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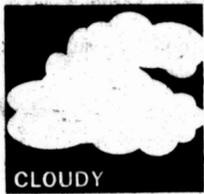
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## WEEKEND EDITION

August 30-31, 2003

## WEATHER

Sunday:



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SUNDAY 80°-82° SUNDAY NIGHT 68°-70°

## BRIEFLY

### HERALD OFFICE TO CLOSE

The *Big Spring Herald* business office will be closed all day Monday, Labor Day. The paper will be delivered at the usual time, however.

### POOL HOURS SLATED

Comanche Trail Park Pool will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, Sept. 1, Labor Day. Following Sept. 1, the pool will be closed until next summer.

## INSIDE

### Coahoma's 'Dogs win

Sam Tindon threw for 257 yards and three touchdowns to help lead the Coahoma Bulldogs to a wild 36-26 victory over Reagan County on Friday night.

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### Lady Steers advance

Big Spring's Lady Steers advanced to the title round of the 32-team San Angelo Invitational on Saturday.

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## COMING SUNDAY



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.

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## Early voting slow; county clerk urges citizens to cast ballots

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With the first two days of early voting in the 2003 Special Constitutional Amendments Election behind them, workers at the Howard County Clerk's Office aren't exactly bracing themselves for the coming week.

"Turnout is never good in these constitutional amendment elections," said Howard County Clerk Donna Wright. "The first day early voting was open we had 31 people come in and cast their ballots, which is



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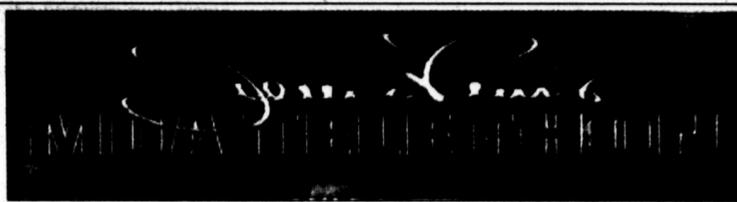
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about average. Last year we received a total of 325 votes, so we're not expecting to break any records this year."

Wright said when there are candidates on the ballot, the turnout is usually much different.

"We average about 100 people per day during early voting when there's a name on the ballot," said Wright. "It's really a

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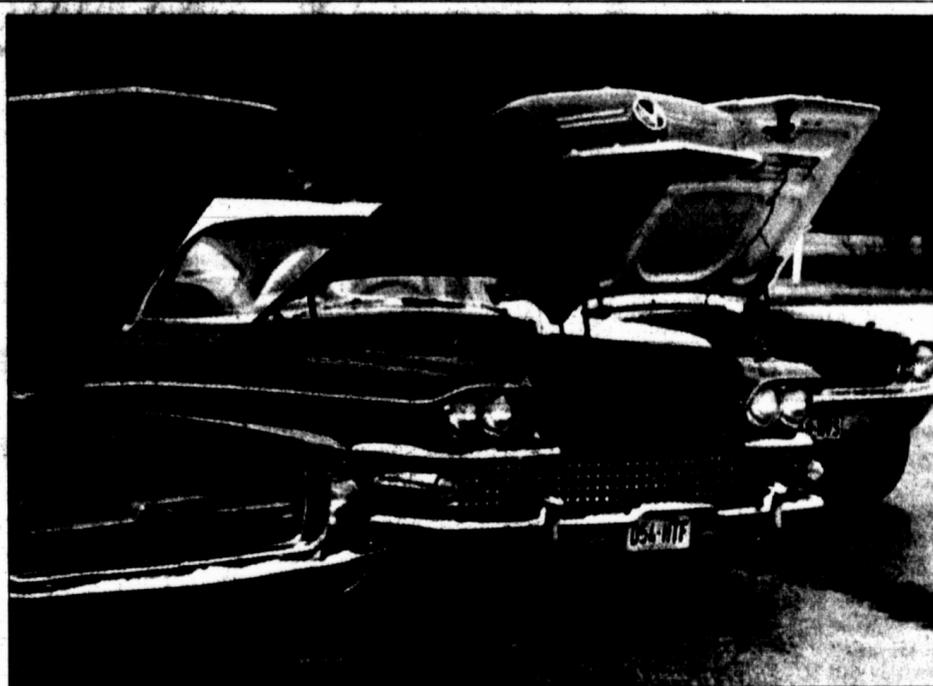


The local Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon is looking to be bigger and better this year. The community is invited to take part from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall.

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Stephanie Talbott, daughter of Big Spring Firefighter David Talbott, braves the rain Saturday to help collect donations for the annual Fill the Boot campaign. Funds raised will be presented during Monday's telethon at the Big Spring Mall.

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Saturday morning rains didn't dampen the spirits of Early Cars of Big Spring car club members, as they showed off their vintage vehicles at Comanche Trail Park in spite of the weather. Club officials said several entries to the rod run from cities such as Abilene and Lubbock opted to avoid the rain, but plenty of local members were present.

## Rain doesn't dampen spirit of local club members for Early Cars rod run

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Car enthusiasts invaded Comanche Trail Park Saturday, as the Early Cars of Big Spring car club presented its annual rod-run.

Despite the rain, turnout for the event was good according to club president Raymond Hogg.

"This is our 32nd year for this," said Hogg. "We started it

in about 1971, and the car club started in 1968. This isn't exactly a car show. It's a rod run, so there's no race competitions or anything like that for this. It's just a gathering in the park for people to enjoy.

"We were expecting some people from San Angelo and Abilene," said Hogg. "There was even supposed to be a couple of guys from New Mexico, but I'm afraid the weather may have

scared them off. There are a few here from the Midland-Odessa area though."

Hogg, along with Gary Richardson, Autry Moore and Russell White, established the club in 1968. It was originally formed as a pre-1948 street rod club, but has since relaxed those requirements to include cars through 1972.

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## Crossroads gets some rain; more moisture in the forecast

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Crossroads area received some much needed rain over the weekend, possibly breaking several area records, according to the National Weather Service.

"We don't have all of the numbers in yet, but there's a really good chance these rains may have broken some Big Spring daily rainfall records," said Brian Curran, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Midland. "Ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday the Big Spring area received 1.56 inches of rain, which is certainly above normal.

"In the Forsan area, we've got 1.18 inches, which is also very good. Garden City has reported .95 inches, and Colorado City received .90 inches."

Curran said the majority of the heavy rainfall targeted the eastern Borden County area, moving towards Scurry County. Flash flood warnings remained in effect until early Sunday morning, with the rain expected to ease up Sunday afternoon.

"There's just not enough pressure to maintain these heavy rains," said Curran. "There's a

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## Forsan ISD taking advantage of technological advancements

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

FORSAN — New technology is expected to enhance the educational experience for Forsan Independent School District students this year.

During the summer, the district's maintenance and technology staffs installed 27-inch television sets and DVD/VCR players in each of the junior high/high school and elementary classrooms.

A graphic's card was also installed into the computers at each teacher's workstation to network with the television

## THE LAW

New legislation to affect motorists through court costs, drunk driving arrests

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The laws, they are a changing. With numerous major and subtle changes being made to state law going into effect Sept. 1, several will leave a profound mark on West Texas motorists.

Penalties are being stiffened considerably for offenders that are caught under the influence with minors (age 15 and under) in the vehicle. First time offenders could face six months to two years in jail, and as much as \$10,000 in fines.

"Any steps we can take to protect our children is certainly worthwhile," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "If we can save the life of just one child, that always makes it worth it."

On a statewide level, the Texas Department of Public Safety sees these tougher penalties as yet another deterrent to motorists that find themselves faced with the decision of whether or not to drive when they've been drinking.

"Any time the law is changed to make penalties tougher it's a major deterrent," said DPS Information Officer John

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"when six-weeks exams come, students and parents can pull the weekly lessons from the Internet and review them."

Bob Fishback, technology administrator

sets. "All the teachers received Microsoft PowerPoint training this summer," said FISD

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## Obituaries

### Elena Carrasco

Elena Carrasco, 75, of Big Spring, died at 11:50 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, 2003, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness. Vigil Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Aug. 18, 1928, at Roswell, N.M. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1957 coming from Pecos. She was a Catholic and a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ireneo Carrasco, in 1993.

She is survived by one son, Albert F. Carrasco of Big Spring; seven daughters, Celia C. Smithwick of Big Spring, Irene Norman of Houston, Lydia Tamayo of San Antonio, Lucy Cruz of Big Spring, Grace Levrier of Austin, Maria Elena Guardiola of Albuquerque, N.M. and Eva Yanez of Big Spring; one brother, Vivian Fuentes of Pecos; 31 grandchildren; 61 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

### Elida Sepeda

Elida Sepeda, 58, of Big Spring, died at 1:33 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003, at Covenant Lakeside Medical Center in Lubbock. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Buford Fitts

Buford Fitts, 70, of Ackerly, died Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### L. D. "Buster"

L. D. "Buster" Adams, 72, of Stanton, died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2003. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

## Support groups

#### SUNDAY

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

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

#### MONDAY

The Military Support Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, or wish to support our troops, please join us. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

New Voice Club support group for laryngectomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

#### TUESDAY

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

TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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



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## Police blotter

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

- **MARCUS HATTENBACH**, 31, of 1806 15th Street, was arrested Friday for public intoxication and city citations.
- **JUSTIN BRYAN NORTON**, 21, of 2105 Gregg Street, was arrested Friday on an Ellis County warrant for theft.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of E. Sixth Street. A washing machine valued at \$500 was reported stolen.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported:
  - in the 400 block of E. Fourth Street.
  - in the 100 block of S. Gregg Street.

## Sheriff's report

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

- **RECKLESS DRIVER** was reported at the 163 mile-marker of Interstate 20.
- **ELECTRICAL POLES DOWN** was reported in the area of Cauble Road.
- **FIGHT IN PROGRESS** was reported in the 200 block of Main Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported:
  - at the 169 mile-marker exit of Interstate 20.
  - at the 181 mile-marker of Interstate 20.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported at the 194 mile-marker of Interstate 20.
- **PHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 5000 block of Wasson.

## Weather

Saturday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 80.

Labor day...Partly cloudy. Lows around 60. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday...Clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Wednesday...Clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the lower 90s.

## Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 3-15-29-30-33.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 12-26-27-29 (26)BB

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-8

## Take note

**A FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED** at Wells Fargo bank to help defray medical costs of Carl Newell of Big Spring. While undergoing neck surgery, it was discovered that Newell has Hepatitis C. Funds are needed for tests and treatment. Newell has no insurance and is unable to work.

**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.

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

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

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

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

**ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.**

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a

## Bulletin board

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

#### TODAY

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.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

Big Spring Chapter & Council RAM, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Building, 221 Main St.

Howard County ARC, 806 E. Third St., Bingo Hall, 264-0674.

#### TUESDAY

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

Coahoma Senior Citizen's luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

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

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

Gospel Singing at Kentwood Activity Center on Lynn St. has been canceled for this evening. The activity will resume on Oct. 7.

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

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

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY

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

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

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

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

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 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.

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

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

Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

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

#### FRIDAY

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

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

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very serious matter any time you're making amendments to the constitution, so I wish people would take it more seriously. On the other hand, I understand why they feel the way they do."

Wright said a great deal of the problem that arises in a constitutional amendment election is how complicated the ballots can be, with many issues seeming unclear to vot-

ers. "These issues can be extremely complicated," said Wright. "The way they're worded, they can be extremely hard to understand. That's why it's so important to look at the issues and see what's going on before you get to the polls."

Although the turnout has been slow with a total of 102 ballots cast as the poll closed Friday, Wright said it's important to keep the unpredictable nature of elections close at hand.

"You never really know if and when you'll have a big day," said Wright. "It's so difficult to make predictions concerning voter turn-out."

Early voting continues from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Howard County Courthouse following the Labor Day holiday. On Sept. 4, ballots can be cast at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Early voting ends Sept. 9.

The last day for the

clerk's office to send out mail-out ballots will be Sept. 5.

The following polling places will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the Sept. 13 Election Day:

• Precincts 101-115 will vote at the North Side Fire Station, 100 N.E. Eighth Street.

• Precincts 202-205 and 208 will vote at Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell.

• Precincts 207, 405 and 407-409 will vote at the Coahoma Community

Center. • Precincts 302-305 will vote at the Goliad School Middle School library, 2000 Goliad Street.

• Precincts 401-404, 406 and 410 will vote at the

11th Place and Birdwell Fire Station.

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Gloryland Trio to perform Sunday at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church

Special to the HERALD

Gloryland Trio, a southern gospel ladies group from Rusk, will be at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Everyone is invited. Admission is free.

The three women are known for their love of God and southern gospel

music. All were saved at an early age in their lives. Each one plays the piano and served as pianist in their individual churches.

"Plan to come early for the best seats available and be ready for a special blessing from God," a church spokesman said.

For more information, call 267-7157 or 267-8214.

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Barton. "We want drivers to understand there is a zero tolerance for driving while intoxicated, and we feel the message has really started getting out there."

According to Big Spring police records, the city averages 10 to 14 DWI arrests each month. Smith said that number is relatively low for a city the size of Big Spring and attributes it to more motorists playing it safe.

While the new law will take aim at motorists that drink and drive, it will also affect motorists under the influence of prescription medications. Smith said motorists can easily avoid any confusion regarding their medications by consulting with their physician or pharmacist.

"Driving while intoxicated is a very serious offense, because it can affect everyone," said Barton. "We want motorists to understand there's no tolerance at all when it comes to this. If they drive while intoxicated, they're going to jail."

Another change that will take a direct shot at motorists' wallets will be a new state-imposed court cost.

"There will be an additional \$50 court fee tacked on to every traffic ticket," said Howard County Prec. 1, Place 2 Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman. "That money will be going straight to the state."

Big Spring Municipal Judge Tim Green said the use of additional court costs to fund new projects and ideas from Austin is nothing new. "Traditionally we've seen this sort of increase several times in the past," said Green. "It's really sort of misleading when you look at the overall bill because so little of the money actually stays in the local system."

"When the court costs are divided up among all of the different agencies, the local entities keep a very small percentage," he added. "The vast majority of it will be going to state run programs."

Commercial drivers license holders will also be affected by the new laws, since they will no

longer be able to utilize some very popular options commonly considered when receiving a traffic ticket.

"CDL holders will no longer have the option to defer their tickets," said Wiseman. "They also won't have the option to take a defensive driving course. They will simply have to pay their fines."

Green said this new law is quite controversial because of its impact on the CDL holder's private records.

"CDL drivers should be held to a higher standard since they're driving a vehicle that weighs more than anything else on the road," said Green. "But I think any new law that takes away the individual rights of these drivers is a bad idea."

Green said the new law will take away CDL drivers' right to minimize their fines, and in the end, reduce private entities' ability to handle their drivers.

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parents to be involved in their students' education process, Fishback said.

As teachers begin to post more and more of their weekly lessons, when six-week exams come, students and parents can pull the weekly lessons from the Internet and review them," Fishback said.

Rotan added that the district is keeping up with the trend toward more technology-based education.

"All the textbooks are coming with CD ROM supplementary materials," Rotan said. "This allows teachers to effec-

tively use these supplementary materials. This is going to be a very powerful teaching tool in the future"

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Superintendent Wayne Rotan. "Instead of using notes on overheads, they can use PowerPoint lessons for the classroom. Instead of having to go to the computer lab to do research, the teachers can research on their computers and show the class."



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These additions will allow Forsan teachers new flexibilities in teaching, said FISD Technology Administrator Bob Fishback.

"For example, teachers can now teach their lessons using Microsoft PowerPoint and the class will be able to view it easily," Fishback said. "Then the teacher can take the same PowerPoint and post it on their web page so that the students and parents can access the same lesson from home through the Internet."

For the past seven years, Forsan teachers have used Internet technology as an avenue for communication.

"Forsan teachers have been posting their weekly lesson plans on the Forsan ISD Web page so that students and parents can check homework assignments at any time," Fishback said.

The technology improvements, paid for through the state's technology allotment, are making it much easier for

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## OUR VIEWS

## Let's support the telethon on Labor Day

Once again, Big Spring will be a one-of-a-kind community Monday when volunteers begin trying to make the local Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon bigger and better than it's ever been before.

Big Spring is part of the smallest television market in the United States to have its own independent telethon broadcast.

But the residents of Big Spring have time and time again proven that being a small community doesn't mean we can't give with a big heart — just look at the successes enjoyed by the United Way, Relay for Life, the Heart Walk, the MS Walk...

Just name the cause and the people of Big Spring and Howard County have responded. During last year's telethon, we raised more than \$30,000 for the MDA.

The telethon begins at 9 a.m. at the Big Spring Mall and continues to about 6 p.m. with activities are planned throughout the day.

Harley Owner's Group members will be out on the mall parking lot selling barbecue dinners for \$5 a plate. The Christian Motorcycle Association and the Cossacks Motorcycle Club will hold a poker run beginning at 9 a.m.

More bike games are scheduled for the afternoon and The Wild Texans will be playing rock 'n roll music starting 1 p.m.

The telethon is held to raise funds for programs and research to find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy — a collection of some 25 different neurological muscular diseases that affect children's ability to move, walk or speak.

We want to encourage the public to go out to the mall Monday and show support for this most worthy cause.

Any donation toward the fight against Muscular Dystrophy will be appreciated, according to Barry Barnett, who again is serving as local MDA telethon chairman.

Even if all you can afford is a dime, that's 10 cents the Muscular Dystrophy Association didn't have before.

And remember, most of the money raised stays in the Permian Basin, helping youngsters needing wheelchairs and braces or trips to clinics for health checks.

So once again, Howard County, open your hearts and your pocketbooks. You'll be glad you did.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, may you bless our efforts to make a difference in this world for you. Amen

## Take care with second mortgages

In my early days, when I was a kid growing up, we lived so far out in the country they had to pump sunshine in to us and when we wanted to go hunting, we had to come back toward town. Now we live much closer to the city and things are different. We have indoor plumbing and even have a telephone.

Now, hopefully you realize that I am just kidding and I don't want to insult your intelligence like some people insult mine. The other day I got something in the mail from a home equity loan company that is located in another state that seems to be typical of the times.

The top third of this sheet of paper was designed as a check from this company in the amount of \$42,800. Where they got that number I'll never know but printed across the middle of this fake check were the words "This Is Not A Check."

Being as perceptive as I am, of course I knew this was a direct mail appeal for me (and it was made out to me, not jointly) to take out a second mortgage on our home in the amount that I stated earlier. In the letter below this fake check, they stated that if I wanted to increase or decrease

this amount, just call the agent listed below. They were also liberal enough to say that I could receive these funds even if our property had no equity and if my credit had suffered in the past. The one thing they failed to do, however, was state the rate of interest for the loan.

Now, I would like to turn my comments to a more serious note and talk with you about the massive number of appeals for easy credit and debt consolidation. There is not a week that goes by that I don't see from 10 to 15 advertisements for loans of this type, and all tied to a tangible asset...our home. There is one big catch in all of these advertisements however, and that is the money has to be paid back...plus interest.

Apparently there are millions of people who are taking out these second mortgage or debt consolidation loans or these companies would not keep up this level of advertising. Please don't misunderstand what I am saying here. I certainly believe in advertising and I also believe in credit, if it's used wisely. The problem comes for individuals and families who do not exercise good judgement and wind up losing their home a few months or years down the road.

