6 p.m., domino tourney, breakaway roping and carnival opens; 7 p.m. Colgate Country Showdown and county roping.

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.

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.

AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

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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, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

Howard County Fair, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Howard County Fair Barns. Scheduled events include: at 10:30 a.m., Kountry Kids, 1 p.m., antique tractor pull, 7 p.m., Howard College Battle of the Cheerleaders.

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

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

MONDAY

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

Coahoma's Lions Club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center on North Avenue.

## Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 70s. South winds around10 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. Southwest

winds around 10 mph shifting to the southeast in the afternoon..Friday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Saturday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of

thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the

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**HERALD photo/Tommy Wells** Dick Helms has been on the fair board for more than 10 years. He'd like to serve as president, but says his work as manager of Athletic Supply would keep him from giving the volunteer job the emphasis it deserves.

## FAIR

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the Year by the Samaritan Counseling Center several years

ago. He and his wife Connie, who teaches technology to the teachers of Big Spring ISD, have three grown sons: Jason, his wife and daughter Kelly live in Seguin; Jared, who was married this summer, works for the Humana Corporation in Louisville, Ken.; and James, who attended one year at Howard College and has just completed Marine Corps basic training in San

Diego, Calif. Currently at the fair. the ex-basketball player is responsible for public relations, which includes billboards,

advertising, and working with the media. He was formerly in charge of outside vendors, another task he enjoyed for the relationships he made with those people.

"That's one of the best parts of working at the fair — the great relations you have with the local folks and those that come in every year," he said.

He admitted that the fair is hard work but that the payoff in enjoyment and friendships make it worthwhile.

"I keep working at the fair because it's a fun project and it's good for everyone in the community," asserted Helms. "I think the fair is the best dollar entertainment value in the area. I just wish more people would volunteer to work on it.'

## **Howard County Fair activities**

TODAY

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

9 a.m. to noon, free

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Cheerleaders 9:45 p.m., Quilt drawing

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**FINES** 

"We have more than \$262,000 out just in delinquent fines," she said. "That's just the delinquent ones. We have an estimated \$373,000 out in fines all together, so you can imagine the effect this has on the county."

Wright said the letters will go out soon, and those who are behind in their fines may soon find

themselves behind bars. "When a fine is given,

you've got to follow through with the punishment," said Wright. "Once these letters go out, we'll start issuing capeus fines, which will in turn give the sheriff's office the go-ahead to issue warrants for them."

Lockhart said the creation of a full-time position to follow up on delinquent fines is in the works.

"The auditors are cur-

rently setting up a system so everything is integrated," he said. "This could help us generate more funds, and right now we could certainly use that."

Lockhart said the position could more than pay for itself through the funds generated by collecting over-due fines, with the possibility of adding a second and third position over time.

Wright said she hopes these letters will get people in gear, especially if

they're not sure where they stand.

"We got a call the other day from a gentleman out of state," said Wright. "He thought all of his fines were clear and they weren't. He saved himself a lot of trouble by sending us a money-order and clearing things up.

"It doesn't matter how much you owe. If you have fines you haven't paid, then you need to

pay them.'

## **WALKER**

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County area for nearly two years, and said she's

enjoyed it immensely.
"It's been great," said Walker. "I've had the chance to meet so many people and be involved with a lot of really fun projects since I took the position."

When asked what she thought her greatest accomplishment was during her time with the extension agency, Walker said the answer is in her decision to stay in Big Spring.

"Since I came here from Teague, I've met so many nice people," said Walker. "That really makes Big

**PALMER** 

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"I've had the chance to work on a lot of great projects, such as the Health Fair, and groups like the 4-H Club. I've also served on the ALON USA Advisory Panel, so I've had the chance to be really involved in the community."

Walker said she's quite proud of the Food Protection Management course she's developed, as

well. "The course is required for anyone wanting to open a restaurant in the area," said Walker. "It's designed to teach the basics of food prep and safety and has been a lot

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A replacement has not yet been named for Walker's office.

"The County Extension Agency likes to wait a little while and advertise for the position," said Walker. "They will probably have someone new in

the position about a month or so after I leave. Walker said she's excit-

ed to be going back to school, and once her certification is completed she plans to begin her teaching career Howard County.

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Reservations are being 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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OUR VIEWS

# Sometimes tax increases are **just inevitable**

ax. It's a three-letter word that seems to conjure up four-letter words. The fact is, paying taxes is seldom pleasant. Even though we know it is our tax dollars that build our schools, our streets, our parks and many of the things we utilize on a daily basis, it doesn't mean we like reaching in our pocketbook to do it.

That won't change this year. It seems that every entity — every school, county, city and water district — is faced with rising energy costs, higher insurance premiums and less state assistance. Our experience has been that in most cases, the council members, trustees, managers and directors of these entities do all they can to avoid raising taxes. We can recall just a year or two ago, both the city and county lowering taxes.

But when costs rise and revenues decrease, something has to give. And when programs have been cut until they cannot be cut any more, those entities have no resort except to cut personnel, eliminate services or raise taxes. Many times, the answer is a combination of the three.

One of the problems, for instance, facing Big Spring City Council as the members fashion the budget, is how to deal with the inmate labor program. It's a program that Big Spring and Howard County have counted heavily on over the years. Wilderness Camp inmates from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice have assisted with everything from helping demolish deteriorating buildings to constructing new facilities at local parks and Moss Creek Lake. They have helped repair streets, pick up trash, string Christmas lights and performed countless other tasks that have saved hundreds of thousands of dollars in labor. And yet, that program will be discontinued next year if the city doesn't help the criminal justice department pay some of the expenses.

