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MONDAY

June 14, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



TOMORROW TONIGHT 71°-73° 98°-100°

NOTICE

A replacement Herald newspaper rack has been replaced at the Kwikie convenience store for our customers. The rack stolen in front of the Herald office will be replaced as soon as possible.

BRIEFLY

Pops in the Park chorus practice

The Big Spring Symphony Chorus is preparing for Pops in Park with rehearsals at the First Methodist United Church.

Rehearsals will be each Monday in June from 7 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. and will be located alternately at the Big Spring FUMC and the Stanton First Baptist Church.

The final rehearsal will be at 4:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Band Hall on July 3, the day of the performance. After a dinner break that day, the chorus will be transported to the Big Spring Amphitheatre from the band hall.

For more information. call Graumann Pump and Engines at 267-1626 and ask for Keith or leave a message.

Kennel Club has cookbook on sale

Big Spring The Kennel Club's fundcookbook, raising from the Treats Country, is now available. The cookbook contains 200 recipies from club members. friends and family, ranging from appetizers to main courses, desserts and a special section, Pet Treats.

Treats from the Country is available for \$8 by calling 394-4233.

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Library doing its part toward emphasizing big Rodeo Week

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard County Library summer reading participants will receive a special visit Tuesday from former professional rodeo clown Quail Dobbs and friends as one of many activities celebrating the 71st annual Big Spring

Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo.

"Although he has not yet confirmed who he is bringing, Quail always brings a surprise with him. It's always a surprise when Quail comes to visit us," said Howard Children's County Librarian Karen McIntyre.

Tuesday's program is normally reserved for her MARKS group, (Mighty Awesome Reading Kids) for children in second grade and older, but McIntyre said children of all ages are invited to visit with Dobbs and his

rodeo friends at 10 a.m. in

See LIBRARY, Page 3A



Washington Elementary School kindergarten teacher Barbara Ball explains the usefulness of LeapPad technology in the classroom. The Washington Elementary kindergarten team received a \$500 MARS grant and will use the money to purchase more LeapPads for all four kindergarten classes.

MARS grant will provide LeapPads for kindergartners

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Washington Elementary School kindergarten teachers will leap back into school come August with additional technology to help teach reading skills, thanks to a local grant.

For the second year in a row, the kindergarten team received a \$500 MARS grant and will use the money to purchase more LeapPads for all four kindergarten class-

"The goal of the Washington Kindergarten teacher is to ensure that all methods are used to reach the diverse and varied needs of the student entering kindergarten Washington, teacher Barbara Ball. 'Through the grant, we plan to provide multi-sensory curriculum that will

provide a systematic

approach to teaching

phonemic awareness.

phonics and early key

reading skills along with

offices at 264-3600. the Project Read and the state-adopted reading program."

If \$500 more can be

equipment, the school

another \$500 worth of

businesses or individual

wishing to donate funds

Washington Elementary

at 264-4126 or the dis-

trict administrative

free equipment. Any

raised for LeapPad

will be eligible for

should contact

LeapPads are interactive books that use activities, games, stories and facts to develop vocabulary, spelling, phonics skills, reading skills, mathematics and science.

The books allow students to re-enforce reading concepts and other skills individually, thus allowing the teacher to

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Coach of year, top athletes all enjoy the competition as well as friendship

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Long-time Special Olympics coach Linda Gonzales normally receives her rewards from the excited faces of her athletes but on Saturday she was honored in front of family, friends and her athletes as the Coach of the Year.

"I was shocked," Gonzales, a nurse for Elementary Marcy School, said following the presentation at the Special Olympics Texas Area 18 2004 Awards luncheon held at the Howard County ARC Bingo Hall.

Also honored were fel- band, Jesse, a Texas low Big Spring residents Department Joshua Hughes, named Male Athlete of the Year, and Pam Boley, Female Athlete of the Year.

A volunteer for six years, Gonzales said she gained a love of the organization very quickly.

"I volunteered to do some paperwork for Kay (Wylie, head of delegation for the Howard County) and she asked for me to come to one of the practices," she said. "I loved it. It's so rewarding"

That love past down to her family.

Not only does her hus- See AWARDS, Page 3A

Transportation employee, donate his time as a coach but also her son, Matt, serves as an assis-

tant coach. "Matt asked to come to one of the practices, and he turned out to be a natural coach," she said.

As Male Athlete of the Year, the 33-year-old Hughes has participated in Special Olympics for more than 25 years.

"He's always ready to go and practice," said his grandmother Mary



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year Joshua Hughes, Coach of the Year Linda Gonzales and Outstanding Female Athlete of the Year Pam Boley pose for a picture following the announcement of awards at the 2004 Special Olympics Texas Area 18 Awards. The awards ceremony, sponsored by the Howard County ARC, was held in Big Spring Saturday.

Council set to vote on Cox franchise agreement

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council is expected to approve final reading of a franchise agreement with Cox Communications during its Tuesday meeting, moving both entities into the 21st century.

The council voted unanimously to accept the new agreement during its first reading two weeks ago, a step that City Attorney Jean Shotts said is a move in the right direction for both the city and Cox.

We had a franchise that is now 10 years old," said Shotts. "It was a 30-year franchise

and it was lacking in a lot of different respects. It didn't take into account or set up to handle the advances in technology that have occurred. So we opened negotiations with Cox to fix a lot of the things we didn't like. We wanted more performance standards and clear up some things with the government access channels.

"We've been meeting with them off and on for several months and this is basically the result of that. They had some things that they wanted clear. I think we've ended up with a document that is something we can move forward with, and I certainly believe is a great improvement over what we had."

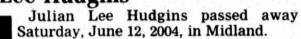
In addition to bringing the agreement up to technological speed, the new ordinance also raises the franchise fee paid to the city from 3 percent to 5 percent, a move that Shotts said he believes will bring Big Spring in line with other nearby cities.

"A franchise is based upon the use of the public easements and rights of way," he explained. "We have alleys and we have streets, and Cox uses those to make money. The franchise fee is to pay us for the use of the public right of way. It's kind of like leasing it, after a fashion.

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Obituaries

Julian Lee Hudgins



He was born March 1, 1961, in Snyder, to L.B. and Barbara Hudgins. Julian moved to Argentina as a young man and spent many years there before moving to Midland, where he attended Midland Christian School.

