## TUESDAY

September 23, 2003 WEATHER


## Briefly

VFW EsSal Contests Area secondary stu-
dents have a chance to dents have a chance to
voice their views on
citizenship and perhaps win scholarship monies in the annual
Veteran's of Foreign Veteran's of Foreign Wars "Voice $\left.\begin{array}{r}\text { of } \\ \text { Democracy" } \\ \text { "Patrit's" }\end{array} \right\rvert\,=$ and "Patriot's
contests. contests.
The Democracy' is a nation al audio essay competi tion. This year's theme,
"My Commitment America's Future." Patriot's Pen is for seventh and eighth
graders who write an essay of 300 words min ${ }^{\text {imum and }} 400$ max theme is 'My Dream for America.' Both local contests are open to students in Howard and Glasscock Counties.
The dea
The deadline to turn
in the essays is Application forms can be picked up at the par ticipant's school office or by contacting Le
Welch at 263.1658 Welch at 263-1658.
Essays can be sent Essays can be sent to
P. O
Box
1921, spring 79721.

## Spooktacular slated

The Big Spring Area is seeking retail busi nesses to participate in a Halloween night shoppers special from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. There is no cost to
participate. However participate. However,
businesses that do will be included in a drawing for use of a spotlight for one hour or a
one-hour radio remote one-hour radio remote on Haloween nigh ter for eligibility in the drawing Tuesday, Sept. 30 . Merchants that want to participate in a "Night of Spooktacular the chamber at 263. 7641 , or stop by 215 W . Third to fill out a brief registration form.

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Sunday.

## Council to finalize tax rate hike during meeting <br> By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer
Big Spring City Council members are expected to finalize the adoption of the 2003 tax rate,
which includes a three-cent hike during their meeting tonight Council members heard concerns from the community during a public hearing concerning the proposed increase two weeks ago, and despite the unpopure of any increase, voted in favor of the measure. Big Spring Mayor Russ budget, but will leave no margin where three to four cents was the
"It was one of those situations where three to four cents was the right number. Four cents gives you a little more cushion. It's not an exact science when you're going through the budgetary process because what you're doing is forecasting and trying to figure out things like what are sales taxes going to do.

 U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer shakes hands with Big Spring Councilwoman Gloria McDonald efore heading into the CARES Commission hearing last week to present testimony on behalf of the Big Spring VA Medical Center

## VAMC supporters confident commissioners got message

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer
-EL PASO - About 100 people
traveled through the dessert to the
Fort Bliss U.S. Army base by bus, car or plane last week to deliver one message
Assessment $\begin{gathered}\text { to the Capital } \\ \text { for }\end{gathered}$ Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission - keep the Big Spring VA Medical Center where
In that endeavor, supporters felt their mission was accomplished. It was definitely worth the trip nity input," said the Rev. Floyd Green, a veteran and one of 47 peo ple who rode a bus from Big Spring
"With the amount of citizens who came down, it really looked good. The can't afford to lose the VA."
five-member Commission panel listened to testimony Thursday from several repposed feasibilitity study, that if enacted, would mean closure of the U.S. Sen. John Cor submitted a letter in support of the Big Spring VA to the commission. The proposed feasibility study was a part of a national draft plan by CARES to realign Department
of Veteran's Affairs medical serof Veteran's Affairs medical ser-
vices to meet the future needs of

The 16-member commission is hearing schedule designed to hear invited testimony and feedback about the draft plan.
Before the meeting, Elbow Before the meeting, Elbow
Elementary third grade teacher Diana Newton presented 50 posters of support for the Big Spring facil-
ity to CARES representatives. ity to CARES representatives. The posters were created by students of her class and the classes of McQueary.
"They all have about the same
theme," Newton said. "We love our See TRIP, Page 3A

Canterbury fall festival slated for tonight

Residents at Canterbury and Canterbury North will get the
chance to "hula" their way into fall tonight during a Fall Festival celebrating the first day of autumn. According to Canterbury spokesperson Pat Johnston Edwards, the event "We have a South Pacific theme, so we have residents that have made leis for
everyone that buys a ticket to
hula dancers from the Dance Gallery. And we're going to have some older gals doing the have dances as well as some the hula ing. It's going to be just for fun and we think it's a nice way to start off the fall," she added. Edwards said the festival will
get started at 5 'p.m. and feature get started at 5 p.m. and feature
something for everyone. "Things will get started at $5 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. with the Hawailan dinner," she said. "Then from 6 to 7 will be the entertainment, with the cake

Edwards said the cake walk will be an excellent chance for those in attendance to take home a tasty homemade cake.
"There will be homemade cakes that you can take a chance on," she noted. "You walk around in a circle on top of naik ers and I'll hold a op of numand say, for example that up will win this particular cake And if you happen to be standing et the when the mic stops, you "Various.
residents (of

Canterbury) are making them, along with their families. Gale's Bakery has donated quite a few cakes, so there's a lot of different people participating in this." North, located at 1700 Lancaster, are part of the St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes Inc. system. Tickets for the event are $\$ 3.50$ per person. 1265.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by Je-mail at newsdesk@croom.net
"Four cents gives you a little more cushion. It's not an exact science when you're going because what budgetary process because what you're doing is
forecasting and trying to figure out things like what are sales axes going to do. deal of concern placed on the deal of concern placed on the
decision between a four-cent and three-cent tax hike, McEwen
added the severity of the differsee council. Page 3A

College Trustees will consider bids for Cottage By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer $\underset{\text { Howard }}{\text { trustees will coliege }}$ consider bids for the chilld care
center construction center construction project Wednesday which, if
approved, will be the first step to clear the way for auditorium construction project.
Trustees will
meet at 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College board room locat-
ed in the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell.
The fate of Howard The fate of Howard
Cottage, the college's day care facility, once hung
in the balance while in the balance while
administrators scrambled administrators scrambled
to find funds to build a new structure to house the program.
Trustees,
already battling tight fiscal times, considered axing the program for two main reasons - it's
been running at a loss and the location of the
current facility impeded the optimal placement of
the
privately-funded the privately-funded
multi-million dollar performance hall.
In the September board meeting, trustees gave
school officials the go school officials the go.
ahead to bid out a scaled ahead to bid out a scaled
down version of the day learning the college had
lat secured funds. "We received an anony-
mous gift for the day car mous gift for the day care Howard College President
Dr Cheryl Sparks. "We're very thankful for this person's generosity
to Howard College." In other business, rustee will hear the offi-
cial 2003 enrollment report for the college dis-
Enrollment at the Big Spring and Lamesa campuses are both down and
the San Angelo and SouthWest $\quad$ Angellegiate Institute for the Deaf are up," Sparks said.
Also on the agenda:

- Howard Cottage fee - Criminal justice proSee coluege, page 3a


## Obituaries

Marvin "Mac" McCutchan
Marvin "Mac" McCutchan, 73, "of Midland Memorial Hospital following a long illness, Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Robert Turner, officiating. Burial will be held at Coahoma cemetery. The family will receive friends rom 7 until 9 p.m. Tuesday at Myers and nith Funeral Home
in Fisher County, Texas. He was the son of Lawrence and Elsie McCutchan. He married. Glenda Stonecipher. She preceded him in death. He later married Ella Patricia
He was a resident of Coahoma since 1965 and a mem ber of The Coahoma United Methodist Church. He
retired from Fina after 25 years service. He was a vet retired from Fina after 25 years service. He was a vet eran of the U.S. Air Force.
He is survived by two sons, Mike McCutchan and his wife Valerie of Odessa and James McCutchan and his wife Dee Dee of Val Dosta, Ga.; two daughters, Melody Falls, and Holly "Patty" Best and her husband John of Coahoma; two brothers: Richard McCutchan and his wife Kathleen of Lubbock and Calvin McCutchan and his wife Sandy of Colorado City; two sisters, Geraldine Fuqua of Big Spring and Nell Cunningham of Kolton, Kaylee, Jenifer (and Brandon), Jimmy,
Jeremiah (and Stacey), Johnathan (and Desiree), James Michael, Tawna and Ty; one great granddaugh er, Aubrey Paige Best; and several nieces and He was
Diane Jacobs; two brothers: John and Jimmy Le McCutchan; one sister: Melva Dean McCutchan. Pallbearers will be Jeremiah Best, Johnathan Best James Best, Jimmy Cooper, Ty Jacobs. Arrangements are by Myers \& Smith Funeral Home. Pay your
respects online at "http://www.myersandsmith.com/"

## F.L. "Bessie" Briley

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10Mrs. FL. "Bessie" Briley, 101, of Clyde center.
Services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2003 at the Bailey. Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John MiQueen officiating. Graveside services
will be held at 3 p.m. at Lamesa Memorial Park in Lamesa under the
direction of Bailey Funeral Home. direction of Bailey Funeral Home. Ellis County to Cash and Fannie Alcorn Snoddy. She
 in' 4986.
She moved to Clyde in 1991 from Lamesa. She was a homemaker and a member of Bryan Street Baptist Church in Lamesa.
She is survived by two sons, Billy and his wife
Juanita Briley of Luther, Texas and James L Briley of Juanita Briley of Luther, Texas and James L. Briley of
Casa Grande Ariz..; one daughter, Doritha Smith of Clyde; several grandchildren; Tommy and Carrol Stevens, Dorotha Stevens, Shirley Stevens, Roy Lee Stevens, Carolynn and Rusty Parson, Debbie and John McQueen, Merri Jo and J.C. Leonard, Billy and Tina Briley, Delores and Bill Boswell. Glenda and Billy
Wade, Curtis and Debbie Smith, Brenda Kemper Wade, Curtis and Debbie Smith, Brenda Kemper,
Sherry Jones, Bill Jackson, Trish Jones, Johnny Jackson; great-grandchildren, Jeff and Jill Stevens, Kelly and Shawn Gilbreath, Sabrina and And Gilbreath, John and Amber Boswell, Matthew and Vivian Boswell, Jeana Graham, Dalton Parson, Kelly
Parson, Jordan and Cameron McQueen, Whitney Parson, Jordan and Cameron McQueen, Whitney
Leonard, Kindera Leonard, and numerous great, great grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by one son Robert L.
Briley, one daughter Frances Marie Stevens, two brothers, J.K. and Dave Snoddy and four sisters, Cora
Menn, Lilly B. Jackson, Minnie McWhorter and Pudgy Menn, Lilly B. Jackson, Minnie McWhorter and Pudgy Visitation will be 6 to $7: 30$ p.m. on Tuesday evening
at Bailey Funeral Home.

## Take note

- THE LAMUN-LUSK-SANCHEZ TEXAS STATE VETERANS HOME is holding an open house at the
home's Alzheimer's-care wing Sunday from 2 p.m. to home's Alzheimer's-care wing Sunday from 2 p.m. to
4 p.m. Staff members will be conducting tours of the facility.
Live entertainment will be provided by musician Clint Brown. There will also be door prizes, the grand opening of the home's gift shop and various wings at the home will
lic is invited to attend

I 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 ew hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For
more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

## WEST TEXAS DISCOUNT FLOORING M-F 9-5:30 Pergo Snap Wilsonart SAT. 12-4 <br> 1712 <br> 263-5500

## Linda Darlene Gardner

Linda Darlene Gardner, 54, of Lake Brownwood, died riday Sept. 19, 2003 at her home. Funeral services Heartland Fhursday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Edmond Wheelis officiating. Burial will be held at the Bangs Cemetery, directed by Heartland Funeral Home of Early.
Mrs. Gardner was born Jan. 2, 1949 in Big Spring, he daughter of Richie and Lilune Southard Arnold. Hobbs, N.M. He preceded her in death Nov, 28, 2002. She also was preceded in death by her mother, Lilune Arnold; grandmoder, Lille Soumard and brother Richard Arnold.
She worked in Lovington, N.M. as a nurse's aid and she worked at Wal-Mart. She was of the Baptist faith, of Plano, she had been a resident of Lake Brownwood since 1987.
She is survived by two daughters, Carrie Gardner of Brownwood, Teana Chesney and friend, Michael Beck Brownwood; three sisters, Brenda K. Hicks of Lake Barbara V. Landreth of Tyler, Glenda Mae Green of Whitefish, Mont. and three grandchildren, Marri Sirois and Beaw Sirois of May, Bryttanie and Taylor Feck of Brownwood.
Family visitation will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. at

## Benita Torres Padron

Benita Torres Padron, 74, of Big Spring died at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 2003 at Comanche Trai
Nursing Home following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Eufemia Grado Aguirre

Eufemia Grado Aguirre, 92, of Stanton died Monday, Sept. 22, 2003 in a Midland nursing home. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton,

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following act

- LUIS RAMOS; 39, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to stop at an
- DARRETT SHERMAN, 35, of 4311 Edwards, was arrested Monday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- ANTHONY MUNOZ, 44, of Big Spring, was arrest - BURGLARY OF A VEHICL

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported:
'in the 2800 block of Stonehaven.
in the 2900 block of Huntersglenn
in the 2700 block of Rebecca.
UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE - CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 500 block of Westover
- in the 100 block of Circle

THEFT was reported in the 900 block of Willia
EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was repor in the 600 block of Gregg.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office recently report d the following activity:
BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in ed, report to follow.