The council has - wisely in our opinion decided to help fund the continuation of that program. It's prudent because the citizens will benefit way beyond the amount of money that they will put into it.

Another problem is employment — a merit program to reward city employees. Obviously there has to be some ceiling past which employees' salaries cannot be raised, but entities must also be able to retain valued workers. Skilled employees save an entity thousands of dollars through their knowledge, expertise and ability to get things done quickly and courteously.

We're not defending proposed tax increases by the city and county or any other entity. What we are saying is that sometimes, if we want to keep the quality of life we have in Big Spring and Howard County, if we want good, competent people at key positions, then we have to pay for those things.

It's never easy.

That said, we thank our elected officials for the job they do. And we remain steadfast in our demand that those who represent our interests whether they are council members, trustees, managers or directors — continually to carefully assess need over desire, stability over haste and uality over excess.

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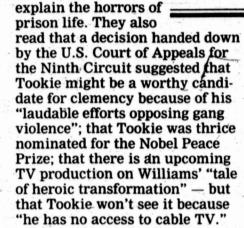
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# The nobel peace prize killer

eaders of New York Times Magazine were treated to a tidy puff piece about Stanley Tookie" Williams, the San Quentin inmate now

on Death Row for killing four strangers in two 1979 robberies. Paging through the

piece, readers learned that Tookie, a cofounder of the Crips street gang, co-wrote a series of books that warn children to stay away from gangs and crime, and that



**Author Kimberley Sevcik** described how Williams "walks slowly, magisterially, his broad chest thrust forward, his nose tilted ever so slightly upward. ... His mauve wire-rimmed glasses give him a scholarly air. But it's his voice that surprises me: not quite gentle, but disarmingly soft.'

The story does report that Tookie and friends robbed a 7-Eleven store, and that "court records describe" how Tookie shot 26-year-old clerk Albert Owens in the back twice as Owens was lying face-down on the floor. Two weeks later, during a motel robbery, Tookie shot dead proprietors Yen-I Yang and Tsai-Shai Yang, as well as their daughter, Ye Chen Lin.

Sevcik also reported that Tookie denies killing these four innocent

Here's what the New York Times story didn't tell you.

The story failed to mention that physical evidence tied Tookie to the crimes. Or that Tookie's many appeals and evidentiary hearings failed to overturn the guilty verdict or sentence.

The story does not mention that Tookie's latest appeal argued not that he's innocent - but that he suffered from organic brain damage, which made him mentally incompetent, either during trial or when he committed the crimes.

Hmmmm. Williams' defense argues he suffered organic brain damage - and yet The New York Times reported he reads up on black history, philosophy and world religion, and co-wrote a series of books.

The headline asked, "Has Stanley Williams Left the Gang?" San Quentin spokesman Vernell Crittendon believes that if Tookie had left the Crips, he would have helped authorities dismantle the gang to stop terror, drug blight and drive-by shootings in the black community.

Worst of all, while the story described the hardships Tookie must endure in prison, there is no mention of the demons and tragic loss endured by the families of his victims. The Yangs' son, Robert, was in another room when the shootings occurred. Tookie's prosecutor, the now-retired Robert Martin, noted: "I remember Robert Yang was highly criticized by his family members for not doing something. That was very unfair."

I talked to Owens' daughter, Becki, over the phone. Becki was 8, her sister was 5, when Albert Owens died. He had been saving up money to bring his children to California to live with them and was six months from his goal.

His death, Becki believes, kept the girls with their mother and the men who went in and out of her life. As a result of her childhood, Becki said, "men were not really trusted."

Asked what she thought of Tookie groupies, Becki answered, "I would like to have them think about how, if it had been their father ripped from them, if every hope they had ever had was taken away from them in a split-second, where they would stand."

And: "What I really would like people to know is that I don't hate the man. I hate the fact that he's not being held accountable for his own actions."

Wes McBride, president of the California Association for Gang Investigators, observed that if Tookie won his appeals, he would be set free. As for Tookie's apology (for crimes that didn't put him in prison), McBride said, "I really don't doubt that he's sorry that he's where he's at.'

The New York Times asked: "Is character fixed or mutable? Can a person who is capable of tremendous harm also be capable of tremendous good?"

I believe even violent people can change. The question is: Has Tookie changed?

Or how about: Why can't deathpenalty opponents find a killer who has expressed remorse for his known crimes to nominate for the Nobel Peace Prize?

Better yet: Does having your name on a book jacket remove the stain of snuffing out the lives of four innocent people?

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## Colombia's poisonous export revived?

with Congress in recess. the chairman of the **House International Relations Committee** issued a two-paragraph statement containing a startling allegation. Rep. Henry Hyde contended opium production in

Colombia has revived. It supplies, he continued, "more than 60 percent of U.S. hero-

Hyde followed with this mandate: "We must eliminate all of the small, deadly opium crop in Colombia sooner rather than later to

NOVAK provide protection for our young people and to maximize use of U.S. aid in Colombia." For the veteran congressman from the Chicago suburbs to go public signified that his previous private appeals to high levels of the Colombian and U.S. governments fell on deaf ears.