Julian felt his mission in life was to help people with substance abuse problems and that grew into his life's work,

Basin Detox. He was awarded the Texas Department of Public Safety Award when he stopped and gave aid to the victim of a traffic accident.

Julian loved to hunt and he was always very active in all of his children's activities. The most important people in his life were his sons and his wife.

Julian was preceded in death by his father, L.B.

He is survived by his wife, Becky; his sons, Jared Lee Hudgins and Tyler Logan Hudgins, of Midland; his stepdaughter. Cindy Coles of Dallas; his mother, Barbara Hudgins of Odessa; his special father figure, Wayland Wood of Midland; his sister, Susan Benton of Odessa; a nephew, Dustin Benton of Odessa; and numerous aunts and uncles.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at Kelview Heights Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerry Berry officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway., Midland 79701.

Paid obituary

Concepcion "Chona" Juarez



Concepcion "Chona" Juarez, 80, of Big Spring died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at her home after a long illness. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Socorro Rios officiating. Her body will lie in state at 1511 Sycamore.

She was born Dec. 8, 1923, in Barstow to Catarina Munoz Garcia and Bernardo Garcia. She lived most of her life in Big Spring. She was a homemaker and a

member of Templo Belen Assembly of God.

She is survived by four daughters, Rosa Bejerno of Midland, Sandy Rivera and Flora Nunez, both of Big Spring, and Linda Juarez of Seagoville; one son, Ruben Juarez Sr. of Big Spring; five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

H. M. "Buzz" Hubbard

H. M. "Buzz" Hubbard, 79, of Temple died Saturday, June 12, 2004, in a Temple hospital. His services are Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

□ BENEFIT GARAGE SALE FOR FIRST

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PAUL WILLIAM SCHLIPF III, 41, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on

charges of interfering with an emergency call and

· CHARLES ALLEN ROBINSON, 42, was trans-

· ALBERT MARTINEZ JR., was arrested Friday by

STAN ALLEN PARKER, 39, was transferred to

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charge driving while license suspended.

ving while intoxicated - open container.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the fol-

• JONNY CANTU, 32, of 1500 E. 11th Place, was

• DAVID RIVERA JR., 18, of 4223 Hamilton, was

arrested Saturday on a charge of driving under the

· RUBEN ANTHONY GONZALES, 21, of 1503

Robin, was arrested Saturday on charges of unlawful-

ly carrying a weapon and attempted burglary of a

JOE LUIS MIRAMONTES, 32, of 1110 Johnson,

· ALVIN CRAWFORD, 26, of 2601 Fairchild, was

RODOLFO CHAVEZ, 46, of Aspermont, was

arrested Saturday on a charge of disorderly conduct -

arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication.

• BRIAN WALLACE, 38, of 107 W. 19th Street, was

arrested Sunday on a charge of assault class C - fami-

· AMY LYNN MARTINEZ, 21, of 1612 Mesquite,

was arrested Sunday on charges of failure to identify

as a fugitive from justice and Ector County warrants

• EARL PERRY HANKE, 46, of 704 Borden, was

arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while license

JOE WOODRUFF, 33, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was

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BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported :

INJURY was reported in the 10000 block of Moss Lake

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suspended - enhanced.

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- in the 1700 block of Wasson Road.

- in the 1600 block of Gregg Street.

in the 10000 block of Moss Lake Road.

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in the 1700 block of S. Johnson Street.

ASSAULT CLASS C was reported:

- in the 1300 block of Johnson.

- in the 1900 block of Runnels.

- in the 100 block of Lockhart.

the 2500 block of March Circle.

assault - family violence.

- in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

Fin the 1700 block of FM 700.

- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

influence by a minor.

BAPTIST CHURCH IN KNOTT pastor's wife Cathy The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-Kinman is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. She lowing activity: has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing · SHEILA EISENBACH, 20, was transferred to the treatment in Lubbock. The benefit sale will be in the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of forgery of a financial instrument.

vacant house behind the Knott Station on CR 846 in Middle Knott. Items include aclothing, decorative items, kitchen appliacnes, mattresses, chairs, baby cribs, toys, a bake sale and a quilt, with a goal of raising \$500 at \$1 each. Call Joann Peugh at 459-2220 or Sue Robinson at 353-4417 to donate. A fund for Cathy Kinman has been established at State National Bank.

HERITAGE MUSEUM'S LEGENDS AND **LEGACIES DINNER** featuring a new exhibit, "Rodeo Clowns — The Cowboy's Hero" is from 6-8 p.m. on the museum patio. Tickets are \$15. Call 267-8255.

□ MEMBERS OF THE EVENING LIONS CLUB are looking for area handicapped and disabled children who would like to attend the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer.

Children eligible for the camp include those who are amputees or have asthma, cerebral palsy, lupus, muscular dystrophy, scoliosis, sickle cell anemia, stroke, partial paralysis, heart problems, epilepsy, cancer, or are deaf or hearing impaired.

Ineligible conditions include attention deficit disorder, Down's Syndrome, mental retardation, emotionally disturbed, autism and hemophilia.

For information on the camps, contact Bob Noyes at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 267-5811, or visit the Lion's

Web site at www.lionscamp.com Lions provide funding for the camp as well as transportation, if necessary.

□ CHRIST'S COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP is requesting donations of any household items, furniture, appliances, linens, cookware and dishes to be distributed to the needy in Big Spring. Items will be picked up. Please call 263-5683 and leave a message.

while license suspended/invalid. · RICKY EDWARDS JR., 20, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of viola-

tion of probation. • ESTEVAN VALENCIA JR., 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of dri-

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charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon. · SHOTS FIRED was reported in the area of Wasson Road.

DOG BITE was reported In the 2700 block of Hernandez Road.

• INDECENT EXPOSURE was reported near the 168 mile marker of Interstate 20.

Support groups

MONDAY

☐ Encourager's Support Group for widows and widowers begins at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. Please bring a covered dish. Call 398-5522 for more information.

TUESDAY

☐ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

☐ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

☐ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

FRIDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 to

Bulletin board

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

· Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Those 50 years and older are invited to attend. Call 268-4721.

· Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

• Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. TX 1756 meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday in the 11th and Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. A different program is offered every week, and anyone 7 years old or older is welcome to attend. Please enter through the northwest door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

· Legends and Legacies, the annual Heritage Museum dinner, features a special exhibit opening, 'The Cowboy's Hero," a tribute to the rodeo clown. Tickets are \$15 each at the museum.

· Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. in the Coahoma Community Center at 306 North Ave.

 Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in the La Posada Restaurant. · Archeology Society for Howard and Borden coun-

ties meets at 7 p.m. in the Howard County Library Community Room in the basement. Call 270-2615 for more information. · Concerned Citizens Council meets at 7 p.m. at 500

S. Main St., in the Dorothy Lamb Meeting Room of the Howard County Library. The public is welcome.

• Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

· Big Spring Assembly No. 211 Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Temple at 221 1/2 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

· Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

Weather

Rain and hot temperatures are expected throughout pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & UNAUTHORIZED USE OF, A VEHICLE, was in Texas on Monday, according to the National Weather ____.

Meanwhile, weather watchers are keeping an eye on the Gulf of Mexico where there is a low pressure system over the Gulf of Mexico.

The system remained a little too disorganized to. upgrade to a tropical depression Sunday, according to the National Hurricane Center. It could, however, bring a large areas of rainfall to the states along the coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

The Panhandle was expected to see highs in the upper 90s with nighttime lows in the middle 60s on Monday.

There was a 40 percent chance of rain in East Texas with highs in the upper 80s and lows in the lower 70s. Central Texas was forecast to have a 20 percent chance of rain and temperatures were expected in the lower 90s. Rain chances diminish at night with partly cloudy skies and lows in the middle 70s.

Temperatures could reach as high as 100 in the Permian Basin with lows in the lower 70s.

The Texas Coast could have a 20 percent chance of daytime showers with temperatures in the upper 80s.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 10-15-20-29-35. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$120 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 23-33-4-2-36. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$40,548. Winning tickets sold in: League City. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 5-9-1

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BSPD officer suspended following arrest for DWI

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A Big Spring police officer was arrested early Saturday morning on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Lt. Stan Allen Parker, 39, is currently on administrative leave pending an internal investigation into charges against him.

Police Public Information Officer Roger Sweatt said the altercation that led to Parker's arrest began at the Greyhound Bus Station after a report of an intoxicated person was received by the police department.

"Police received a call from a citizen at the Greyhound bus station in reference to an intoxicated person possibly causing trouble there," said Sweatt. "The call came in at around 3:13 a.m. Officers responded and arrested Parker, who is a lieutenant with the

Sweatt said Parker was in a vehicle when police arrived and was arrested

"Lt. Parker is currently on administrative leave pending the outcome of an internal investigation. He was booked into the city jail on charges of driving while intoxicated and later transferred to the Howard County Jail, where he was bonded out."

Sweatt said Parker has been with the department for 16 years and is currently assigned to Support Services, which

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SWEATT to an intoxicated person possibly causing trouble there. The call came in at around 3:13 a.m. Officers responded and arrested Parker, who

includes records, animal control, communications and school operations.

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Stanton businessman dies in rollover accident on I-20

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

A former Big Spring resident and Stanton business owner was killed Saturday evening in a one-vehicle rollover accident in Martin County.

Julian Hudgins, 43, of Midland was pronounced Midland dead at Memorial Hospital after the 2004 Ford pickup truck he was driving rolled twice through a construction area on

"It happened at approximately 9:30 p.m. less than a mile outside of the Stanton city limits," said Department of Public Safety communications supervisor Jackie Taylor. "Mr. Hudgins was traveling east when he entered the median and struck a construction sign.

"He over-corrected to the right, causing the vehicle to roll twice, coming to a rest right side up in the center median. He

wasn't wearing a seat belt."

Hudgins, who was born in Snyder, was the owner of Basin Detox of Stanton and was once awarded the Texas Department of Public Safety Award when he stopped and gave aid to the victims of a traffic accident near Kerrville.

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AWARDS

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Hughes. "He enjoys the activities and being with the people."

His fellow honoree, 23year-old Boley, Female Athlete of the Year, has been active in Special Olympic bowling and track and field events for four years. She is the daughter of Ron and Vickie Boley.

Other awards announced during the luncheon were:

Outstanding Service from Cooperation, National Community Outstanding Bank; Service from a Business, Rosa's Cafe; Outstanding Service from an Electronic Media, News West 9 KWES TV; Outstanding Service from Print Media, Midland Reporter-Telegram; and Civic Outstanding Organization, Howard College.

Outstanding volunteer for Fund-Raising, Ashley Cash and Kathy Embry; **Outstanding Community** Leader, Molly Murphy; Volunteer of the Year, Connie Levario: Outstanding Volunteer Sports for and Competition, Mark Anderson; and Family of the Year, the Hall family,

The mission of Special Olympics Texas is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition. People 8 years of age and older with mental retardation are eligible to participate.

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COUNCIL

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"We're authorized under federal law to go up to'a 5 percent fee and virtually everyone around us is at a 5 percent fee. That was one of the things that Cox agreed needed to be done. Cox will be paying us 5 percent of its gross from cable sales. There doesn't include. Under some Federal Communications

Commission rulings, it won't include cable modems because that's considered communications and not cable."

The council is also expected to approve the final reading of an ordinance that lays the ground work for regulating future cable system

are some things that it franchises, a step Shotts said would be necessary if a second or third company decided to service the Big Spring area.

Also listed on the meeting agenda are:

· Reading of a proclamation declaring June 2004 "Home Ownership Month.'

· Presentation of June 2004 "Star Employee" Award.

· Presentation of the

Riding" and "Cowboy Up!

Your "Doing Part" Award.

 Final reading of a resolution authorizing delivery of a vulnerability assessment plan for the city utility system to the **Environmental Protection** Agency.

 The council will elect a mayor pro-tem.

 First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an operating lease for three back-

is \$5.

 Consideration of a request for street closure by the Downtown Revitalization Association.

· Make an appointment to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Development Board.