- LOOSE HORSE was reported in the area of Jeffrey Road. HCSO was advised horse was tangled in cactus. - LOOSE CALVES were reported in the 1200 block old Colorado City Highway. Upon arrival the ani mals already had been returned to a pinned up area.


## Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 37-16-1-18-27
The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night:

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday afteroon: 9-0-6

Welcome Home Son


Potty Officer 3nd Class Scott Goodblanket Jr.
Love Mom, Dad \& Family

## -If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the

 Herald news room at 263.7331 or emallTODA
Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
"A Fine Night of Italian Cuisine," sponsored by Odyssey Healthcare, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church Odyssey Healthcare
invited to the dinner

WEDNESDAY
Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus

Senior Circle Stretch \& Tone, 10 a.m., Sce
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
Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road
Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

## THURSDAY

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

## Coffee FM 700.

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

West Texas Republican Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road. Special guest speaker will be Tony Massaro,
chapter of Pachyderms.
Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring County Club, Driver Road

Arts, Crafts \& Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 'S. Main.
FRIDAY
Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College
Cactus Room 1001 Birdwell L̇ane. Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwelf L̇áné.
AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.
Duplicate Bridge
Club, Driver Road.
Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country \& 0:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. Al niors or invited.

## SATURDAY

Hangar ${ }^{25}$ Air M
Airpark, 10 a.m. 2 p.m.
Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.
Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, 1 p.m. -5 p.m. Admission is

## Weather

Today - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 5 to 15 mph .
Tonight - Partly cloud Wednesday - Partly clo
South winds 10 to 15 mph . chance of thunders - Mostly cloudy with a 20 perce Thursday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance Thursday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance Friday - Mostly clear Lows in the upper in the lower 80s.
Saturday Sighs in the lower 80s.
Highs in the lower 80s.
Sunday - Partly Sunday - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s
Highs in the lower 80 s.


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By THOMAS J
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xt. 234, or by newsdesk@crco

## Commissioners opt against increased retirement benefits

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer
Good news from an eco-
nomic nomic standpoint is hard to come by these days, County employees saw that first-hand this morning as Howard County commissioners decided against a retirement bene-
fit increase. fit increase
Howard
Treasurer Teresa Thomas said the decision will mean no extra dollars in retirees' pockets for the coming year. seven percent deducted from their paychecks that
Josh Free returning with band on Friday By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer
Big Spring native Josh homecoming of his own Friday, as the California musician gets ready to
bring his band to the Comanche Trail Amph
night.
The sponsored by which is Life Big Spring youth out-
reach program is slated reach program, is slated
for $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and according for 8 p.m., and according
to YLBS Area Director Matt Warren, will appeal to more than just one
taste of music. taste of music.
"This band acoustic rock and folk lock sort of band, and it's music industry," said Warren. "Josh free is a Big Spring native and his
father is Leo Free, who used to be a pastor at graduated from
Spring High School and he and his wife, April
are the lead vocalists."
TRIP
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veterans and the Big Spring hospital of West Texas." CARES representatives told Newton the posters Overall Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said he felt positive about the day's testimony. "It's good to be able to put a face on Big Spring talk with the people who are going to make the
decisions," said McEwen, one of the three people to testify for the Big Spring very receptive to what we were saying."

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|  |  |  | goes towards the "retire

ment plan, and the county
matches that amount,"
said Thomas. "Out rate
last year was 10.42 per
cent, and each year they
re-evaluate to see if that's
enough to keep the plan
covered. This year, if we
do nothing, our rate is
going to go to 10.58 per-
cent, which is'the amount
the county must pay
towards the plan.""
The decision comes on
the heels of an increase
that was granted last year
after a 10-year drought in
raises.
"Those that are already
retired got an increase (in
benefits) last year, which
eid named Thr3, will be com-
ing to the Big Spring area ing to the Big Spring area
from Pasadena, Calif., from Pasadena, Calif.,
and, according
Warren, will fit Warren, will fit the bil
for a fun Friday night. "We just wanted to
bring in a quality band that plays music that
crosses both lines -
Christian and secular music," he said. "You
might say they re a
crossover band. We wantity concert for the high area and for anyone else
that's interested in comIng. I think a lot of people
in this area will like their
style of musie " style of music."
Admission to the con-
cert is $\$ 5$ at the door or $\$ 2$
with a student ID. With a student ID, used to cover the band's Contact Staft Write
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7331 ext 232 or by pomall at newsdesk (ar criom ne met A point hammered
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I thought there was
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went on this morning and I've very upbeat about it." CARES Commission is
doing a job they were charged to do and that is
to go out and really review and make sure are
we delivering veterans wealth care the most effi-
cient way we can. They are asking the right ques.
tions and I think Big Spring has the right
bit, and we just can't...
we're cutting back on
everything right now." everything right now."
Thomas said the issue which weighs the issue of a flat-rate, increase against a consumer price index increase, will go before the commissioners
once again next year, posonce again next year, pos-
sibly with a different outcome.
"With a flat increase, everyone would have gotten the same amount across the board," said
Thomas. "With Tonsumer Price Index increase, which is what we did last year, each person's cost of living is eval-
uated, and the employees
that retired years ago with a smaller annuity increase than a highe have retired recently. "Every 'year I have to
present this to the court present this to the cour
to see if they want to see if they want to make any changes, so possibility they could (increase retirement), but on the other hand last year's increase came afte 10 year of no increases."