The reason these types of loans are attractive is because of what easy credit has done to millions of credit card users over the past sev-

eral years. When a person is 'maxed out' and their level of income is not sufficient to continue with their acquired life style, there are hard decisions that have to be made. Unfortunately, in many cases the decision is bankruptcy. For others, it's taking out a home equity loan which reduces the amount of their payments each month.

Before I share the real problem, I would like to say that I realize this is a free country and every responsible adult can make his or her own decisions. My purpose here is not to try to tell you or anyone else what you should do. I just wanted to share some insights that may be of value to you or someone who seeks your council about taking out a loan of this type.

There is a real pitfall for this type of loan and I hope you will think seriously about what I am saying.

These loans may be good over the long haul only if the individual is willing to change his or her behavior and their spending habits. Otherwise, the home equity loan will serve as a false sense of security and the debt will continue to grow and there will be a time when it must be paid.

Unfortunately, that sports star that has been hawking the loan is not going to help repay it. If a real emergency should arise, it could be "the straw that broke the camel's back."

I care!!

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## Downward path to utter degradation

Let us stop to observe a few mileposts on the downward path to the utter degradation of political discourse in this country.

A recent newspaper advertising campaign by "independent" groups supporting President Bush shows a closed courtroom door with the sign, "Catholics Need Not Apply," hanging on it. The ad argues that William Pryor Jr., attorney general of Alabama and a right-wing anti-abortion nominee to the federal appeals court, is under attack for his "deeply held" Catholic beliefs.

Actually, Pryor is under attack because he's a hopeless dipstick. That he also happens to be Catholic and anti-abortion has nothing to do with his unfitness for the federal bench. The only person I know who believes one's closely held religious and moral convictions should make one ineligible for the federal bench is Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. Scalia argued last year that any judge who is opposed to the death penalty should resign, on account of it is the law.

By that reasoning, any judge who is opposed to abortion out of deep moral conviction should also resign. Even though that would include Scalia's resignation, an eventuation devoutly to be wished in my opinion, I think he's wrong. Pryor has said that Roe vs. Wade "ripped the Constitution and ripped out the life of millions of unborn children." Hey, there's objectivity for you.

His record on civil rights, states' rights and gay rights is equally ideological. He has a record of incendiary comments, which cer-

tainly bring into question his "judicial temperament." When the Supreme Court delayed an execution in Alabama, Pryor called them "nine octogenarian lawyers." He once prayed for "no more Souters," a reference to Justice David Souter.

The New York Times observed, "He has turned the Alabama attorney general's office into a taxpayer-financed right-wing law firm." He has argued against a key part of the Voting Rights Act and was the only state attorney general to argue against the Violence Against Women Act. Who cares if he's Catholic? He'd be a disgrace on the bench if he were a Buddhist.

Moving right on down the road to complete ideological madness, we now have the House Judiciary Committee threatening to investigate the sentencing records of every federal judge in the country for suspected "political" bias. All this stems from the matter of James Rosenbaum, chief judge for the Minnesota Federal District Court, who thinks sentencing guidelines for low-level drug dealers are too harsh.

Is there anyone who doesn't think so? Even the Texas legislature, that model of 19th century thinking, has decided we should provide treatment for first-time small drug offenders, rather than locking them up for years. Locking them up is getting to be a very expensive proposition in our very broke state, but surely that had nothing to do with their decision.

After Rosenbaum's testimony, the Judiciary Committee, chaired by Rep. James Sensenbrenner, prepared to subpoena Rosenbaum's records to see if he had imposed any "unlawfully lenient sentences." In fact he had, giving one guy four years (nine months below the guidelines) and another a month less than the minimum recommended.

The sentencing guidelines are the consequence of a 1984 crime law, passed at the height of the drug hysteria, that took effect in 1987. Victoria Toensing, Rosenbaum's lawyer, said: "I was present at the creation of those guidelines. May God forgive me for ever supporting them." Amen.

Look, these sentencing guidelines are awful. Everybody knows they're awful, so now anyone who stands up and says so gets subpoenaed? Do you realize how banana-republic this is? Texas Rep. Lamar Smith, one of the many ornaments we have exported to Washington, claims the seven-member Sentencing Commission is "systematically trying to lessen the drug penalties." I should hope bloody so. If showing evidence of elementary common sense is grounds for a subpoena, stick a fork in us, we're done.

The "Watch on the Rhine" quality of our public life these days deserves serious attention. As one who studies the small, buried stories on the back pages of major newspapers, I am becoming increasingly uneasy. This is more than just, "Boy, do their policies suck." There's a creepy advance of something more menacing than bad policies.

I keep thinking of Mussolini's definition of fascism: "Fascism should more properly be called corporatism, since it is the marriage of government and corporate power." When was the last time we saw this administration do something that involved standing up to some corporate special interest in favor of the great majority of the people?

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# Drumming up an orchestra berth

### Big Spring youths earn spots with the Lubbock youth symphony

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring youths Mark Lozano and Kyle McDaniel love to bang on things and now they've been given a chance to do just that in Lubbock.

The two die-hard percussionists have earned slots with the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Lozano, a Big Spring High School junior, will perform in the percussion section of the symphony orchestra while McDaniel, a Big Spring Junior High School eighth-grader, was chosen for the concert orchestra.

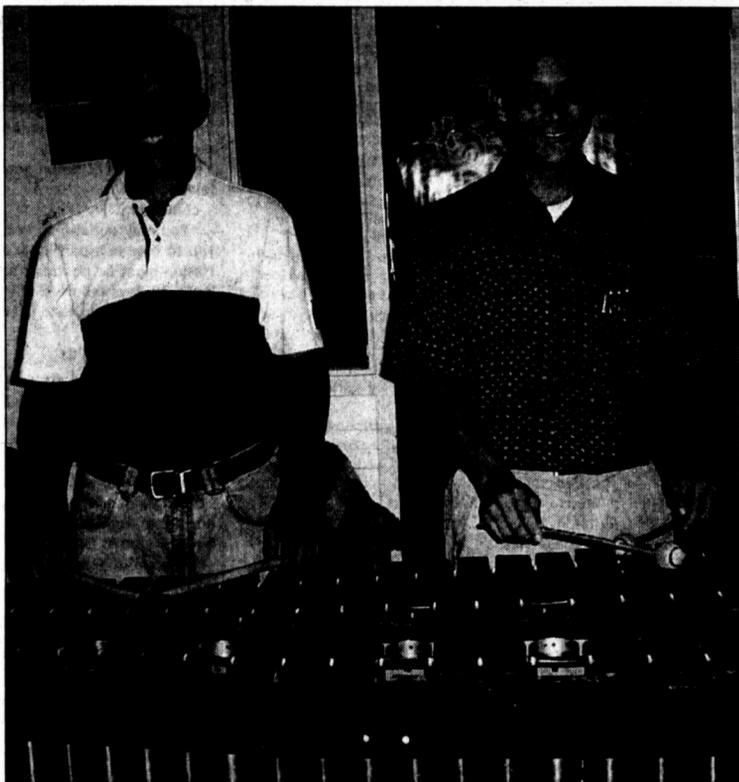
"I think its going to be fun," said McDaniel.

Both Lozano and McDaniel are excited about becoming members of the LYSO because it gives them another chance to do something they really love — playing the drums.

"I always wanted to play drums since I was four," said Lozano, who is a trumpet player with the BSHS band.

"For me, it was my older brother (Michael) who used to be a percussionist when he was in high school," said Lozano. "He played the quads, so I always wanted to play percussion. When I was little I used to put a bunch of books on the bed and get different sounds out of them."

As a participant in the



**Eighth-grader Kyle McDaniel, left, and high school junior Mark Lozano have earned spots in the Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra as percussionists. The two Big Spring youth join Kyle's sister, Melody, who was chosen for the orchestra in the spring.**

Big Spring Independent School District band program for the past five years. Lozano qualified for University Interscholastic League all-region band both on the junior high and high school levels participated at the state level in UIL solo and ensemble competition.

This year, Lozano balances his responsibilities as leader of the trumpet section with participating in Key Club and Spanish Club. He is the

son of Paul and Susie Lozano.

McDaniel has been playing piano since he was 5 and has been involved as a percussionist in the Big Spring band program for the past two years. Last year he qualified for the junior high level All-Region band, the only seventh grader to do so.

He is the son of Roxie McDaniel and is involved in junior high athletics as well as serving as a member of the junior

high school's yearbook staff.

McDaniel joins his sister, Melody McDaniel, who was chosen as a member of the orchestra program last spring.

The two youths will perform in their first performance on Oct. 5 at the Lubbock Civic Center Theater.

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# Glasscock County ISD board approves a balanced budget

HERALD Staff Report

**GARDEN CITY** — Glasscock County Independent School District passed a \$5.9 million balanced budget for the fiscal year 2003-2004 this week and set the tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

The vote was taken after the conclusion of a public hearing which drew no comment from the audience, said GCISD Superintendent Steve Long.

Designated as a Chapter 41 school, the district will see 51 percent of its tax levy sent to help another school system in Region 18.

GCISD is considered a "rich school system" because its appraised taxable values are more than \$305,000 per student. The state funding formula for public schools dubbed the "Robin Hood Act" requires Chapter 41 schools to give some of their revenue to help poorer schools.

# Family files wrongful death suit in motorcycle accident that occurred in Tom Green County

HERALD Staff Report

The death of a Big Spring man's mother has led family members to file a wrongful death suit in Tom Green County District Court.

Cindy Clanton, 45, and Willie Zuniga, 51, of San Angelo, were killed when the motorcycle they were riding was struck by a vehicle driven by 30-year-old Andrew Read of San Angelo.

Cindy Clanton is the mother of Toby Luis Clanton of Big Spring.

Andrew Read, along with his father, David Read, formerly a county court-at-law judge, are named in the suit.

Andrew Read is currently facing two felony counts of intoxication manslaughter, with a grand jury expected to hear the charges next month.

According to an affidavit filed by San Angelo police officer Kye Barnes,

Department of Public Safety blood analysis revealed Andrew Read had a blood alcohol level of .12 percent, which is .04 percent above the legal limit.

Andrew Read has been charged for driving while intoxicated twice in the past, with a conviction in 1992 for which he received probation, and again in 2001 when charges were dismissed. Records show he completed a DWI school in April 2002.

David Read was also named in the suit, charged with negligently allowing his son to drive the Ford 350 truck which was towing a boat when the accident occurred.

The suit was filed by Robert Zuniga, Willie Zuniga's brother; Eldon and Ruth Ogden, Cindy Clanton's parents; and the children of Cindy Clanton, Tammy Wynn Smith and Toby Luis Clanton.

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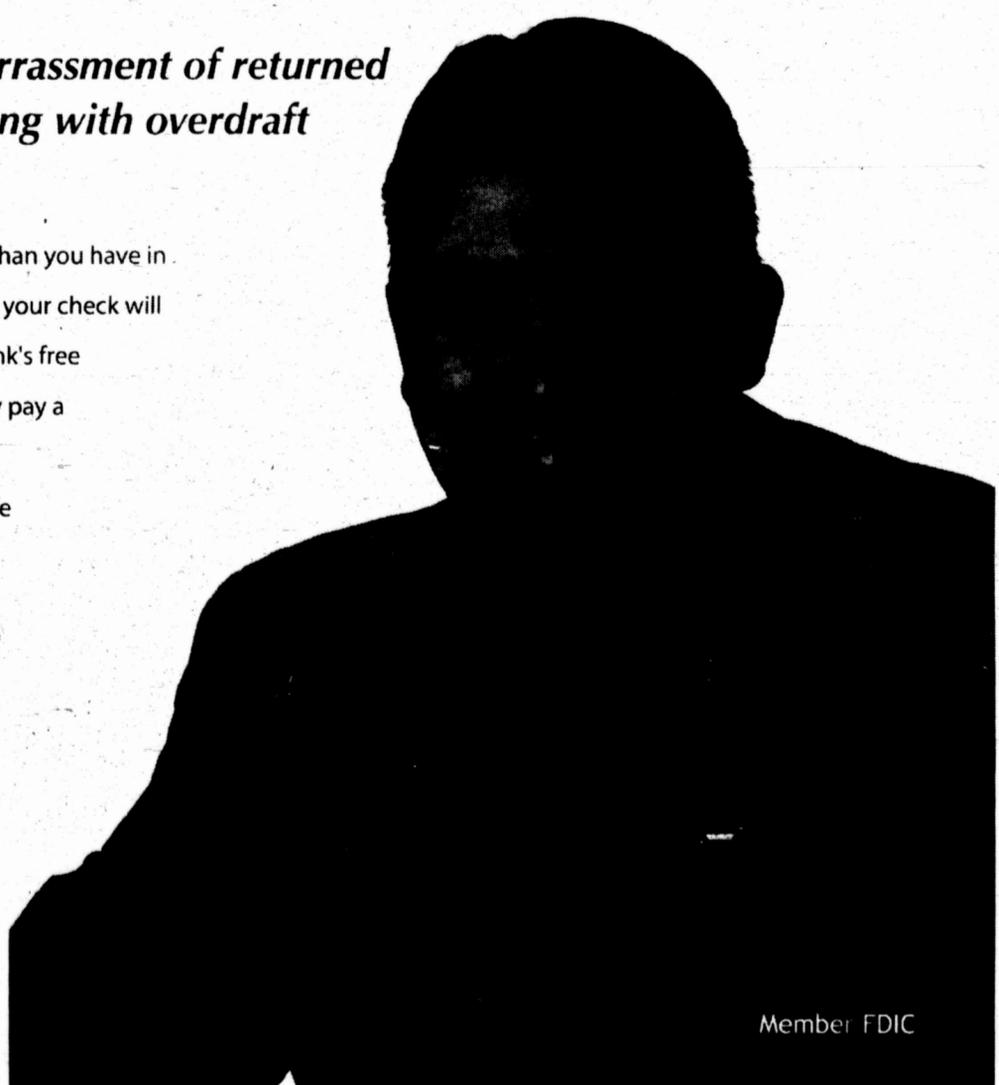
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# Constitutional amendments election, Sept. 13, 2003

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## PROPOSITION 1

The constitutional amendment authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds.

### Explanation:

This proposed amendment would allow the Veterans' Land Board (VLB) to use excess assets and receipts, not needed to pay principal and interest on revenue bonds, to pay debt service on Texas veterans homes. During the Texas republic, the VLB gave land as a reward to Texas veterans. Land is no longer given, but in its modern version the program provides veterans with low-interest loans for land, home purchases, and home-improvement loans. In 2001, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow the use of excess funds to provide for veterans cemeteries. This proposed amendment would allow the VLB to use assets from the fund to plan, design, operate, own, and maintain or improve homes for aged or infirm Texas veterans.

### Arguments For:

- Texas has more than 500,000 veterans over the age of 65, for whom long-term care is a high-priority issue. This proposed amendment would allow the VLB to use excess assets to build and maintain these needed facilities.

- The state would save money by not having to issue revenue bonds specifically to fund these homes. Using existing funds lowers bond transaction costs to the state and could result in lower fees to seniors who live in these nursing homes.

### Arguments Against:

- This proposed amendment grants the VLB sole discretion to determine its excess assets and how to distribute them fairly.
- The proposed amendment allows the VLB to direct money away from other worthy VLB programs such as low-interest home loans and home-improvement loans.

## PROPOSITION 2

The constitutional amendment to establish a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale.

### Explanation

This proposition would lengthen the current six-month redemption period after a mineral interest is sold at a tax sale, to correspond with the two-year redemption period that currently applies to residence homesteads and land designated for agricultural use. The proposed amendment allows the legislature to limit the application of the extended two-year redemption period to residence homesteads and agricultural land if a mineral interest is sold pursuant to a lawsuit brought to enforce collection of delinquent taxes.

Texas collects taxes on mineral interests from each individual mineral interest owner. Because

Texas is large in area and a large producer of oil and gas, there are many individual mineral interest owners. Mineral interest tax rolls are maintained by private oil and gas companies, and often only those individuals with holdings above a certain value receive tax notices. Private company records, the basis for sending out the notices, can be incomplete or out of date.

School districts by law must collect 96 percent of their tax revenue due or face the loss of state funding. As a result, mineral interests are more often foreclosed for back taxes.

### Arguments For

- The proposed amendment would make the redemption period for mineral interests uniform with the one for residence homesteads and land designated for agricultural use.

- This amendment would offer some protection to mineral interest owners from the possible consequences of inaccurate or incomplete private company records.

### Arguments Against

- Extending the redemption period on mineral interests to two years may further burden school districts already struggling to collect their mandated 96 percent of taxes due in oil and gas-rich counties.
- The proposed amendment is only a stopgap measure to provide limited relief to mineral interest owners. Instead of addressing the real need to properly maintain the mineral interest tax rolls, and create a structure to efficiently collect the mineral interest taxes due.

## PROPOSITION 3

A constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility.

### Explanation

This proposition would amend Section 2(a), Article VIII, of the Texas Constitution to add to the list of properties the legislature may exempt from taxation by general laws, under certain conditions: 1) property owned by a religious organization for the purpose of expanding the place of religious worship it owns, as long as the property does not produce any revenue whatsoever for the organization; and 2) property owned by a religious organization and leased by that organization to a person and used by that person as a school or for educational purposes.

Religious organizations are currently exempt from ad valorem taxes on their places of worship, adjoining parking lots, and property owned for the purpose of housing clergy. Property that a church may acquire for the purpose of expanding or relocating is taxed until used for one of the exempt purposes. A public policy shift toward faith-based initiatives may open up new possibilities for the utilization of church property for public purposes.

### Arguments For

- This proposition might encourage development of unused land for socially desirable purposes.
- Adding this exemption may offer relief to growing congregations that must continue to maintain their principal place of worship while building up funds for expansion or relocation. Paying ad valorem taxes on property that yields a church no revenue may be an unfair burden.

### Arguments Against

- The proposed constitutional amendment will deprive cities, counties, and school districts of needed revenue.
- Exempting property leased by churches for schools may hurt public school districts by not only depriving them of property tax revenue, but also creating a competitive advantage for private schools that compete for the same pool of students and the state monies that are distributed.

## PROPOSITION 4

A constitutional amendment relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by certain conservation and reclamation districts.

### Explanation

This amendment would permit the legislature to authorize certain conservation and reclamation districts to issue bonds for development and maintenance of recreational facilities and to collect taxes to pay for the bonds and maintenance of these facilities. The proposed amendment would apply only to a conservation and reclamation district located all or in part in

Bastrop, Bexar, Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Montgomery, Travis, Waller or Williamson county, or to the Tarrant Regional Water District. The bonds could not be issued unless a proposition was first submitted to the qualified voters of the district and the proposition adopted.

Currently, water district tax receipts may not be used for the development of parks and recreational facilities, but many counties do not have the necessary funds to use for this purpose. If this amendment passes, the development of parks and recreational facilities would be recognized as a constitutionally authorized power of conservation and reclamation districts, and therefore eligible for tax-backed bond financing.

### Arguments For

- This amendment would allow the creation of needed recreational facilities in areas unable to develop them currently.

- This amendment would not allow a conservation and reclamation district to incur indebtedness unless the district's voters adopt a proposition.

### Arguments Against

- Existing state, county, and city mechanisms should be adequate to meet public recreational needs without granting the same authority to municipal utility districts.