The meeting will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. ald.com

than 19 will be admitted. Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will provide music Friday night beginning at 9 p.m. On Saturday, Johnny Blaine and the Spur Band will take the stage at 9 p.m. Admission to both dances

Admission to the rodeo other than Wednesday is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Pre-sale tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children and are available at the Big Spring Chamber of Area Commerce, 215 W. Third St.; Wards Boots & Saddle, 212 Runnels St.; H-E-B, 2000 Gregg St.; First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700; Citizens A teen dance following FCU, 701 E. FM 700; First the rodeo will be held on Big Spring Banking Center, 1500 Gregg St.; C-

Directly following the meeting a public hearing concerning a possible ordinance banning tethering and chaining dogs within the city limits will be held. The hearing is expected to begin at 6:30

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the dance is free with a G Western Wear, 1600 paid admission to the Gregg St.; and State rodeo but no one older National Bank, 901 Main

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Brandon Sumner, 20 died Thursday. Funeral Services were at 10:30 Monday Cornerstone Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park

Jose Maria L. Mendoza, 84, died Thursday Funeral Services were at 2:30 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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the children's library room, 500 S. Main St.

Tentatively scheduled to appear are professional rodeo barrelman Rick Young, Miss Rodeo Texas Lacy Billingsley and professional rodeo announcer Mike Mathis.

"Quail has been doing this for a number of years. He has always been a great supporter of the summer reading program," McIntyre said.

Sometimes dressed in his bright colored clown uniform, sometimes not, McIntyre said Quail is always entertaining and his guest are eager to emphasize the importance of education and reading.

"The kids really think

Quail is neat and he always takes to time talk with each of them indi-... Continued from Page 1A vidually," she said. "We really have a good time and the parents are just as enthralled by him. "Every Miss Rodeo

Texas that has come to visit always stresses to the kids the importance of reading and staying in school and how that helped them get to where they are today," McIntyre continued.

Gail Woerner, author of "Fearless Funnymen, The History of the Rodeo Clown," will also be on hand to autograph her book.

Woerner has spent the past 20 years researching and interviewing rodeo people. Published in 1993, "Fearless Funnymen" is her first book, followed by Belly Full of Bedsprings, The History of Bronc

The History of Bull Riding."

are scheduled this week in conjunction with the 71st annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo beginning with the Heritage Museum's Legends and Legacies Dinner at 6 p.m today.

Tickets are \$15 at the museum, 510 Scurry, and catering is by Christine's Cafe of Coahoma. The menu includes a choice of chicken fried steak. chicken fried chicken or grilled chicken with all the sides.

During the dinner, to pay homage to rodeo clowns and their contribution to the sport, museum officials will premier the newest exhibit, "Rodeo Clowns - The Cowboy's Hero."

The exhibit features dis-

plays of Dobbs, who has been inducted into the Professional Rodeo A number of activities Cowboy Association Hall

On Wednesday, the rodeo officially begins with a parade in downtown Big Spring beginning at 5 p.m., which will feature the Hardin-Simmons White Horses, Texas Tech the University Masked Rider and several riding clubs from Texas and New

Mexico. The rodeo begins at 8 p.m. Wednesday and continues through Saturday at the Big Spring Rodeo Bowl. Gates open at 7 p.m.

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work in smaller groups or with individual children, Ball said. "It's very child friend-

ly," Ball said. "If the child makes a mistake, it's not a visible mistake such as a red mark on a paper." If Ball can raise \$500 purchase to more LeapPad equipment, the school will be eligible for

an additional \$500 worth

free from the company.

She is currently searching for a business interested in donating.

"The love of reading and basic skills to read are vital to a successful early school experience," Ball said. "We are very grateful for the funds provided by the MARS Grant and the Miller Family."

The MARS grant was established in the memory of the Ben Miller family. The Millers' three daughters graduated from Big Spring schools and Ruth Miller was an elementary teacher for more than 50 years in the school system.

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Legend & Legacies Dinner Exhibit Opening of Rodeo Clowns The Cowboy's Hero \$15 per person for a Chicken Fried Steak Dinner

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June 16th, 3:00 pm: Heritage Museu Kids Cown Contest For Ages 2 to 10, the winner will get a \$25.00 Gift Certificate & get a ride on the Old Settlers Float in the Parade.

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OTHER VIEWS

New exhibit fitting honor to real heroes

ll of us have our heroes — the men and women of our military now serving in harm's way; emergency personnel like law enforcement officers, firefighters and paramedics; and others we look up to as examples of character, honor and courage.

But ask any rodeo competitor anywhere and you can bet they add rodeo clowns to the list. That's because many of them have had their lives saved, or at leased shielded from serious injury, by at least one of the strangely dressed, facepainted daredevils.

Monday night the Heritage Museum will hold its Legends and Legacies Dinner to open a new exhibit, "Rodeo Clowns — The Cowboy's Hero," that honors the life-saving service those clowns provide to cowboys in arenas throughout the country on an almost nightly basis.

During the dinner, where between 100 and 150 people will be seated on the museum patio, Gail Woerner, author of "Fearless Funnymen, The History of the Rodeo Clown," will be on hand to introduce and autograph her book.

The new Heritage Museum exhibit appropriately features displays of Coahoma's Hall of Fame rodeo clown-turned-justice of the peace Quail Dobbs. Inducted into the PRCA Hall of Fame, Dobbs has also been honored in two different Texas cowboy halls of fame.

Others featured in the new exhibit, located on the second floor of the museum, are George Doak, a National Finals Rodeo clown who helped start Dobbs in his career; Rick Young, the "Agin' Cajun," who began his 30-year career as the "Ragin Cajun" and was awarded the Clown of the Year Award in 1980 by the PRCA; and Jimmy Anderson, who won the 1989 Wrangler Bullfight Championship in Big Spring and was the stunt double for Luke Perry in the movie "8 Seconds," about the late Lane Frost.

While tickets for Monday's dinner are no longer available, we encourage local residents to schedule a visit to the museum and view this newest exhibit. It's well worth your while.

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Protesters could use a lesson

elf-impressed protesters who wanted to "shut down" the BIO 2004 biotechnologyindustry conference in San Francisco last week

could take a lesson in morality and courage from the Chiron Corp. in Emeryville, Calif. The protesters engaged in their cheap stunts knowing there would be no real consequences for their actions not in San Francisco. Chiron employees, on the



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other hand, endured personal abuse and vicious harassment for months because they believe their work to develop new medicines and therapies is too important to abandon.

