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August 27, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:

At the Crossroads of West Texas

50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

Big Spring City Council approves 3-cent tax hike

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members approved the first reading of a 3-cent ad valorem tax hike during Tuesday evening's meeting, one cent less than the 4-cent increase that was expected.

The city budget was expected to contain a tax increase of 4 cents per \$100 valuation, which was decided on two weeks ago during a budget workshop session.

The property tax increase was made in order to purchase a bus and other items needed to keep the offender work program going in Big Spring, and to fund a meritbased pay system for city employees.

The 4-cent hike would have meant that an owner of a home valued at \$29,330 the average value of a home in Big Spring - would pay an extra \$9.73 a year in property tax.

With the 3-cent increase, the average taxpayer will



shell out \$6.73 more annually "I really wasn't aware of

it coming up tonight," said council member

Woody Jumper of the sudden 1-cent drop. "Ms. (Councilwoman Stephanie) Horton did say something in passing about a 3-cent tax, and that she would be against a 5-cent tax, but since everything was in place, I thought it was a done deal that we would go ahead and vote on the 4-cent tax increase."

Jumper, who was the only council member to vote against the approval See CITY, Page 3A

on the first reading of the 2003-2004 annual budget, said he felt the change in the ad valorem tax wasn't correctly balanced between the issues at hand.

"If we're really worried about \$3 per year, and that's what it would be to have a 4-cent tax rate, then let's do away with the inmate work program that we have and just

Investigation continues into man missing for two weeks

Staff Writer

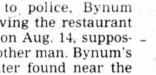
ing to track down leads into the disappearance of 40-year-old William Arlin Bynum of Big Spring.

gation," said Chief of Police Lonnie Smith. "We're trying to verify and pinpoint sources of information. There's been a lot of street talk ... someone said this. We're chasing that back and trying to find the initial source of

missing on Aug. 15, was last seen in the vicinity of the San Franciscan Bar and Grill in downtown Big Spring.

According to police, Bynum was seen leaving the restaurant late at night on Aug. 14, suppos- _ edly with another man. Bynum's truck was later found near the









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MISSING A LOVED ONE

As parents all over the nation fear for their children currently serving in war-torn Iraq, one Big Spring grandmother says the worry is as bad or worse for grandparents.

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FISD BOARD OKS BUDGET

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As he's done for 18 years, country singer Willie Nelson will take the Farm Aid stage Sept. 7 as one of his many attempts to shine a national spotlight on America's family farmers.

Hometown Hero: Jack Martin cultivates broom corn on land his family has owned since 1886. He is a third generation broom maker and is passing the skill on, not only to his own family, but to schoolchildren he visits regularly in his living history tours.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Three-year-old Trey Bingham, from left, 5-year-old Trevor Bingham and 4-year-old Makinsey Grant enjoy a gallop in a Sand Springs neighborhood.

Big Spring ISD board to consider \$24.3 million budget

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees are set to vote on a proposed \$24.3 million budget for the 2003-2004 fiscal year and set the tax rate Thursday.

Wrapped up in the proposed budget are a \$440,000 package for staff salary raises and insurance, several repair and building

upkeep projects and a projected \$403,000 surplus.

Following the adoption of the budget, trustees will consider setting the maintenance and operation tax rate at the current rate of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation. If passed, taxpayers will pay \$1.5763 per \$100 valuation for the 2003-2004 fiscal year, which includes the tax for debt service.

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

In other business, trustees will: • Hear a report on the Big Spring Junior High School construction project.

• Discuss the formation of a dog park.

2003 Texas Association of School Board delegate assembly.

· Consider personnel changes. · Consider amendments to the 2002-2003 budget.

· Hear an update on board training.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by • Consider a nomination for the *e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net*

Business After Hours set Thursday at Home Hospice

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer Networking will be the focus Thursday evening, as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours at Home Hospice, located at 600 Gregg St.

The come-and-go activity is set from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

"It's an excellent chance to bring your business cards and get to know What: Business After Hours.

Where: Home Hospice, 600 Gregg St.

When: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

some of the other business people in the community," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye

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Carla Cervantez, left, director of the local branch of the Girl Scouts, discusses enrollment with **Melissa Limone and** her daughter Nalani **Province during the** annual Girl Scout membership rally Monday evening. For more information on **Girl Scouts, contact** Cervantez at 466-0771.

HERALD photo/Thomas

Howard Cottage gets nudge toward survival

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The fate of Howard College's day care program got a nudge toward survival Monday as trustees wrangled with budget matters during a lengthy meeting.

Following a brief public forum. trustees unanimously passed a \$23.1 million balanced budget for Howard College, a \$3.5 million budget with a projected surplus of \$207,361 for. SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and set the college's tax rate at

.27561 cents — the same as the effective rate.

News of the college's balanced budget was welcomed by trustees, who, after the last budget workshop, had been expecting to see a deficit of more than \$100,000.

Trustee Harold Davis commended the administration for its hard work.

"The main thing with a balanced budget is we don't' have to increase taxes," Davis said.

"This budget has been balanced but it has been balanced with a lot of blood, sweat and tears,"

said Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "It's going to be tight this year."

Facing a tight fiscal year, trustees were considering axing Howard Cottage, the college's day care program."

The program faced two hurdles for survival — its location and the cost.

Now in its fourth year, the program has constantly lost money for the college.

To bridge that overhead cost, administrators have streamlined the program and slightly increased weekly fees.

The cottage will only accept children 18 months through 4 years old. Instead of an weekly per child rate of \$70 to \$75, depending on the parent's affiliation with the college, weekly rates for 3- and 4-year-olds will jump to \$95 while care for toddlers will increase to \$80. The college will charge \$80 acrossthe-board during the summer.

In other revenue areas, Sparks noted the cottage could be used as a laboratory setting for other departments such as the dental

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Obituaries

Felisita "Mama" Rios Paredez



Felisita "Mama" Rios Paredez, 76, of Big Spring, died on Monday, Aug. 25, 2003, at her residence. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. today at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at the St. Thomas Catholic Church, Big Spring, with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memoral Park.

She was born on Nov. 23, 1926, in Gonzales and married Jose Paradez on Oct. 24, 1978, in Big Spring.

Mrs. Paredez moved to Big Spring in the 1940s and enjoyed quilting and talking to friends. She loved her family, especially those grandchildren. She was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and a member of deColores.

Survivors include her husband, Jose Paradez of Big Spring; four sons, Jose Pesina of Big Spring, Abel Rios, Gilbert Pesina, and Cruz Rios, all of Chicago, Ill.; one daughter, Estella Vela of San Antonio; one brother, Faustino Rios of Big Spring; one sister, Epifana "Pano" Amaro of Big Spring; And numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

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

Louise Ingram

Louise Ingram, 82, of Big Spring, died on Monday,



Aug. 25, 2003, at her residence. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Big Spring. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1920, in Hamilton and married O. J. Ingram on Aug. 19, 1941, in Stanton. They had just celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary

Mrs. Ingram was a longtime resident of Howard County and was a very loving and caring person who was very involved in the community. She always made sure that no one left her house hungry.

She was a member of Vincent Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, O. J. Ingram of Big Spring; her grandson and wife, Jay and Arlene Ingram of Dallas; two great-grandchildren, Trace Ingram and Hayden Ingram, both of Dallas; four sisters, Pat Bradford of Vincent, Ruth Worshing of Portland, Frances Barr of Fort Worth and Jean Maddox of Corpus Christi; and two nieces, Patsy Self of Big Spring and Jean Roberts of Midland.

She was preceded in death by one son, Jay Doug Ingram on Nov. 30, 1996; and three sisters, Inez Howell, Gertrude McGuffin and Glade Cosden.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Ruth S. Greer



Ruth S. Greer; born Feb. 15, 1935, in Nolan County, passed away Aug. 22, 2003, at Presbyterian Hospital in Plano, after a brief illness. A memorial service was held at the home of her uncle, Windell Moore of Dallas.

Ms. Greer attended schools in Forsan, San Francisco and Dallas, graduating from Sunset High School in Dallas. She studied sculpture and painting at Medellion Art School and El Centro

College in Dallas, receiving her associate's degree in 1967. She attended North Texas University and University of Houston Art Schools, earning her BFA in studio art in 1971. She studied with masters in the field of painting in the U.S. and Europe. At the time of her death she was earning her living as a professional artist, her lifelong dream, residing in Zacatccas, Mexico. Her paintings are sold through the Southwest Gallery in Dallas, Hart Gallery in Houston and Fredericksburg Art Gallery in Fredericksburg.

Survivors include her mother, Geneva Starr of Mountain View Nursing Home in Big Spring; a son, Mark Greer of Phoenix, Ariz.; two grandsons, Kellon and Ian Greer of Henderson, Nev.; a brother, Henry G. "Tony" Starr Jr. of Dallas; a sister, Sharon S. Sneed of Big Spring; a sister, Deborah Denning of Austin; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Troy Moulder, and her stepfather, Henry G. "Hank" Starr.