- This amendment would allow another taxing authority to increase the tax burden on the district's taxpayers.

## PROPOSITION 5

The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income.

### Explanation

Proposition 14, a constitutional amendment passed in 2001, was to have exempted certain travel trailers from ad valorem taxation. However it had an unintended consequence. Many school districts were not taxing travel trailers before 2001 and have since started taxing them because that amendment said they could not exempt them.

This amendment clarifies that all taxing entities can exempt travel trailers which are not residential dwellings substantially affixed to real estate, or held or used for the production of income.

### Arguments For

- This amendment clarifies the intent of the legislature and voters in 2001. It continues Texas' practice of not taxing personal property not used in the production of income.

- The proposed amendment promotes tourism and economic development in areas of the state where travel trailers can become temporary homes during the winter months.

### Arguments Against

- Governmental entities that tax travel trailers will lose needed revenue. To make up the shortfall, they may raise taxes for other property owners.
- Persons who live in travel trailers should pay property taxes just like other homeowners, including those who live in manufactured homes.

## PROPOSITION 6

The constitutional amendment permitting refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage.

### Explanation

Reverse mortgages, which allow a senior citizen (age 62 or older) to obtain an extension of credit against his home equity, have been available since 2001, due to a constitutional amendment passed in 1999. The homeowner receives cash advances, and repayments are not due until the homeowner moves, sells the property, or dies. This proposition would reverse the constitutional consumer protections that have prevented a home equity loan from being converted into a reverse mortgage, and would not change the home equity protections that limit the ability of a lender to foreclose.

### Arguments For

- The proposition would allow senior citizens more flexibility in obtaining income from the equity in their home, without giving up their homestead protections.

### Arguments Against

- Refinancing a mortgage accrues principal and interest debt that must be repaid after the home is sold or the borrower dies.

## PROPOSITION 7

The constitutional amendment to permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial.

### Explanation

Currently the Texas

Constitution and the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure require that all cases tried in a district court have a jury of 12 persons, regardless of the class of the alleged offense. At the same time the Constitution permits juries of six members for misdemeanors. This amendment is described as a cleanup or technical correction and would provide for the size of juries to relate the severity of the crime.

### Arguments For

- This amendment would make it possible for rural/small community district courts to have six person juries to try misdemeanors, putting them on a par with larger communities that have specialized courts already using six-person juries for such cases.

- Passage of this amendment would save money in smaller communities and make it easier to empanel juries for misdemeanor trials.

### Arguments Against

- All district court defendants should be entitled to a 12-person jury no matter what the offense.

- Cost savings is not an acceptable reason for changing the current system.

## PROPOSITION 8

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.

### Explanation

This amendment would allow a qualified candidate who is running unopposed in any statewide, district, county, or precinct election, to take the office if there are no declared write-in candidates. The Texas Constitution determines which offices require an election. Therefore an amendment is needed to cancel an election and make the required change in the Election Code. This proposition applies to state, district, county, and precinct elections, while Proposition 18 applies to local political subdivisions.

### Arguments For

- This amendment would promote efficiency in election administration and reduce the cost of elections. This amendment would not interfere with voter's rights, since anyone who is running unopposed in an election wins by virtue of being the only candidate for that office.

### Arguments Against

- A voter has a right to vote for the candidate of his choice, and the candidate has a right to campaign and gain visibility. Voters have a right to know the positions of their elected officials.

## PROPOSITION 9

The constitutional amendment relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund.

### Explanation

This proposed amendment would allow the state to access some of the capital gains realized in the Permanent School Fund (PSF) to be transferred to the Available School Fund (ASF) to provide textbooks and technology to Texas school districts. Currently, capital gains are put back into the fund for growth; only stock dividends and interest are used for the ASF. The proposed amendment would be a shift from an income-based approach to a total-return strategy.

In 1876, the Texas legislature created the PSF. The trust fund, consisting of stocks, bonds, and oil and gas royalties from state-owned lands, was set up to grow income into perpetuity to provide funds for Texas' schoolchildren. The fund generates nearly \$700 million a year in earnings.

### Arguments For

- The income-based strategy is not keeping up with the needs of Texas' schoolchildren. Between 1990 and 2001, distributions from the PSF to the ASF rose by only 3 percent. In that same time period, capital gains in the PSF increased by 806 percent.

- Using the current income-based strategy encourages the adoption of riskier investments to produce the income needed by ASF. Only 2.5 percent of funds report using an income-based strategy. No college or university endowment fund with assets over \$500 million uses an income-based strategy.

### Arguments Against

- Since 1876, the basic guidelines of the fund have not changed. Even during the depression, Texans did not "eat their seed corn." During this temporary budget crunch, there is a temptation to raid this large fund to ease existing budget woes.

- The proposed amendment would allow the state to take up

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING

- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You must be at least 18 years old on the day of the election.
- You must be registered to vote.
- You must not have been declared mentally incompetent by a court.
- You must not be on parole, probation, or in prison for a felony conviction.
- You may register to vote at any time. However, in order for you to vote in a particular election, your application for registration must be postmarked or received by the registrar at least 30 days before that election. (August 14 was the deadline to register to vote in this election.)

## EARLY VOTING

Once you are registered to vote in Texas, you can take advantage of early voting, which began on Aug. 27 and ends on Sept. 9. There are two types of early voting in Texas. You can vote early in person by casting your ballot at any early voting site convenient to you, regardless of your precinct. You may also vote early by mail by requesting an application to be mailed to you from your county clerk, or by filling out a form online at the following Web address:

[www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/regabm.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/regabm.shtml).

Early voting for Howard County is conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekends, except for Labor Day, at the Howard County Courthouse, Main and Fourth St.

to 6 percent of the average market value of the fund each year and distribute the proceeds to Texas school districts. This strategy has the potential of decreasing the fund's principal, thus in the long term reducing the fund's overall value.

## PROPOSITION 10

The constitutional amendment authorizing municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments.

### Explanation

The Texas Constitution prohibits the legislature from authorizing any county, city, or other political subdivision from lending or granting public money or anything of value to any individual or corporation. However, in recent years the Texas A&M System has been authorized to make available used or obsolete fire-fighting equipment to the Texas Forest Service for its use or for distribution to volunteer fire departments. Also, the Constitution was amended to allow municipalities to donate similar fire-fighting equipment, and supplies to underdeveloped countries, such as Mexico. This proposition would authorize municipalities to donate surplus fire-fighting equipment, supplies, or other materials to the Texas Forest Service, which would then certify the equipment and donate it for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments.

### Arguments For

- This proposed amendment would enable fire departments to donate their equipment to volunteer fire departments that operate with minimal funds. The Texas Forest Service would collect, evaluate, and distribute the donated equipment, insuring its distribution to those most in need.

- Passage of this amendment would not affect the continued donation of surplus equipment to Mexico, because volunteer fire departments often have higher standards than fire departments in Mexico. Municipalities would still be able to choose where their donated equipment would go. For example, Texas cities on the border could donate their excess equipment to Mexico if such an action was deemed in the municipality's best interest.

### Arguments Against

- The Texas Constitution currently protects taxpayers by requiring compensation for any transfer of public property. This amendment would undermine this safeguard.

- Current law allows cities and towns to sell the equipment, but does not provide for reduced-cost sales. Texas municipalities should not be allowed to donate equipment outright, but should be allowed to sell it at a reduced cost to volunteer departments. Such sales of equipment to volunteer fire departments would provide support to these organizations while allowing communities to recoup part of their fire-fighting investment.

## PROPOSITION 11

The constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to enact laws authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state.

### Explanation

Under present provisions of the Constitution, the Texas wine industry is controlled by a combination of state and local laws. The legislature is authorized to regulate the manufacture, sale, possession, and transportation of intoxicating liquors. It is also

required to provide local options to qualified voters in various governmental entities concerning the sale of alcohol.

This proposed amendment would enable the legislature to enact laws and direct the Alcoholic Beverage Commission or its successor to set policies for all wineries in the state, regardless of whether the winery is located in an area in which the sale of wine has or has not been authorized by local option. The proposed amendment would authorize properly permitted wineries to manufacture and sell wine for consumption on or off the winery premises. Wineries could also offer free wine for tasting on the premises. The enabling legislation requires that the wine must be manufactured in Texas and contain at least 75 percent by volume of fermented juice of grapes or other fruit grown in Texas.

### Arguments For

- This proposed amendment would bring uniformity to the laws and regulations affecting wineries across the state. Presently, winemaking is permitted in several "dry" areas, but not all. Some wineries are allowed to offer wine sampling on their premises. Some can sell wine on their premises under specified conditions. This amendment would address the confusion and complication that now exists.

- By encouraging the wine producing industry, tourism and the Texas economy would benefit.

### Arguments Against

- This amendment would take away rights currently granted to citizens to make decisions concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages in their communities. Over 50 counties and some precincts and municipalities choose not to permit such sale. Under current law wineries are not prohibited from expanding in Texas. They can locate in areas without restrictions or export their wine to other markets.

- The state of Texas has consistently been near the top in alcohol-related traffic deaths in this country. Consuming wine on the premises could lead to even higher death rates.

## PROPOSITION 12

The constitutional amendment concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages.

### Explanation

The Medical Liability and Insurance Improvement Act of Texas was passed in 1977. This act included a \$500,000 cap on all damages except medical expenses for health care liability claims. However in 1988, the Texas Supreme Court held that the limitation on damages was unconstitutional. This proposition is an attempt to ensure that damage caps do not violate the "open courts" provision of the Texas Constitution. Non-economic damages are those for pain, suffering, disfigurement, and loss of loved one. Economic damages, which are the actual costs of medical care and loss of income during recuperation, would not be limited.

A separate piece of legislation, House Bill 4, was signed into law, placing a \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages from all physicians and health care providers and a separate \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages from each health care institution. This law will probably be tested in the courts, whether

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**Arguments For**  
•Because economic would not be a non-economic give plaintiffs that they deserve windfall of cash.  
•Unlimited damage mine the state's term, because insurance premium high, doctors retiring or move to insurance premium.  
•Eleven insurers have announced from the Texas insurance market. could encourage to do business.

**Arguments Against**  
•This proposed legislature the non-economic civil lawsuits, malpractice cases.  
•Limits on non-ages would reduce suits or dren, retirees, employed people no loss of income.  
•Opponents of insurance companies miums to offset losses in a falling not because of economic damage claim insurance not fall until insurances are regulated.

## PROPOSITION 13

The constitutional amendment to permit county towns, and jurisdictions to establish tax freeze on the steads of the elderly and the

**Explanation**  
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**Arguments For**  
•Seniors and sons on fixed been adversely rapidly rising throughout the state.  
•This amendment owners from h their homes be property taxes.  
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or not voters pass Proposition 12. Currently, seventeen states cap non-economic damage awards and five cap total damages. This amendment also authorizes the legislature, after January 1, 2005, to determine the limit of liability for all non-economic damages in actions other than those relating to medical malpractice.

**Arguments For**  
•Because economic damages would not be capped, a limit on non-economic damages would give plaintiffs the compensation that they deserve instead of a windfall of cash.

•Unlimited damages undermine the state's health care system, because when liability insurance premiums rise too high, doctors may stop practicing or move to states with lower insurance premiums.

•Eleven insurance carriers have announced their withdrawal from the Texas liability insurance market. This proposition could encourage more insurers to do business in the state.

**Arguments Against**  
•This proposition gives the legislature the authority to limit non-economic damages in all civil lawsuits, not just medical malpractice cases, in 2005.

•Limits on non-economic damages would disproportionately reduce suits on behalf of children, retirees, and other unemployed people who could claim no loss of income.

•Opponents claim that insurance companies increased premiums to offset investment losses in a falling stock market, not because of losses from non-economic damages. They further claim insurance premiums will not fall until insurance companies are regulated.

PROPOSITION 13

The constitutional amendment to permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the elderly and of the elderly and their spouses.

**Explanation**  
Since 1978, the amount of ad valorem (property) taxes imposed by school districts on homesteads of the elderly has been frozen when the homeowner reached age 65. In 1988, this freeze was extended to the surviving spouses of the elderly. In addition, the elderly and their surviving spouses could transfer their ad valorem tax freeze from one taxing jurisdiction to another.

This amendment would provide a local option for a county, city, or junior college district to adopt an ad valorem tax limitation on homesteads of the elderly and/or disabled and their spouses, in addition to the freeze on ad valorem taxes levied by school districts. Implementation of this freeze would require an affirmative vote by the governing body of the city, county, or junior college district, or a majority vote in an election that is called by a petition signed by 5 percent of the registered voters.

**Arguments For**  
•Seniors and disabled persons on fixed incomes have been adversely impacted by rapidly rising property taxes throughout the state.

•This amendment would prevent elderly or disabled homeowners from having to leave their homes because of rising property taxes.

**Arguments Against**  
•This amendment places too much restriction on cities, counties, and junior college districts and prevents them from raising needed revenue when property values rise. As a result, the tax burden would be shifted to the remaining taxpayers.

•Property tax rates for seniors should be means-tested to assure that wealthy seniors contribute to the tax base. Property taxes may still be raised if significant improvements other than repairs or changes needed to meet government building codes are made that increase the value of the house. This tax freeze would be wholly or proportionately transferable if the qualifying person establishes a different residence homestead within the same city, county, or junior college district.

PROPOSITION 14

The constitutional amendment providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities

secured by the state highway fund.

**Explanation**  
The state comptroller's review of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in January 2001 recommended that TxDOT be given the authority to borrow funds on a short-term basis for the purposes of cash flow management. This proposed amendment would authorize the legislature, by law, to authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to authorize TxDOT to issue notes or borrow money from any sources to carry out the agency's functions. Loans or notes would be prohibited from having a term of more than two years, and the legislature would appropriate money for the purpose of paying debt created by the notes.

This amendment would also allow TxDOT to issue bonds and other securities to fund transportation related projects. These bonds would be repaid through state highway fund revenue.

The enabling legislation, CSHB 471, determines the limits and amounts of future bonded indebtedness. This law and the Legislative Budget Board fiscal analysis lay out the sum of bond limits to be \$10 billion dollars.

**Arguments For**  
•Increased population and increased highway travel is stretching road capacity in Texas to the limit. This bonding authority will help reduce and/or eliminate the large backlog of projects, fund and build projects faster, and save on inflation related costs.

•The state borrows money for all other major capital projects and should do so to fund highway improvement projects. Road projects at the local level are funded with bonds. The state should take advantage of this sound financing tool, subject to appropriate constraints.

**Arguments Against**  
•Debt service, underwriting, and costs of issuing bonds would add to the cost of highway projects funded in this manner.

•Bonds borrow against the future by creating debt. Unlike voters at the local level who vote on local bond issues, state voters would not be able to have the same participation and oversight.

PROPOSITION 15

The constitutional amendment providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or impaired.

**Explanation**  
The proposed amendment applies ONLY to public retirement systems created by local governments (except the City of San Antonio) for local government employees.

Unlike private sector pension plans, there is no Texas or federal law that guarantees public employees that they will receive the benefits they have accrued (earned) in their plan. Currently, even if a public employee has completed the requirements to receive a benefit, a law can be passed to reduce the benefit. Under this amendment, accrued benefits could not be "reduced or impaired" for retirees (and plan members who have enough years of service to receive a benefit) when plan benefits are changed.

Some plans currently have provisions to automatically reduce benefits if assets are insufficient. Other plans, including Dallas and El Paso, have agreements to increase both plan sponsor and member (employee) contributions when the required contribution rate increases. Both types of plan provisions are or may be prohibited under the proposed amendment.

The Legislative Budget Board analyzed the fiscal implications of the amendment for some major municipal plans under several scenarios. The Austin retirement systems have a current annual contribution of \$45 million, which could increase by as much as \$90 million. Dallas' current contributions are \$110 million, which could increase by as much as \$310 million. El Paso, Fort Worth, and Houston show similar potential increases in contributions. Municipalities may hold an election in May 2004 to be exempt from the requirements of this amendment.

**Arguments For**  
•The amendment guarantees that accrued benefits could not be reduced for public employees who have completed the service requirements to receive the benefit.

•Many public employees are not covered by Social Security

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROCESS

Texas voters have approved 410 amendments to the Texas Constitution since its adoption in 1876. An amendment is proposed in a joint resolution that can originate in either house of the state legislature, during a regular or special session. A joint resolution specifies the election date and may contain more than one amendment. The joint resolution must receive a vote of two thirds of each house before it is presented to the voters. The governor cannot veto a joint resolution, although he may veto the enabling legislation, a bill to enact the amendment if it is passed by voters. Not all joint resolutions require enabling legislation. If the voters reject an amendment, the legislature may resubmit it.

The legislature prescribes the ballot language, and it is contained in the joint resolution. Once the amendment is approved by both houses of the legislature, the Secretary of State writes the brief explanatory statement, which is approved by the Attorney General. The Secretary of State also conducts a random drawing to assign each proposition a ballot number. The constitution specifies that these statements be published twice in each newspaper in the state that prints official notices; the first 50 to 60 days before the election, and the second the following week.

Amendments take effect when the official vote canvass confirms statewide voter approval, unless a later date is specified.

and could be left with little or no income if their pension benefits were reduced or eliminated.

**Arguments Against**  
•The amendment would require significant increases in funding for many public plans. These costs will put an added burden on taxpayers at a time when many municipalities already are under financial stress.

•The proposed amendment does not specify what is included in accrued benefits, a complex determination, and does not delegate that responsibility to the legislature or any agency.

PROPOSITION 16

The constitutional amendment authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment, and enforcement of home equity loans.

**Explanation**  
Home equity loans were approved in a constitutional amendment in 1997. Home equity loans are usually a lump sum with monthly loan repayments. Failure to make repayments can result in foreclosure on the home. The amendment would allow home equity lines of credit. A homeowner could borrow against the line of credit from time to time, repay the debt, and borrow again. Each advance is required to be at least \$4,000 and could not be made through a credit or debit card. Repayments of a home equity loan or a home equity line of credit advance must be in equal installments that are bi-weekly (every two weeks) or monthly. The line of credit would be limited to 50 percent of the home's fair market value and 80 percent when combined with any other debt on the home.

The amendment would allow refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage loan. A reverse mortgage loan is available to homeowners who are at least 62 years old. Repayments do not begin until the homeowner either no longer occupies the property or transfers it to another owner. (See Proposition 6 for more explanation of reverse mortgages.)

The amendment also defines how a lender can correct its failure to comply with its obligations and permits the legislature to authorize state agencies to interpret the home equity loan provisions.

**Arguments For**  
•The amendment makes home equity loans more flexible and will better meet the needs of individual homeowners.

•Because interest on home equity loans is tax-deductible and interest rates are generally lower than interest on other loans, borrowing through either a traditional home equity loan or a home equity line of credit provides a potential savings over other kinds of loans.

•Allowing refinancing as a reverse mortgage benefits older adults by not requiring repayment for the duration of the reverse mortgage and providing an income from the loan.

•Allowing the legislature to let state agencies interpret home equity loan provisions prevents the necessity of further amending the constitution to define this issue.

**Arguments Against**  
•Home equity lines of credit allow homeowners to risk their homestead for consumer spending.

•Many borrowers do not understand that they can lose their home if they do not make home equity loan repayments.

•Consumers need more pro-

tections such as easily understandable information about fees, charges, and other terms of the home equity loan or line of credit.