The harassment began in 2003, when animal-rights activists began targeting Chiron because it had contracted with the animalresearch firm Huntingdon Life Sciences. The campaign — which included yelling obscenities in front of workers' homes, following workers' children and jamming employees' home phone lines — is the handiwork of Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty, an animal-rights group dedicated to shutting down Huntingdon for using animals in research. SHAC's specialty, which has evolved into harassing and intimidating companies that do business with Huntingdon, is called "tertiary targeting."

Tertiary targeting often works, said FBI special agent Phil Celestini at a BIO 2004 conference workshop Wednesday, because most corporations would make a cost-benefit analysis and then decide it is cheaper to stop doing business with Huntingdon than to endure the harassment. Chiron, he said, is "one of the few corporations targeted by a SHAC campaign that has dug in and stuck it

The most amazing part: Chiron no longer had a contract with Huntingdon when the SHAC harassment began. Chiron issued a statement online that it was no longer doing business with Huntingdon. Some embattled employees wanted to go further and give in to SHAC's demand that Chiron write a letter promising never to use Huntingdon's services again in exchange for an end to the harassment, Chiron executive Linda Short told the workshop. Ultimately, Chiron decided not to cave. "You have to stand on principle," Chiron spokesman John Gallagher said. In August, activists set off two

bombs at Chiron. No one was injured. Agent Celestini noted that some eight years ago, anti-government militias and white supremacists were America's most dangerous domestic terrorism threat. Today, eco-terrorists and animalrights zealots are the big problem.

If SHAC ever succeeds in shutting down Huntingdon, Celestini warned shocked biotechnology executives, activists are ready with new targets: "As far as I know, every U.S.-based company at this (BIO 2004) conference is on the list."

One would think elected officials would respond with action to a declaration of war from anonymous individuals on companies that heal people.

They have. They are applauding the anti-health activists. San Francisco Supervisor Tom Ammiano offered a resolution June 8 that commends biotech demonstration organizers "for their concern for the health, safety and well-being of the public and the environment." Doublespeak lives in City Hall.

Now, it's true, most of the anti-BIO 2004 demonstrators were not animal-rights activists or eco-terrorists. In fact, it was hard to tell what most were protesting.

But SHAC was there. "Do business with HLS — Have a blast," read one protest sign, according to INC.

the Oakland Tribune. And the larger protests were designed to "shut down" the conference.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson was little better than the San Francisco supervisor. When I asked him at the conference Tuesday if the federal government could do more to protect biotech workers from harassment, Thompson responded, "Enforcing bility." And: "The federal government can't do everything.'

It's his job to help companies produce good medicines quickly, yet he couldn't muster indignation toward people who anonymously harass and intimidate employees of companies that heal people.

Thompson's British counterpart who was in town for BIO 2004, was tactful but surprised when I told him what Thompson said. "Really?" he said, later adding, "The prime minister and the home secretary take a great interest in this area."

The worst is this: If Chiron were an abortion clinic, Washington pols would be clamoring to find a way to protect the company. But because Chiron makes vaccines, it doesn't provide partisan fodder. Its plight is not a cause celebre.

The issue of the day, instead, is embryonic stem-cell research. People who respect the democratic process and argue over policies that limit funding for this research are dismissed as enemies of science while anonymous zealots who bomb, harass and threaten biotech workers operate under the radar.

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Inside report: Mourning and politics

the current buzz in the national capital's high-level Democratic circles has projected that Iowa Gov. Tom

Vilsack, previously considered a dark horse as John Kerry's running mate, is now the leading prospect. Political consultant

John Lapp, a former Vilsack aide, is in Washington beating the drums for the governor. One senior aide in the 2000 Gorefor-president campaign flatly predicts a



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Kerry-Vilsack ticket. Kerry likes and admires Vilsack and is grateful for the endorsement by Vilsack's wife, Christie, in the Iowa caucuses at a time when Howard Dean was considered a heavy favorite. However, Vilsack lacks national security expertise, and his experience is limited to Iowa. He was elected governor in 1998 at age 47 after serving as a state senator and mayor of Mount Pleasant.

A House Ways and Means Committee meeting on a tax bill, urged by the Republican leadership. was cancelled Democrats complained it would besmirch the memory of Ronald Reagan.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay has pressed for action on a bill that would eliminate an export subsidy ruled illegal by the World Trade Organization but also deal with many other questions. Ways and Means Chairman Bill Thomas scheduled the session long before the former president's death.

Charles Rangel, Democrat on Ways and Means. protested that the session would dishonor Reagan. Democrats threatened to prevent anything from being accomplished by forcing a reading of the bill and all amendments. Thomas cancelled the session, but Republicans grumbled that Rangel was always a sharp critic of the Reagan presidency.

campaign by Grover The Norquist and other conservative activists to immediately replace Alexander Hamilton on the \$10 bill with Ronald Reagan is partially intended to cause trouble for Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle's re-election campaign in South Dakota.

A vote on the proposal this year would put Daschle on the spot. He faces a tough challenge from former Rep. John Thune in a predominantly Republican state where Reagan was very popular.

A footnote: Daschle unsuccessfully attempted to prolong debate on the 1998 bill naming Reagan National Airport in Washington. He was one of only 22 senators voting no (while Sen. Edward M. Kennedy voted yes).

The split in the national Republican establishment over the Florida Senate primary Aug. 31 was dramatized Tuesday when competing fund-raising luncheons in Washington were held for the rival candidates: former HUD Secretary Mel Martinez and former Rep. Bill McCollum.

\$1,000-a-person While the Martinez lunch was held at a downtown restaurant. the \$500 McCollum event took place at the

ranking National Republican Senatorial Committee (NRSC). Sponsoring McCollum's lunch were Sens. Mike DeWine, Larry Craig, Don Nickles and John Sununu. But the NRSC chairman, Sen. George Allen, endorsed Martinez the day before the event.

With Republicans battling each other, the favorite to replace retiring Democratic Sen. Bob Graham is a Democrat: Betty Castor, a former state education commissioner and former state senator.