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Also on the agenda for Chapter 11, Article 2 of ing to cemetery rate
the meeting:














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bers, located at 307 E . Fourth Street.
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## OUR Views

## Remember not to rest on our laurels

It's called making your voice heard. Big Spring and Howard County did just that last week when approximately 100 people made attend the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission hearng in El Paso.
They mobilized in a grassroots effort to deter federal officials from conducting a study that could possibly lead to the closure of Big Spring's That medical Center, and there's little question that the five-member commission panel which heard testimony on Thursday was provided infor
mation it had not previously been provided. That bodes well for the VA been provided. a community cannot rest on our laurels. Remember, part of the proposal by the VA's CARES Commission recommends closing inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring VAMC and suggests studying the possibikitysof:clesing the entire facility. That means the prostible lossiof a facility that employs more than 500 people and pumps an annual payroll of $\$ 32.5$ million into our community's economy
And that is why it's important for all of us to let our feelings concerning the plan be known.
To date, literally thousands of us have signed and circulated petitions or written letters to the CARES Commission or members of Congress. And there's still time in that 60 -day window of opportunity to respond to the proposed plan's comments pertaining to the Big Spring VAMC. So, if you haven't done so, please do.
To express your views, go to the CARES Commission web-site at www.va.gov/cares. "Comments," to Richard E. Larson, Executive Director, CARES Commission (OOCARES), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20480. They can be faxed to 202-501-2196. And questions and comments may also be e-mailed to: carescommission@mail.va.gov.
The important thing to remember is that we can and must have an impact in this mat
The livelihood of us all is at stake.

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The

One day a few weeks ago
I came from a Lion's
Cub meeting and got
the shock of my life. My wife informed me that she had just returned from
trip to the liquor trip to the liquor primary reasons why I was so shocked. First, we live in a dry county and the nearest liquor store
is in Palarm, about 15 miles away on the Faulkner-Pulaski County line. Next, 1
teach a couples
Sunday School clas and needless to say, for my wife to a liquor store would raise a few eyebrows and not be a good witness for the Lord.
However, I will give her credit. She took great precaution and
planned it out very carefully didn't have much pocket mone she went to the bank to get cash so she wouldn't have to give the liquor store a check. She also took the back way in the hopes that no one would see her van, that has a
paint job that sticks out like a sore paint job that sticks out like a sore
thumb and everyone we know can spot a mile away
At this point she told me the rest
of the story. Because of some probof the story. Because of some problems that she has been having
has revealed that she might have: a
slight case of arthritis. One of her
friends told her that Paul Harvey friends told her that Paul Harvey gin and white raisins as somepain. Not to leave you hanging, pain. Not to leaye you hanging,
you mix a pint of gin with a box of white raisins and then.stir it once a day for 9 days. When thts process is complete, you eat 10 raisins each day until they are all
gone.
gene.
Because of the conversation we were both laughing and it reminded me of the fellow who had a race
horse. At least he thought it was a horse. At least he thought it was a race horse. However, when he got his horse out and ran him around
the track, he would just barely get the track, he would just barely get
out of a slow lope. He did so want his horse to run in a race but he knew he could not win. Then he remembered reading somewhere that you could dope up a race
horse and he would run one last horse and he would run one last
dying race. He would really move out. At this point he got to thinking about what kind of dope to use. He finally decided to use a lit. tle "white lighting", which is to say a little moonshine whiskey finally poured about half a gallo down his horse's throat.
About a week later he wa
telling a friend about the race. He said, "I wish you could have been there to see my horse run. They shot the gun and he bolted out of
the gate, his tail was sticking
siraight when he came around the
and final turn dust was flying and ocks were breaking out wind hields. This fella said, "well, did your horse win?" This man said,
"No-o-0, my horse didn't win, but he's the happiest loser you ever saw."
In a way this story kind of
Inplies to my wife We applies to my wife. We can't tell whether or not the gin spiked
raisins are helping her arthritis but I can tell you this for sure, sh is happier than she has ever been. Not long after this experience, 1 told this story at a Chamber of Commerce banquet and a lady said to me after the meeting, "I don't know if you were watching my
husband or not, but he was laugh ing so hard that he almost fell out of his chair."
In the Bible we read in Proverbs 17:22 "A joyful heart is good medicine. But a broken spirit dries up need to have a good laugh from time to time and to have fun and eally enjoy life. I hope you are not like the lady who came up to me after another speaking engage ment and said, "I want you to now, while you were telling some ongue to keep from laughing." (EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Davidson s a motivational speaker and at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway him at 2 Bentley Driver
Arkansas 72034 )


## Social Security breakthrough? <br> South Cive Republican from

$R$ep. Jim DeMint, a conse
vative Republican running for the Senate in
South Carolina, will this week introunce a Social Security
reform permitting reform permitting
private investment by younger workers. That's not unusual. What's unusual is his intended co-sponsor::
Rep. Harold Ford Jr. Ref. Tennessee, a rising Democrat superstar
and Congressional Black Caucus mem ber
DeM
DeMint told me Ford shook his hand, looked him in the eye and said he was on board. Press rele
es prepared by the Republican refer to the "DeMint-Ford Social Security Savings Act." But two days of my telephone calls to the proved futile. Is Ford backing out? Or, is he just nervous about aban. doning his party's monolithic opposition to Social Security remedies that they condemn as privati-
If Ford goes through with his
collaboration when DeMh's is unveiled this week, it will constitute a major breakthrough in efforts to save the Social Security
system while transer system while transforming the lowest income Americans into under withering though largely ineffective attack from Democrats in the 2002 campaign, and all of the party's 2004 presidential candidates oppose them. Ford would show the way to fellow Democrats to abandon partisanship on Social Sen. Lindsey Graham, another

joined moderate, mainly Southern Democrats in proposing an end to attacks on anybody who wants to
change the Social Security system DeMint goes further, seeking to enlist a mainstream liberal Democrat in a specific reform. Ford's co-sponsorship would
undermine the Democratic undermine the Democratic mantra
that there is nothing the matter that there is nothing the matter
with Social Security and that Republican warnings are really a plot to privatize this legacy of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal. In
fact, the non-partisan General fact, the non-partisan General
Accounting Office estimates the Accounting Office estimates the
system will go into deficit in 2017 system will go into deficit in 2017
and be bankrupt by 2041. DeMint and other Republican reformers seek to prevent that train wreck by permitting private investment rather than reducing benefits or ncreasing payroll taxes.
the others in two ways. First, it is progressive. It would permit the lowest paid Americans a higher percentage of investments. Persons making under $\$ 15,629$ a year could invest 8 percentage points of the Workers with less than $\$ 34,731$ income could put in 7.1 percent. The progressive sliding scale would drop to 3 percent for people with over $\$ 87,000$ income. This dramatic opening of investent opportunity for al country's demographic changes ts no free lunch. According to the Social Security Administration's actuaries, transition costs of DeMint's plan would be $\$ 8.2$ trilthe same source estimates the 75 year-cost in higher taxes at $\$ 26.1$
how DeMint claims his plan will save taxpayers $\$ 17.9$ trillion.
DeMint's second unique aspect i DeMint's second unique aspect is 1996 at age 26 from the Memphis 1996 at age 26 from the Memphis represented by his father, he has been marked as a party leader for he future. He has been talked about as a Senate candidate. Afte he 2002 election, he challenged Rep. Nancy Pelosi to be House but not ultra-liberal. As measured by the Americans for Democratic Action, his liberal voting record was 85 percent in 2001 and 70 per cent in 2002.
Joining DeMint woul Democratic colleagues that Social Security need not be bound by the estraints of a 1938 economy and social structure. "I applaud Congressman Ford for his bold and courageous stand," DeMint gressman who understands the need to address the wealth gap in America." But will he really go through
with it this week? with it this week? I have found pord to be an amiable young lity who never has been averse to publicity. He knew why I was trying to contact him when he declined to talk to me. Harold Ford Jr. risks a lot.this week as partisanship and to open the door of America's wealth to its poorest
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L.B. "Lynn" Preslar,
Corregidor POW,
did return