•Homeowners should be allowed to borrow all of the equity in their home, not an arbitrary portion of it.

PROPOSITION 17

The constitutional amendment to prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person.

**Explanation**  
The Texas Tax Code has several provisions that benefit homeowners who are over 65, years of age and/or are disabled and who declare the home they occupy as their principal residence or homestead. However, not all of the provisions apply to both over-65 and disabled homeowners. In the case of the school district ad valorem (property) taxes, the amount that can be assessed on a residence that is an over-65 person's homestead is limited to the amount that the homeowner paid in the first year in which the homeowner qualifies for the over-65 exemption. This proposition would apply the same limitation to the amount of school district ad valorem taxes paid by a disabled homeowner.

**Arguments For**  
•This proposition would prohibit rising property values and concurrent increases in property taxes from causing disabled homeowners to leave their homes because they cannot pay the property taxes.

**Arguments Against**  
•This proposition would reduce funding to school districts that are already financially strapped.

PROPOSITION 18

The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.

**Explanation**  
This constitutional amendment would allow a qualified candidate who is running unopposed to assume the office of a political subdivision, such as a city or school district, if there are no declared write-in candidates. This amendment also would pertain to any special elections to fill a vacancy. The Texas Constitution determines which offices require an election. Therefore, an amendment is needed to cancel an election and make the required change in the Election Code. This proposition applies to local political subdivisions, while Proposition 8 applies to state, county, district, and precinct elections.

**Arguments For**  
•This amendment would promote efficiency in election administration and reduce the cost of elections. This amendment would not interfere with the voter's rights, because anyone who is running unopposed in an election wins by virtue of being the only candidate for that office.

**Arguments Against**  
•A voter has a right to vote for the candidate of his choice, and the candidate has a right to campaign and gain visibility. Voters have a right to know the positions of their elected officials.

PROPOSITION 19

The constitutional amendment to repeal the authority of the legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts.

**Explanation**

Currently there are two types of special districts that provide services to residents within their boundaries: rural fire prevention districts (RFPD) and emergency services districts (ESD). RFPD's are prohibited from offering emergency medical services and have an ad valorem tax cap of three cents. ESD's can offer fire and emergency services and, with voter approval, can assess an ad valorem tax up to ten cents per \$1000 of evaluation.

Senate Bill 1021, passed this session and signed by the governor, provides for the conversion of the remaining rural fire prevention districts to emergency services districts, and this proposed amendment would repeal the authority of the legislature to create rural fire prevention districts.

**Arguments For**  
•Approval of the amendment will allow approximately 75 RFPD's (of a total of approximately 176) to convert to ESD's so that emergency medical services and fire prevention services may be provided by the same authority.

**Arguments Against**  
•Ad valorem taxing ability is becoming limited in communities with little or no economic development to support increasing property taxes.

PROPOSITION 20

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

**Explanation**  
In 2005, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) committee will review and evaluate all military installations. Texas bases will need to justify the military reasons for their existence and demonstrate that the surrounding area can support the military mission. Bases will be evaluated on adequacy of infrastructure, such as water availability, roadways, and railroads. This amendment would authorize the Texas Military Value revolving loan account to issue general obligation bonds, not to exceed \$250 million total, to provide low-interest, long-term loans for economic development projects in defense-related communities in Texas. SB 652 established the "Military Preparedness Committee" in the Governor's Office to oversee the fund. This fund will allow construction or reconstruction of infrastructure to meet DOD requirements or as a development project. Terms of loans would be considered individually by the Military Preparedness Committee, the State Financing Authority, and the community applying for the loan.

**Arguments For**  
•Military installations are the major economic force in many communities and contribute \$4.4 billion to the state economy. Texas communities need every tool available to ensure their military facilities are not closed.

**Arguments Against**  
•Receiving the loan will not guarantee the military base will not be closed if DOD decides to do so. The community must repay the loan even if the base closes.

PROPOSITION 21

The constitutional amendment to permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district.

**Explanation**  
In 2001, Texas voters passed a constitutional amendment that permitted school teachers, retired school teachers, or retired school administrators to be paid for serving on local governing bodies, including water district boards. Active or retired faculty members of public colleges or universities were not mentioned. This amendment specifically permits active or retired college or university teachers to receive compensation for serving on the board of a water district.

**Arguments For**  
•This proposition would give college or university teachers equal treatment in regard to serving on water district boards. A faculty member serving on a water district board would be no different from any other citizen serving in this capacity.

•There may be college or university teachers serving volun-

ily on water boards now. Compensation would not affect their commitment to the work.

**Arguments Against**  
•Faculty members, especially those who are still active and whose salaries are paid by the public, should not be encouraged to hold two such positions. The public should have the right to expect dedication to the full-time job. Inevitably, there would be conflicts between the two responsibilities.

•This proposition should have included all state employees who hold positions that are not elected or appointed. They should all be free to receive compensation for serving on local governing boards. Furthermore, if active and retired college and university teachers are allowed to serve with pay on water district boards, they should also be allowed to serve with pay on the board of any local governing body.

**PROPOSITION 22**  
The constitutional amendment authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces.

**Explanation**  
The Texas Constitution requires the governor to call an election to fill a vacancy in either house of the legislature, and stipulates that other vacancies in state or district offices shall be filled by appointment of the governor. The proposed amendment would stipulate that elected or appointed officeholders who entered active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces because they were called to duty, drafted, or activated, would not have to vacate their offices. If the officer will be on active duty for longer than 30 days, a temporary replacement could be appointed. If the vacancy normally would be filled by special election, the governor could make appointments for a state or district office. For a legislator, the state political party's executive committee could appoint a temporary replacement. Within political subdivisions, the governing body could appoint a temporary acting officer.

For other officeholders, the local authority could appoint a temporary replacement. The officer being replaced could also make recommendations to the appropriate officials.

The temporary officer would begin service no later than 30 days after the officeholder entered active duty, and would have all the powers, privileges, compensation, and duties of the office.

**Arguments For**  
•Current law is not clear on how to handle temporary vacancies. The proposed amendment would allow for the needs of constituents to continue being served without the necessity of an election and would provide for a transition back into public office for the officeholder upon the completion of military service.

•Public officials who are members of the military have sworn to serve the constituents they represent in office and to defend the American people in time of war. This resolution would establish a process to allow them to honor both obligations.

•The procedures established by this amendment would be helpful to smaller governing bodies, such as three-member commissions, which may find it impossible to function without filling the vacancy.

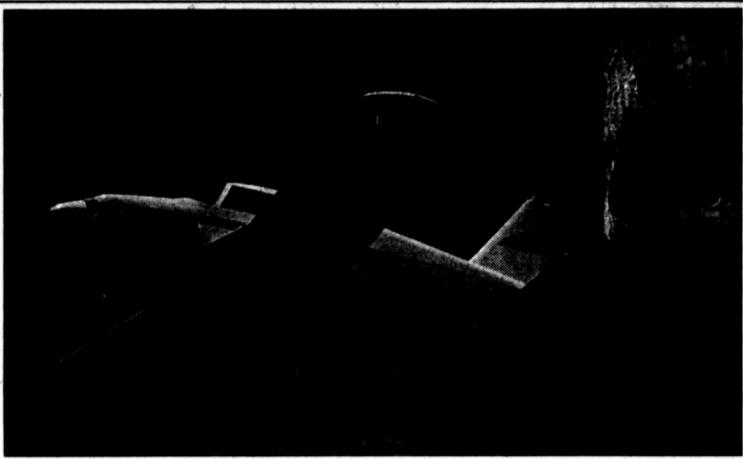
**Arguments Against**  
•Thirty days probably would not be long enough for the appropriate authority to make an appointment to an office. The proposal should set the more practical time period of 60 days.

•The voters should be allowed to choose their own representative in the case of a vacancy.

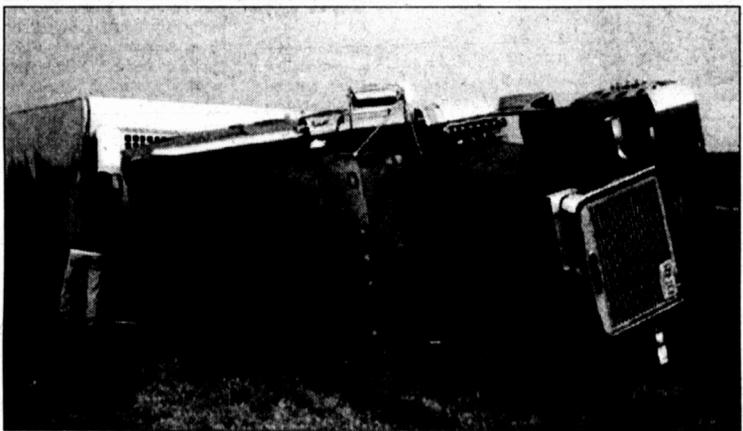
•This amendment allows the temporary appointee to serve as long as the officeholder is on duty. Opponents feel there should be a time limit on this appointment.

**Please take the time to vote!**

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Courtesy photo  
Megan Fishback, a 2002 Forsan High School graduate, has earned her private pilot's license. Pictured above is Fishback landing at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark following her Federal Aviation Administration's test at Schlemeyer Field in Odessa. Fishback is a sophomore at Howard Payne where she plays collegiate tennis and was selected to the cheerleading squad for the 2003 football season.



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Howard County Sheriff's officers and Department of Public Safety troopers responded to the scene of this truck rollover Saturday morning. According to DPS officials, rainy weather and driver fatigue may have contributed to the accident, which happened at the 195 mile-marker of west bound Interstate Highway 20. No other vehicles were involved, and the driver sustained only minor injuries.

## Senior Center, AARP schedule a 55 Alive driver safety course

Spring City Senior Center and the American Association of Retired Persons have scheduled a 55 Alive driver safety course for early September. The program will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 4-5. A lunch break is included. The program was developed as a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It will be taught by a trained volunteer. In addition to reviewing the rules of the road, it will include how to compensate for age-related declines in physical and perceptual ability. Those who attend both days will receive a certificate good for an automobile insurance discount. There is a \$10 fee for materials. To enroll, go by the Senior Center or call 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35.

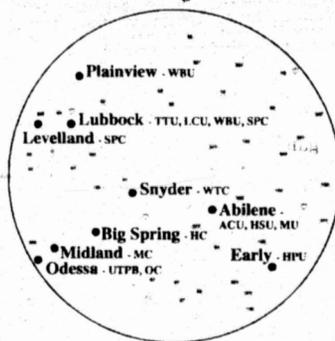
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## Government buildings, schools to be closed Monday, Labor Day

HERALD Staff Report

Schools in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan, along with New Hope Christian School, will be closed Monday for the Labor Day holiday, with classes scheduled to resume on Tuesday.

All Howard County offices with the exception of the sheriff's office will be closed. City of Big Spring offices will also be closed in observance of the holiday, with the exception of emergency service personnel. Normal schedules for both are expected to resume Tuesday.

The city landfill and compost center will be closed Monday. The Big Spring Sanitation Department will run briefly on Monday, picking up trash at major businesses only. The department will collect trash Tuesday and Wednesday to catch up operations following the holiday.

The Spring City Senior

Citizen Center will be closed Monday, resuming their regularly scheduled activities on Tuesday.

All federal offices, including the post office and Social Security Administration office, will be closed for the holiday with business set to resume on Tuesday. Mail delivery to post office boxes will continue through the holiday, but no carriers are scheduled to be on the streets. Mail dropped off at one of the pick-up boxes will not be picked up until Tuesday.

Howard College offices will be closed Monday as well, with classes and office operations expected to resume Tuesday morning.

The Northside Community Center and West Side Community Day Care will both be closed Monday.

Offices at the West Texas Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation will be closed Monday, with activities expected to pick back up

on Tuesday. The Big Spring YMCA and Big Spring Boys Club will both be closed in observance of the holiday. Not everything will be closed Monday however, as both the Big Spring City Pool and city golf course will be open for business. The pool will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., with Monday being the last day the pool will be open for the 2003 season.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

HOUSTON (AP) — Memorial Hermann Healthcare System is hoping medicine and manicures don't make strange bedfellows.

The hospital system is one of only a handful across the country that runs a full-service spa, offering \$85 seaweed body wraps and \$70 one-hour facials.

The Garden Spa, part of the system's 4-year-old wellness center in southwest Houston, has daily sales of \$2,000.

"We are not trying to sell beauty, per se — we're trying to sell health and wellness," Karen Goins, director of the wellness center, told the Houston Chronicle for its Friday editions. "It's not just about pampering and foo-foo."

Mary Beth Fritzier-Bosworth, a 46-year-old Tomball resident, visited the spa, which opened six months ago, for the first time this week for a massage and water therapy treatment.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — He tried to swim the English Channel before he lost use of his legs. He didn't make it. Twenty-one years later, as a paraplegic, he tried again and finished with energy to spare.

Jason Pipoly was 11 years old and four miles short of finishing the Channel swim when he ran out of stamina and his father had to pull him out of the water. Shortly after that, he appeared on "The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson" and vowed to try it again.

But the 32-year-old San Antonio, Texas, resident broke his back in 1998 when his car hit a tree in Colorado. An avid skier, Pipoly suddenly found himself unable to walk and so afraid of the future he'd make himself fall asleep to forget. While in the hospital, however, he discovered the therapy pool.

Last year, Pipoly became the first American paraplegic to cross the 22-mile English Channel, swimming it in 13 hours and 48 minutes.

Next week, he'll try to swim 42 miles from nearby Long Beach to Santa Catalina Island and back.

BRYAN (AP) — A former priest in Bryan has been indicted on theft charges.

Prosecutors said Victor Robles stole about \$161,000 from Santa Teresa Catholic Church, where he was a priest from 1988 to 2002. A Brazos County grand jury Thursday indicted him on the second-degree felony.

Robles is accused of stealing from a special church fund made of donations given during weddings, funerals and baptisms.

Police said Robles apparently used the money to pay off personal credit cards.

Robles, who now lives in Colorado, surrendered in July and was released on \$40,000 dollars bond.

He resigned last year after church members alleged ethical violations. An audit later revealed funds were missing.

RAIN

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cold front expected to begin rolling across the area, and that will decrease the chance of rain considerably.

"There's a good chance of rain throughout Sunday, but nothing like what we've seen over the last couple of days. There's still a chance of thunderstorms, but I don't think we'll see anything severe."

Rain may have contributed to a truck rollover that happened Saturday morning approximately 15 miles east of Big Spring, said Department of Public Safety officials on the scene. The truck, which was headed west on Interstate Highway 20, left the road near the 195 mile-marker, sliding to a stop on its side. DPS officials said the driver suffered only minor injuries.

Thunderstorms also contributed to the postponement of several area high school football

games, including those involving Big Spring, Stanton and Snyder.

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

ROD RUN

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"It's just a group of people that are interested in cars," said Hogg. "We do a little bit for charity. We've helped a little on the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association), and to help buy a thermal imaging camera for the fire fighters. We're currently working on a deal now to help purchase bullet-proof vests for the Big Spring Police Department."

For information about the Early Cars of Big Spring car club, contact Raymond Hogg at American Muffler, 611 W. Fourth St.

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

FBI: Minnesota teen put worm on Internet

The Washington Post

Government investigators Friday arrested a Minnesota teen-ager on charges of unleashing a version of the "Blaster" worm that snarled Internet traffic and shut down computer systems from Maryland to Sweden earlier this month.

FBI agents arrested Jeffrey Lee Parson, an 18-year-old high school senior, early Friday at the home he shares with his parents in Hopkins, Minn. The U.S. attorney's office in Seattle, which is

leading the case, charged Parson with intentionally damaging thousands of computers owned by Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft Corp., other businesses and individuals.

The 6-foot-4, 320-pound Parson — described by a neighbor as an academically advanced teen who often sported a Mohawk — appeared before a U.S. magistrate judge in St. Paul but did not enter a plea. He was released without posting bail and returned home. Parson's lawyer, Lyonel Norris, an assistant federal defender

for the district of Minnesota, declined to discuss the case.

Parson did little to cover his tracks, according to the criminal complaint.

He appears to have boasted of unleashing viruses. According to a version of his Web site, recorded by the Internet search engine Google, Parson claimed to have created a worm called "p2p.teekid.c" that was spread by people using popular services such as Kazaa and iMesh, which are used by millions of people to share songs,

video and movie files. Parson used the pseudonym "Teekid" online, according to prosecutors. The site contained no references to Blaster, however.

Prosecutors alleged that Parson modified the existing Blaster virus, which began circulating on the Internet on Aug. 11, and unleashed his own, more insidious version known as Blaster.B, among other names. Computer security experts Friday suggested that Parson probably downloaded the original worm and simply added a bit more code.

Car bomb kills at least 95 in Iraq

The Washington Post

NAJAF, Iraq — A powerful car bomb tore through a crowded street next to Iraq's most sacred Shiite Muslim shrine Friday, killing at least 95 people, including an influential cleric, and deepening tensions in a country already reeling from war, disorder and strife.

The bomb was detonated soon after Friday prayers ended, a moment when the narrow streets and dun-hued markets of the holy city were teeming with pilgrims, worshippers and shoppers. It

claimed the life of Ayatollah Mohammed Bakir al-Hakim, the son of one of Iraq's most esteemed clerics and the leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, who had returned to Iraq in May after 23 years in exile.

The powerful explosive left a panorama of misery and devastation unparalleled since the fall of Saddam Hussein's government on April 9. The brick facades of shops were sheared away.

Cars were flipped and hurled onto the sidewalk. Burned, mangled and dis-

membered bodies littered the street, trampled as others ran in confusion and panic for safety.

Into the night, lit by a crescent moon ordinarily regarded as a good omen, desperate residents dug with pick axes and bare hands into piles of brick

and debris. Shouting "God is greatest," they searched for survivors, more out of piety than hope.

The blast — the third car bombing in Iraq in 23 days — blackened one wall of the shrine.

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 Covenant 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.

Eric Martinez, Interim Pastor and First Baptist Church of Coahoma 201 S. Ave - 394-4348 Invite You To Their Youth Worship Rally featuring Refuge h concert Saturday, September 6th 6:30 - 8:30 pm Bring All Your Friends Meal Afterwards

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**NATION/WORLD BRIEFS**

FLANDREAU, S.D. (AP) — Rep. Bill Janklow, a political powerhouse in South Dakota for 30 years, was charged with second-degree manslaughter Friday in a fatal collision with a motorcyclist.

Janklow also faces charges of failure to stop, speeding and misdemeanor reckless driving for the Aug. 16 crash that killed a 55-year-old farmer from Minnesota.

Authorities say Janklow was doing 71 mph in his Cadillac when he ran a stop sign in eastern South Dakota, killing Randolph E. Scott.

Janklow, who has a history of driving fast, told an investigator he saw the sign but was going too fast to stop.

The manslaughter charge, which carries a possible sentence of up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine, throws Janklow's future into doubt and tarnishes a storied political career that includes four terms as governor and one as state attorney general.

TORONTO (AP) — Major drug companies have embarked on a campaign to strangle supplies to Canadian Internet pharmacies, driving up the prices of drugs and frustrating American consumers looking for cheaper medicine north of the border.

U.S.-based Pfizer Inc., the world's largest pharmaceutical maker, in August became the fourth drug company to act against the sale of discounted Canadian prescription drugs to Americans, following similar moves by GlaxoSmithKline, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP and Wyeth.