A Club for Growth fund-raising letter attempting to revive the congressional campaign by Brad Smith in Michigan recalls that the Republican party leadership threatened his father, retiring Rep. Nick Smith, with retaliation against his son's campaign if he voted against the Bush-backed prescription drug bill.

Smith was one of only 25 Republicans to break the party line and oppose the bill. The Club for Growth appeal asserts that the Aug. 3 primary in the safely Republican district could "replace a star like Nick Smith with a RINO (Republican in Name Only)." The appeal contends Brad Smith is even more conservative than his father. The current front-runner in the

primary is State Sen. Joe Schwarz, who led John McCain's 2000 campaign in Michigan. Trying to stave the Michigan off Schwarz, Chamber of Commerce Michigan Right to Life have endorsed State Rep. Clark Bisbee.

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Special to the Herald

The mind-body connection has been on the outer fringes of medicine for years. That line of thinking is changing with noted physicians bringing attention to this fascinating subject.

You can't separate the mind and body," said Dr. J. James Rohack at the Texas Medical Association's 137th Annual Conference in Austin.

"Mental and physical health are intricately related and heart disease is a perfect example of the role environmental factors play in our ability to stay healthy," said Rohack, senior staff cardiologist at Scott & White Clinic in Temple and professor of medicine at Texas A&M University Health Science Center. He also is a trustee of the American Medical Association and a former TMA president.

Rohack shared some ancient Asian philosophy with the audience to make his points.

"In 400 BC, Asian philosopher Sun Tzu stated it clearly, 'Know the enemy and know yourself, you will never be in peril.' In 1900, the western medical community concluded there was no enemy, a.k.a., no potential threat between the mind and body. It has taken a century but medicine has finally come around, realizing that the enemy is stress and it can wreak havoc on

health," Rohack said.

It is no surprise that Rohack holds an undergraduate degree in psychology.

"Rather than focus on the need to exercise, think in terms of simply being more active to produce more successful results."

According to Rohack, so much of our current challenges fighting heart disease are rooted in the survival strategies of our ancestors who actually benefited from occasional raging stress attacks.

"It was that 'fight or flight' chemical reaction the body utilized to fight off the predator, protect the family and save the village," he said. "Unfortunately our modernday stresses aren't exerted and released like they used to be, causing a build-up of bad hormones that leave the body with constricted arteries. This residue of stress is compounded by the fact that we no longer need to exercise to survive for travel or finding food and exercise is one of the best ways to combat stress."

Hardening of the arteries, also known as atherosclerosis, can be

body, especially cardiac thought of in terms of a Twinkie, according to Rohack. The inner cream filling is the LDL cholesterol with the spongy outside being the HDL cholesterol. Stress constricts or narrows the arteries and can cause them to either close or break, which results in a heart attack or

"Stress management is key to preventing an acute cardiac event," he said. Rohack advises that one of the most successful strategies of stress management is quality movement, rather than exercise. "As a standard, people in the U.S. hate to exercise. Rather than focus on the need to exercise, think in terms of simply being more active to produce more successful results."

The reason physical activity is so important is because it neutralizes the bad effects of stress in the body. Rohack advocates the lifestyle habits of traditional Mediterranean culture as a good technique to fight heart disease. "Their diet includes mono-saturated fats, such as olive oil and nuts. They eat fish frequently and they don't eat fried foods or a large amount of red meat."

In addition, Mediterranean cultures are known to be active, they walk a lot and they enjoy time to relax with friends and family, which are some of the best stress busters there are.

Good health for you and your family, too

ural living can mean many things for different people — caring neighbors, wonderful views, peace and quiet. But it can also mean some challenges, including staying healthy. A study from the Southern Medical Journal reported that women who live in rural

areas are more likely to live in poverty, to report more health problems,

and to be obese. Obesity is one of the nation's biggest public health problems. More than two out of every three Americans are overweight and one in every three is obese. A person who is obese is significantly more likely to develop serious medical

conditions such as heart disease, high

cholesterol, arthritis-related disabilities, high blood pressure, and even some cancers.

Our children are also at risk for being overweight or obese, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that one in every three children born in 2000 will become diabetic unless they start to exercise more and eat less. For African-American and Hispanic children, the news is even worse — nearly half will probably develop the disease unless something changes.

As the saying goes, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, so it's important that we focus on how to improve our own health and that of our families. Be honest with yourself. Is your weight healthy? Do you get regular exercise? Do you choose healthy food to eat? What about your

If you are overweight, then it's important to address that issue. It's not necessary to go on a strict diet and start training for a marathon. Just make small adjustments along the way. For example, instead of drinking several sugary soft drinks a day, try to alternate a soft drink with a big glass of water. Drinking lots of water is even more important as summer arrives.

As for exercise, try to add a little activity throughout your day. Park farther away from the store and walk the extra distance. Now that the days are getting longer and the weather is warming up, you could take your family to the park or take the dog for a walk in the evening instead of watching television. That way, your furry friend gets to benefit as

Healthy eating takes a bit of planning, but now is a good time to start because of the abundant fresh fruit and vegetables. Strawberries and orange segments make tasty snacks after school, and every evening dinner should include some of the delicious vegetables available this time of year.

Patti Patterson, M.D., is vice president of rural and community health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

AMA to weigh influence of drug companies

By LINDSEY TANNER

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Drug companies' influence on medical research and on doctors themselves will be under the microscope as the nation's largest group of physicians gathers for its annual meeting this

Proposals facing the American Medical Association include a measure seeking to make all drug study results public, even unpublished research funded by pharmaceutical

reflect poorly on their what medicines are preproducts.

The measure stems partly from concern over unpublished data linking antidepressants some with suicidal behavior in children. Government officials are investigating the potential link.

Another measure would strengthen a policy the AMA adopted last year on "shadowing," the practice of drug company representatives sitting in on patients' visits with their doctors.

scribed. Drug companies say the practice is educational, but they sometimes pay hundreds of dollars a day to the doc-

tors for these visiting rights - money the new measure says doctors should refuse. The more than 250 proposals prepared for the

meeting, which began Saturday, also ask the AMA to take a stand on issues that include the obesity epidemic, the execution of juvenile crimi-Critics say the practice nals and the harvesting of secutive year of operating companies that might is an attempt to influence organs from patients who in the black.

haven't explicitly given consent.