## Final-Part III

By Marsha Allen L.B. "Lynn" Preslar
of Big Spring spent
more than two years in
a Japanese prisoner of
war camp where he was
beaten, starved, went
without medical atten-
tion, deprived of the
simplest of human
needs, such as a pair of
shoes or a letter from
home.
POW learned survival techniques which they shared among instance, Preslar and learned how to con. smoked then," Preslar sapanese were posed to give us two
cigarettes a week. We'd tear a cigarette up.
We'd find some kind of tiny paper. Some of thin pages. "We'd convert on cigarette into three or
four, sometimes six, by taking the tobacco out paper thin. You still
got a lot of puffs, out of ever get the other way," out of 10 POWs
Ourvived survived. "The worst in
human nature will said. "You loose all dig nity. You're so hungry,
so weak, so dismayed. and died." At one poin during the voyage on
the "hell ship" Preslar ng up a most hopin an American ship-or do the craft where he was rotting in the hold

## With the fall of the

 Philippines, more than 70,000 ( 50,000 Filipino,20,000 American) sol diers, sailors, and sol men became prisoners of the Japanese, not to mention the civilian World War II ne end of Wercent of all POWs lost their lives as a result of the way the Japanese treated their captives. How many people remember the POWs and what they did for our
Officlally the United States Government pre-
sented each surviving POW the monetary sum of \$1 a day for each day of captivity, approxi
mately $\$ 1,000$ above their normal pay and not much more.

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situation animals show
they were compounded the worst in them. It in horror with the trip
will come out. It'sugly. from the Philippine the time. Their soll. what came to be known
diers' mess kit was like
a quart cylinder. You'd
 one of them would get
down there where the heads were and start
 II told one some of
them [POWs] then, I wish the president of
the United States could see this now; of them slopping them like
hogs." "You know when w
fight these wars now and lose maybe 50 100 people. Why that's $\underset{\text { Preslar said. "Maybe }}{\text { to }}$ captured. Don't get me wrong, I'm glad it's so little. But I see some of have to they a little
longer. Well, goolly longer. Well, golly, more danger than right street, in reality. I'm s so different. Look
Viet Nam, how much trouble was caused with so much help. "We didn't have any
help. We couldn't call help. We couldn't call
in an air strike. I tell my wife our air strikes were automatic. They
were all executed by were all executed by
the enemy," he added,
smiling. "I'm"just wish. smiling. "'m'just wish-
ful that 've could have had some of that." never signed the
Geneva Accords they

POWs from "Etmemnet photo Corregidor adopted many
survival techniques. survance, these Bataan death march POWs helped their blood circulation by resting their feet on thei boots. Bataan was surren
dered 27 days dered 27 days befor

Preslar experienced the atrociousness of a among phip whe was shipped from the islands to Japan. In 1944 as American
forces, under the lead forces, under the lead Douglas McArthur began a fierce cam-
paign to regain control Islands, the prisoner o war status became dan gerous precarious Detween September and amounts of prisoner were crammed aboard
too few ships for relo too few ships for relo-
cation to Japan. These vessels were
referred to as "hell ships". They were unmarked. They trav
eled the shipping lanes between Japan and the Philippines, thus they
received fire from

Many American prison


> There was never
enough water: There would
be several thousand men
and one little spicket be several thousand men
and one little spicket some-
where. You can't find enough time when the line wasn't so long. That's why it was so important to have
a buddy. Better if you had a buddy. Better if you had
about four of you. That way you could have two or
yhree or four in line and divide up what you'd get. "
> ers of war went down
with these torpedoed "hell ships"
According
> reslar's own word the hold of the ship
was heavy timbers and canvas cable battened down. One 4 ft . x 4 ft.
square hole was all the air available." Forty of the 50 days
the POWs sailed was
spent sailing in tropical heat reaching egrees in the hold Crammed into the bow els of the ships, with never any trips topside,
with little room to stand, sit or lie down, many lack of oxygen. Preslar states that in the dark of night as the
prisoners fought for prisoners fought for
space he believes some
killings might have occurred.
Toilet
facilities for Toilet facilities for
750 men were two buck. ets on a rope lowered into the hold, Preslar

General Wainwright's message to President Roosevelt
May 6, 1942
With broken heart and head bowed in sadness
but not in shame, I report to your Excellency that but not in shame, I report to your Excellency that
today I must arrange terms for the surrender of the fortified islands of Manila Bay
There is a limit of human endurance and that relief I feel it is my duty to my country and to my gallant troops to end
If you agree, Mr. President, please say to the
nation that my troops and I have accomplished all that is humanly possible and that we have upheld Army. May God bless and preserve you and guide you and the nation in the effort to ultimate victory....
With profound regret and with continued pride in my gallant troops I go to meet the Japanese commander...Good-bye, Mr. President.