A letter Pfizer sent to dozens of Canadian pharmacies said it only would sell its products directly to the pharmacies instead of through wholesalers. If a Canadian pharmacist orders more than its domestic market dictates, Pfizer can cut the supply to prevent the medicine from being resold to Americans.

The squeeze on supplies has forced some Canadian operations out of business.

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's consumers, aided by tax cuts that left them with extra cash, ratcheted up their spending in July by the largest amount in four months, a strong signal the economy is gaining momentum.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that consumer spending increased by 0.8 percent in July, on top of a brisk 0.6 percent rise the month before.

Consumers' hearty appetite to spend in July reinforced the belief that the economy will stage a material rebound in the second half of this year.

BEIJING (AP) — Six nations trying to defuse a stand-off over North Korea's nuclear program achieved their modest goal Friday — an agreement to keep talking — but predicted obstacles ahead as the communist regime laid out its terms for a deal with the United States.

North Korea's chief delegate, Vice Foreign Minister Kim Yong Il, suggested his country was willing to abandon a nuclear weapons program in exchange for economic aid and a treaty with the United States.

Kim said North Korea could allow inspections of its nuclear facilities, stop its missile exports and tests and, finally, dismantle its nuclear program. But that would only be if the United States resumed free oil shipments, provided economic and humanitarian aid, signed a nonaggression treaty and opened diplomatic ties.

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Debonair actor Omar Sharif vanished from the big screen in recent years. At age 71, the Egyptian-born star has returned, at a time of international tensions, to offer a tale of love between a Muslim and a Jew.

The love depicted in Francois Dupeyron's 'Monsieur Ibrahim' — which Sharif presented Friday at the Venice Film Festival — is not the kind of dashing romantic role that made him famous. This is love between a lonely old Muslim shopkeeper and a neglected Jewish teenager in Paris in the 1960s, who escape loneliness together through a tender friendship.

Sharif, who made his name in films such as 'Lawrence of Arabia' and 'Doctor Zhivago,' was also receiving a Golden Lion for lifetime achievement after a 50-year movie career.

LONDON (AP) — Alastair Campbell, the combative, acid-tongued aide who shaped Prime Minister Tony Blair's image and became a key figure in the crisis over the government's Iraq policy, announced his resignation Friday.

The Downing Street communications chief, who has been at the center of a furious dispute over whether Blair's office manipulated intelligence about Iraqi weapons in the run-up to war, said he was stepping down within the next few weeks for personal reasons.

The decision leaves Blair to face the biggest crisis of his career — the corrosive dispute about Iraq and the suicide of a government scientist caught up in the storm — without one of his most trusted advisers. It also is likely to be seen as an admission that somebody in government must accept blame for the dispute.

PARIS (AP) — The United States should move 'without delay' to transfer political power to the Iraqi people under the mandate of the United Nations, French President Jacques Chirac said Friday.

Chirac's statement echoed a speech by Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin on Thursday and

joined a chorus of U.N. Security Council members urging a broader, multinational approach in Iraq.

Washington is gauging support for a possible U.N. resolution that would transform the U.S.-led force in Iraq into a multinational force authorized by the

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But France, Russia, Germany, Mexico and Syria — all Security Council members that opposed the war — are pushing for a much broader front than just security, encompassing politics and economics.



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The BSBS cross country season got off to a solid start last week.

## Big Spring harriers looking to avoid letdown

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Last season, the Big Spring High School cross country team was a lot like a balloon. It looked great until the air escaped.

The Big Spring boys' team established itself as the winningest group in the school's history by winning six straight outings. That success was tempered, however, with a late-season slump that saw the team

struggle at the regional meet.

"We started with a bang last year," said Steers' head coach Randy Britton. "I told them at the start of the year that we didn't want to do that again. We don't want to end with a thud."

Big Spring held to Britton's goal in their 2003 season-opener



last weekend in Brownfield. The Steers, sporting a squad loaded with underclassmen, rolled to an easy win at the annual Brownfield Jamboree.

"We did better this year than we did at last year's (Brownfield) meet," said Britton. "Now we just need to keep it going."

The Steers, who are slated to compete in a practice meet with Lake View on Sept. 6, should be more than able to hold their own as they return the bulk of last season's regional qualifying squad.

Back to pace the Big Spring attack are seniors Tony Arguello, Jacob Marquez, Wesley Porras and Andy Arguello.

The Arguello brothers both showed the ability in See **STEERS**, Page 14A

## Lady Steers advance to title round

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO — You'll have to forgive Big Spring Lady Steers' head coach Revis Ward-Daggett if she happens to smile and then suddenly begins gnawing on her own arm. Stress can have strange effects — even when you win.

Daggett received a Texas-sized doze of stress Friday as Big Spring battled its way through a Murderer's Row of West Texas volleyball programs at the San Angelo Invitational. The Lady Steers, despite a slow start, posted a 2-1 mark in the Blue division and advanced to Saturday's championship round of the 32-team tournament.

"It stressed me out a little, I think," said Daggett, who has spurred Big Spring to a 6-3 start this year. "We're having a little trouble early in games. That's something we're going to work on as the season goes along."

You would be hard-pressed to get Miles High School to agree with Daggett's slow-start theory. Big Spring dealt the Lady Bulldogs a quick two-set loss to open Blue

division play.

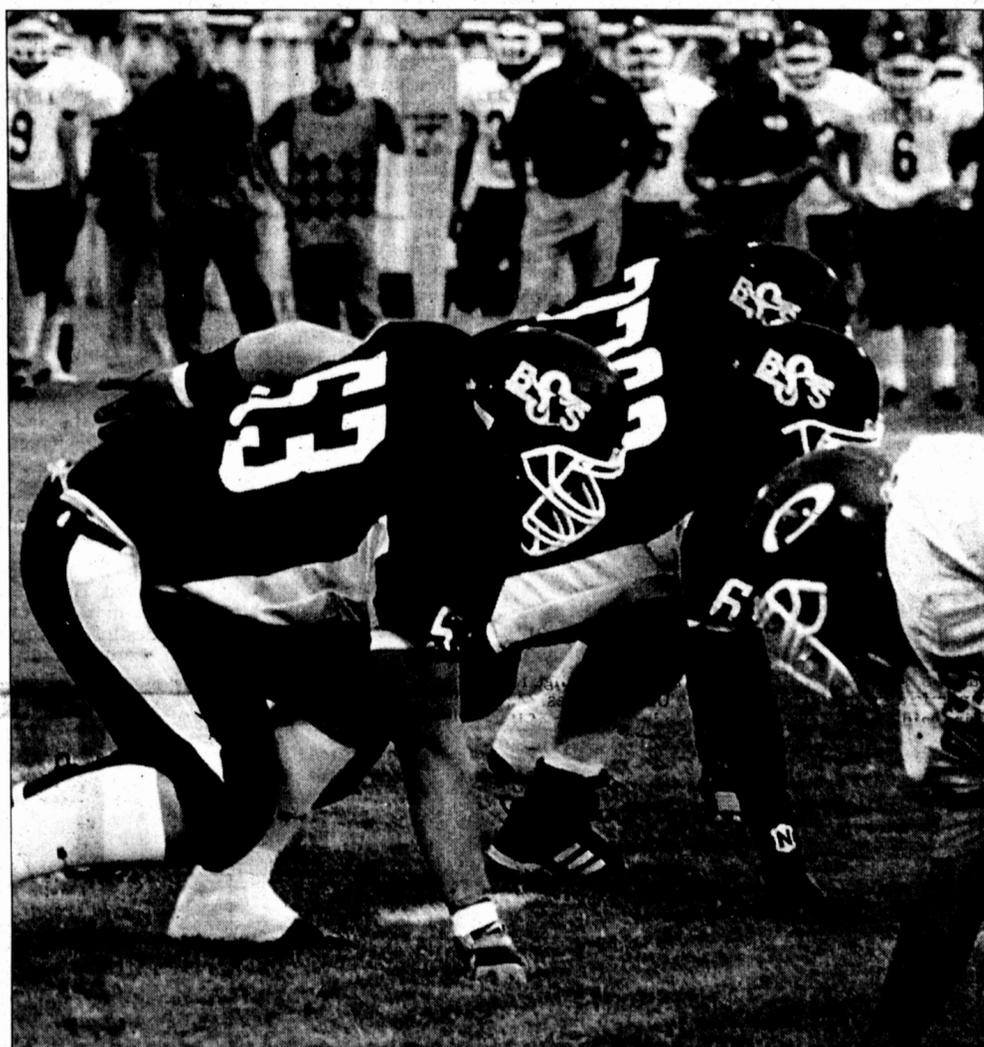
The Lady Steers, anchored by seniors Leina Braxton and Ka'Rissa Magers, jumped on Miles early and often. Big Spring outscored Miles by a 25-18 clip in the first frame and salted away the victory with a 25-14 romp in the second.

Braxton finished the BSBS girls' first outing with seven kills, 1 block and three assisted blocks. Magers recorded six blocks, while teammate Shannon Higgins served up four aces.

The road got a bit bumpier from there, however. Big Spring was forced to go three games with Midland Lee before merging with a 25-22, 18-25, 25-19 win — a victory that guaranteed the Lady Steers a berth in the championship round Saturday.

Against Midland Lee, Magers carried the brunt of the load, recording 13 kills. Braxton added eight while Higgins and Stefani Scott each added three. Offensively, senior setter Lindsay Phillips turned in a solid performance. In addition to setting the Big Spring offense, she recorded five assisted See **GIRLS**, Page 12A

## False Start



The Big Spring Steers had to put off the start of their 2003 high school football season until Saturday afternoon because of lightning. After playing eight minutes Friday, officials halted the contest and shifted it to Midland's Grande Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Complete results will appear in Monday's edition.

## Gillihan shines at All-Star baseball camp in Hawaii

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Lee Gillihan proved a Texans could feel right at home in Hawaii.

The Big Spring High School senior helped Texas post a solid performance at the recent Team All-Star USA Tournament. With Gillihan, who was selected to represent the Big Spring-Midland area, in the lineup, Texas hammered out a 3-3-1 mark this summer in Honolulu and finished first.

One of just 97 Texas high school players chosen to participate in the event, Gillihan hit .333 in

his seven games. The 17-year-old standout had at least one hit in every game, including a 2-for-4 performance against Kamehameha High School, the 2002 Hawaii state champion.



GILLIHAN

A starter on the Big Spring Steers' 2003 squad, Gillihan scored five runs in Texas' seven games. He also dove in See **GILLIHAN**, Page 14A

## Lightning, rain play havoc with start of football season

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Maybe Mother Nature isn't a football fan, after all.

Lightning and heavy rain forced several school in the Crossroads area to postpone their 2003 season openers Friday night. Big Spring and Stanton both rescheduled their openers for Saturday afternoon, while Forsan and Iraan officials called their game at the half. After more than an hour and a

half of delays for lightning, Big Spring officials postponed its game with Odessa High until Saturday afternoon in Midland.

The two teams had played just eight minutes of the first quarter when lightning began striking in the distance. Under University Interscholastic League rules, games must be halted for 30 minutes after the last lightning strike before continuing.

"Safety was major concern for this," said Big Spring High School

head coach Dwight Butler. "The (lightning) meter kept going from three to eight so we felt like this was in the best interest of everyone."

Officials from both schools agreed to restart the contest beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Stanton didn't get as far as the Steers. School officials from Roscoe and Stanton agreed Friday prior to kicking off that it would be better to postpone the matchup until Saturday at 1 p.m.

## Tindol passes for 257 yards, 3 TDs in 'Dogs' win over Reagan County

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

BIG LAKE — Coahoma High School head coach Robert Wood decided last year the "three yards and a cloud of dust" approach wasn't going to work and installed a new spread offense based on the short passing game.

Reagan County probably wished Wood had waited at least one more week before unveiling the "Air Coahoma" offense.

Coahoma quarterback Sam Tindol threw for 257 yards and three touchdowns and led the Bulldogs to a 36-26 victory over the Owls in the 2003 season-opener for both teams. In all, Coahoma racked up 413 total yards on offense.

"It was a good way to start the season," said Wood. "It was close for a while, but we pulled it out. I think we executed very well for our first game. Everyone played

well, especially our offensive line."

Despite the offense's high-octane debut, it was the Coahoma defense Wood had to thank for the first break of the game. The Bulldogs forced Reagan County to fumble away its first possession of the evening.

Coahoma didn't waste any time capitalizing on the break. The Bulldogs marched to the Owls' 11 before Nick Molina staked the team to a 3-0

lead with a 28-yard field goal.

The Owls managed to strike right back. Reagan County's Adam Ramirez gave the Owls a 6-3 edge minutes later when he hauled in a pass from RCHS quarterback Ross Brown and raced 40 yards for the score.

Tindol gave Coahoma the lead back, at 9-6, in the second by sneaking into the end zone on a 1-yard dive. See **COAHOMA**, Page 12A



The Crossroads Little Football League cheerleaders will spring into action next weekend with the start of the 2003 CLFL season.

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**IN BRIEF**

**BSHS cheerleaders to hold cheer camp**

The Big Spring High School cheerleaders will be holding a mini-cheer camp for youths ages 5-13 on Sept. 27.

Registration for the camp will be at the Big Spring Mall on Aug. 30 from noon to 3 p.m. and at Steer Gym on Sept. 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The cost for the camp is \$20 per child. Participants will have the opportunity to perform at the varsity football game on Oct. 3.

**CGA to hold final event of season**

The Chicano Golf Association will be hosting its Grand Champions Tournament on Sept. 6.

All CGA members are eligible to participate. Non-members can also compete for \$25, which includes a meal and post-tournament dance.

Participants will also have a shot at winning a 2003 Chevrolet from Pollard Chevrolet. Any golfer sinking a hole-in-one on hole No. 4 wins the automobile.

For more information or to get a tee time call, Billy Pineda at 264-7116.

**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 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.

Entry forms are available at the course or 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**

Football officials are needed for the upcoming 2003 season. For more information call Delvin Guinn at (432) 267-9729.

**Meluskey returns to Astros roster**

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astros optioned pitcher Wade Miller to their Class AA affiliate Friday in a paperwork move allowing them to promote catcher Mitch Meluskey to the major league club.

Miller, who struggled earlier this season but is 4-1 with a 1.69 ERA in August, will not pitch for the Round Rock Express and will be recalled Monday to make his regularly scheduled start at Los Angeles.

Meluskey, 29, was a bright catching prospect for Houston and hit .300 with 14 homers and 69 RBIs in 2000, finishing fifth in the NL Rookie of the Year balloting. But he sometimes clashed with veterans and was packaged in a six-player trade with Detroit that offseason.

Meluskey missed 2001 with a right shoulder injury and barely played for the Tigers last year. He began the season in the Oakland organization before catching on with Nashua and Somerset of the independent Atlantic League. He signed with Houston earlier this month.

In 13 games at Round Rock, Meluskey was hitting .265 with one home run and six RBIs. Under roster rules, both he and Miller will be eligible for postseason play if the Astros make the playoffs.

**Gonzalez probably out for season**

ARLINGTON (AP) — Texas Rangers outfielder Juan Gonzalez probably won't play again this season due to a lingering right calf injury, team physician Dr. John Conway said Friday night.

Gonzalez has been out since July 23, and Rangers general manager John Hart on Thursday questioned the slugger's willingness to play through the injury.

But Conway described the injury as "a tear." "That's what a strain really is," he said, and added, "it's unlikely he's going to play again this year."

Conway and Rangers trainer Jaime Reed have said draining a pocket of fluid near the calf would speed up Gonzalez's recovery from the injury but Gonzalez declined to have the procedure.

**Panthers assistant is battling cancer**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Carolina Panthers assistant Sam Mills was diagnosed with cancer of the small intestine, hours prior to the Panthers' 21-14 victory.

His course of treatment has not yet been determined, the team said.



Courtesy photo  
**Big Spring's Kady Knox won Reserve Champion All Around Cowgirl honors at the recent KJRA rodeo.**

**Big Spring cowgirl lands top honors at KJRA rodeo**

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Kady Knox proved she was among the best cowgirls in West Texas by turning in a dominating performance at the Kid Junior Rodeo Association Finals held at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl.

Knox, an eighth grader at Big Spring Junior High School, was crowned the Reserve Champion All Around Cowgirl in the 11-15 age group and garnered the

All Around buckle in the Pole Bending competition.

Knox is one of the more versatile riders in the KJRA series. In addition to competing in pole bending, the West Texas Rodeo Association stand-out also participates in barrel racing and goat tying on her horse Valentine.

Knox is the daughter of Joann Knox of Big Spring and Bill Knox of Brownwood.

**COAHOMA**

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Reagan County answered back minutes later. Owl defensive back Tony Davis intercepted a CHS pass and returned it 21 yards for a touchdown and a 12-9 cushion.

Both teams traded touchdowns in the final eight minutes of the second quarter and went into the half with the Bulldogs holding a 22-20 lead.

Coahoma's final two touchdowns of the first half came on a fumbled punt by Reagan County and a 21-yard pass to Kelby Kemper. Lance Roberts helped the CHS special teams step up to the plate midway through the frame by scooping up a fumbled punt at the Owls 3-yard line and scooted in for a touchdown.

"It went back-and-forth pretty much in the second first half," said Wood.

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blocks. Braxton added four, while sophomore Carmen Lewis and Scott collected two.

Higgins provided the spark the Lady Steers' needed to put Midland Lee away in the third and decisive frame. With Big Spring trailing 16-11, she served up four aces and led a 14-3 run to close out the affair.

"They had us down," said Daggett. "Then Shannon came in helped us score 8 or 10 straight points. She was a huge bright spot for us when we needed one."

The Lady Steers' final outing of pool play didn't go quite as well. Big Spring suffered a 25-19, 23-25, 26-24 setback to El Paso Coronado.

Big Spring was scheduled to begin Championship round action Saturday morning against El Paso Americas.

**No. 9 Iraan rushes past Buffs in opener**

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

There was plenty of electricity in the air in Iraan Friday night as Tommy Thompson made his debut as the head coach of the Forsan Buffaloes. Unfortunately for Buffalo fans, the state-ranked Iraan Braves were providing most of it. Mother Nature took care of the rest.

Iraan scored six times in the first 24 minutes and rolled to a 40-0 win over Forsan. The game was shortened to two quarters because of lightning.

Iraan, ranked in the Top 10 in the state's Class A rankings, jumped to a quick lead in the contest, scoring just under five minutes into the

matchup. Braves' quarterback Jared Jennings capped Iraan's first drive of the evening with a nine-yard scamper into the end zone.

The Braves' lead ballooned to 13-0 just before the end of the frame when Jennings hit Golden Bolen with a 20 yard strike.

The Braves, who rolled up nine first downs in the contest, kept the pressure on in the second. Iraan scored four times in the frame.

The Buffaloes, who came within one game of the state playoffs, struggled offensively throughout the game. The Buffaloes did not gain a first down and finished with a total of one yard offensively.

**Murray helps Forsan JV earn 6-6 tie**

FORSAN — Neither the Forsan Buffaloes and the Iraan Braves found happiness Thursday night at Buffalo Field. Mainly, because neither found a win in their season opener.