The generally cautious AMA frequently avoids taking bold stands on controversial issues, and many proposals at the five-day meeting will be rejected or revised before being sent to the group's delegates, who begin voting Tuesday on policies to adopt.

A new financial report touts the group's fiscal health, showing a \$20.1 million operating profit in 2003 — the fourth con-

United States AIDS patients donate drugs to world

By WILL WEISSERT

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Associated Press Writer MEXICO CITY — Jose Clemente, who restores artworks in Mexico's capital, has never met Rivera, Daphne Brooklyn health educator. But medicines donated by keeping

Clemente alive. Mexico From Mauritania, India to Iran, patients in poor countries have to piece together drug cocktails helping to prolong their lives using HIV and AIDS pills donat-

ed in the United States. Americans give away their pills after they switch medications or while taking physicianencouraged drug holidays. Others are donated by friends and family members of U.S. patients still want to do with my who die.

U.S. authorities won't take back unused drugs once they have been prescribed because of fears about tampering. Giving away leftover pills to individual Americans is against U.S. law, but medicine can be donated to designated nonprofit groups for shipping out of the country as humanitarian aid.

Clemente found out he had HIV in 1994, and has received donated U.S. pills for four years. Every two months, medications sent from New York through Dallas arrive in the 36-year-old's apartment on Mexico City's western outskirts.

"I have many things I

life," he said. "My medication is giving me the time I need to do them."

New York-based Aid of AIDS and other U.S. nongroups profit American patients willing to donate, like Rivera, with people in need, like Clemente.

"It's easy to give away pills you aren't using. But for the person getting them, it's really life or death," said Rivera, 34, who has had the virus that causes AIDS since 1992 and has donated drugs to Aid for AIDS for the past eight years.

Aid for AIDS doles out recycled medications to 350 patients in 16 countries in Latin America, the Caribbean, Africa and

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the Middle East.

"Donations from 20 to 30 people can provide one year's worth of medicine for one patient," said Fesser, the George group's director of recycling. "Relying on leftover medication, we don't have a consistent stream. We have little trickles, and it's up to us to create the proper drug regimens for

the proper patient." Not everyone taking donated medications gets them from established non-profits, however. Thousands of Mexican patients — especially those closest to the U.S. border — rely on individuals or groups who don't bother to register with the Mexican government because they don't want

to face the bureaucracy, ed, but customs agents or because they have a specific person or support group they want to support.

Bypassing official channels, they pack thousands of dollars worth of donated medications into their cars or suitcases and drive or fly them into Mexico. Carrying pills across the border without a prescription is prohibit- run low.

finding hidden medicines simply confiscate them or force the driver to pay a fine or import duties.

Unlike drug recycling organizations that guarantee patients always receive the pills they need, those relying on prescription drug smugglers are left at the mercy of drug supplies that often



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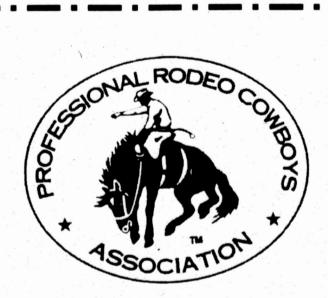
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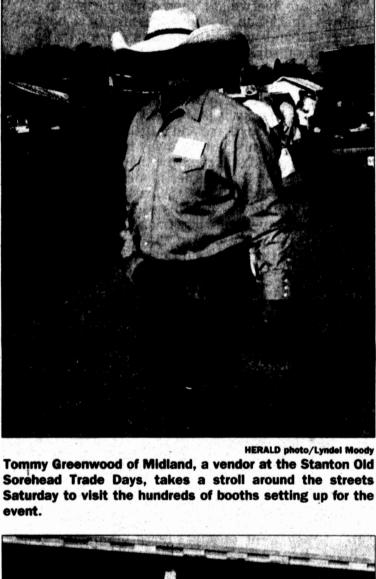


HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody Stanton residents Adolph and Louisa Garza enjoy an early morning stroll Saturday around downtown Stanton to view the hundreds of booths set up for the Old Sorehead Trade Days. Thousands of people flooded the community for the



Pictured, from left, are Tiffani Page, Eric Barton, Lauren Yeater and Trey Thortan Jr., who represented Coahoma High School at the University Interscholastic League Solo and Ensemble choir contest Saturday, May 29, in San Marcos on the Texas State University campus. The students competed against thousands of Class A to 3A students throughout the state.







Manual Lopez (left), Jessie Franco (center) and Colby Wells work on the Beals Creek bridge replacement project being conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation. Part of Birdwell Lane road will be closed until the project is finished in mid September.

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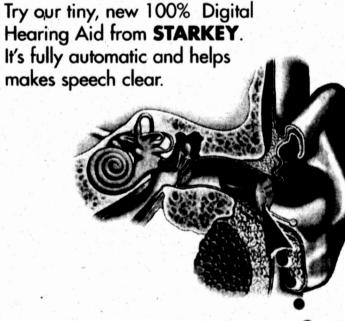
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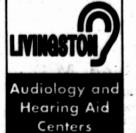
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IN BRIEF

Dates set for Camp of Champs

Coach Ricky Long has set Big Spring High School's Camp for Champs to be held from June 7 through July 1 at the Big Spring Athletic Training Center.

The weightlifting camp is open to males and females in grades fifth through eighth.

For more information, call Coach Long at 432-269-3662 or 432-263-0519.

Chaparral summer round ball classic set

A 14 and under basketball tournament titled Chaparral Summer Classic will take place in San Angelo June 26-27.

The tournament is for boys and girls and costs \$90 per team to enter. There is a three game guarantee, but teams must be entered by June 21.

To enter, call 325-277-0628.

Forsan announces camp Buffalo dates

Forsan's Camp Buffalo will run from 8 a.m. to noon, July 19-23. The camp is for all boys grades five through eight and designed to develop skills and fundamentals of football, basketball and strength conditioning.

Each student will be divided into an appropriate age group and all participants receive a camp T-shirt.

The cost of the camp is \$40 per student. Registration needs to be sent in by June 19 to ensure correct shirt sizes.

For more information or to register, call Terry McDonald at 432-267-7445 or Tommy Thompson at 432-457-0099.