The family suggests memorials in Ruth S. Greer's name be made to Dallas County Community College District Foundation, Inc. (Arts), 701 Elm Street, Dallas 75202-3604.

Arrangements were under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home in Carrollton.

Paid obituary

Roy W. Longshore

Roy W. Longshore, 72, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel, Big Spring, with the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

He was born on March 10, 1931, in San Angelo. Mr. Longshore had owned and operated an electrical contracting business. He was a Presbyterian and had served in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He was a big supporter of West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo.

Survivors include a cousin and several nieces. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo 76904-9989.

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

Bulletin board

BIG SPRING HERALD.

Wednesday, August 27, 2003

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

TODAY

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.

Eagles Lodge Ladies, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 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.

United Way loan executive training, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., ALON USA training building. Lunch will be provided.

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

Eagles Lodge, dance to benefit the Arlin Bynum Reward Fund featuring the "Wild Texans", 8:30-12:00, 703 W. Third, 263-6862.

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.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, Annual Hamburger Supper, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Big Spring High School cafeteria, 707 11th Place. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children less than 12 years old.

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Staff Writer

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Stanton ISD OKs budget

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 5-21-24-25. Bonus Ball: 29. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$250,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-8-27-33. Number matching five of five: 1 Prize per winner: \$42,414. Winning tickets sold in: Tyler. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-3-2

Weather

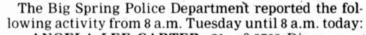
Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.Lows around 70. South winds around 5 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph ... Thursday night ... Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Friday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70. Highs around 90. Sunday, Partly cloudy with a chance of showers

and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the mid 80s.



 ANGELA LEE CARTER, 21, of 3709 Dixon, was arrested Tuesday on two traffic warrants.

• ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 100 block of North Gregg.

· ASSAULT was reported in the 800 block of 18th Street.

FRAUDULENT USE OR POSSESSION OF IDEN-

TIFYING INFORMATION was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

• THEFT was reported:

Reward Fund.

- in the 1800 block of Alabama.
- in the 700 block of Interstate 20.
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 400 block of Birdwell.
- in the 2300 block of Wasson.
- in the 3300 block of East F.M. 700.
- in the 400 block of Johnson.
- in the 500 block of Gregg.
- in the 1300 block of Mt. Vernon.

- in the 1800 block of East F.M. 700. Items reported stolen valued at \$1,000 with \$814.29 in items recovered.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:

- in the 1500 block of Johnson.

- in the 1200 block of E. 16th Street. Video elec-

Take note

Police blotter

□ THE EAGLES LODGE, 703 West Third, will host a dance featuring the "Wild Texans" Friday night p.m. 8:30-12:00. Proceeds will benefit the Arlin Bynum

263-5550

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

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

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.



tronics, jewelry and lawn equipment valued at \$2,410 was reported stolen.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1800 block of Alabama.

 CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported: - in the 400 block of Dallas.
 - in the 1600 block of State.

- in the 1700 block of Alabama.

Sheriff's report

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

· MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 177 milemarker of Interstate 20.

 ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 500 block of S. Second Street.

· MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the 187 milemarker of Interstate 20.

• FIGHT IN PROGRESS was reported in the 200 block of Merrick.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3

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

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



MAIL SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$12.50 monthly Howard & Martin Court

By LYNDEL MO

Staff Writer STANTON for the Independent District add \$401,000 budge Monday for the

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By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

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Superintendent Wayne Rotan. "You have to take into consideration the overpayment by the state will be carried forward, and second. the decline of property values.'

FISD trustees met for a brief public forum before passing the \$4.8 million budget and setting the tax rate at a \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

Part of that deficit relates to the school district's August state funding payment which places the district with \$233,000 more in state money than it should have received for the 2002-2003 fiscal year.

The state partially funds school districts based on projected student enrollment numbers for the coming fiscal year.

If, at the end of the year, projected numbers do not match up with actual numbers, school districts have to return the overpayments in the next .. SI no.

Stanton ISD board

funding year.

What this means for FISD is \$233,000 more in the fund balance to carry over for the next fiscal year which begins in September and less in state payments in FY 2003-2004, balancing out the loss, Rotan said.

Also contributing to the deficit is the almost \$17,5 million drop in taxable values which equals to a \$258,000 loss in projected taxable revenue, Rotan said.

"There is a light at the end of the tunnel," Rotan said. "I think our 04-05 budget is going to be very optimistic because the state pays you on prior year values. Next year, our state funding should make up that difference. It's going to be a tough financial year coming up but I think we'll come through with flying colors."

In other business, trustees:

 Approved increasing the rent for the district's teacherages by \$60 a month.

· Heard an update on \$318,000 School the Foundation Fitness Grant. According to Rotan, the Nautilus equipment paid for by the grant is expected to arrive within 30 days. Rotan noted that the Forsan community will be able to use the equipduring posted ment hours.

· An update on the junior high/high school roofing project.

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have a 2-cent tax increase," said Jumper. "I was basically going from one extreme to the other, saying yes we have city workers that can take care of our city, we have people that volunteer all the time. Even though the inmate program is a Godsend, we can do without it if we have to.'

Jumper said he stands firm on the idea it is more important to keep food on the table of city employees than finance an inmate work program.

Horton accepted responsibility for the 3-cent consideration during the meeting, saying her constituents are unable to bear the weight of a 4-cent increase.

"The reason I asked for the 3-cent increase is because my constituents are already having trouble paying the rates we have," said Horton. "They're having trouble paying for their medications, and a lot of people see this as unfair. I think a 3-cent increase will better serve them."

Horton said she had discussed the measure with

Manager City Gary Fuqua, and the shortfall to the city can be absorbed by the city's general fund.

"From the numbers I have, we will have to go into the general fund for \$27,000 but we can do it," she said.

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said the decision to adopt a 3-cent increase will leave little or no room for error in the city budget.

'Going with 3 cents will do away with any cushion we may have had to fall back on," McEwen warned during the meeting.

The first reading of the 2003-2004 budget, including an amended tax increase of 3 cents, was voted for by Horton, McEwen, JoAnn Staulcup, Gloria McDonald and Greg Biddison.

During the public hearing concerning the annual budget and ad valorem tax rate, concern was expressed by two citizens on the implementation of a pay raise for city employees and its economic timing.

Fuqua expressed his willingness to fight

"tooth-and-nail" for the raises.

"I've been the city manager eight years, and I've never seen a harder working bunch of people in my life," said Fuqua. "The only reason that we're able to run such an efficient budget is because of the people that we have, and when we hear people say they don't deserve a raise, that just upsets me.

"We look at comparable jobs from other facets in our area and they pay so much more than the city of Big Spring," he added. "Right now we have no way to reward our employees and it's time that we do that. It's very much a job market. If you want a dump truck driver, you have to be willing to pay the market value."

Fuqua said he hopes the merit system pay raises will also help ease some of the turnover in city employees, which he said has reached crisis levels for both the police and fire departments during

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recent years. "We have a high

turnover rate, and that's something we've been looking at," said Fuqua. "The cost of training the people is very high, and it's very prominent in our police and fire departments, but in other departments as well. If you get a good person and get them trained, they are able to move for money. And here we are with our

system frozen to where they can't see a raise coming, it's only obvious they would want to improve their status for their family." Contact Staff Writer

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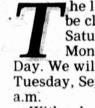
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By THOMAS Staff Writer

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A gold mine found among trash

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

Susanne Reed

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OUR VIEWS

Don't miss Thursday's Business After Hours event at Home Hospice

Merchants and other members of the community have an opportunity to get together Thursday in an informal setting to share ideas and get to know a little more about a local business.

A function of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Business After Hours will be from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Home Hospice, a 24-hour patient care service and family support organization. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.

Business After Hours encourages networking among local business leaders, as well as showcasing its sponsors. Those who attend are invited to exchange business cards and visit with others.

The hour-and-a-half time allows for those attending to arrive and leave when they wish. There are no programs; it is simply a time to get to know each other, as well as the folks at Home Hospice.

This Thursday, drop by Home Hospice at 600 Gregg between 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. It's a good opportunity get to know other business owners and learn more about the business itself. And the punch and treats are free.

ohn Nickle of Rusk had a flea market between Rusk and Alto and was always going to garage sales to buy leftover merchandise so he could

replenish his inventory. Late one day he

stopped at a garage sale way out in the country. A lady from Dallas was there. "Her mother had died ten years ago and she was trying to

get rid of all the things in the garage TUMBLEWEED that had been there the whole time since her mother died,"

says John. "When I got there she told me

she had only two customers all day. One bought nothing, the other bought 50 cents worth so she was ready to give the stuff away. I asked her what she would take for all of it. She said a hundred dollars. I saw several tools and things that would net me at least 2 or 3 hundred dollars so I almost broke my wrist getting the money out to pay her."