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Talk about needing to "maximize" U.S. aid suggests the \$2.5 billion Plan Colombia, while keeping leftist guerrillas at bay, has failed in its original anti-drug mission. Hyde is implying that while the Colombian operation is a great success, the patient is dying. The poisonous export of heroin flows into middle-class suburbs to be ingested by America's youth.

The problem, as seen by Hyde and his experienced staff, is the neglect of the small, extremely profitable, twice-a-year opium crops grown in Colombia's high Andes. U.S. and Colombian officials have made an unannounced decision to concentrate on eradicating coca plants as the larger source of financing guerrillas. However, drug traffickers are

happy selling heroin with a U.S. street value six times higher than cocaine. The result is a serious U.S. set-

back in the war against drugs, seemingly unnoticed by a Bush administration committed to the war against terrorism. America is awash with heroin, flowing from east coast to west coast. The refined heroin is so pure that it need not be mainlined with a needle, and middle-class youths think they are safe by smoking or snorting it.

Henry Hyde early this year started demanding action. In a Feb. 3 letter to Colombia's President Alvaro Uribe, he contended that it is possible to attack coca and opium at the same time. He pointed out that the Colombian National Police, then commanded by the fabled Gen. Jose Serrano (now ambassador to Austria), in 1999 and 2000 eradicated 80 to 90 percent of the opium crop. "It is our hope," Hyde told Uribe, that the eradication effort will return to Serrano's level — "eventually eliminating the entire opium crop."

Hyde did not receive much of a response from Colombia, and four months later turned to the U.S. drug czar — John Walters, director of national drug control policy. Meeting with the congressman on June 3, Walters echoed the State Department. He called it next to impossible to locate opium fields in the remote Andes.

That did not satisfy Hyde. On June 10, he wrote Walters complaining that only 1,658 hectares of opium production have been eradicated — less than 20 percent of the 10,000 hectares promised by the State Department. Hyde noted that New York Times reporters, in a June 8 dispatch, experienced no

difficulty in finding opium fields (and photographing them in color). "I urge your support for a full scale DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency)-led program to pay Colombian farmers and villagers for information on the location of opium fields," Hyde urged Walters.

On July 8, the Colombian embassy in Washington relayed to Hyde's staff the Colombian National Police's up-to-the-minute tabulation on opium eradication. It was still 1,658 hectares. It still is, as far as anybody knows. That is the reason for Hyde's public statement of Aug. 8. Just why U.S. and Colombian authorities are nonchalant about the opium-heroin epidemic defies rational explanation. Drug czar Walters, in response to Hyde's statement, told me, "There was a 25 percent reduction in opium last year. We are not reducing coca production at the expense of opium production." In the seven years I have been

writing about Colombia's narcoguerrillas, U.S. policy has seemed circular. When I was in Bogota in 1996, U.S. officials disavowed any interest in anti-guerrilla activity unless connected to narcotics suppression. The visit to Colombia Aug. 12 by Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, symbolized the change of emphasis from anti-drug to antiguerrilla. The bottom line is that despite stalwart leadership from President Uribe and some military success, more and more heroin is pouring out of Colombia into America's streets.

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would like to extend my thanks to the community for the support you have given. For the past year and a half I have served Howard County as the Family and Consumer Science

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and half I have met many new people and

made numerous friendships. The support that the community has given me is greatly appreciated. Serving as a Howard

County Extension Agent you get the honor to work with various committee's and panels. Some of the ones that I worked with are the Health Fair Committee (you guys do an awesome job, keep up the good work), ALON Advisory Panel, RSVP Advisory Panel (Nancy and Becky you two kept me on track, I will truly miss you both), advisor to the Howard County Meals on Wheels, Ag Expo, Family and Consumer Science Committees, Howard 2173 County Quilters Guild and the Howard County Fair Board have learned so much from each of you and thank you for all your encouragement and support.

To the Howard County 4-Her's and 4-H parents, without you we could not get all the work done. You have been a great help to me over the past year and a half. To my co-workers, I will miss you all and hope you the best in whatever and wherever life takes you. I would also like to thank the Howard **County Commissioners** Court; without your support there would not be a Howard County Extension staff.

To those of you that I might have left out, thank you. Working in Howard County has been a great opportunity and pleasure. I only hope that in future jobs that I can meet as many new people, have a community that is so supportive, and make as many friendships as I have working for Howard County.

May God Bless each and every one of you.

ing counties are in need of foster families. For information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglect-

## **VETERANS**

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recommendation to close inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring facility and conduct a feasibility study to shift many of the services provided on the Big Spring campus to the

Midland/Odessa area. "I want you to know that I going to be aggressively working on bringing this matter to a resolution," Neugebauer said. "I think we are poised here to expand this facility, not to realign it. If

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there that's not being of his calculations based met, what we need to do is ramp up to meet that demand.'

In a letter Neugebauer sent to Secretary of **Veterans Affairs Anthony** J. Principi, the congressman referred to the Big Spring facility as the perfect example of the 'hub and spoke' concept being promoted by the Cares Commission.'

To illustrate that point, Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes, a former math

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there is a demand out teacher, pointed out some on veteran population data in this area.

> "If it is relocated as close down the road as Midland, it would cost our veterans more than 700,000 additional miles just this year," Downes said. "What skews this so much is the 13,000 veterans that live in Abilene. It's almost a no-brainer. The Big Spring VAMC needs to be here.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said he was proud of the area's response to this situation.