Forsan's Mitchell Murray reeled off a 70-yard touchdown run and helped carry the Buffalo junior varsity to a 6-6 tie

with the Braves. Forsan's attempt to nail down the win via a two-point conversion failed.

Defensively, the Buffaloes were paced by Clinton Stanley, Michael Gomez and Jarrett Reyna.

The FHS junior varsity will return to action Thursday against Garden City. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m.

The Bulldog defense took care of the Owls from there. Reagan County, which managed just 182 yards rushing in the contest, managed to score just once in the final 24 minutes.

The Owls' only TD came on a 38-yard run from Daniel Heslin in the third period. Heslin's run gave Reagan County a 26-22

advantage.

Tindol, who completed 17-of-34 attempts, didn't have any trouble rallying Coahoma. He gave the Bulldogs a lead they would never relinquish midway through the period when he hooked up with Adrian Abrego on a 23-yard scoring pass.

Kemper, who led all CHS receivers with seven

catches, sealed the Bulldogs' win with a 20-yard scoring reception late in the third.

Coahoma will try and improve to 2-0 Friday night when they host the Jim Ned Indians beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium. Jim Ned defeated Wall, 48-40 Friday.

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# Twins' rally sends Rangers to fourth straight loss

ARLINGTON (AP) — Doug Mientkiewicz had four hits, Shannon Stewart drove in two runs and the Minnesota Twins rallied past the Texas Rangers 8-5 Friday night.

Matthew LeCroy homered for the Twins, who took advantage of three walks, a wild pitch and a hit batter in a three-run eighth inning. Mientkiewicz went 4-for-5, matching his career high for hits.

Rookie Laynce Nix had a three-run homer for the Rangers, who have lost

seven of eight. They also learned before the game that slugger Juan Gonzalez probably won't play again this season because of a lingering right calf injury.

Rangers starter John Thomson (12-11) carried a 5-3 advantage into the eighth before the Twins came back against Thomson and two relievers.

Minnesota got to 5-4 against Thomson when Stewart doubled and scored on Mientkiewicz's single.

Thomson walked LeCroy, and reliever Ron Mahay walked Jacques Jones to load the bases.

Mahay's wild pitch scored Mientkiewicz from third to tie the game at 5. After Mahay intentionally walked Torii Hunter to reload the bases, Rangers manager Buck Showalter brought in Brian Shouse, who hit A.J. Pierzynski with a 3-0 pitch to force in pinch-runner Dustan Mohr and give the Twins a 6-5 edge.

Rookie Grant Balfour (1-0) allowed two hits in two

shutout innings of relief for his first major league decision.

Eddie Guardado got three outs for his 30th save in 33 opportunities.

Thomson allowed six runs and eight hits over 7 2-3 innings.

The Rangers jumped on Twins starter Joe Mays with a four-run third inning to take a 5-1 lead.

With the game tied at 1, Michael Young led off with a double, went to third on a groundout and scored on Alex Rodriguez's sacrifice fly.

Rafael Palmeiro doubled, Shane Spencer walked and Nix hit his fifth homer into the Rangers' bullpen in right-center.

Mays allowed five runs and five hits over three innings.

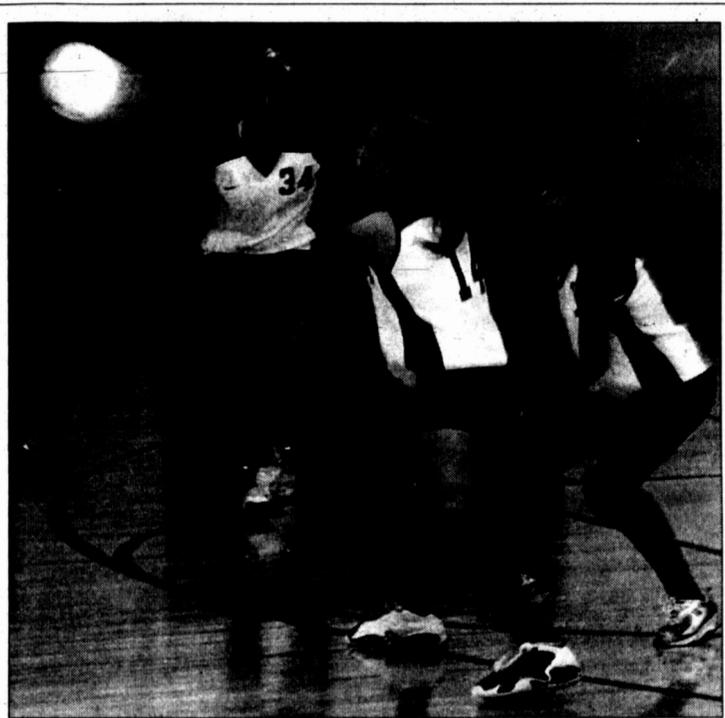
Minnesota took a 1-0 lead in the second on LeCroy's 15th homer.

Texas tied it at 1 in the second when Mark Texiera tripled and scored on Todd Greene's single.

The Twins reduced the deficit to 5-3 in the fifth on Stewart's two-run sin-

gle. Minnesota padded its lead to 8-5 with a two-run ninth as Texas committed two errors on the scoring play.

With runners on first and second, Mientkiewicz singled and Spencer threw wildly to the plate as Chris Gomez scored from second. Greene recovered the ball and threw toward third in an attempt to catch Luis Rivas, but his off-target throw allowed Rivas to score.



The Lady Steers' Amber Miller bumps a ball into the air as teammates Brenna Phemetton (left) and Cecil Islas look on. Big Spring is scheduled to play San Angelo Central Tuesday. The game will be played in Greenwood.

# Astros fall to San Diego, remain atop Central race

HOUSTON (AP) — Mark Loretta and Phil Nevin homered, leading Adam Eaton and the San Diego Padres over the Houston Astros 7-1 Friday night.

The Astros remained tied for the NL Central lead with St. Louis, who lost to Cincinnati 8-5.

Eaton (8-9) gave up a solo homer to Jeff Bagwell, his 31st, in the first inning and then shut down the Astros.

Eaton allowed six hits in seven innings. He walked two, struck out four and didn't allow a runner to reach third after Bagwell's homer.

The Padres improved their record at Minute Maid Park to 10-3 and prevented Jeremie Robertson (12-7) from setting the Astros rookie record for victories by a left-hander.

Robertson had a rough beginning, giving up four hits, including solo

homers by Loretta and Nevin, in the first inning. After Nevin's homer with two out, Ryan Klesko and Mark Kotsay singled before Gary Bennett flied out.

Robertson escaped trouble again in the third with one out when he caught Klesko looking at a full-count third strike and Kotsay also worked to a full count before grounding out.

The Padres got four more runs in the fifth.

Klesko had an RBI single and Kotsay hit an RBI double off Robertson.

Ramon Vazquez singled off reliever Rick White's foot, scoring one run, and the fourth run came home on an error by third baseman Morgan Ensberg.

The runs all came after two outs.

Robertson pitched 4 2-3 innings. He allowed eight hits and five earned runs.

Nevin had an RBI single off Mike Gallo in the eighth.

# Neal Scott hospitalized with bacterial infection

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Fullback Lorenzo Neal and defensive tackle Dequincy Scott of the San Diego Chargers were hospitalized due to a bacterial infection, the team announced during an exhibition game against the San Francisco 49ers.

The two were admitted Thursday night for precautionary reasons because of the possible contagious nature of the infection. They are expected to be discharged Saturday or Sunday.

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White, all power, one owner w/42,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$16,995 <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2000 Dodge Durango Sport - Green, all power, 55,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$16,995 <b>NOW \$14,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer Edition - maroon/tan, leather, 40,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$22,995 <b>NOW \$20,995</b></p> <p>1998 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer Edition - Green/tan, tan leather, all power, one owner w/65,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$16,995 <b>NOW \$14,995</b></p> <p>1999 Ford Expedition XLT - Maroon ws/cloth, all power, nice. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$15,995 <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>1999 GMC Suburban L.S. - Tan, dual air, all power. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$17,995 <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>1998 Honda Passport EX 4X4 - Silver, loaded, 73,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$12,995 <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p> <p>1996 GMC Suburban - 4-cyl, all power. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$10,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>1992 Jeep Cherokee - Red. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$6,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p><b>★ ★ ★ Motorcycles ★ ★ ★</b></p> <p>2002 Harley Davidson - 1200cc, cruise control, AM/FM, cassette, one owner w/2,300 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$19,995 <b>NOW \$18,995</b></p> <p>2002 Honda Gold Wing - Illusion Blue, cruise, AM/FM, very nice motorcycle, local one owner w/4,300 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$15,995 <b>NOW \$14,995</b></p> <p><b>★ ★ ★ VANS ★ ★ ★</b></p> <p>1998 Mazda MPV - Red, all power, 56,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$10,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p>	<p>1997 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - White, clean van. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$5,995</b></p> <p>1996 Ford Windstar GL - Green, one owner, dual air. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$7,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p><b>★ ★ ★ CARS ★ ★ ★</b></p> <p>2001 Honda Accord EX Coupe - Green, leather, V-6, 57,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$18,995 <b>NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>2001 Lincoln L.S. - Blue, leather, all power, 57,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$23,995 <b>NOW \$20,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford Taurus SE - Red, cloth, all power, 60,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$9,995 <b>NOW \$8,995</b></p> <p>2000 Focus Wagon SE - Silver, extra clean, one owner. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>2000 Nissan Maxima SE - Gray, moonroof, local one owner. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$16,995 <b>NOW \$14,995</b></p> <p>2000 Focus Hatchback - 4-cyl, auto., all power, 43,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford Escort ZX4 - 4-cyl, manual, air, 48,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>2000 Volvo S40 Turbo - Orchid metallic, all power, nice, 35,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$16,995 <b>NOW \$13,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford Taurus SE - White, all power, 67,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$9,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>1999 Ford Crown Victoria - White, all power. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$9,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>1999 Mercury Sable GS - Tan, all power. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$9,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1999 Ford Taurus SE - White, all power, one owner w/40,700 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1999 Pontiac Firebird - White, T-tops, 56,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$14,995 <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>1998 Nissan Maxima GLE - Gray w/leather, moonroof, 53,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$15,995 <b>NOW \$13,995</b></p> <p>1998 Nissan Sentra GXE - White, automatic. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$7,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p>1998 Buick Park Avenue - Maroon, all power, 40,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$14,995 <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p> <p>1998 Chevrolet Malibu - White, all power, 55,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$9,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1998 Mazda Protege - 4-cyl, locally owned. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$6,995 <b>NOW \$5,995</b></p> <p>1997 Dodge Intrepid - Blue, local one owner. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$7,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p>1997 Mercury Tracer L.S. - Green. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$6,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p>1997 Ford Thunderbird - Tan, all power, nice car. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$9,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1997 Ford Mustang - Green, 6 cyl., automatic. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$6,995 <b>NOW \$5,995</b></p> <p>1997 Lincoln Town Car - White, all power, new air bags and tires. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$9,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1996 Mercury Cougar L.S. - Green w/tan top, 69,000 miles. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$6,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p>1995 Cadillac DeVille Concours - Gray, nice. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1994 Cadillac DeVille Concours - Red, leather, very nice luxury car. <b>SOLD</b> Was \$7,995 <b>NOW \$5,995</b></p>
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# Gonzales' 4th quarter TD lifts Coahoma JV to 6-6 tie

By TOMMY WELLS

COAHOMA — Antonjo Gonzales came up with the big play when his teammates needed it most Thursday night. Gonzales pushed his way into the end zone from four yards out with just over two minutes remaining and helped the Coahoma Bulldogs junior varsity spoil Reagan County's celebrations with a 6-6 tie in the 2003 high school football sea-

son-opener for both squads. Reagan County used the big play to grab an early advantage. The Owls collected the first score of the game on a 42-yard run in the first quarter. The Coahoma defense took over from there. Sparked by solid outings from Sam Holguin, Patrick Croft, Skyler Mundell and Terrell Bibb, the Bulldogs held Reagan County scoreless over the final 30 minutes. Gonzales, behind the

blocking of Brandon Hallford and Cory Clanton, tied the game with 2:26 remaining in the fourth. Coahoma's extra-point attempt failed. The Bulldogs, who also had good offensive performances from receiver Jason Gonzales and wingback Garren Jernigan, is scheduled to return to plat Thursday in Tuscola against the Jim Ned Indians. The CHS freshmen will lead off the bout at 5 p.m. The JV teams will play at 6:30 p.m.

# Carter in control for balanced Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — Quincy Carter lost his job as the starting quarterback midway through last season after a four-interception game that included a heated sideline argument with Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones. They had a much different conversation after Carter, back in the starting role, led the Cowboys to scores on all five of his drives in a 52-13 win over the Oakland Raiders in the preseason finale Thursday night. As the two shared a few private words in the locker room, Jones smiled and put his hand on the quarterback's shoulder. "I was basically expressing how proud I am for him, and that should be noted," Jones said. "He has handled adversity, handled disappointment. He's a different guy, a completely different guy on and off the field. He has really made a dramatic turnaround." Carter hit 11 of 16 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns in his first game since being named the starter by new coach Bill Parcells just a week earlier. And he got plenty of help. "When you've got some of the guys around you making plays for you, your job becomes easier," Carter said. "We have to

continue what we're doing, this only a stepping stone for us. What I did, I didn't do by myself." Receivers Joey Galloway (69-yard TD) and Terry Glenn (49-yard catch setting up a TD) made big plays. The running-back-by-committee approach worked with 204 yards rushing. Troy Hambrick had a preseason-best 60 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries. Aveion Cason, the third-down back, kept the opening drive going with a 24-yard gain, and Richie Anderson had four carries for 19 yards to go with an 18-yard TD catch and a 15-yard gain on a screen pass. Rookie Erik Bickerstaff ran for 69 yards on 13 second-half carries. "We played much better than we had. We had pretty good balance," Parcells said. "That's an indication of what we're going to have to do if we're going to have any success. We scored on defense, we

scored on special teams, and we had some long drives on offense. "If we get good balance in the running game, things like that help when you don't have to be relying on the pass," he said. The Cowboys set their franchise-record for preseason points against an Oakland team that played most of its starters only a couple of series. The Dallas first-teamers played into the third quarter. They realize that. But after three straight 5-11 seasons, Dallas will take any positives. "It's a good confidence boost, some momentum to build on," Carter said. "But now we've got to go back to work. We're 0-0." Carter starts his third straight season opener Sept. 7 against Atlanta. Parcells waited until last week to chose Carter over Chad Hutchinson, who started the final nine games last season after Carter and Jones had their meltdown.

# Braves claim Wright off waivers

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves claimed right-hander Jaret Wright on waivers from the San Diego Padres. Wright, 27, is expected to join the injury-riddled Braves on Saturday in

Pittsburgh. Wright began his career with the Cleveland Indians and was one of baseball's bright prospects before elbow and shoulder injuries slowed him.



Big Spring senior Lee Gillihan (12) spent a portion of the summer playing for Texas in the Team USA All-Star Camp in Hawaii. Gillihan hit .333 in his seven games

# GILLIHAN

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four. "It was a wonderful opportunity and a once in a lifetime experience," said Gillihan, who hopes to land a collegiate baseball scholarship following this season. "I loved

every minute of it." Following the camp, Gillihan and members of the All-Star Tournament visited several sites on the island of Ohau, including Pearl Harbor Naval Base, the Polynesian Cultural Center and Pali Lookout. They also visited Diamond Head Crater and

attended a Luau at Hanamuma Bay as well as swimming at Waikiki Beach. Gillihan praised local businesses and individuals who helped him attend the event. "Without their support I wouldn't have been able to experience this wonderful time," he said.

# STEERS

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Brownfield, finishing third and fourth with identical times of 16 minutes, 11 seconds. Also returning is junior standout Daniel Garza. The Steers' fastest runner, he took second in Brownfield with a time of 16:01. Daniel Leos, another junior, also come back, as does sophomore Martin De Los Santos. Britton also has a solid class of freshmen underneath. Andy Cuellar, who finished 11 in his first high school meet last

week, Mike Rodriguez and Chris Martinez are all newcomers. Britton also has something he didn't have last year — a full girls' squad. Tasha Rios and Patricia Franco lead a young BSHS unit that consists of two juniors and four

freshmen — Kendra Dutchover, Porscha Knowlton, Lorissa Rodriguez and Jordan Brown. Maria De Los Santos also competes for the BSHS girls, who opened their year by taking fifth in Brownfield.

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### A Labor of Love...

**T**he local Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon is looking to be bigger and better this year.

"We're going to be out there Monday at the Big Spring Mall," said Barry Barnett, MDA coordinator for the Big Spring telethon. "(Mall manager) Kathy Lusk and her people out there are going to allow us to invade their house again this year and set up shop."

The annual telethon begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 6 p.m. Activities are planned throughout the day.

"The Harley Owner's Group is going to be out on the mall parking lot selling barbecue for \$5 a plate," Barnett said. "The Christian Motorcycle Association and the Cossacks are going to be holding a poker run with the first bike out at 9 a.m. from the mall parking lot."

"There will be some bike games going on later in the afternoon," he added. "The Wild Texans will be playing some rock 'n roll music about 1 p.m."

The annual event is held with the area and national telethon to raise funds for programs and research to find a cure for muscular dystrophy.

"Muscular dystrophy is not one disease but a litany of about 25 different diseases," Barnett said. "It's a neurological muscular disease that effects children's ability to move around, to walk, to speak."

In 2002, the local telethon raised more than \$30,000.

"We hope to meet or exceed that goal and I think that's really possible because every time you ask the people of Howard County to come out and give to something to a worthy cause, they come out for it," Barnett said. "We're the smallest television market in the United States to have our own independent telethon."

With Firefighters Association members out in force, for their Fill-the-Boot Campaign on Saturday and a successful local MDA Lock Up campaign, the local

organization may be well on the way to meeting its goal.

"The lock up here this year was just phenomenal," Barnett said. "The lock up itself proves how the people in Big Spring and the surrounding area turn out, because it raised more than \$10,000 than it did last year. On a per capita basis, for the last five years, Big Spring has given more money than Midland and Odessa combined."

Barnett encourages the public to come out to the mall and show support.

"I don't care whether you come out and give a penny, a nickel or dime ... if it's \$1 or \$5, or if you want to come out and give me a \$1,000," he said. "That's great but if it's 10 cents, that's 10 cents the Muscular Dystrophy Association didn't have before we started. The largest majority of money from the MDA comes from the telethon."

Most of the money raised stays the Crossroads, Barnett said.

"It helps kids with research, wheelchairs, braces, clinics for them to go for health checks," he said. "Most of the money stays here and it helps our kids, so we'd like everybody to come out. Help us help the kids and have a good time."

This year the Big Spring High School Key Club will be out in force again to answer the phones.

"Last year they came out and manned the phones all day and did a great job. Key Club International is an MDA sponsor," he said. "This is a way for the Key Club to help us locally."

Cliff Voake, NewsWest 9's public service announcement director, and Johnnie Lou Avery, NewsWest 9's host of Big Spring Today, will join Barnett in hosting the local segments of the telethon, which will be televised on Channel 9 on cable or Channel 4 for those using antennas for television reception.