There was one stipulation. John

had to take ALL the merchandise because the people who were renting the house wanted to use the garage. The lady got in her car and went back to Dallas.

Two and a half pickup loads later John found an old box full of musty-smelling, moldy red velvet curtains. "I threw it on the tailgate of the truck and hoped it would blow off before I got back to my flea market. The first thing I did was to put that box under a table and forget about it."

Six months later John was talking to his wife about those curtains and she suggested he try to get rid of that musty smell because people were making stuffed animals out of that red velvet material and someone might want to buy it.

"I was hanging those curtains, over some partitions I had in there and my hand rubbed across something and I found an old Bull Durham tobacco sack pinned to those curtains. It contained a gold coin from Iran worth 350 dollars, a gold pin with a diamond in it worth about 400 dollars and a platinum ring with a big diamond."

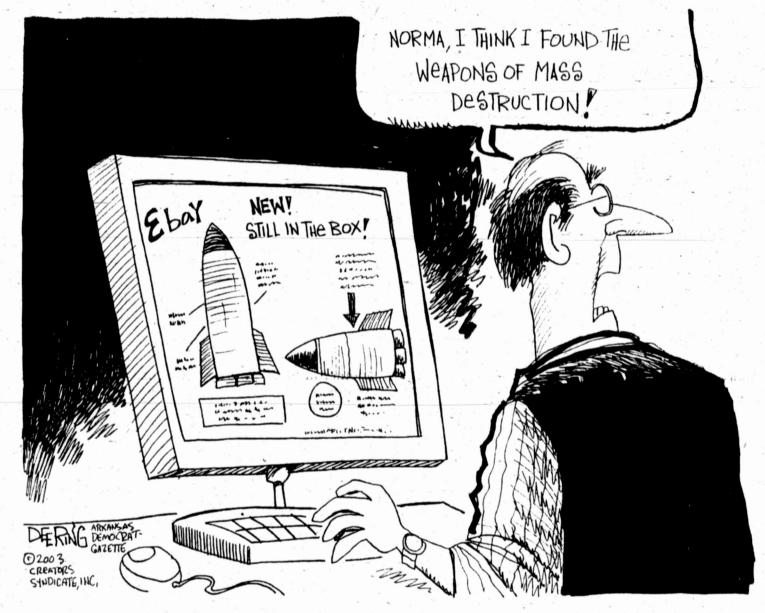
John took the ring to a local jeweler who offered a couple of hundred dollars for it. John let his wife wear the ring.

"One day I was going to Tyler and decided to take the ring with me to get a good appraisal of it. The jeweler worked with it about twenty minutes and came out with a certificate. He told me the ring was worth ten thousand dollars. I was stunned. On the way home I saw that certificate lying on the seat and I stopped the car, got out and shouted expressions of joy at the top of my lungs. People seeing me do that must have thought I was crazy."

John says nine or ten times he was ready to go to the dump with that box of curtains, but didn't have room for it on the pickup.

"Those curtains were worthless to me as far as I was concerned. I wonder how much stuff in the world happens like that. I could just imagine the old lady just before going to the hospital pinning those items to the curtains, thinking they would be safe until she returned. But she died in the hospital. Those things could easily have ended up in the dump just as easy as ending up in my hands." Contact Tumbleweed at

www.tumbleweedsmith.com



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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we seek your kingdom and righteousness as we walk through this life.

Amen

Arnold baby, a few words of advice

olitical pundits don't have much to talk about during the dog days of summer when even the president of the United States goes on a month-long vacation, so it's lucky for us Arnold Schwarzenegger is

running for governor in California. Now, news junkies can spend the rest of August watching their favorite talking heads debate whether the Terminator is a closet liberal, an antiimmigrant immigrant

or if he has the proper gravitas to govern what most non-Californians regard as the wackiest state in

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the Union. Let me put my cards on the table. I think the California recall law is a terrible idea. Barring malfeasance in office, elected officials should be allowed to serve out their terms. If there is to be a recall, there ought to be sufficient time for political parties to pick their own candidates for the ballot. Why shouldn't Republicans decide if Arnold is their man and Democrats pick their guy (or gal), too? Of course that would probably leave the other 150 candidates including a porn star, a 100-yearold hospital volunteer and former child actor Gary Coleman - out in the cold, but so what?

My arguments, however, are moot. There will be a recall election on Oct. 7, and, if current polls among California voters hold, Gray Davis will be out, and Arnold will become the state's

next governor. Then again, politics is unpredictable, especially in California. Schwarzenegger still has a lot of work ahead of him.

So here, Arnold, is my unsolicited advice on what you have to do to win.

First, don't spend a lot of money on political consultants who will try to make you someone you're not. People already like you and think they know you, which is why they all call you Arnold, even if they've never laid eyes on you in the flesh.

Don't run away from positions you've taken in the past just because you think it might hurt your chance to be elected. Journalists are busy digging up old quotes they want to nail you with. The worse thing to do is flipflop. If you supported Proposition 187 to deny welfare benefits to illegal aliens, don't try to run away from it now in the hopes of wooing Latinos. If you're pro-choice and pro-gun control, stick with those positions even if conservatives don't like it. Fudging will simply make you look untrustworthy. Voters don't have to agree with you on every issue, but they need to know where you stand.

Ignore the demands that you give lengthy interviews to political reporters or go on the network political talk show circuit. Journalists are miffed that you've spent more time talking to Jay Leno than Tim Russert and that you've given "Access Hollywood" more time than the "Lehrer Newshour." You're not the first would-be California governor who talked over the heads of the political powerbrokers directly to the voters. The snobs didn't think

much of Ronald Reagan, either, but the people loved him.

Talk to Milton Friedman, the Nobel-winning economist whose free market theories you reportedly embrace. Friedman may be the smartest man alive, at least when it comes to understanding the economy, and if anyone can help you figure out a way to turn California's abysmal economy around, he can. Of course, he'll tell you to lower taxes, which you ought to do if you win. You keep saying you want to bring business back to California – lowering taxes is probably the surest way to

do it. Keep your sense of humor. Your ability to laugh at yourself will make those who want to laugh at you look mean-spirited. Politics is filled with pompous jerks and policy wonks who have no common sense and the charisma of turnips. You don't need to know the entire California code or the ins and outs of every state agency to run the state, but you do need to know what you want to accomplish. Pick a few things you want to do, and don't be drawn into endless debate about every issue under the sun. Thankfully, this election will be

short, barely seven weeks long. For pure entertainment value, it sure beats watching summer reruns or trying to figure out which Democratic presidential aspirant is going to implode next.

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Soldier in Iraq: Grandmothers worry, too

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

As parents all over the nation fear for their children currently serving in war-torn Iraq, one Big Spring grandmother says

the worry is as bad or worse for grandparents.

"The not knowing is just horrible," said

Bonnie Cok-COKER grander,

mother of Army Sgt. Tammie Turner, one of many U.S. soldiers currently stationed in Iraq. "We have no idea when she's going to be coming home from that terrible place, and it's just horrible on a grandparent."

Coker said Turner has to see the U.S. Forces, and spent a great deal of time overseas already, and she had hoped her granddaughter would be home in the United States by now.

"She spent two years in Korea," said Coker. "She got to come home for a month, then they shipped her off to Iraq.

"The worst part is they wouldn't let her husband, who's also in the Army, go with her. They said they needed her group, which is intelligence based, but not his, so I feel like she's all alone over there.'

Coker said she recently received an è-mail from Turner, along with several pictures of her taken in Iraq.

"She talks about how the children are so happy

she even sent me a picture she took with one of them," said Coker. "I'm glad she's doing well, but I have to admit it really worries me, especially with the reports of children being strapped with bombs and stuff like that."

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Turner attended classes at Big Spring High School and later graduated from Abilene High School.

"Those here in Big Spring that knew her really loved her," said Coker.

"I just want everyone to know what she's out there doing to protect our country. I think it's one of the most important things we can possibly do for those soldiers serving our country."



Courtesy photos Army Sgt. Tammie Turner is serving her country in Iraq. Above, on patrol; at right, with a lighter moment with a new friend.



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

Children's librarian Karen McIntyre is this week's columnist.

he library will be closed Saturday and Monday for Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 2, at 9 a.m

With school starting and all the older brothers and sisters going somewhere exciting, don't forget the little ones. Howard County Library will be start-

ing our Story Time program on Sept. 3, at 10 a.m. This program is every

Wednesday morning during the school year. No sign-ups

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the last time. After 50 years will the bears appreciate her efforts or will there be another chase through the window? This one is a treat for anyone who grew up with the "too hot, too hard, just right" story! Pair this with the original for a reading "mini-

> series!" Jerry Spinelli has written lots of stories for older children, including "Maniac Magee," a Newbery Award winner. His first picture book,

> "My Daddy and Me," is a warm and loving tribute to fathers everywhere who, no matter how tired, are never too sleepy to sing a song. Keep this one close for a great bedtime read with your favorite helper.