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"The gratifying thing that has happened — this is a district-wide support for keeping our facility open," McEwen said.

McEwen said he has received support from area community leaders, including Ector and Midland counties as well as the state Speaker of the House Tom Craddick, R-Midland.

At the beginning of the meeting, Big Spring High School student Logan

Churchwell, who is spearheading a petition drive to keep the facility open, presented Neugebauer with a stack of petitions and asked for the congressman's signature.

'We're going to keep it open," Neugebauer said: as he signed his name. 15

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## **CHAMBER**

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"I think that's the only way you're going to see your membership dues, whether it's in business development, health or agriculture."

Wednesday's During monthly meeting, Membership Development President Joe Concienne said preparations are being made for a membership drive in October, and, if past statistics hold true, the group could get a definite boost.

"Last year we signed up 56 members during the drive," said Concienne. "Out of that 56, only 13 have dropped out. We currently have 385 members of the chamber and the membership visits are going very well."

ValVerde said she was looking for something different for the chamber to do for its members, and the new membership visits have filled the bill.

"I attend an institute. which is a four-year program through the chamber, and that was one of the ideas that was brought during one of my classes, and I wanted something different for us to do to include our members," said ValVerde.

"For so long we've gone

to our members asking for contributions to this or that. Now, in turn, our board members and myself are going out and seeing for ourselves what's going on."

ValVerde said response so far has been excellent.

'We ask them how things are going, and how is the chamber doing, and think they really like that," said ValVerde. "It's been very educational and very enlightening. We have some that are struggling with the current economic situation, but otherwise they are doing well."

ValVerde said another tool for business retention and improvement is the Business After Hours program, and although it's offered through the chamber it's not limited to members.

"We really want people to know the Business After Hours program isn't just for our members,' she said. "Bring your business cards and get to know everyone there."

The next Business After Hours program is scheduled from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at Home Hospice, 600 Gregg Street.

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"Emotions are a part of every sport, NASCAR Winston Cup included. However, there is a fine line. In this instance, that fine line was crossed."

NASCAR President Mike Helton, on the altercation that took place between Jimmy Spencer and Kurt Busch after last week's race at Michigan.



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plot truly thickens, because, like "Plan" money,

some qualify for some awards and some don't.

Cola 600, the top 10 qualifiers received from

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awards, are sometimes paid, sometimes not.

Headache Powders because the Coca-Cola 600

is one of the races that company chooses to put

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# Tracking down the cash

## Figuring out who makes what in a Winston Cup race is trickier than it seems

By JIM McLAURIN Knight Ridder Newspapers

t least once a week, in the sports department of any newspaper that runs the results of NASCAR races, the phone will

"How come," the caller will ask, "Tony" Stewart made \$140,528 for finishing 40th in the Coca-Cola 600, and Joe Nemechek only got \$84,740 for finishing 11th? Don't seem right to.

The truth is, figuring out who makes what, and why, in any given Winston Cup race is almost as simple as rocket science, once you master the formulas.

The reason Stewart made more than Nemechek in the Coca-Cola 600 is that both are being paid for what they earned in the race and for what they did in getting to it.

Just how the purses for Winston Cup races are figured is spelled out in detail on the entry form NASCAR sends each team in advance of every race. The actual "racing purse" for each race is different, as are the "television awards." Some of the "qualifying and special awards" remain constant. And then, some places pay "lap money," and some don't.

"It is a little complicated, at times," said Herb Branham, of NASCAR's public relations department. "It'll blow your mind. But it's pretty interesting, actually, to see all the money comingfrom different directions.

Branham is one of several people it takes after every race to collect the data and see that the money coming in goes to the right driver and team. There is a computer program that helps to simplify things but, as he said, sometimes it gets confusing.

Basically, the "Posted Awards" (the amount listed at the top of the entry blank) is broken into four groups. In the Coca-Cola 600 at Lowe's Motor Speedway, for instance, the posted awards totaled \$5,396,603. Here's how the money breaks down:

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The purse is the

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amount is agreed upon by NASCAR and the race promoter in January during the negotiations for a sanctioning agreement. It is paid, in decreasing increments, for first through 43rd places in the race.

#### **TV AWARDS**

The television networks that broadcast the races are paying \$2.6 billion over five years. NASCAR gets 10 percent, the tracks 65 percent and the teams 25 percent of the total package, and the race winnings come from each track's

#### **PLAN AWARDS**

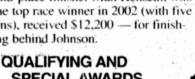
"Plan" awards are where it gets interesting. The NASCAR Winston Cup Series Car/Champion Owner Program is broken into two parts. Plan 1 pays a set figure of \$8,000 for each car owner. It is reserved for the top 30 finishers in car owner points from the previous sea-

Plan 1C, open to car owners who are in the top 40 but not in Plan 1, pays car owners for their drivers' finishing position in relation to the other owners in the plan, on a decreasing scale. It is sort of a race within a race. The "Plan" money is separate from the Winner's

Circle program, which is set up for the 10 most prolific winners from the previous season, plus the first two race winners from the current season not already on the program. At Lowe's, Johnson, the highest-finishing Winner's Circle driver in the Coca-

Cola 600, got \$11,400 from the Winner's







## RANKINGS

## THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): Wasn't happy but still got his 18th top-10 finish at Michigan, four more than anyone else. Last week: 1.