President's Roosevelt's response to General Wainwright
During recent weeks, we have been following with growing admiration the day-by-day accounts
of your heroic stand against the mounting intensity of bombardment of enemy planes and heavysiege guns... In spite of the handicaps of complete isola tion, lack of food and ammunition, you have given
the world a shining example of patriotic fortitud and self-sacrifice
And American people ask no finer example of tenacity, resourcefulness, and steadfast courage
The calm determination of your personal leader ship in a desperate situation sets a standard of duty for our soldiers throughout the world... In every camp and on every naval vessel, sol-
diers, sailors and Marines are inspired by the gal lant struggle of their comrades in the Philippines The workmen in our shipyards and munitions plants redouble their efforts because of your
example... You and
living symbol of our war aims and the guarante of victory

Franklin D. Roosevelt
time allied forces were winning on both Pacific and Atlantic
fronts. The emperor of fronts. The emperor of that the moment Japan thas invaded all POWans would be shot. One hell ship had
embarked with approxembarked with approx-
imately
2,000
men. After five days only 700
remained. At final remained. At final
docking a mere 350 had docking a mere 350 had
survived the trip. All the Japanese
ships transporting the Ships transporting the
prisoners of war were "There was one time
in particular that I just in particular that I just
wanted to go, Preslar
said His unit of POW, said. His unit of POWS
were on a sail ship in
and Hong Kong harbor in
the fall of 1944 . the fall of 1944.
American borber
pilots were pelting the pilots were pelting the
boat where Preslar huddled in the hold. s com
e
one
d "hina," Preslar said in the harbor. When youre out at sea, you
can maybe feel a little
breeze. breeze in But sitting
there in the harbor, there in the harbor,
we'd just get so hot, I'd hope that one of our
planes would hit us. planes would hit us.
That it would just be fast. Only one out of 10
of us came back alive It was disease, or heli
ships. We lost 1800 on ships. We lost 1800 on
one hell's ship.
Americans sank one Americans sank one
ship. You can't blame the Americans because
the ships were not the ship
marked."
marked.
Preslar and a fellow
American American reached
shore. He was waiting or directions about noticed people board-
ing a train. He said to ing a train. He said to his friend that they
were going to board the
train along with the train along with the
other travelers. His other travelers. His
friend had misgivings. but Preslar said he told to lose. The two waded into the crowd and
boarded the train.
When asked if they had boarded the train.
When asked if they had a ticket they said they
didn't, and were unobdidn't, and were unob-
structed. They proceed. structed. They proceed-
ed to Yokohama and
found an American outBy now America had ry ceded to the Japanese; the territory
over which the defen. over which the defen-
dants of Bataan and Corregidor had given their lives, either in
the chances of battle or horrors of captivity.
The Japanese signed an unconditional surren. unconditional surren-
der aboard the USS
Missouri Sept. 2, 1945 . For Preslar and his friend, their horrifying they had survived over. Alamo. A gaunt 85-1b.,
25 - year old Marine soon was home in Pecos.
End Series Editor's note: Thanks erans for your service to our great nation.

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## Democrats say they will fight redistricting bill

AUSTIN (AP) - Democrats say they are not going
to let the Republican-backed effort to redraw the to let the Republican-backed effort to redraw the
state's congressional lines get out of the Senate state's congressional lines get out of the Senate
chamber without a fight, even though they admit they do not have the numbers to block the bill. Redistricting is expected to come up for debate Tuesday on the Senate floor.
12 advantage in the chamber.
${ }^{12}$ advantage in the chamber. floor and will voice their constituents' concerns but I think what you'll see is that we're going to be professional. We're going to be respectful," said Sen.
Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Leticia Van de Putt
Democratic Caucus.

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new redistricting map Friday. Sen. Robert Duncan new redistricting map Friday. Sen. Robert Duncan, Republicans an additional three to four seats in th delegation that is now ruled $17-15$ by Democrats. Democrats have been fighting Republican redis-
tricting efforts since this spring but appear to tricting efforts since this spring but appear to have ting out of the Senate chamber
House Democrats blocked a bill during the regular legislative session when 51 of them fled to Oklahoma to break a quorum in their chamber During the first special legislative session, Senate on redistricting because the order of bills was arranged so that a two-thirds vote of the chamber was needed to bring the bill up for a debate
That requirement was dropped during the That requirement was dropped during the second special session, so Senate Democrats fled to New
Mexico, where they would be out of reach of Texas law officers sent to find them, to block a quorum in their chamber
They reluctantly returned last week at the start of
the third special session. Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides' and hoped that the Senate could take care of the bilk in a few hours "but that really depends on our Democrat colleagues.
"I hope that we end up with a map that is fair, that
represents the voting trends here in the state of represents the yoting trends here in the state of Texas, in my judgment, that doesn't touch any of our
minority districts and leaves in tact our communities on de Putte, D.San Antonio, said the senators will point out deficiencies in the proposed redistricting map as they debate the bill on the floor.
Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, held out the

## Higher incidence of Lou Gehrig's discovered in Gulf War veterans

WASHINGTON (AP) -
Veterans of the 1991
Persian Gulf War were at Veterans of the 1991
Persian Gulf War were at
least twice as likely to be least twice as likely to be
diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease as non-
Gulf veterans or other than 45 according to studies pub
lished Monday. The findings came
almost two years after $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Veterans Affairs } \\ \text { Secretary } & \text { Anthony }\end{array}$ Secretary Anthony
Principi decided, based VA would offer health
care and other benefits to Gulf War veterans with
Lou Gehrig's disease amyotrophic lateral scle rosis. That marked the
first time the government acknowledged a link between service in the
Gulf and a specific disGulf and a specific dis
ease.
"The important thing is where do we go from more research into ALS to see if we can determine why this happened," Principi said. He also said he hopes funding for now increase funding for ALS
research" at VA and a other institutions
The study and one a
the University of Texa Southwestern Medical Center
Neurology,
appea
a reviewed journal Always fatal, the disease causes the gradual death of nerve cells that control muscle movement paralysis and death. It paralysis is unknown, and there remains no cure. It affects about 30,000 Americans and is com monly associated with Lou Gehrig of the New You Gerk Yankees, who died of the disease in 1941. The VA found 40 veter ans with the disease. The
cases may overlap. ases may overlap. that military personnel
deployed to the Gulf War region during the conflict stood twice the risk of
suffering ALS compared to nondeployed military "What we have to ask now is why is there that
elevated risk?" said Dr. elevated risk?" said Dr. logist at the National
nstitute of Neurological epidemiologist Dr. Rober Ha y, determined that 17 of the 20 war veteran
with the disease were diagnosed before they
turned 45 . turned 45 . Of those, 11 have since died. Haley compared the
number of cases of ALS in Gulf War veteran between 1991 and 1998 to the number of cases expected each year in the
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## TEXAS TODAY