KAREN Two hilarious books MCINTYRE that give you a "dog's eye view" of life: "A Day

pie. Both books are truly a dog lover's delight and will have you looking at your own "Murphy" and "Stanley" in a whole new light.

Just because school has started is no reason to stop your "for fun" reading. Once the homework is done, come grab the latest mysteries by Ron **Roy and Gertrude** Chandler Warner. Roy has two new A to Z mystery books: "The School Skeleton" and "The Talking T. Rex." The library has all of his mysteries up to the letter "T," so if you haven't read any you have lots to choose from.

Warner's Boxcar Children are solving another mystery in "The Midnight Mystery." This is also an extensive series - lots of choices... lots of fun. If you still haven't gotten enough of school, try David Lubar's "Flip." Ryan and Taylor are twins, but they couldn't be more different. Taylor's idea of fun is

reading the encyclopedia, while Ryan could care less about school, Find out what happens when they find a magical disk that can "flip" them anywhere - even into legendary people from the

past! The master of "alternative" historical fiction is back. Harry Turtledove's latest, "Ruled Britannia," is a "what if" about England being conquered by the Spanish Armada. William Shakespeare must now write plays about Good King Philip of Spain instead of King Lear. Can the "Bard of Avon" really stop writing about his beloved England? A tale like this "runs trippingly off the tongue!" This is for older readers and would be a great high school intro to the Bard.

I'm looking forward to all my Story Time kids

p.m. Don't forget about the Friends of the Library book sale Sept. 19.21:

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new books. Ever wonder what happened to Goldilocks and those three bears? Well, wonder no more! Lisa Campbell Ernst can explain it all. Her new book, "Goldilocks Returns," has us visiting the bears again; only this time she is trying to make up for what she did

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visiting, so mark your calendars every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Remember our Saturday hours are now 8 a.m.-1

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TEXAS BRIEFS

HOUSTON (AP) - A woman has sued Harris County in federal court demanding a Bible contained within a monument near an entrance to the civil courthouse be removed.

The Bible has been part of the lighted display since 1995 when the monument that contains it was refurbished. It was originally erected in 1956 to honor industrialist William Mosher for his contributions to homeless programs.

"It's unconstitutional and I expect our elected officials to follow the law," said Kay Staley, who is a member of the Houston chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

After months of negotiations with county officials, Staley said she decided to sue after seeing the controversy in Alabama surrounding a judge's refusal to remove a monument bearing the Ten Commandments from the state's judicial building.

County Judge Robert Eckels has defended the monument. He says the Bible contained within the monument is a tribute to Mosher, who was a out questionnaires. devoutly religious man.

GALVESTON (AP) - The trial of a millionaire crossdressing son of a New York City real estate tycoon accused of killing a neighbor at a lowrent Galveston apartment house could last through October, the judge presiding over the case said Tuesday as jury selection got underway. Robert Durst, 60, whose father, Seymour, founded a Manhattan-based real estate empire still run by the family, is charged with murder for the 2001 slaying and dismemberment of 71-year-old Morris Black.

Durst has pleaded innocent by reason of self-defense.

"This is a trial that's going to last a while," state District Judge Susan Criss warned almost 200 potential jurors in the first of two jury pools that called it "amazing." underwent questioning Tuesday.

Neither Durst, his lawyers nor prosecutors in the case were in the courtroom for the opening session Tuesday, but were expected Wednesday at least one person on the after the first narrowing of the jury pool and after those who made the first cut had filled

Jury selection alone could take up to three weeks, Criss

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said.

(AP) - After the shuttle Columbia broke up over Texas, news reports were filled with startling images and descriptions of its debris strewn over a wide area: a round tank in an empty parking lot, mangled metal objects along roadsides, and the like.

Nearly 84,000 pieces of debris, weighing a total of nearly 85,000 pounds, were found over more than 1 million acres in Texas and Louisiana.

You couldn't help but think: Isn't it a miracle that the falling objects didn't seriously hurt anybody?

Even NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, testifying before a Senate committee in May,

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board members wanted to find out just how amazing, so they ordered a study.

Their finding: The chance of ground being seriously hurt by the falling debris was 9 per cent to 24 percent.

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Moore Development to present check for BSISD industrial trades curriculum

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring's board of directors will be presenting a \$70,000 check to Big Spring High School during its meeting this evening, in an effort to improve the school's industrial trades curriculum and hopefully stem the flow of drop-outs.

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Moore Development Executive Director Kent Sharp said the funds were designated after the and Technology Career **Education Committee (CATE)** requested assistance on two different fronts.

"During the 2001-2002 school year, the high school lost 73 students who were pulled out to be home schooled," said Sharp. "Then in May of 2003 those numbers rose to 105 students.

"We were also getting complaints from many of the industrial medical service providers that many of the 18- to 21-yearolds they were hiring just didn't have the necessary skills for the job."

Sharp said the assistance

Welch of Big Spring as

the district's auditors.

Moore Development is providing will help buy necessary equipment for the building trades program, which should help hone the skills of many students going directly from high school to the workforce.

'We're hoping the purchase of this equipment will not only raise the skill levels of the students, but also encourage them not to drop out or be pulled out. Less than 50 percent of high school students will go on to college, so this is a very serious issue we have to consider."

Also on the meeting agenda is discussion and consideration of a recommendation from the New Industry Attraction and Recruitment Committee concerning the local wind farm project. The board will also hear comments from outgoing board member Tim Blackshear.

The board meets at 5:15 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce conference room, 215 W. Third Street.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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hygiene and psychology programs to help produce contract hours, which generates more revenue for the college.

Howard Cottage's physical location is also proving problematic for a privately-funded, multi-million dollar visual/performing arts center construction project.

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Rider has interviewed more than 100 people in the case. However, he said the case was still under investigation.

Attempts to locate "negative results," Smith bleached-blond

been searching to find the green house and conprivate funds to build a verting the green house new child care facility near the college's old greenhouse but so far the effort has turned up empty.

To help cut construction costs, local architect Phil Furgueron designed the new building as efficiently as possible to fit the cottage's services.

The new design plan includes placing a 36.000square-foot neered building next to

said.

"We're constantly look ing for him," he said. "The Texas Department of Public Safety aircraft has been out here three times and we've looked in several spots in the city and the county."

Bynum is described as a contact Rider at 264-2556 Bynum have met with white male with short, or Big Spring

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'This isn't just for Chamber members. This is for everyone in the business community, and there's no admission charge. It's an excellent way to network yourself and your services with other people in the area."

"We at Home Hospice have been to a few of the Business After Hours, and we really enjoyed it," said Debbie Read, Home Hospice patient care coordinator. "After going to a few, we decided it would be a great chance to meet other people in the community by having one here at Home Hospice."

Read said there will be plenty of informational brochures available at the event, and although the theme is networking, she hopes to see non-business visitors as well.

"If people are curious about Home Hospice and what we do, or just want to get to know the staff here, we hope they'll come out," said Read. "We think it's going to be and refreshments served a lot of fun and it gives people a chance to get out and meet people they might not get the chance to see otherwise.

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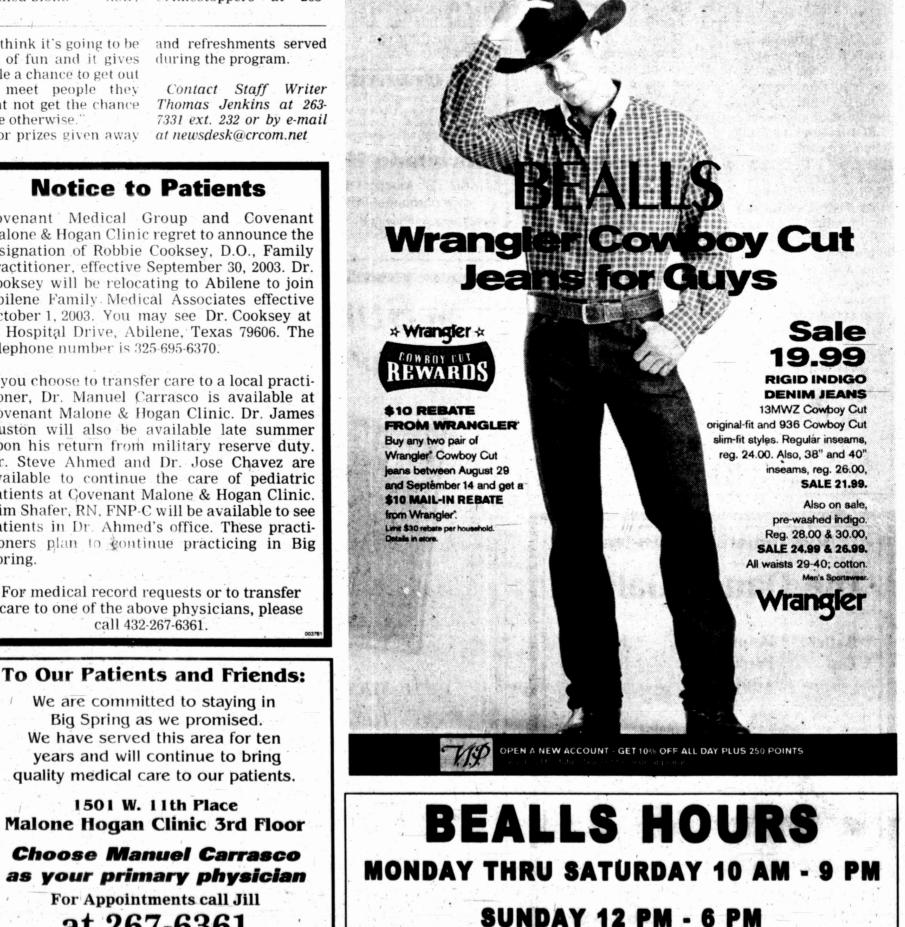
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Notice to Patients