2. Ryan Newman (car No. 12): No threat in the points race but definitely close to taking over the top spot on this

3. Kevin Harvick (car No. 29): Suddenly Richard Childress Racing once again looks like a powerhouse operation. Last week: 4

4. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Suffered bad luck at Michigan, but his team's bad reaction to it made troubles snowball. Last week: 2

5. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): Aggrieved in Spencer contretemps, but needs to examine how his peers regard

6. Robby Gordon (car No. 31): Has the most race victories among all drivers named Gordon in the sport so far this year. Last week: 6.

7. Tony Stewart (car No. 20): We've got a strong feeling he's going to be hard to beat under the lights at Bristol, Last week: 10.

8. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48): Ran out of gas at Michigan. This team has thrown away a lot of points late in races this year. Last week: 7.

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9. Michael Waltrip (car No. 15): He's clawed his way up to the top five in points, joining teammate Earnhardt Jr. in that club. Last week: 9.

10. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): A malfunctioning kill switch put him in a deep hole at Michigan. This team never used to have such issues. Last week: 8.



For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit

# NASCAR needs to be consistent with punishments

Knight Ridder Newspapers

ere we go again.
NASCAR's warped sense of justice was again doled out on Monday, this time with Jimmy Spencer taking the brunt of the sanctioning body's increasingly incompre-

hensible methods of punishment. NASCAR suspended Spencer through Aug. 26 from all competition, fined him \$25,000 and placed him on probation through the end of the year for punching driver Kurt Busch in the garage area following last Sunday's Winston Cup race at Michigan

International Speedway. First, let me make one thing perfectly clear - I absolutely agree that any NASCAR participant who punches or strikes someone at the racetrack deserves to be suspended.

So what is my problem with NASCAR's punishment for Spencer?

Just over one year ago, driver Tony Stewart punched a freelance photographer following the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor

Speedway. His punishment? A \$10,000 fine and probation. His actions were witnessed by many

and caught on videotape - far more evidence than seems to exist in the matter

Sunday at Michigan. So taking these two examples into consideration we are to believe that a driver striking another driver warrants far more severe punishment than a dri-

ver striking a member of the media. Lucky it wasn't a fan - what punishment would that warrant? A \$5 fine and a thank-you note for ridding the garage of another autograph seeker? Time and time and time again,

the rules.

ed all in the same manner. For instance, although I don't believe it to be the case here, NASCAR's actions Monday could well raise the argument that Stewart was punished severely because of who he was, rather than what he

NASCAR's inconsistent actions in punishment open the

such conspiracy theories.

In Sunday's announcement of its punishment, NASCAR President Mike Helton said Spencer had crossed a "fine line."

agree. But I also think that line was crossed a year ago, and where was NASCAR



THIS WEEK'S RACE

#### **SHARPIE 500**

Where: Bristol Motor Speedway, a 0.533mile highly banked concrete oval located in

When: Saturday at 7:30 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:05 p.m. Friday.

TV: TNT. Radio: Performance Racing Network.

Purse: \$5,288,972. Last year's winner: Jeff Gordon.

Worth mentioning: Three different drivers - Kurt

Busch, Jeff Gordon and Joe Nemechek — have won the first three short track races of the 2003 Since his rookie year (1999), Tony Stewart

has won five of the 27 short-track races, more than any other driver. Jeff Gordon has four victories and Rusty Wallace three during the same 27-race period. While three of the four manufacturers have

won at least one of the past four races at Bristol, Dodge has not scored a Bristol victory since 1975, when Richard Petty won both racés there in a Dodge.

#### POLL POSITION

#### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think NASCAR's punishment of Jimmy Spencer and Kurt Busch for their altercation at Michigan was fair?

> Cast your vote at: www.thatsracin.com

#### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

What has been the best Winston Cup spat of the season so far?

Number of votes: 1,997

Feuding parties	percent
Jeff Gordon, Robby Gordon	39%
Kevin Harvick, Robby Gordon	35%
Ryan Newman, Watkins Glen safety workers	9.7%
Dale Earnhardt Jr., Matt Kenseth	8.4%
Another dust-up	7.9%

## STOP 'N' GO

## **RANDOM THOUGHTS**

This week, NASCAR returns to Bristol Motor-Speedway, one of its famed short tracks. After racing three of six short-track races this season, here are some quick facts on some emerging trends:

■ Most points earned: Bobby Labonte,

■ Poles: Jeff Gordon, Terry Labonte and

Ryan Newman each has one. ■ Victories: Kurt Busch, Jeff Gordon and

Joe Nemechek each has one. ■ Top-five finishes: Bobby-Labonte, three.

■ Top-10 finishes: Bobby Labonte, three.