Duist claiming self-defense in murder trial GALVESTON (AP) - The neighbor of an eccentric they were struggling bver accidentally discharged, derense attorneys said. There is absolutely no motive other than selfdefense or accident," defense attorney Michael Ramsey trial Monday.
Prosecutors said Morris Black, 71, did not attack Durst, whom they accused of committing a "cold, calculated murder.
"You're going to hear a lot of different stories about Morris Black," Galveston County District Attorney Robert Durst knowingly and intentionally murdered Black 2001, two days after he was killed, floating

## Interim Houston police chief named

HOUSTON (AP) - Thirty-year Houston police veter an Joe L. Breshears was appointed interim police, seven years on the job
Mayor Lee Brown announced Breshears' appointment Monday, which also was Bradford's last day, ending a controversial tenure that included troubles with the police department's DNA laboratory. Breshears said restoring the embattled DNA lab would be his top priority during his short time as
chief. He said he plans to retire in early or mid-2004 and will not seek an appointment by the next mayor. "I want to see us continue that (crime lab) rehabilitation process. I'd like to see us get as far along toward completing that process as we can before the new mayor and the
its prevent him froffice in January because term lim

Boost to judges' pay would aid mayor, council HOUSTON (AP) - Harris County Commissioners were scheduled to vote Tuesday on pay raises for
judges - a decision that could also mean a boost in pay for elected officials under state law.
Commissioners are considering a $\$ 14,000$ annual increase for Harris County's 59 civil and criminal disEach of the county's 23 probate, civil- and criminal court-at-law judges would get an increase of $\$ 3,704$ a year.
And based on a 1977 state law, city officials including the mayor, city controller and members of City Council members would get an 11 percent raise.
The law, and a subsequent city ordinance, directly to district judges.

Houston's mayor is to be paid approximately 150 percent of the salary Harris County pays to a district judge, and the city controller's saiary is to be equal to are paid about 40 percent of the jurist's pay. . The biggest pay increase would go to Houston's next
mayor who would be paid $\$ 186,986$ a year, up from the mayor who would be paid $\$ 186,986$ a year, up from the current salary of $\$ 165,817$.
If approved, the raises would be automatic and

NFL official tours preparations for Super Bowl HOUSTON (AP) - Dust covers the floor, plaster work is yet to be finished on some of the walls and
plastic remains over light fixtures at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center where thousands of football fans will gather in four months for the NFL Experience, a festival that accompanies the Super Bowl.
Tiles
Tiles were being laid Monday and carpeting already
in place was protectively covered as NFL Senior Vice in place was protectively covered as NFL Senior Vice President for Special Events, Jim Steeg, pointed
toward the newly built corner office he'll be using as the Feb. 1 Super Bowl nears.
"At least you don't have one of those countdown clocks at the airport. It scares the heck out of you,"
Steeg told Houston Mayor Lee Brown, who joined him Steeg told Houston Mayor Lee Brown, who joined him
for a tour of the city's expanded convention center which by the end of the year will showcase three additional exhibit halls, six new show offices, four new conference rooms and an additional 64 meeting rooms. The center also will include a new double-decker pedestrian bridge leading to the soon-to-open 1,200 room Hilton Americas-Houston hotel.
You've got a facility here that is going to be done. and you've got a can-do attitude of the people. So that solves all the problems," Steeg said, saying he was encouraged by the construction progress. "Once you get the walls up, it is amazing how quick they can do
the inside stuff to make it'all work."

Dell awards grants to help insure children AUSTIN (AP) - Thirteen communities across Texas are getting millions of dollars in grant money in an expanded effort to help school districts educat. The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation is funding the school outreach program.
A total of $\$ 3.4$ million in grants has been awarded to community organizations in Austin, Beaumont,
Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, Galveston, Houston, Lubbock, the Rio Grande Valley, San Antonio Tyler Longview and Waco.
The organizations will work with local school dis tricts to educate the parents of more than 971,000 kid about available children's health insurance options. Through schools, parents can learn how to enrol their uninsured children in coverage through their unin
TexCare.


Just a little reminder to start using the new area codes in western Texas by October 4, 2003.

seven-digit phone number. Start using the new area codes now - after October 4th, Please note that rates are not chaning our calls won't be completed as dialed ocal call is still a local call. For the big picture about these changes, visit us online without them. Local calls made within one at www.texas-code.com
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## In Brief

Baseball boosters to meet Sept. 25 at ATC The Big Spring Steer Baseball Booster Club will meet Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the ATC. For more information

## BSHS cheerleaders

to hold cheer camp The Big Spring High will be holding a minicheer camp for youths ages 5-13 on Sept. 27. Participants will perball game on Oct. 3 .

## YMCA swim team

 spots available $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { The } & \text { Big } & \text { Spring } \\ \text { Family } & \text { YMCA } & \text { swim }\end{array}$ team has positions open for interested ath-To be eligible to parthe swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary bre responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all
transportation and transportation meals at meets. For more information
call Dolline Budke 264-8252 or 263-4505.

Steers Basketball Boosters to meet The Big Spring Steers Club will hold a meetthe Big Spring High Parents of all fresh. men, JV and varsity boys basketball playe
are urged to attend.

## Quarterback Club to

 meet Monday at ATC The Big Spring High School QuarterbackClub will hold its week. ly meeting Monday the Big Spring High School Athletic Train ing Center.
Everyone is welcome

## BSHS netters to host

Levelland Sept. 27
The Big. Spring team
tennis squad will contennis squad will con-
tinue their through District 4-4A they host Levelland at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex. The Steers opened oop play on Sept. 20

## Steer freshmen to

 face Grape Creek While most of the Big ake a week off, the BSHS freshmen will hit he field Thursday to ace Grape Creek The Steers, 1-2 for season, will begin play against the Eagles at :30 p.m.

Lady Steers to open 4-4A play tonight

Sports Editor
The time for getting ready has passed for the Big Spring Lady
Steers. The real season has fina Steers. The
ly arrived.
ly arrived. their last five outings, take their first step toward what they hope will culminate in a district championship tonight when the face the Lake View Maidens. Th

## 7 p.m. in the Lake View <br> p.m. in the Lake View gym,

experienced stars, $\begin{gathered}\text { including } \\ \text { Ka'Rissa Magers, } \\ \text { Wrightsil, Lindsay Phillips and }\end{gathered}$
Mand for both squads. The Lady Steers, the District 4 4A runner-up a year ago, head year head coach Revis Daggett figured they would in the preseason - in the hunt and poised to prove they are one of th
top volleyball programs The Lady Steers wh have found the right mix after Daggett shifted her lineup after a loss to Lubbock Coronado, is led into the matchup by a host of Leina Braxton. All four were allBig Spring to the Region I-4A semifinals. Shannon Higgins, Carmen Lewis have also played Bey roles. Spring, which rolled to an easy win over Wink Saturday in the Steer Gym, enjoyed a fruitful non-district slate. The team post ed victories in 17 of their 25 non-
See DISTRICT. Page 2 . See DISTRICT, Page 2B past weekend. Coahoma finished second to Sands in the Class 1A-2A standings.