Covenant Medical Group and Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic regret to announce the resignation of Robbie Cooksey, D.O., Family Practitioner, effective September 30, 2003. Dr. Cooksey will be relocating to Abilene to join Abilene Family Medical Associates effective October 1, 2003. You may see Dr. Cooksey at 23 Hospital Drive, Abilene, Texas 79606. The telephone number is 325-695-6370.

If you choose to transfer care to a local practitioner, Dr. Manuel Carrasco is available at Covenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. Dr. James Huston will also be available late summer upon his return from military reserve duty. Dr. Steve Ahmed and Dr. Jose Chavez are available to continue the care of pediatric patients at Govenant Malone & Hogan Clinic. Kim Shafer, RN, FNP-C will be available to see patients in Dr. Ahmed's office. These practitioners plan to continue practicing in Big Spring.

For medical record requests or to transfer care to one of the above physicians, please call 432-267-6361.



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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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

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 belongings.

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.

HCHS to host golf tournament Sept. 13

The Howard County Humane Society will be hosting the first Dorothy Garrett-Margaret Lloyd Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 13 at Big Spring Country Club.

The 4-person scramble, which is being sponsored by Wells Fargo and Phillips Fina and Storage, is scheduled to start at 1 p.m. For more information contact the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

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

Lady Steers make quick work of Lamesa By TOMMY WELLS Wrightsil sidelined with ankle injury

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers did their best impersonation of a rock rolling down a steep hill Tuesday night in the home-opener in the Steer Gym. In front of a large crowd, Big Spring started slow, picked up plenty of momentum and rolled right over the Lamesa Lady Tornadoes.

Big Spring hammered out its third win in five outings by taking an easy 25-18, 25-21, 25-21 victory in a match the team only trailed once.

"I thought we played really well tonight considering the situation," said Big Spring head coach Revis Ward-Daggett. "We had to problem solve a little with

volleyball program suffered a big blow yesterday when senior LaKenya Wrightsil was lost for up to two weeks with an injury to to her right ankle.

Wrightsil twisted her right ankle during practice Tuesday afternoon in spiking drills. According to Big Spring head coach Revis Ward-Daggett. Wrightsil was injured while

The Big Spring Lady Steers'

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

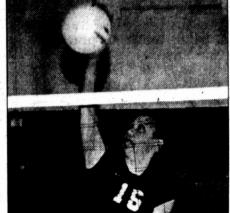
one our starters not being able to go. We had about an hour to practice so I thought we did great."

attempting to finish a spike, she landed off-balance and rolling her ankle.

Wrightsil, who watched the Lady Steers' win over Lamesa on crutches, will likely miss the Lady Steers' two upcoming tournaments in San Angelo.

'We don't feel its a serious thing," said Ward-Daggett. "We just don't want to rush her back. We got ice on it as soon as it happened and the swelling has been contained. See INJURY, Page 2B

"Really, I think the team is starting to get a better feel for what I expect from them." she See STEERS, Page 2B



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler Big Spring's Stefani Scott spikes a ball during the Lady Steers4 win.

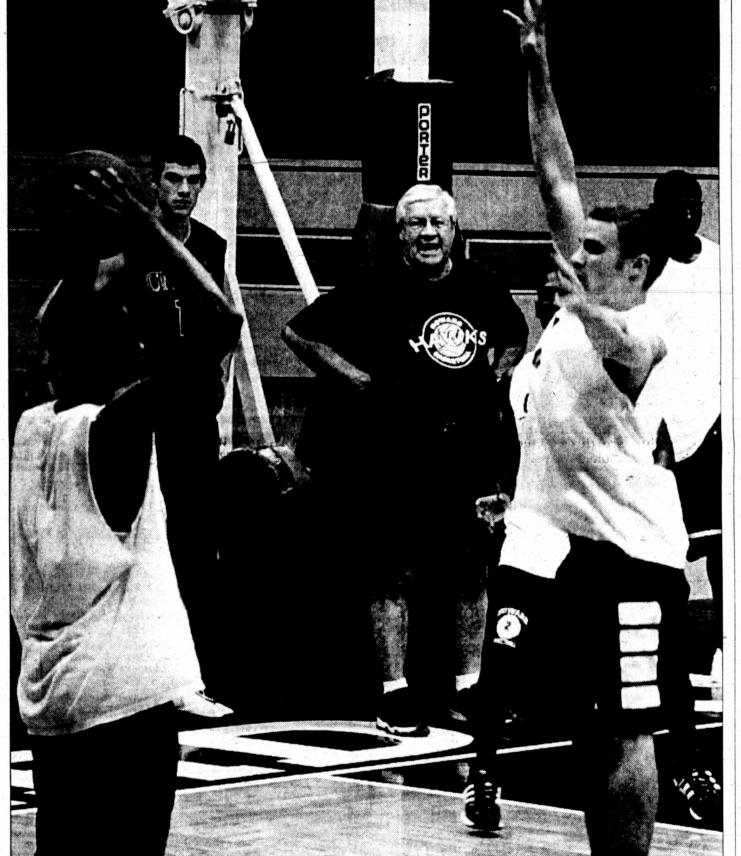
Astros batter **Dodgers**

HOUSTON (AP) -Despite coming within one run of the team's scoring record, most of the talk in the Houston Astros' clubhouse centered on how well Ron Villone pitched.

Villone allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, and Jeff Kent homered and drove in five runs and Jeff Bagwell also homered as the Astros routed the Dodgers 18-4 on Tuesday.

Villone (6-2) struck out five and walked two, but had troubles early as the Dodgers jumped on him for three runs in the first inning.

"I felt great when I went out there, but early on things didn't turn out the way I had expected," Villone said. "I dug



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 YMCA.

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.

Football officials needed for '03

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New Howard College basketball coach Jim Lewis (center) gets a look at several of his new basketball recruits during preseason basketball drills Tuesday in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Lewis, who also serves as the school's athletic director, took over the reins of the HC men's program in June when former head coach Chris Jans resigned to take a position with Chipola Junior College in Florida.

Anderson leads Royals to 9-2 win over Rangers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. with Cleveland, Anderson (AP) - When a team has used 14 starting pitchers by late August, that's usually a sign of desperation.

But in Kansas City, where manager Tony Pena's favorite starter these days seems to be named TBA - as in, To Be Announced — strong performances by new arrivals have kept the Royals in the AL Central race despite a season-long struggle with injuries.

Tuesday, it was Brian Anderson's turn. A day after the Royals acquired him in a trade

JV, Frosh Steers to face Odessa

Big Spring High School will officially begin the 2003 football season tomorrow afternoon when the Steers freshman and junior varsity teams travel to Odessa to face uled to start at 7 p.m.

- with plenty of support from Mike Sweeney and Aaron Guiel - gave his new team six solid innings in a 9-2 win over the Texas Rangers.

Anderson retired the first 11 before Alex Rodriguez singled with two outs in the fourth. Rafael Palmeiro followed with a two-run homer that cut KC's lead to 3-2. Sweeney and Guiel each homered and drove in four runs as the Royals stayed one game back of Chicago in the AL Central.

Odessa High School.

Herald Photo/Tommy Wells Big Spring freshman Jessica Chancey goes for a block against Lamesa as teammate Amber Miller look on. The BSHS freshmen lost 26-24, 77, 23-25.

myself a little hole, but the offense pulled me out of it."

In the second, Villone loaded the bases with one out, but got Paul Lo Duca to pop up to first and Shawn Green to ground out to short.