The local MDA 2003 Telethon is set for Monday at 9 a.m. and will be broadcast from the Big Spring Mall. Pictured clockwise from top, a volunteer posts a fund-raising update during the 2001 local MDA telethon; Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association members take to the streets for their annual Fill-the-Boot fund-raiser in 2002. The money raised went to the MDA. At right Rhea Fryar-Calvert and Amy Zant of Odessey Health Care pose for a picture after participating in the annual MDA Lock Up in July. At bottom, NewsWest Nine host of Big Spring Today Johnnie Lou Avery, left, former NewsWest 9 Big Spring Bureau Chief and Anchor Thomas Jenkins and local MDA Telethon coordinator Barry Barnett go on the air during the 2001 telethon.

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ENGAGEMENT



Rivera-Arenivaz

Valerie Dawn Rivera and Toribio Arenivaz will exchange wedding vows on Sept. 27, 2003, at the Howard County Fair Barn with Kathryn Wiseman, Justice of the Peace, officiating.

She is the daughter of Luis Rivera and Mr. and

Mrs. Alex Franco of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Rivera, Maria Gonzales and the late Gilberto Gonzales, also of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregorio Arenivaz of Big Spring.

ANNIVERSARY



Joe and Benita Ornelas

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ornelas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 23 with a mass at Sacred Heart Church, followed by a reception and dance hosted by their children and grandchildren. They have four children, Josie Kohorst of

Lubbock, Danny Ornelas of Avenal, Calif., and Sylvia Hernandez, Ricky Ornelas and Debbie Doport, all of Big Spring. They have 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Ornelas and the former Benita Perez were married on Aug. 22, 1953.

NEWCOMERS

Submitted by Joy Fortenberry  
John Schubert, wife Amanda and daughters Julieann and Katelyn of Kermit. He is employed by Timber Sharp Drilling Co.

Ann and mother Mary of Rockdale. He is employed by Coahoma Independent School District.

Kathy Robinette of Del Rio. She is employed by Wal-Mart Supercenter.

Larry Smith, wife Marcy and mother Mary Jo of Amarillo. He is employed by the U.S. Postal Service.

Randall Henandez, wife Amanda, daughter Allison and son Aric of Irving.

Fakhar Ujaz, wife Saira, son Hamza and daughter Aleena of Atlanta, Ga. He is a physician at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Miles Queen, wife Michelle, daughter Stephanie and son Senjon of Citronelle, Ala. He is employed by Lorado Paving.

Dorothy Cale of Attwater Calif. She is retired.

Lorin Miller and wife Lisa of Concordia, Kan. He is employed by Howard College.

Albert J. Edwards and wife Bea of Grandbury. He is retired.

Bailey McAnulty, wife

Glenn Coy of Snyder. He is employed by Pool Well Service.

WHO'S WHO

Christopher Lyndon Wigington, a graduate of Big Spring High School, has been awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Wigington received an Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$7,000, payable \$3,500 each of the first two years of higher education.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 27 scholarship to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement. One scholarship was awarded to a student who plans to major in nursing and another scholarship was given in honor of Garry W. Vacek, TILF President.

Wigington competed in literary criticism at the 2003 UIL Academic State Meet. He also participated in UIL current issues & events and one act play throughout his high school career. He was involved in National

Honor Society, Student Council, International Thespian Society, Key Club, Press Club and Academic Challenge team. He was active in the community through the Salvation Army and Festival of Lights.

Wigington plans to attend University of Texas at Austin and major in communication.

Five area students were among the 147 who received their degrees from Sul Ross State University during summer commencement held on Saturday, Aug. 9, in the Pete P. Gallego Center on the Alpine campus.

Charles W. Greenawalt, executive director for Region 18 Education Service Center, was the commencement speaker.

The graduates from both the Alpine Campus and Rio Grand College included Cadet Dean Bryant of Big Spring, who received a master of arts degree in English; Micki Michelle Wesley of Garden City, who received a master of education degree in school

administration; Leandro Gonzales Jr. of Lenorah, who received a master of education degree in school administration; and Shawna Rachelle Dennis of Stanton, who received her master of education degree in counseling.

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 213 students during 2003 Summer commencement exercises Aug. 16 in San Angelo. The graduates included Jade N. Johnson of the Big Spring area.

Stephanie Mims of Big Spring attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, sponsored by Shyrlee J. Reid of the Sand Springs Lions Club.

Robert Andrade and Danielle Sanchez of Big Spring attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville, sponsored by Bob Noyes of the Big

Spring Lions Club.

The Texas Lions Camp offers camping sessions to children ages seven through 16 who have visual, hearing or physical disabilities.

The camp offers a wide variety of activities for camper's enjoyment, including arts and crafts, field sports, riding horses, swimming, theater and camping out overnight. The camp is a nonprofit organization, funded by the Lions of Texas and private donations. Children attend the camp at no cost to themselves or their families.



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MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Dustin B. Herrod, son of Lorinda L. Herrod of Big Spring and fellow Sailors and Marines from USS Carl Vinson and Carrier Air Wing Nine, recently welcomed more than 450 of their Australian friends aboard the carrier dubbed the Gold Eagle, marking the fourth and largest reception of their current deployment.

Herrod is one of the

more than 43,000 U.S. Service members to visit Australia in the past year and experience life "down under." USS Carl Vinson's 25,000 square-foot hangar bay was converted into a banquet hall complete with ice sculptures, silver punch fountains and tuxedo-clad Sailors in order to show appreciation for Australia's history of warm welcomes to visiting American troops.

The Carl Vinson Carrier Strike Group is currently deployed in the Western Pacific as part of America's standing commitment to maintain peace, stability and theater security coordination in cooperation with allies and friends in the region.

Herrod is a 1999 graduate of Forsan High School and joined the Navy in June 1999.

STORK CLUB

Submitted by Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Jordan Paul Amos, boy, born Aug. 7, 2003, at 4:38 p.m. weighing 4 pounds, 5 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. His parents are Syntra Barnhart and Jay Paul Amos. His grandparents are John Paul and Becky Amos of Big Spring and Melvin and Roseanne Fahrenbruch of Falcon, Colo.



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By EVELYN VUKO

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# Teacher says: help you teen organize their life

By EVELYN PORRECA VUKO

The Washington Post

The prospect of high school soars like a mountain in Mallory's mind. So she decides to organize her bedroom, just to get a grip on things. She empties her bureau, closet and desk ... and then pitches everything into a heap on the floor. Now there are two mountains on her path to freshman year.

Teacher Says: Help teen-agers make molehills out of real and imagined mountains by teaching them how to question their way through them. All you need is a little patience and a large bulldozer.

When a teen-ager initiates an organizational scheme, no matter how bungled it seems or ineffective it proves, it often reflects an attempt to bring order internally, so welcome it. But, if Mallory brings her mountains to you or they block her progress, hop on your bulldozer and push a different start-up idea.

"Tell her to try not to do too much too fast. Build routines one habit at a time," says Marla Cilley, founder

www.flylady.net and author of "Sink Reflections."

But watch where you step.

"Teen-agers are struggling so much to be independent that being organized can just become another battle," says licensed clinical social worker Ann W. Saunders, of S.O.S.—Simple Organizing Solutions in Baltimore. "Sometimes it's just better to close the bedroom door."

That may be especially true if Mallory is creative or attention-challenged. "Creative people or those with ADHD (attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder) like lots of things around because each thing has so many possibilities," Saunders says. Messy doesn't always mean disorganized.

Some ways to help your teen-ager think through the obstacles during the school year:

**Organize Internally:**  
— What's coming up? This simple question disguises a powerful self-management tool. "Planning is most important. Anybody can clean up a room. It is the change of behavior that is the thing, and it all

involves using your time in a different way," Saunders says. Implant this critical question regularly in your teen-ager's mind by setting up a family planning time each week and reviewing it daily.

— Offer Mallory the following sample dialogue to help her determine her direction: What do I have to do? When will I have to do it? What do I need for it? Do I have a ride? Do I have someone to bounce ideas off? Who will help me? Can I do it myself? How am I going to reward myself? Parent-monitored self-talk is a self-governing tool that can make even a preschooler function more effectively. It fits freedom-craving teen-agers like a glove.

— Mallory should now ask herself when her energy will be at it high-est for doing the work ahead. Am I a night owl? Am I an early bird? In addition to reinstating family nap time to sustain often-sleep-deprived teen-agers, counsel them to match their energy patterns to their tasks. Studying, reading and writing consume more energy than "punching holes." "Find out what she is most comfortable

with," Saunders says, and use it to boost her output.

**Organize Externally**  
Now turn your focus to that mass of teachable moments sitting in the middle of the bedroom.

— Have Mallory think about how that stack got there. Why did I make this mountain in the first place? Do I want a cooler bedroom than my best friend? Is all this stuff too annoying or distracting? Is it impossible to find things for school? Internal motivation is the force behind organizing, and examining it helps kids direct their efforts.

— How will being organized help me? This question leads to goal setting. If I rearrange my room can I fit in more girlfriends? If I didn't have all these distractions, could I do my homework faster and have more time for talking on the phone? "Goals begin with envisioning how their life would be different because of that," says Saunders.

— How do I want my bedroom to look and feel? This question makes room for Mallory's imagination to grow. If she is fearing geometry in the fall, she might practice

spatial arrangement, proportion and measuring by drawing up a floor plan. Do not impose your ideas unless invited. "It is not what a parent or a professional organizer thinks it should look like, it is what feels organized to her," says Saunders.

— Are my things in logical places? This helps teen-agers cluster furniture, supplies and necessities in common-sense places. Do I want to study at my desk, on the bed or on the floor? Where will I empty my backpack? Where will my girlfriends put their sodas? Encourage Mallory to ask herself questions that "invest her in the logic of placement," says Saunders. Logic helps reshape vision.

— How do I dismantle a large mess? This leads to questions Mallory should pose as she's sorting her items, Saunders says: Would I spend money on this today? Would giving this to one of my friends make her happy? What is worth more to me, this thing or the \$10 I could get if I sold it? Pitch sorted items into labeled boxes, plastic bags, laundry baskets, a wheeled cart or her brother's arms.

— How long will this take me to do? Mallory should ask herself this question periodically as she works through any project that needs organizing. "Start with baby steps. Borrow a timer and set it for 15 minutes or put on some favorite music and work through two or three songs. Don't work longer than three 15-minute sessions at one time," says Cilley, the author. Do I have the energy to keep going on this now? Encourage energy-conscious self-questioning whether Mallory's work is academic or physical.

— How can I keep the mess from accumulating again? Professional organizer Rosy Stadick says Mallory should use a composition book or a leather-bound notebook, to keep a running account of assignments, special directions, supplies, phone numbers, conversations with teachers or advisers, e-mail or Web addresses and books to read. This single-source method helps teen-agers with ADHD "go scrap-less," says Stadick, of Home Organizing Service in Springfield, Va.

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MONDAY-CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

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THURSDAY-Catfish, French fries, blackeyed peas, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, cobbler.

FRIDAY-Beef enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

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BREAKFAST

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sausage, biscuits, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Raspberry churro, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

### LUNCH

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, pinto beans, honey, biscuits, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Fish, tartar sauce, macaroni & cheese, sweet peas, fruit-cup, milk.

THURSDAY-Chalupas w/cheese, salsa, tossed salad, corn, Teddy Grahams, milk.

FRIDAY-Bar-b-q rib on a bun, French fries, pickle spears, goodie bars, milk.

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MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Chicken fajita, Spanish rice, pinto beans, peach cup, tortilla.

WEDNESDAY-Pig in blanket, baby carrots, seasoned new potato, rosy apple.

THURSDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, pears, roll.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger, salad, French fries, pork

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WEDNESDAY-Waffles, ham, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Donuts, sausage, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Sweetened rice, sausage, toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Pizza, tater tots, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas (corndogs), ranch beans, pudding cups, milk.

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## From online to in the store

Simmons says Liquidation Station will 'fill the bill'

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

The Liquidation Station is trying to "fill the bill," offering many products area residents would have to go out of town to find.

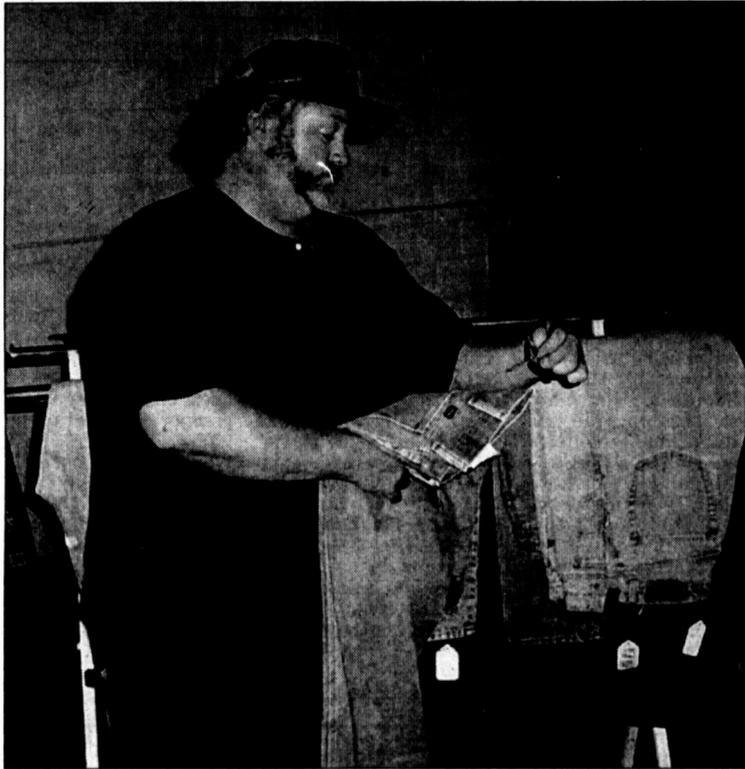
Owner and operator Shelby Simmons said his decision to get into the "below-wholesale" side of sales started out as a promise he made to himself several years ago.

"I owned six picture framing stores in Dallas for over 20 years," said Simmons. "It was a luxury business and people really weren't buying after 1985. I always told myself if I ever got out of the luxury business I wanted to get into something that blue-collar people buy, so when I moved here about a year-and-a-half ago, I started thinking about the blue-collar type business, so here we are."

"Honestly this is the sort of business I wanted to open in Dallas, but you can't advertise in Dallas like you can here because there's just too many avenues. What I wanted to do was bring new merchandise in here below wholesale prices, so I did my homework and researched it for quite a while."

With the opinion of people on his side, Simmons said he opened his doors with confidence.

"After talking to about 300 to 400 people, I decided this is my market," he said. "This is something



Liquidation Station owner and operator Shelby Simmons goes through prices on the jeans he offers at "below-wholesale prices." The store also carries shirts, women's clothes, and other items at discount prices.

Big Spring needed."

Simmons said the merchandise he brings in to the shop at 1100 E. Third St. is high in quality, and because he purchases it sight-unseen at a fraction of its normal cost, he's able to pass that savings on to his customers and still make a profit.

"I bring in what's called

distressed merchandise," said Simmons. "A lot of this is clothes people have purchased and brought back for whatever reason, items that were overstocked and obsolete now, store buy backs, that sort of thing. We receive merchandise from Macy's, Bloomingdales, Target,

K-Mart and even Wal-Mart, just to name a few.

"We're able to sell this stuff so low because we buy it sight-unseen, which means we have no idea what we're really getting until we open the box. So we get it at a fraction of the normal cost."

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## Lack of rain, hot weather leads ranchers to sell stock

By BETSY BLANEY

Associated Press Writer LUBBOCK, (AP) — Panhandle rancher F.G. Collard III says he may have to sell up to a third of his 1,000 head of cattle because of a multiyear drought and soaring temperatures.

His stock tanks are drying up, and the foraging grass his cows eat is so dry it'll soon break off and blow away.

The last time West Texas had any substantial rain was late June. Across the region, rainfall amounts are several inches behind the normal average. Parts of the Panhandle, for example, are up to 4 inches below normal.

Collard has already started selling some of his herd, and others are considering taking their sheep and cattle to market.

"It just seems like the moisture won't catch up," said Collard, 60, who grazes his cattle on 30,000 acres he leases from the owners of the Frying Pan Ranch near Amarillo. "We'll have a good spell and it'll last a month or so and then all of a sudden it forgets to rain anymore."

Cattle ranchers in Far West Texas and the Big Bend area also are enduring another year of drought, said Matt Brockman, executive vice president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in Fort Worth.

Lack of water isn't the only reason ranchers are taking their cattle to mar-

**"We've had sell 50 percent of our stock. There's not enough for them to eat."**

ket. Good market prices and the end of the growing season for foraging grasses also may be prodding ranchers to sell, Brockman said.

He said without rain to quench the land, there won't be enough grass to feed stock through the winter and ranchers would have to endure the extra expense of buying supplemental feed.

Across the U.S., a beef shortage has increased meat prices at grocery stores, but Brockman said West Texas ranchers selling their stock now won't do much to affect the shortage on a nationwide scale.

Bob Robinson, director of the Texas Cooperative Extension office in Amarillo, said reducing livestock population is the most common way for ranchers to deal with the loss in foraging grasses caused by drought.

"They have to do something," he said.

In Rannels County, Allen Belk has been raising sheep since 1970.

He said conditions are the worst they've ever been. "We've had sell 50 percent of our stock," he said. "There's not enough for them to eat."

Collard, meanwhile, is holding out for a rainy future.

"It will rain," the 60-year-old said. "Someday."

## Soil temperatures key in planting small grains

Is it too early to plant wheat for forage if I get rain? I have already received several questions about this. If it rained tonight there would be several producers raring to drill. There are several reasons this would not be a good idea, even at the end of next week. In general, almost without exception, it is simply still too early to plant wheat, no matter how bad a farmer may want to start grazing. But why?

Soil temperatures — A maximum daily average, 4-inch depth, for seeding small grains should be at most 85 F and preferably lower. Average daily maximum soil temperatures at Lamesa and Ackerly have cooled somewhat at 6-inch depth, but could still go back up. Check current soil temperatures for the South Plains at <http://lubbock.tamu.edu/irregate/weatherdata.html>.

Growers wanting early small grains should fit the planting date to the climate, not the calendar. When soil temperatures are above the 85 F maximum target, successfully achieving a viable stand is more difficult. Yes, decent stands can be achieved at higher soil tem-



TOMMY YEATER

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Home Hospice Chaplains Joe Torres, left, and Elwin Collom, center, chat with KBST Station Manager John Weeks during Thursday evening's Business After Hours. The program is presented by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and spotlights a member-business.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

## 2003 chili harvest looks grim for New Mexico farmers

By MELANIE DABOVICH

Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico chili farmer Joe Lujan works the soil his family has tilled for more than half a century, keeping a watchful eye on the plants whose delicate leaves conceal shiny, spicy green pods.

Lujan can predict yields with an accuracy born of experience. And with harvest season under way, this year's crop, battered by disease and persistent Southwestern drought, looks grim.

"I can tell it's not going to be a productive year," said Lujan, of Las Cruces. "We've farmed through the droughts of the 1950s and '70s, but this is the worst."

Farmers throughout southern

New Mexico's Hatch and Mesilla valleys are facing a lack of water from Elephant Butte and Caballo reservoirs, a problem that has led to fewer acres for planting. They've also had to combat plant-attacking bugs and disease.

The result is that the 2003 chili season may prove to be among the toughest for farmers in the nation's leading chili-producing state, which last year yielded 96,400 tons of peppers.