■ Races led: Jeff Gordon, Kevin Harvick and Bobby Labonte have each led all three

- Jim Utter

## BY THE NUMBERS

#### WINSTON CUP POINTS LEADERS The top-40 drivers as of Aug. 10:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Kenseth	(17) 3432	21. R. Craven (	32)2296
2. D. Earnhardt	Jr. (8)	22. J. Benson (	10) . 2252
3103		23. J. McMurray	(42) 2249
3. J. Gordon (2	24)2971	24. J. Nemechel	k (25) 2214
4. K. Harvick (2	29)2953	25, D. Blaney (7	77)2179
5. M. Waltrip (	(5) . 2923	26. R. Rudd (21	1)2171
6. J. Johnson (4	18)2908	27. D. Jarrett (8	8) 2163
7. B. Labonte	(18). 2825	28. J. Spencer	7) 2132
8. R. Newman	(12).2816	29. J. Mayfield	(19). 2067
9. K. Busch (97		30. T. Bodine (5	4) 1977
10. R. Gordon (	31) .2777	31. S. Park (30)	1976
11. T. Stewart (2	20)2715	32, K. Wallace	
12. J. Burton (9	9) 2642	33. J. Green (1)	1819
13. T. Labonte	(5)2625	34. C. Mears (4	1) 1719
14. M. Martin (6	) 2608	35. K. Petty (45)	1627
15. R. Wallace	(2)2568	36. T. Raines (	74)1606
16. S. Marlin (40	)2479	37. K. Schrader	(49) 1573
17. B. Elliott (9) .	2465	38. J. Andretti (	43) . 1381
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## RAND NATIONAL POINTS LEADER The top-20 drivers as of Aug. 5:

Rank/Driver Points	Rank/Driver Points
1. S. Riggs 3192	11. K. Kahne 2691
2. D. Green 3190	12. M. Bliss 2646
3. J. Keller 3096	13. T. Bodine 2467
4. R. Homaday 3058	14. A. Lewis 2374
5. B. Vickers 3044	15. M. Wallace 2283
6. B. Hamilton Jr 2900	16. C. Gibbs 2231
7. S. Wimmer 2788	17. K. Grubb 1923
8. S. Hmiel 2787	18. J. McMurray 1724
9. J. Sauter 2772	19. K. Earnhardt 1679
10. S. Compton 2697	20. M. Waltrip 1677
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2. T. Kvapil 2308	7. B. Hamilton 216
3. T. Muegrave 2294	8. J. Leffler 207
4, D. Setzer 2210	NEW CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY
5. J. Wood 2182	10. T. Cook 201

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# Parcells heads into game unhappy camper

By ALAN ROBINSON

**AP Sports Writer** 

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Bill Parcells and Bill Cowher appear to be auditioning for the roles of grumpy and grumpier.

Concerned their teams aren't close to being ready as the NFL season draws ever closer, Parcells and Cowher each displayed their famous tempers going into tonight's exhibition game at Heinz Field.

The Cowboys-Steelers matchup coincides with the 25th anniversary of their Super Bowl meeting after the 1978 season, but neither coach is in the mood to celebrate the accomplishments of a distant

Parcells was so displeased earlier this week, he walked out of practice, leaving his players to finish the final hour of their workout alone. Countless high school and college coaches have used this motivational ploy, but it's one seldom seem in the

**Baylor** 

stay in

Big 12

WACO (AP) - A player

killed, NCAA violations

and an attempted coverup

of misdeeds by the head

coach have raised ques-

tions about the future of

Baylor men's basketball

and whether the school

needs to stay in the Big

But even after a summer of scandal, it appears

unlikely the Big 12's smallest and only private

school will leave the con-

ference, either on its own

or forced out by the

"Our commitment cer-

tainly is to remain in the

Big 12," Baylor President

Robert Sloan Jr., said this

week. "The answer is not

to run away from prob-

lems but to face them.

Very clearly, we face

Baylor's football and

men's basketball teams \_

typically the money mak-

ers of any athletic pro-

gram — routinely finish

at or near the bottom of

the league. The football

team has won four Big 12

games in seven seasons.

The Waco Tribune-Herald

has reported the athletic

program ran a deficit of

While Baylor's troubles

have become a hot topic

of Texas editorial pages,

Internet message boards

and radio talk shows, Big

12 Commissioner Kevin

Weiberg said he's heard

no rumblings of discontent from the league's

"We've received no calls

from (members) suggest-

ing Baylor should go,"

Big 12 bylaws require

nine members to vote to

expel a school, something

several school presidents

"I don't think that

would be a good idea,"

Kansas President Robert

Hemenway said. "My per-

sonal feeling is they have

Even if the league want-

ed to dismiss Baylor, that

would mean finding a

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every-minute-counts world of the NFL.

Cowher, trying a different tack to shake up a team that has neither played nor practiced well since camp opened, called off practice Tuesday morning and took his players to the movies.

He probably wishes now he had used the time to watch game tapes; later in the day, he said they practiced as if they still were relaxing in a theater. He then called off the talent show that rookies traditionally perform for veterans at the end of camp.

Cowher sent an even more pointed message to his team Wednesday by benching running back Jerome Bettis and tight end Mark Bruener, two of his most productive players for years. They will be replaced as starters for the final two exhibition games and the Sept. 7 opener at Baltimore by running back Amos Zereoue and tight end Jay



Riemersma.

The Steelers, starters and backups alike, played terribly in a 26-13 loss at Detroit on Aug. 8 mostly because an injury-disrupted offensive line was awful.

What more concerns Cowher is that his starters were outplayed again — and on their home field - in a 21-16 loss to Philadelphia on Saturday.

The Steelers (0-2) haven't had a winless preseason in 38 years, or since going 0-5 under Mike Nixon in 1965, but that's a possibility should they lose Thursday. They close out exhibition play Aug. 29 at Carolina.

If they do go winless, it could be an ominous sign; that 1965 team went on to win only two of

Parcells watched the Cowboys

Arizona and much better in a 34-6 victory over Houston, so he expects to get a better feel for where they are Thursday.