Houston last scored 19 runs in 1999. Its previous top run total this season was 13 on May 7 against Pittsburgh.

Houston cut its deficit to 3-2 in the first on a tworun homer by Kent. Ausmus tied it with an RBI double in the second and Bagwell hit his 29th homer in the third.

Houston scored six times in the fifth, highlighted by Kent's double.

The Astros added five runs in the sixth, and added three more in the seventh .

"It was our night, plain and simple, the stars were aligned," Ausmus said. "I guess we were just supposed to win this game and score a lot of runs, but they still have a great pitching staff."

Westbrook rolls to a 4-1 win over Southland

The Westbrook Wildcats claimed a 4-1 scrimmage win over the Southland Eagles last weekend at Wildcat Field.

Westbrook, which opens the season Friday at home against Water Valley, rolled up 169 yards on the ground Southland. against Junior quarterback Jared Matlock's tossed scoring passes to Jordan Johnson, Josiah Hannon and Trey Chavez.

"We did a good job on defense and saw some things," good said Westbrook head coach Andrew Hannon.

The BSHS freshmen will kick off at 5 p.m. on the Ector Junior High School field. The junior varsity is game is sched-

STEERS

Continued from Page 1B added. "We're starting to put the ball in play and giving our defense a chance.'

Big Spring was forced to play the game without LaKenya starter Wrightsil, who injured her right ankle in practice Tuesday. Stefani Scott, Carmen Lewis and defensive specialist **Timmie Blackshear filled** in for the all-state hitter.

Lamesa, taking advantage of a reshuffled Lady Steers lineup, grabbed the upper hand early in the first game, going up 3-2 courtesy of two Big Spring errors.

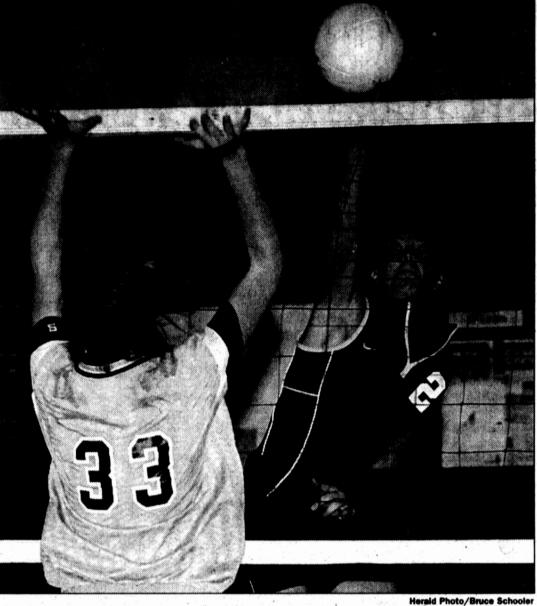
Ka'Rissa Magers shot down any hopes Lamesa had seconds later. Hard.

Magers, one of three returning all-state players, brought Big Spring into a 3-3 tie by breaking Lamesa's service opportunity with a thundering spike to the left baseline. The BSHS senior unloaded on the Lady Tors again minutes later. turning a Leina Braxton serve into another kill and a 4-3 cushion.

"We weren't worried that much (with the start)," said Magers. "We knew once we got our confidence and self-esteem up we'd win."

Magers' spike ignited a 4-0 offensive run by Braxton that also featured scoring shots from Lindsay Phillips and Lewis.

Lamesa managed to stage a late run and tied Le game at 13-18 before Big Spring put the finishing touches on the first frame. With the score knotted, Scott put the Lady Steers a lead they would never relinquish



SPORTS

Big Spring's Chelsey Yarbar attempts to put down a shot against Lamesa Tuesday in the Lady Steers junior varsity's game against Lamesa. Big Spring rallied to post a two-game sweep in the best-of-three match.

the left side of the net that all but floored the past two Lamesa defenders.

Blackshear took over moved from the left side from there, serving up the of the net to the right final six points to give Big Spring a 1-0 advantage.

Big Spring, thanks in part two dominating blocks from Braxton and service ace from Blackshear, jumped out to and never looked back.

Lamesa managed to get to within 16-14 before

by drilling a shot from Phillips sparked a 6-3 run straight balls into the net,

Lady Tors. Shannon Higgins, who prior to the game, drove home the game-winner with a hard spike that handcuffed the Lamesa defense.

The Lady Tors battled to a 2-2 tie in the final frame a quick 3-0 lead in Game 2 before Phillips ignited a 5-0 run by tapping a set into the Lamesa frontcourt. The Lady Tors followed Braxton, Magers and Phillips' play with two

staking Big Spring to a 7-2 cushion.

The Lady Steers, now 3-2 heading into the San Invitational, Angelo never let Lamesa recover. Big Spring stormed to a 23-16 lead before Braxton dealt Lamesa the final blow with a spike to the sideline.

"We made a few errors early, but I think once we got into it we began playing much better. We're making progress," she said.

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Former TCU head coach loses battle with cancer

SAN MARCOS (AP) - team went 1-8-2, then the Former TCU and Minnesota football coach Jim Wacker, who won back-to-back national championships in NAIA and Division II before taking his upbeat personality to Division I and broadcasting, died Tuesday after a long battle with cancer. He was 66.

Wacker won NAIA titles with Texas Lutheran in and 1974-75 NCAA Division II crown with Southwest Texas, now Texas State, in 1981-82. The '82 Bobcats went 14-0 and Wacker was named **College Division Coach of** the Year.

Wacker went to TCU the following season. His first

INJURY

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"We've gotten real aggressive with the treatment early. I think she could be back in a week: maybe two, but we're not going to rush it. It's more important for us to have her back healthy than playing with a limp." she said.

Although the injury forced the first-year Big Spring coach to shuffle her lineup, Ward-Daggett opportunity for some of

Horned Frogs went 8.4 the next season and played in the Bluebonnet Bowl. He was credited with uncovering a payment plan to TCU players in 1985 that was in place before he arrived at the school. Wacker dismissed seven

players from his team and reported the violation to the NCAA. The program lost 30 scholarships and wouldn't have a winning record again until 1991, going 7-4. He left after nine sea-

sons with a record of 40-58-2. He then went to Minnesota from 1992-96, going 16-39. He also coached at North Dakota State from 1976 to 1978.

the younger players to gain some experience.

"It's an opportunity to get some of the younger players a chance to play." she said. "The experience they gain from this will help us down the road." Due to Wrightsil's injury, sophomore Car-

men Lewis and junior Stefani Scott picked up the slack in the middle of the BSHS line. Shannon Higgins, a returning starter, was switched from the left side to the right — a move the Lady said it also created an Steers' head coach said could become permanent.





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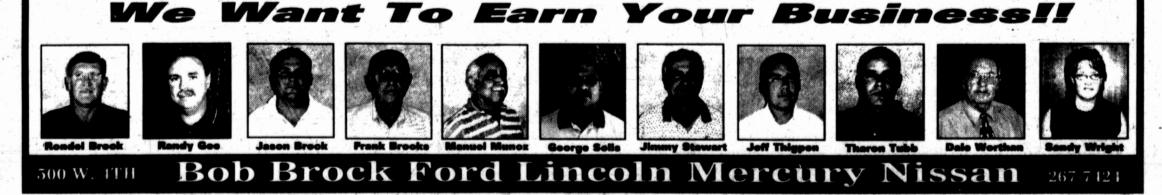
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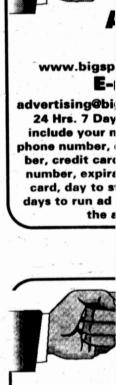


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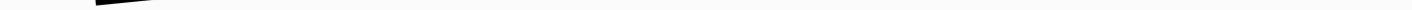
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TOMORROW'S BIRTH-DAY (August 28). Dare to dream this year - and don't keep it small and reasonable. The more outrageous you are, the more resources you'll have to make your dreams real. The next four weeks will be financially rewarding you're just plain lucky. In December, you're a big flirt. Singles have a whirlwind romance over the holidays, and it could get serious fast! Your lucky numbers 'are: 9, 24, 31, 5 and 38.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Instead of obsessing about what to do, allow yourself to glean wisdom from experts. Whether you thumb through a self-help book or spend an hour with an accomplished friend, new info invigorates you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Keep the music pumping, and you rock your way through the morning. Take enough breaks from work this afternoon. You make fabulous strides toward completing a prowhen ject you're refreshed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your' imagination works overtime while you sleep. Share your dreams

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Dec. 21). Your analytical abilities are on fire. Supervisors notice your quick problem solving and see you as executive material. Health issues can be treated with good nutri-Love tion. tip: Misunderstandings bring the two of you closer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A brilliant project gets the green light. You and co-workers are going to put a lot of time into this undertaking. Make sure contracts and salaries are just as you want them before you get down to business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Share emotions without hesitation. People respond more to your attitude than to your words. Employers heap on the assignments today because you can take it. but you need time for your thrilling social life, too.