## Steers claim third straight win at Blackburn Memorial

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor
Daniel Garza came up short in
his quest to win his first meet of
the year, but the Big Spring High
School standout still achieved his
main objective at Saturday's
Everett Blackburn Memorial
Cross Country Meet.
He led the Steers to the title for
the third straight time.
Garza finished second in the
final results of the Class 3A-4A-5A
5-kilometer race at Birdwell Park,
covering the trail in a time of 17
minutes, 27 seconds. Joel Zubia of
Midland Lee was first at 17:09.
Anchored by Garza, and a
fourth-place finish by Andy
Arguello, Big Spring easily nailed
down the team crown, scoring just
27 points. Midland Lee edged out
San Angelo Lake View for second.
Andrews and Midland High
rounded out the top five.
While Garza didn't find gold at
the end of his journey, Sands'
Marcelo Barraza and the entire
Lady Mustangs' squad did.
Barraza, a SHS senior, won the
Class $1 \mathrm{~A}-2 \mathrm{~A}$ crown with a mark of
19:45.
The Lady Mustangs, rated No. 3
in the state according to the Texas
High School Cross Country poll,
won the girls' team championship
by scoring

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 won the girls' Large School race,
running a time of 13:11 over the 3 kilometer trail. Odessa High won he girls' team title.
In the boys Class
Barraza held off a strong push
from Jose Gonzales of Colorado City to net the win. Barraza edged Gonzales by a single second with a time of 19:45.
$\begin{array}{cc}\text { Sands } & \text { teammate } \\ \text { Martinez } & \begin{array}{c}\text { Robert } \\ \text { was }\end{array} \\ \text { fifth, } \\ \text { while }\end{array}$ Martinez
Coahoma's
was fifth, while Grant Bartlett finished ninth and 11th, respectively. Forsan's Cody rietag was 10th.
The Lady Mustangs garnered alid outings from Danon Ramey, Krista Blagrave to win the girls A-2A-3A crown. Sarah Bartlett and Mendy Morgan led Coahoma by finishing
sixth and eighth. Miranda Hester sixth and eighth. Miranda Hester and Britanee Nix also raced. Becerra and Dani Borel finished fifth and 16 th
Patricia Franco of Big Spring checked in at No. 17

District 4
Lake View.

## BSJHS squads improve to 2-0 <br> By TOMMY WELLS

The Big Spring Junior High School Steers kep that perfect feeling intact
this past week as both the seventh and eighth grade
squads rolled to wins over Grape Creek.
With the wins, both teams improved to $2-0$
heading into Thursday's
games with rival Snyder The Steer seventh
graders claimed a $21-16$ last Thursday.
Darius McCallester put Darius McCallester put
Big Spring on the road to a win early. He caught a
70 -yard touchdown pass
that gave the Steers the momentum.
Sydney Parker and the
BSJJHS defense got into the act from there.
Parker intercepted a pass
and returned it 40 vards and returned
for a score.
Nathan Doporto closed Nathan Doporto closed
out the Steers' win by Big Spring. which
opened the year with a
win over Andrews. also
garnered solid efforts from Kadrian George. Brian Castillo. Quentin
Ausbie and Tyler
Chesworth. eighth graders awake from a sluggish first half
and rally for a $15-6 \mathrm{win}$. Dawson intercepted a
pass late in the first half. Defensively, the Steers
were led by Hadden Phillips, John Ontiveros,
Keaton Hughes. Running back Terrance Clemons
led the offense.
Also plaving well were Also playing well were
Brandy Hubbard. Terr. Brandy Hubbard, Terr-
ance Young, Brandon Ontiveros, Lance Gross
Knights rule, Thunder rolls in soccer play


- Photo/Bruce schoole The Big Spring Lady Steers open 4-4A play tonight against

The Knights came to
life Saturday afternoon and the Bulldogs paid dearly for it. Cast. Lindzey Roach and Dylan Lowery all scored goals and led the Knights to an impressive $3-0$ win ove
the Bulldogs in the Bulldogs in Bi
Spring Youth Association action.
With the win, the Knights improved to 2 in $12 \&$ Under action. The Thunder kept its
record unblemished Saturday, claiming a tough 2.0 win over the Fastrax in 10 \& Under action. Seth Yarbar scored once for the Thunder, turning a pass from Brianna
Hilario into Hilario into a goal
Thomas Young added penalty kick.
Defensively,
Thunder was paced by Șee SOCCER, Page $2 B$ E

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## World Series Turns 100



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beautiful ring In the first World Series, each member of the Boston Pilgrims got a bonus of $\$ 1,182$. Last year, each playe
on the Anaheim Angels got $\$ 272,000$. The losers get money, too. Players on
the losing team last year, the S
Francisco Giants, got $\$ 186,000$.

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Cy Young
Young was one of
the greatest pitchers in baseball history. He
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## Winners of the World Series

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the team or move it. Dots on the map show the cties that are home to basebell teams.
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no longer are major league teams.
They are the Philadelphia Athletics, They are the Philadelphia Athletic
who won five, and the Waashington
Senators, who won 1 Below are the current teams and the number of series each has won.
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Meet Christy Carlson Romano

| Rookie Cookie's Recipe Nutty Bananas on a Stick <br> - 3 bananas, peeled <br> - 1 cup chocolate chips <br> - 1/2 tablespoon vegetable shortening <br> - 1 cup chopped peanuts or shelled sunflower seeds What to do: <br> 1. Cut the bananas in half. <br> 2. Push a stick in the end of each banana half <br> 3. Put chocolate chips and shortening in a small bowl. <br> 4. Cook on medium in a microwave oven for 3 minutes, uncovered. <br> 5. Stir mixture and then dip bananas in melted chocolate. <br> 6. Roll in crushed nuts or seeds. <br> 7. Wrap in plastic wrap and freeze for at least 2 hours until firm |
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