Most coaches don't like long trips for a game that doesn't count, but Parcells welcomes the long trip to Pittsburgh because of the Steelers' enthusiastic fans.

"I like going to Pittsburgh and Green Bay in the preseason because I think they're the closest things to regular-season games that you can get," Parcells said. "I told them I thought Pittsburgh was a good place to play because it's kind of a raucous place."

As it has been throughout the Cowboys' camp, the quarterback issue remains the top priority. Chad Hutchinson and Quincy Carter will play, with Hutchinson likely to start. Undrafted rookie Tony Romo is expected to play in the fourth quarter.

## IN BRIEF

HC cheerleading camp set for Sept. 6

The Howard College cheerleading squad will host its annual mini cheer camp on Sept. 6, at the Dorothy Garrett

Coliseum,

graders.

Birdwell Lane. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and cost is \$25. The camp is open to first through eighth

Cheer/dance class runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a lunch, tennis shoes, a water bottle and place their name on all their belonging.

All mini cheer campers will have a chance to perform at one of the Hawk basketball games.

For more information, call Linda Berry at 264-5024.

#### 'Meet the Bulldogs' set for Monday

The Coahoma Booster Club will be holding a "Meet the Bulldogs" event on Monday 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.am. 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.

## BSHS season tickets now on sale at ATC

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

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

## 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.

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

The Big Spring Steers will make their final preseason outing of the year this afternoon against the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes. The Steers, who are set to begin the scrimmage at 4:30 p.m. in Lamesa, will open the 2003 season next Friday at home against Odessa High.

# Steers end preseason with scrimmage against Lamesa

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

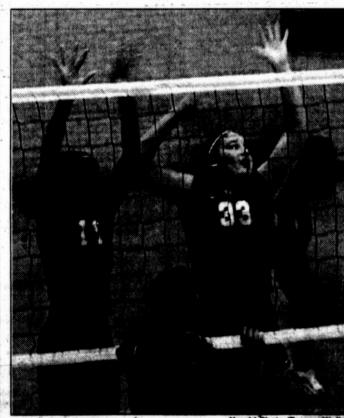
The Big Spring Steers will put to rest another preseason this afternoon when they get the chance to go head-to-head in a controlled scrimmage with the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes.

The scrimmage, which is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. in Lamesa, will be Big Spring's final tune-up bout before beginning preparations for the 2003 season opener against Odessa High next defensive tackle. week. The Steers scrimmaged El Paso Soccorro last week at Memorial Stadium.

This afternoon's scrimmage will mark the final opportunity for several players to nail down preseason starting roles. Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler, who is entering his 13th year as BSHS' mentor, heads into next Friday night's opener needing to plug in new players at quarterback, running back, wide receiver and

Quarterback Jerry Doporto and Andy Lasater both performed well last week against Soccorro. Doporto completed six straight passes for 76 yards — including a 44-vard strike to Mike Ornales for a score — and rushed for 40 yards. Lasater threw for more than 60 yards.

Marcus Gray, Taviance Clemons and Dennis Kimble are vying for the featured running back posi-



Carmen Lewis (11) and Leina Braxton go for a b during the Lady Steers' win over Brownfield. Big Spring will make its home debut Tuesday in the Steer gym.

## Americans capture gold at World Championships

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) Hollie Vise had to com- The United States won the gold medal at the World **Gymnastics** Championships, the first gold in history for the Americans - men or women — at the biggest international event this side of the Olympics.

Romania took the silver medal and Australia took bronze.

Chellsie Memmel, the alternate pressed into service late last week, is now 8-for-8 on routines in the team prelims and finals.

pete with her particpant number scrawled on a piece of paper in black marker and taped to her leotard. The Chinese women

were docked .2 points, costing them the bronze medal at the meet, because an athlete warmed up on the podium before judges cleared her to step onto it.

The .2 points dropped the Chinese to 110.259 points, leaving them .076 behind Australia.

## Rangers win eighth straight game

DETROIT (AP) - R.A.Dickey threw a six-hitter for his first major league shutout, Alex and Rodriguez homered for the third straight game as the Texas Rangers beat

the Detroit Tigers 6-0 on Wednesday for their eighth straight win.

Dickey (8-5) also struck out a career-high seven batters in his first complete game.

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riage should not be

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feel about your financial

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20). Look forward to a

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face before this after-

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23). Eccentric behaviors

and interesting associa-

tions keep the cogs mov-

ing. Be tolerant of other

people's process. The less

judgmental you are now,

the faster you can reach

your goal. Energy is

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.

21). There's something to

be said for low energy.

too, so if you're not in an

you'll find ways to make

that work for you. Take

time to be quiet, center-

ing yourself in your pri-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.

22-Dec. 21). The unpre-

dictable environment of

this wacky day keeps you

on your toes. Though

there's plenty to be dis-

tracted by, stay your

course. A loved one asks

you to compromise more

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-

Jan. 19). Self-examina-

tion in the morning

makes the whole day go

more smoothly. Even

though your outer life

hasn't changed yet,

you're making real per-

sonal progress. Catch up

on neglected home mat-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). Look for oppor-

tunities to earn extra

income through part-

time or overtime work. A

Sagittarius provides a

lucrative connection. Be

polite – take the cell

phone call later. A love

connection could come

from outrageous flirting.