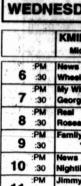
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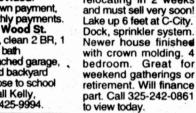
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 2003. There are 126 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 27, 1883, the island volcano Krakatoa blew up; the resulting tidal waves in Indonesia's Sunda Strait claimed some 36,000 lives in Java and Sumatra. On this date:

In 1770, German philoso-Georg Wilhelm pher Friedrich Hegel was born in* Stuttgart.

In 1892, fire seriously damaged New York's original Metropolitan Opera of the United States, was

sleeping pills.

In 1975, Haile Selassie, the Jon Siebels (Eve 6) is 24. Singer Mario is 17. last emperor of Ethiopia's 3,000-year-old monarchy, died in Addis Ababa at age Answer to previous puzzle 83 almost a year after being overthrown. In 1979. British war hero Lord Louis Mountbatten was killed off the coast of Ireland in a boat explosion STSZOO claimed by the Irish Republican Army. Today's Birthdays: Cajuncountry singer Jimmy C. Newman is 76. Actor Tommy Sands is 66. Newsday Crossword FISHY by Randall J. Hartman Edited by Stanley Newman 18 Deserves 72 Yannick of 41 Slangy 22 Satisfied negative tennis sounds 44 Crete-born 24 Honeycomb DOWN painter 46 At Highlands girl section (on the loose) 25 Former Time 2 Pizarro foe 3 Bibliography film critic 49 Precious stone 27 Barely 50 Catherine of abbr. noticeable 4 Ozzie or 51 Good sense 28 Land of the Harriet 5 June honoree Ganges 54 Show approval 55 Sharpen 29 Word on a 6 Prefix meaning 56 Part of NEA "equal" ticket 30 Schooner 57 Put one's foot 7 Stitches up 8 Football contents Hall of Fame 31 Finito 58 World's 32 Hatfield, to longest river home 9 Tales of woe McCoy 60 facto 61 Bonet of The 10 Front of a boat 33 Singer/actress 11 Thomas ___ nickname Cosby Show 62 Slangy Edison 36 4:00 event, in London 12 Mover and affirmative 38 shaker -fi 65 Superman foe 40 Keatsian 13 Quarterback Luthor 66 Auction unit targets works 10 11 12 13 15 16 14 17 19 18 20 21 23 24 25 27 28 30 31 32 33 34 35 37 39 40 41 42 43 45 49 50 48 52 54 55 56 57 59 63 64 65 66 68 67 70

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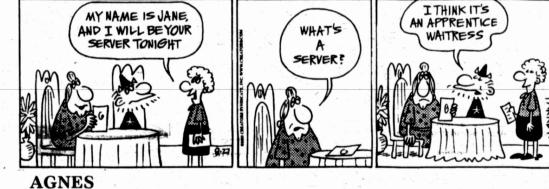
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born near Stonewall, Texas. In 1928, the Kellogg-Briand Pact was signed in Paris, outlawing war and providing for the peaceful settlement of disputes. In 1945, American troops began landing in Japan following the surrender of the Japanese government in World War II. In 1962, the United States launched the Mariner II space probe, which flew past Venus the following December. In 1967, Brian Epstein, manager of the Beatles, was found dead in his London flat from an overdose of

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GOLF WARM-UP

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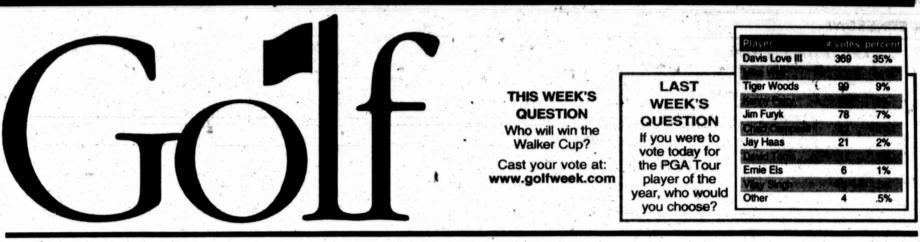
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OFFICIAL WORLD GOLF RANKING

Ranking is based on players' performances throughout the world through Aug. 24. The ranking is computed on a two-year rolling basis weighted toward the current year. Players earn points based on finish and strength of field:

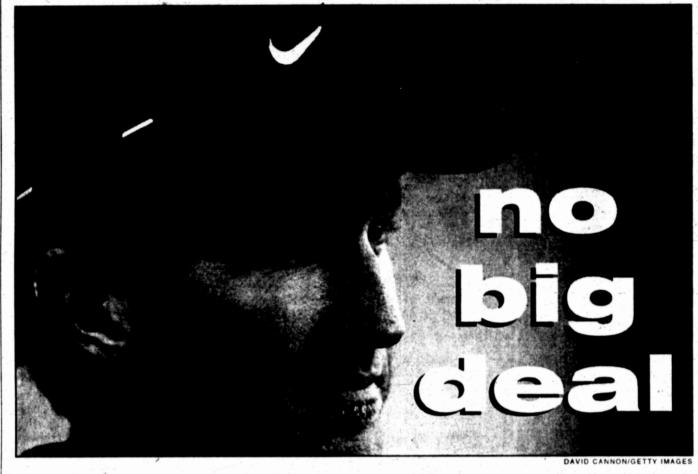
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David Duval has healthy outlook on his game

he most frequently asked question in golf these days is, "What's wrong with David Duval?" The answer deals with two damaged body parts - his back and his head. Though an anatomical drawing shows otherwise, they are connected

He hurt his back in 2000, grooved poor swing habits while compensating, lost confidence and lapsed into a downward spiral. Free fall's companion is anxiety. It afflicts him when he stands at the tee. The chicken did not come first.

Watching Duval has turned from joyful to painful. Witnessing another round in the 80s is something of a voyeuristic peek into a man's private agony. The spectating is

> not unlike that at a NASCAR race or No. 17 at the TPC of Sawgrass: Wrecks are inevitable.

In the Hogan parlance, his game is not fit for public view. He is making 8s and 9s. Hard to say what's worse, the numbers or the visuals. He used to miss No. 1 in the world. People who have not been out here haven't been through it. I don't put weight on what they say."

Lumpkin is trying to help Duval restore his swing, not rebuild it. Their feeling is his former action led to the No. 1 rating and 13 PGA Tour titles. Camp Duval consensus is his setup and motion worsened as he suffered injuries to his back, shoulders and a wrist. The reliable fade vanished.

Duval says he used to be praised for a simple swing. Using a strong grip, he'd turn back and through. It wasn't textbook, but it worked well.

"At times I think hard work, dedication and perseverance aren't enough any longer out here," Duval said. "Unfortunately my scores haven't reflected the work I've done, but they will."

Recent scores remind more of junior golf than of a former Vardon Trophy winner. Duval has shot 77 or higher 15 times this year and hasn't bettered 78 in his last four rounds. His stroke average in 2003 major championships is 79. He led the Tour with a 69.13 scoring average in 1998, but this year he's 195th, or next to last.

This Song gone with a smile

When Aree Song walked out of EPGA commissioner Ty Votaw's office Aug. 15 with his blessing to go forth and pursue the professional ranks, she felt a mix of emotions. Votaw granted the 17-year-old permission to enter next week's LPGA Qualifying Tournament in Venice, Fla., making an exception to the tour's minimum age require-ment of 18. The decision offered Song the opportunity to live her dream, but she knew the phone call she would have to place to

University of Florida coach Jill Briles-Hinton wouldn't be easy.

"On the drive back to Bradenton (Fla.), I called her and said that Mr. Votaw has accepted my application to Q-School this year," said Song, who will play as a professional Aug. 26 to 29 at Plantation Golf and Country Club. "Basically that he's given me the chance of a lifetime."

Song was scheduled to join her sister, Naree, at freshman orientation this week in Gainesville, Fla." The identical twins were expected to give Briles-Hinton's squad a dynamic 1-2 punch this season.



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left about twice a year, but now he drives far port and way starboard. People cringe and look away. He sends so many shots gallery-bound that he has become a man of the people.

The 85th PGA Championship was more of the same for the 31-year-old only four seasons removed from No. 1 in the world and two calendars apart from British Open glory. He sent four drives into the left rough and four into the right in opening with a 10-over-par 80 at Oak Hill. He was 6 over in Round 2 when he hooked into the same fifth-hole tree as on Thursday. Limping noticeably, he withdrew because of injury to a lower back he had called fine the day before.

His 22-hole mess, littered by four double bogeys and a triple, let down and surprised his inner circle.

Davis Love III had said Duval was "really, really close." Mental coach Gio Valiante said on PGA eve, "Nothing's wrong with him right now. Mechanically, he's sound and he's thinking well. I slept better last night than I have in three months because I know we've turned the corner."