Lujan now relies on water pumped from wells to keep his 35 acres alive, running him an extra \$2,000 a month in electric bills. Lujan said he would be surprised if he met his annual yield average of 12 tons per acre.

"Both myself and my neighbors out here, we've been pool-

ing all the wells and pumping water for each other in order to keep our fields watered," he said. "We're just trying to help each other. A lot of farmers who don't have wells can't afford to pay for water."

### FARM SCENE

Although chili yields might not be as abundant, the quality of chili this season won't be affected, said Paul Bosland, director of New Mexico State University's Chile Pepper Institute.

"Many along the Rio Grande have cut down on acreage, but the plants set well early on. In the next couple weeks, you'll have the green chili peak," Bosland said.

Chili season in New Mexico runs from early July to mid-October, with roughly 80 percent of the state's crop contracted for processed products. Green chilies are either frozen or canned, and red chilies are dried or pickled.

In the Mesilla Valley, a plant virus known as curly top hit early in the season, as did blossom end rot, Bosland said.

Curly top, spread by the beet leaf hopper, causes young leaves to curl, stunting the plant's growth. Curly top virus devastated New Mexico chili crops in 1995 and 1999.

Blossom end rot occurs in water-stressed chili plants. The pod develops a dark, sunken region toward the tip, making it unacceptable for processing.

A breakout of curly top probably means a lean year for chili

farmer Gary Schubert.

"Last year, we had about 3 to 4 tons per acre," Schubert said, "but I don't know that we'll do that this year."

Bueno Foods of Albuquerque, which has been processing chilies for 52 years, remains bullish about this year's harvest, said spokeswoman Ana Baca.

"The product was a little late this year, and I know there are water issues, but we're right on schedule," Baca said.

Prospects of a lean year worry Ken DeWees, who sells an average of 50 to 60 tons of chilies most years from the specialty retail store and roadside stand he owns.

DeeWees purchases chilies wholesale from Mesilla Valley

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Laura Leuna Yanez vs. David Yanez, family protective order.  
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Probated Judgement: Randi J. Partee, Furnishing Alcoholic Beverages to a Minor, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgement: Michael J. Klein, Possession of Marijuana Under Two Ounces, \$300 fine, \$261 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
Probated Judgement: Pedro Salazar, Driving While Intoxicated, \$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).  
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Allan Autry, Theft Under \$50 with Previous Conviction, \$311 court costs, 60 days in jail.  
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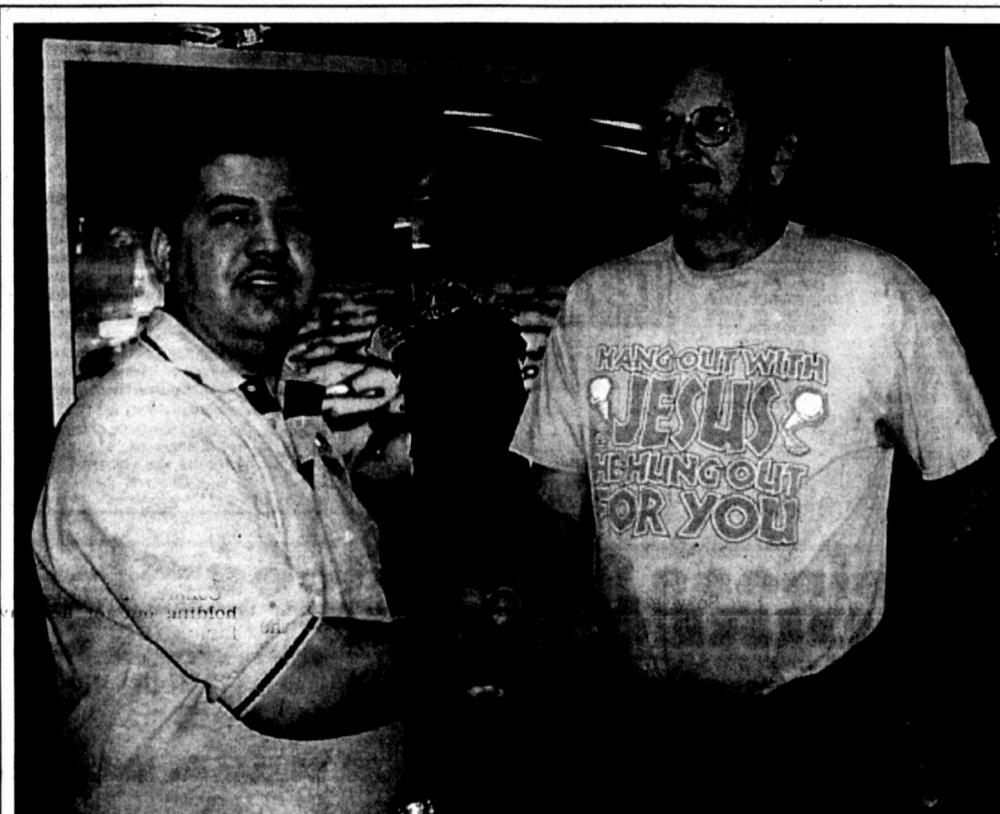
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Date filed: Aug. 15, 2003

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Grantee: Elizabeth F. Rios and Robert Rios, Sr.  
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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Jack Acuff, left, claims his big screen television from Aarons Sales and Lease General Manager Joe Rosales. Acuff won the television in a monthly drawing at the business, located on Gregg Street. The next drawing will be held sometime in September, with a 48-inch JVC High Definition television up for grabs. For more information, call 267-1200.

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We've got all sizes, including the plus sizes for men, women and children." Simmons said clothes aren't the only items he can get for customers, and it's simply a matter of letting him know what you're looking for.

"I do most of my buying through online auctions on my computer, and a lot of people that don't have computers will tell me what they're looking for; that way I can bring it in for them and make a few dollars in the process," he said.

Along with his dog Buddy, who according to Simmons has become a mascot of sorts for the business, the pair are no stranger to online sales.

"I've been selling books on the Internet for 10 years now," said Simmons, owner of www.abelpublishing.com. "I've currently got 265

books that I sell on the Internet, and that's what helped finance this business. They're all how-to self improvement books, and I'm basically the middle man. You can go online and see what I have, and I'm adding another 300 books by December."

According to Simmons, the die has been cast, and he has confidence in the future success of his business.

"I've proved that it works," he said. "It's been sort of slow the last couple of weeks, but with school starting up and the fair we expected it. Most importantly though, I've proved it works, and once the heat eases up and we get into fall, we'll kick it up a notch and go from there."

Simmons can be reached at 267-2244, or e-mail him at liquidationstation2003@hotmail.com

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

YATES

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peratures, particularly if under center pivot. But at what cost? Steve Winter, TAES-Amarillo, conducted limited research on soil temperature and small grains forage growth. He found that water use was high and costly, and overall forage yield was not improved

by excessively early planting. With warmer soil temperatures, frequent irrigation has not maintained survival and plant vigor.

The cost of extra water use required for irrigation wheat planted in August vs. saving that cost and planting a little later does not merit early planting. Growers eager to get some early fall grazing might think they are

ahead of the game, but a poor stand from heat, etc. in August may never catch up with a crop planted for grazing in September.

Ideally, if I could pick my date for seeding irrigated wheat forage, for Howard County I would target Sept. 12-17. Barley withstands the heat better and could be planted around Sept. 5-10. Triticale experts suggest

that triticale may be planted about two weeks before wheat. For dryland wheat grazing, you plant when you can, that is, I would rather seed in late September for dryland forage than in late August.

Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County.

FARM SCENE

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farmers for \$16 a 38-pound bag and sells them roasted for \$24.95. Across the street at a national chain supermarket, chilies sell for \$9.99 a bag, with a \$5 charge for roasting.

The price difference, DeWees said, is because the supermarket chilies are imported, mainly from Mexico, which has a yearlong growing season. Mexico supplies more than 98 percent of U.S.

fresh imported chili.

"I'm all for free trade with other countries, but chili is a big part of our state's revenue," DeWees said. "I say, bring it over when we can't grow it. But from Aug. 1 to Oct. 1, let the New Mexico farmers flourish."

Back in Las Cruces, Lujan knows all too well that chili farming is an unpredictable business, one that relies heavily on Mother Nature.

"We'll just have to live with it for now and see what next year brings," Lujan said.

Holiday Inn wants towel snatchers to come clean

By CHERYL JOHNSTON  
The Baltimore Sun

Some had damp swimsuits to pack or a dog that got sick. Others needed a makeshift pillow for the car ride or a traveler's memento. Some merely did it for the thrill. Whatever the reason, people snatched hundreds of thousands of towels from hotel rooms last year and have been doing so for decades.

For those feeling guilty about that free grease towel in the garage or the beach towel in the closet, there's a chance to fess up — if that towel has a green stripe.

Holiday Inn has declared Thursday its first Towel Amnesty Day, a chance to forgive guests who have "borrowed" towels.

No, the hotel chain doesn't want its towels back. It wants the story of why you took the towel and what you've done with it.

Mark Snyder, senior vice president of brand-management for Holiday Inn, is the first to admit that Towel Amnesty Day

is a thinly veiled marketing campaign. "It's about celebrating the brand," he says.

Stories have been coming in since the campaign was announced Aug. 18. "They are priceless," says Snyder, who is considering posting some of them on the hotel chain's Web site. "They are everything from very funny to very touching."

"I believe my towel comes from the '50s. In fact, so long ago I don't remember how I got it, but I suppose it did follow me home," wrote Marcelle Roise, of Alamo, Calif. "It is my dog's towel and she is the 3rd generation of dogs to use it."

"My son appeared in a school play as The Little Drummer Boy," wrote Eileen Richmond, of Chicago, Ill. "Each performer wore a sheet or towel as part of their costume. My mom ... noticed something odd about my son's towel. As I looked at the towel I had hurriedly grabbed from the closet — the towel he had worn in front of his friends, teachers and the whole school — I saw it had a

nice wide green stripe in the center that said, 'Holiday Inn.'"

The vintage towel with the green stripe and "Holiday Inn" down the middle, which is no longer in hotel rooms, is the one that many admit to having taken.

Snyder says that hotels, including Holiday Inn, have largely stopped using towels with logos. Instead, they use plain towels to make the bathrooms more "residential." In his opinion, this has cut towel theft. "Most hotel towels were more interesting 20 or 30 years ago when they had the name of the hotel on them."

Hilton's management agrees. "About four or five years ago, the Hilton brand eliminated the logo from the towels, and we've seen a significant decline (in towel theft) since then," says Jeanne Datz, spokesperson for Hilton. "It's definitely more cachet with the logo."

But logos clearly aren't the only attraction for towel-snatchers. The American Hotel and

Lodging Association estimates that theft in hotel rooms — from towels to televisions — costs the lodging industry \$100 million annually.

"This is not including things we expect you to take — the shampoos and soaps," says Tia Gordon, a spokesperson for the association. But it does include pillows, robes and showerheads.

Glen Gerke, regional director of hotel performance and support for Hampton Inn, says his brand uses the woven logo on towels and doesn't have much of a problem with towel theft. "Times have changed," says Gerke. "There's just not the great thrill of throwing the bath towel in the bag and taking it home."

"We haven't done any formal research, but we would certainly set the estimate (of towels stolen) at about 560,000 a year," says Snyder.

Some hotel officials joked that Towel Amnesty Day may cause a spike in towel theft, but Holiday Inn isn't fretting about

encouraging people to tell their stories. "I think initially you could look at that and say, gee, it may be a concern," Snyder says. But he doubts thefts will rise and says the chain isn't overly worried about purloined towels.

Snyder sees the vintage towels that made their way home as "icons" for the friendly service or good memories the hotel provided. And it didn't hurt Holiday Inn when towels with the hotel's name traveled.

The stories that have come in tend to back him up.

"I took my first and only (I swear) Holiday Inn towel from the suite at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Monterrey Mexico where I spent my first honeymoon night," wrote Raul Malacara, of Monterrey, Texas. "I took it as a memento ... along the way I have lost the girl, but I still have the towel! Good things do last ...!"

Over the weekend, Holiday Inn will be giving away towels at six beaches and at most of its hotels across the country.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date/time for the purchase of the below listed items equipment:  
A. Date/time: Wednesday, September 10, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. for the following material for the annual city contracts:  
1. Chemicals  
a. Calcium Hypochlorite Hydrated  
b. Liquid Chlorine  
c. Liquid Aluminum Sulfate  
d. Anhydrous Ammonia  
e. Sulfur Dioxide  
f. Calcium Hydroxide (Hydrated Lime)  
g. Polymer  
2. Radio & Radio Tower Maintenance  
3. Municipal Service for Police Department  
4. Lubricants  
5. Lube and Oil Change Service  
6. Vehicle Fleet Fueling Services  
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Hall Conference Room, Upstairs, at 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).  
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.  
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**BY JOYCE JILLSON**

Virgo urges us to get our act together. Even if you only improve 1 percent, you can make a huge difference in your life.



Joyce Jillson

Incremental changes won't feel like enough under this sky, but be consistent, and you'll do yourself proud. The Scorpio moon plants seeds of intrigue. Getting to the truth of the matter will be important tonight.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Change is around the corner. Uninterrupted time to yourself can best be used to read, bathe and relax. You could covet a friend's relationship and should stay far away from anything that tempts you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're the trendsetter in the group, so don't be surprised if the rest of your circle is engaged in the very activity you never want to do again. Be bold, and step into unknown territory. You'll learn as you go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Friends influence your style. Call the shots in matters where you care or understand more than others do. In matters of the heart, your head could interfere. Be careful not to over-think it!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Agitation is a direct result of expectations that are not being realized. Don't get mad; get busy. Talk and joke about your relationship. A lighthearted approach is better for solv-

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

ing problems. Steer clear of a friend's business. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Be playful! When you focus on creativity instead of results, your health improves, and your mood is terrific. Art and music feed your spirit. You'll come across an interesting twist in the love road tonight. A Pisces is involved.

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (August 31). Incredible drive is yours this year and helps you accomplish lofty goals. Singles find love with a Capricorn or Sagittarius. It's all-encompassing unless you set some boundaries, so start things out right. Couples get along beautifully in October and could take the romantic trip of a lifetime. Articulate career goals to your boss and even clients. Your lucky numbers are: 21, 4, 29, 1 and 50.

VIRO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you are still unsure of the next step to take, listen to another point of view. Socialize with sunny people, and you'll see possibilities where there were none before. Fellow earth signs have plenty to teach you, especially Taurus.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A prominent family figure gives a blessing to all you are doing. Passion is not the only requirement in a good relationship, but you'll have plenty of it. The more down home the entertainment tonight, the better you'll enjoy it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You handle a difficult person easily, so family and friends might ask for your help. Enjoy recreation and physical activities that get you out of doors tonight. Be spontaneous, and you'll land in the right place at

the right time. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You thrive when you've got plenty of variety in your life. For best results, give energy to several projects. Strong feelings sneak up on you tonight, but don't be fooled into thinking you can't control them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't trust anyone trying to hard-sell you — no matter how good it sounds, it's not for you. You are passionate and determined about love. Put the same energy level behind an ambitious new project.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your romantic indifference drives someone crazy. Equipment purchases and other kinds of expansion will kick finances into high gear. It's a rare kind of day when the more you spend, the more you make.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Planting is favored, and you've got the magic green thumb. Getting exactly what you require, even if you must pay for it, saves money in the long run. Your brain needs more stimulation, so don't do anything routine tonight.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: Jupiter and Uranus do a little cosmic tug of war, and you might find yourself wondering just what to believe. It's natural to be skeptical of people and stories that are too good to be true, but be careful not to cut yourself off from good fortune by being faithless. Believing

that all things are possible, even miracles, automatically makes it more possible for miracles to happen to you. The Scorpio moon starts off the week with a mysterious and sexy tone. Keep looking at what people mean instead of what they say. By keying into the subconscious, you can get an accurate reading of your situation and therefore see your way to getting what you want. As always, the fastest way to achieving your goal will be to help others achieve theirs. Covert liaisons stay quiet and build in sexy tension. If you have to travel, do it Tuesday through Thursday, when the moon guides you to be bold, therefore learning and growing as you take in a new territory. When in Rome, do as those there, because the alternative is to be so boring that you may as well stay home. Saturday is terrific for love because you can be objective and cool.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Gloria Estefan gets the world dancing with her infectious Latin dance music. A new album this year will keep dance floors thumping all over the world. Estefan has the sun and Mars in Virgo and was born while Mercury was retrograde in Virgo as well. This gives her career longevity and an ever-young quality. She's also a stickler for detail and very hands-on with the business of music.

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

Dear Annie: I have a wonderful, loving mother who raised me on her own. I live across the country from her and try to visit at least three times a year.

During our last phone conversation, Mom made it clear that her best friend's daughter calls her mother "all the time," and she resents that I "never call." Annie, I talk to my mother once a week for an hour at a time. I explained to her this was all I could manage, but she retorted with, "Well, nice talking to you," and hung up.

Mom often will take a pleasant conversation and turn it into an emotional nightmare when she does not get her way. She is capable of holding a conversation for hours on end. I try to be a good daughter, but my days also are devoted to a son, a full-time job, graduate school and a husband who also works long hours.

My mother will never understand my point of view. Should I give in to her demands for daily, hour-long phone calls and have my emotional energy sapped? — Exhausted in Virginia

Dear Exhausted: You need a compromise. Mom misses you, and those calls mean a lot to her. When you don't phone, she feels neglected and unimportant. The calls need not be an hour long. After 15 minutes, say, "Mom, I have to run now, but I love you, and I'll call you tomorrow." Then hang up. If you can afford the phone-bills, 15 minutes out of your day for a "loving mother who raised you on her own" is not too much to ask. If long-distance is a problem, make it three times a week.

Dear Annie: My husband is 60 pounds overweight and appears to be pregnant with twins. Because he continues to wear the same size pants (he pulls them down lower and tries not to breathe too hard), he doesn't believe he has a problem.

While I am concerned about his health, I'm also concerned about his looks. Our sex life has suffered tremendously in the past 10 years, and so has our marriage. He's admitted that if I were obese, he would not be interested in me sexually, but I can't make him understand that seeing him without clothes turns me off. He says my attitude is vain and shallow, but his professional life has suffered, too.



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Many people have commented privately to me that it's hard to place a lot of confidence in someone who appears to have no self-control.

I've tried everything — supporting him on weight-loss plans, cooking healthy foods, coaxing him to exercise with me, to no avail. My husband does not have a medical problem. He simply eats too much junk food and refuses to exercise. We've tried counseling, but he thinks I should desire him the way he is. I miss the man I fell in love with, but agree with you that losing weight is a do-it-yourself project. I thought if he saw this in print, it might help. — In His Shadow

Dear Shadow: You've done all you can. Now decide if you love him enough to stick by him as he is. Make sure his insurance is paid up and his will is in order. Try to focus on other aspects of his personality that you admire and enjoy. And if you can turn out the lights and fantasize about his body shape, it might help.

Dear Annie: My 4-month-old daughter is emotionally abusive. When I get ready for work in the morning, she smiles and giggles and is so cute that I cry all the way to the office. I can't quit because we need the income. How can I escape the house without seeing her? — Inglewood, Calif.

Dear Inglewood: Many working parents have the same problem. Try to remember that your job provides your precious child with a place to live, clothes to wear and food to eat. And look forward to collecting some hugs when you get home.

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