20). Old ways die hard,

PISCES (Feb. 19-March

ters tonight.

than you had intended.

up-and-at-'em

and Aquarius are especially lucky. It's never enough under these skies. Big Daddy

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Flow with changing responsibilities. Loved ones may argue due to misdirected energy. Everyone wants to improve -but only the wisest among us realize that the thing to improve is our own thought process.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Nothing ventured, nothing gained, so get out and try. Stop talking yourself out of projects. Your key to attainment is organization. Start networking; you improve every area of life by enlarging your

circle of friends. TOMORROW'S BIRTH-DAY (August 22). You've had it good, but this year is going to be great! Get ready to be blissfully shaken up even if you are poised to remain in your current state of affairs. A new Libra or Aries suitor has romance in store for you over the next two weeks. Negotiate longterm partnerships in September while the passion is still hot. You and a friend connect in October. Your lucky numbers are: 35, 15, 21, 12 and 28.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Being too self-sufficient may impede you from keeping resolutions and accomplishing goals as quickly as you would if you utilized the resources of loving people around you. There's an up side to everything, and you'll find it today.

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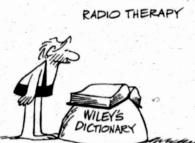
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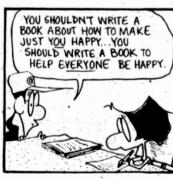


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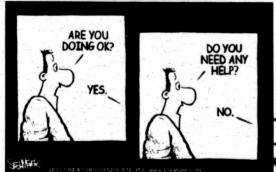


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## This Date In History

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 21, the 233rd day of 2003. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred twenty-five years ago, on Aug. 21, 1878, American the Bar Association was founded in Saratoga, N.Y.

On this date: In 1831, former slave Nat

Turner led a violent insurrection in Virginia. He was later executed. In 1858, the famous

debates between senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln Douglas began.

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky died in Mexico City from wounds inflicted by an assassin.

In 1945, President Truman ended the Lend-Lease program that had shipped some \$50 billion in aid to

America's allies during World War-II.

1959, President In Eisenhower signed an executive order proclaiming Hawaii the 50th state of the union. In 1963, martial law was

declared in South Vietnam as police and army troops began a crackdown on Buddhist anti-government protesters. In 1982, a group of

Palestinian guerrillas left Lebanon by ship under an evacuation plan mediated by the United States In 1983, 20 years ago, opposition Philippine

leader Benigno S. Aquino Jr., ending a self-imposed exile in the United States, was shot dead moments after stepping off a plane at Manila International Airport.

in 1983, the musical play "La Cage Aux Folles' opened on Broadway.

In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Today's Birthdays: Actordirector Melvin Peebles is 71. Singer Kenny Rogers is 65. Actor Clarence Williams III is 64. Rock-androll musician James Burton is 64. Singer Harold Reid (The Statler Brothers) is 64. Singer Jackie DeShannon is Actress McCormack is 58. Actress Loretta Devine is 54. TV host Harry Smith is 52. Singer Glenn Hughes is 51. Country musician Nick Kane is 49. Actress Kim Cattrall is 47. Actress Carrie-Anne Moss is 33. musician Liam Rock Howlett (Prodigy) is 32. Actress Alicia Witt is 28. Singer Melissa Schuman (Dream) is 19. Actress Hayden Panettiere is 14.



39 "Talk to the

Animals"

doctor

40 Big trouble

46 Slather on

48 Den dweller

50 Be under the

weather

51 Lay an egg

45 Read carefully

## **Newsday Crossword**

## **ACROSS**

- 5 Dog's warning
- 10 Satirist Mort
- 15 City on the
- Platte
- 16 Burn balm

- 20 Hire
- 21 Johnny-come-
- 22 Brand of
- 24 Ft. Wayne's
- 28 Greet the day 31 Software test
- 35 Khan's title
- 38 Politically moderate
- Let\_ 44 Be unsteady
- presidential
- 46 Fax button
- 47 Hotel freebie
- 51 Sales points
- 60 Speech-ending

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- 1 Sprinter's goal
- 14 Bailiwick

- 17 Bill Clinton
- biography
- latelies
- building blocks
- home
- 25 Swimmer's
- regimen
- version
- 36 Book part
- 37 Italian isle
- 41 NFL great Hirsch
- 42 Spill the beans
- 43 Live and
- **45** 1992
- candidate
- 49 Make a trade
- 56 European plane maker
- phrase

## 8 House bigwig

- 9 TV canine
- 63 Paris' river 64 Nautical 10 Restaurant
- adverb offering 65 Toon skunk 11 Winglike

62 Face shape

4 Art stands

6 DDE's veep

locale

7 Pearl Harbor

- 66 Fragrant 12 Party thrower
  - compound 13 Not as much
- 67 Juicy gossip 18 Large digit 19 Package: DOWN
- Abbr. 1 Teddy 23 Baltimore bird
  - Roosevelt 25 Less plausible
- successor 26 Lively 2 Donizetti ditty 27 Mission priest
- 3 Fringe benefit 29 Surmise
  - 30 Donnybrooks
- 5 Losing 32 Lyric poem control
  - 33 Get in shape 34 Helped out
  - 36 Foxy 37 100 yrs.
- 52 Roof overhang 53 "Pronto!" 54 Haiti seasons

55 Tizzy

- 57 Indonesian island
- **58** Manipulative
- sort
- 59 Manuscript
- marking

61 Singleton