Instead, Duval will sit out indefinitely while healing his back and psyche. He'll go back to work with Sea Island, Ga., swing coach Jack Lumpkin and Valiante, a psychology professor at Rollins College in Florida. Since spring, he also has sought swing advice from father Bobby, David Leadbetter, Mark O'Meara and Love, as well as mind counsel from Bob Rotella.

Some, such as Butch Harmon and Hal Sutton, have said at least a month off could help Duval clear his head. Fred Couples says his buddy should focus on golf and forget about snowboarding, etc.

Some other golf-savvy observers have suggested that fundamentals have caught up to Duval, that he should weaken his grip, stop shutting and laying off the clubface, get rid of the reverse pivot and retool a swing too reliant on timing.

But an overhaul is not going to happen.

"I stopped reading magazines saying all that stuff," Duval said during a candid interview in a candlelit locker room darkened by power outage. "Readers look at that and think it's true. What it speaks of is their ineptitude as teachers. I was good enough to be

Duval led the Tour in total driving in 1996; this year he's No. 194 out of 196. He has finished in the top five in greens in regulation a few times; this year he's last. He's in the penultimate spot in driving accuracy, hitting 47.1 percent of fairways. He has gone from the top of earnings in 1998 to 197th now. And his world ranking has reached 145.

The good news is the world isn't ending. If you want to feel sorry for someone, heap sympathy on the sick and homeless, not a multimillionaire.

"You all think I should live and die this stuff and I don't," he said. "And I'm sorry, I never have. I have a heck of a life. I'm just not playing golf very well. And I'm going to let that affect everything else? I don't think so. Everybody thinks I should be sulking. Sometimes perspectives are skewed. I am a damn lucky man.

"I shot 80 today. Who cares? I try hard. I hit in the rough a few times. It's no big deal."



Duval hits out of a bunker. Though he led the Tour in total driving in 1996, injuries have changed his swing.

In the past four years, Song has made the cut in 11 of 14 LPGA events, including two top-10 finishes in majors.

For Song, the decision to turn

professional became crystal clear at

"After the fifth place at the U.S. Women's Open, which in my opinion is the best field in women's golf, I thought it would be nice if I was able to test myself on a regular basis," said Song, who has made the cut in all six majors she has played. "Hopefully I can take advantage of this opportunity.

Song says she's excited about turning professional and is pleased to know the LPGA thinks she's ready to compete on the tour.

"Aree has demonstrated the ability to compete at the highest level in LPGA events as an amateur during the past four years," Votaw said. "For that reason, and more, if she is able to qualify for the tour via the sectional and final qualifying events, I will permit Aree to play on the LPGA Tour prior to her 18th birthday on May 1, 2004."

The news left Briles-Hinton scrambling to reassess her options for the upcoming season, but the disappointed coach had only positive things to say about her former recruit.

"She can play with the best and I believe she will be one of the best one day," Briles-Hinton said. "She's a great young lady. The passion is in Aree's heart. - Beth Ann Baldry

Forecaddie revelations & speculations from the man out front

HE'S HOT, BUT HIS DRIVER'S NOT

What is the illegal club, and who is the player Tiger Woods singled out as using a hot-faced driver? Could it be Kenny Perry? Well, have a listen to Perry, hottest player on the planet, and what he had to say recently when asked why he's playing so much better this year:

"The biggest reason is the equipment, technology," Perry said. "My driver is a TaylorMade 510, which somebody has said is hot. I think y'all know who I'm talking about. But I had mine tested. It's .820. It's well within the legal limits."

And just why is Perry hitting the

ball a "lot farther" with that driver? Science.

"It's a high-launch, less-spin driver," he said. "The wind does not affect it that much. That's another reason why I had a big success at the British Open. I always struggled over there with the high winds and stuff. Now I've got a driver that takes spin off of it and beats the wind up. Then I've switched to

A HAIR-

was a gnarly mess at the 85th PGA Championship, well the Forecaddie alerts you to the tangled mop atop the head of lan Poulter (right).

One of England's young rising stars, Poulter showed up to storied Oak Hill with a burgundy and blond blend of spiked hair atop his dome, with swatches turned in every direction.

Quipped Gary McCord of CBS, "I've seen divots look better than that.

Hard to picture Ben Hogan competing years ago with such a 'do beneath his tam-o'-shanter. (And we thought Miguel Angel Jimenez turned heads when he showed up to the Masters in April with his Spafro a Spanish afro.)

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Jerry Kelly warned that to wear hair like Poulter's, you'd better be able to shoot some good scores. "Otherwise," Kelly told the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, "you're just another crazy guy with bad hair.

Poulter made the cut by a hair; Kelly (78-75) had the weekend off presumably with plenty of time to visit Great Clips.

GOLF BALL CORNER POCKET

A shot of the week candidate at the PGA Championship came from a club professional who missed the cut by 13 shots

John Guyton was playing the par-4 18th in the first round and hit a massive flare that was heading toward the merchandise tent. But when Guyton, and his caddie arrived on the scene a few minutes later, they found the gallery laughing hysterically.

Come to find out, Guyton's tee shot anded in a fan's back pocket - on the fly. No one had an explanation, not ven the man who "saught" the ball

in his trousers. He was innocently walking toward the 18th green when he received the unexpected surprise.

Guyton, an assistant pro at Wheatley Hills Golf Club in East Williston, N.Y., got a free drop, chipped out to the fairway and made bogey. He shot 80-81.

TAP-INS & LIP-OUTS

 Cancer patient Hubert Green wasn't able to defend his Long Island Classic title on the Champions Tour last week as he had hoped, but he sounded upbeat on his Web site Aug. 14, two days after his last radiation treatment in Gainesville, Fla. Wrote Green: "I was feeling very strong until Aug. 8 and thought I was going to be able to play in New York. However, on Aug. 9, I made Nurse Ratched take me to the hospital. She did not want me to go. Unfortunately, I was right." Translated, that means he was hospitalized and treated for low white blood cell count, dehydration, nausea and pain. Green wrote: "I still won the battle. The campaign is a little tougher

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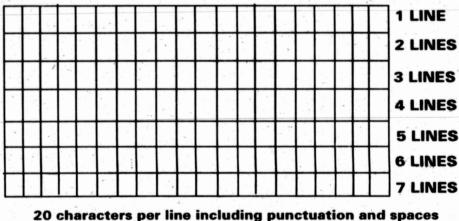
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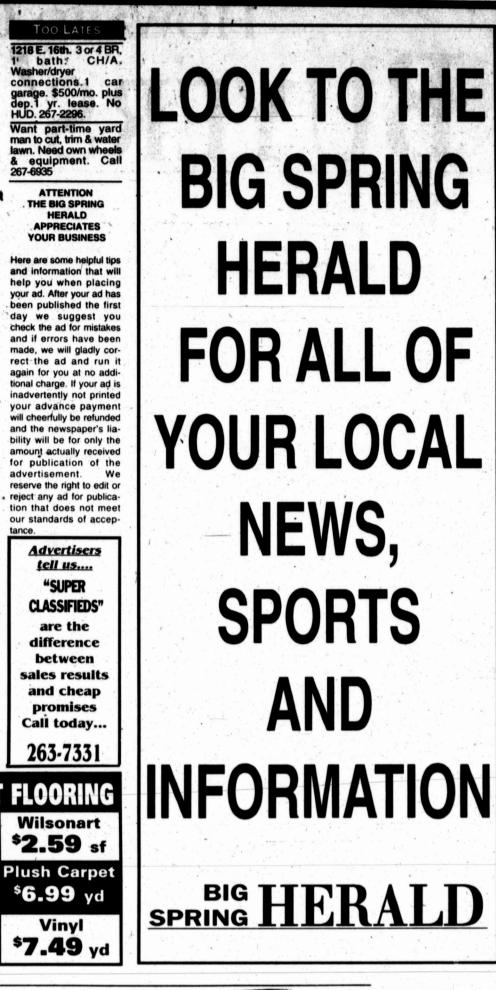
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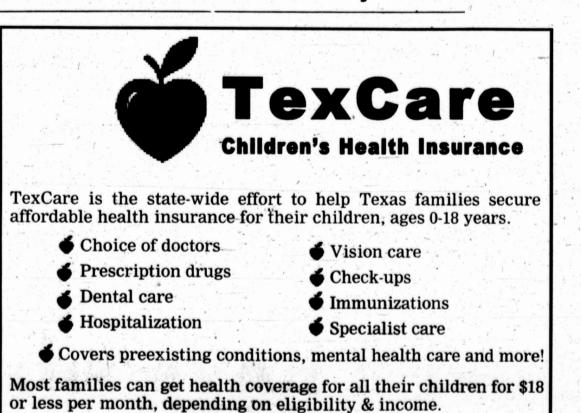
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