Coahoma baseball camp set for June

The Coahoma baseball camp will take place Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The camp is for ages 6 and up and the cost is \$60 per player.

Everyone involved in the camp will get a free T-shirt, certificate and other prizes.

Proper techniques in hitting, fielding, pitching and base running will be taught.

For more information, contact Bulldog head coach Brad Harmon at 361-542-9039.

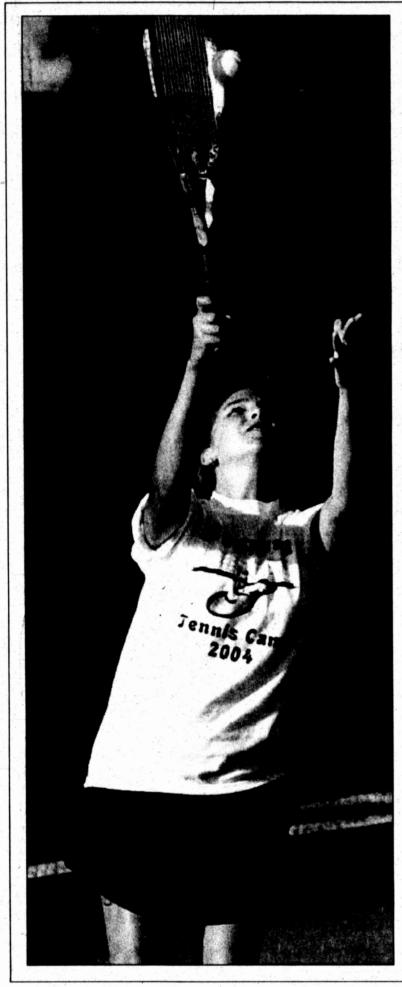
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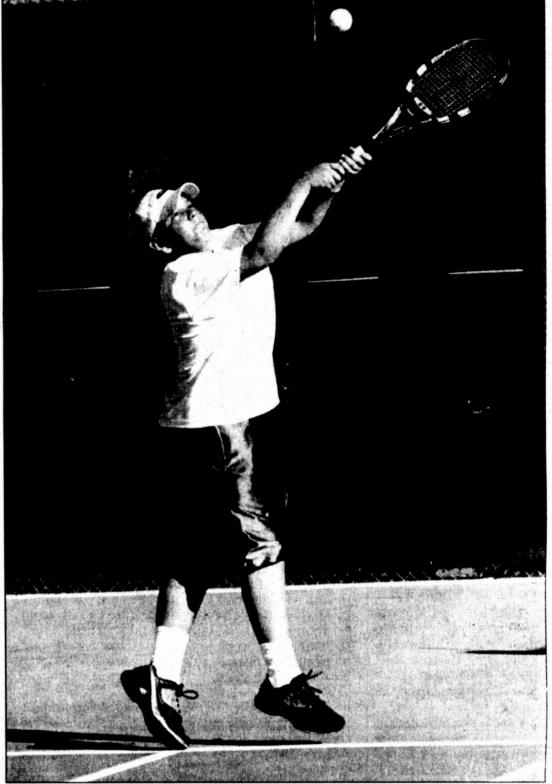
The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will be holding a co-ed ragball tournament as a fundraiser for Big Spring softball all-stars.

The tournament will be July 9, 10 and 11 and the team fee is \$125. For more info, call

Nicole at 432-264-2206 or 432-267-6391.

ON THE AIR





Left: Allison Ward looks to serve the ball over the net to start a point at the Big Spring Black Gold tennis circuit Saturday morning. Ward teamed up with Michelle McMurtrey and participated in the 14 doubles category and reached the finals of the event after a 6-0 and 6-3 straight set victory in round one. Ward also finished third in 14 girls singles competition Friday. Above: John Bennett reaches out and sends a backhand volley over the net at the Black Gold circuit tournament Saturday. Bennett paired with Philip Kelleher in doubles action and the team won its first round match. Kelleher won the 14 boys singles event Friday, while Bennett took second overall. Check out Tuesday's HERALD for all doubles and mixed doubles results.

71st Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo

When: June 16-19

Where: Big Spring Rodeo Bowl
Time: Grand Entry starts at 8 p.m.
nightly. Gates open at 7 p.m.
Dances: Friday night, Jody Nix and

the Texas Cowboys
Saturday night, Johnny
Blaine and the Spur Band
Dances start at 9 p.m. and
have a \$5 admission fee

Parade: Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.

Specialty Act: Jerry Diaz, Charro

Barrelman: Rick Young and the Ragin' Cajun

Bullfighters: Shane Kinney and Jody

Sutherland

Announcer: Mike Mathis will announce the

rodeo on horseback in the arena Special Event: Mutton Bustin' each night Family night: Wednesday, June 16

All tickets at the gate are \$2

Teen night: Thursday, June 17
Ticket prices: At gate—adults \$8, children \$6
pre-sale—adults \$6, children 4
children is anyone under age 12

Odessa Roughnecks vs. Lubbock Lonestars

June 19

Game: 7:30 p.m. Tailgate Party: 5:30 p.m.

Fireworks during and after the game
1,000 autographed footballs will be given away
and it is also "scout night."

For discount tickets, contact Troy Hyde at 263-7331, ext. 237 or at sports 9 bigspringherald.com.

Regular rate: \$9.50 and \$15.50

Discount rate: \$7 and \$13

Fast start, hot bats send Cardinals past Rangers

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

AP Sports Writer
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Louis Cardinals might
not want to go home.
After batting around in

each of the first two innings and building a 10-run lead, the Cardinals completed another winning roadtrip with a 13-2 win Sunday over the Texas Rangers.

"It's the same game here, in St. Louis and everywhere," said catcher Yadier Molina, who drove in three runs. "Let's go play the same game we played here."

The Cardinals have the majors' best road record at 23-12. By winning two of three in their first regular-season visit to Texas, they went 4-3 on the latest travels and haven't had a losing trip.

"Going home, we need to play better and find a way to win games there," said Woody Williams, who allowed just one run over six innings. "And make it hard for visiting teams."

Just like the Cardinals have done as visitors to the home teams.

Playing without manager Tony La Russa, who was in California for his daughter's college graduation, the Cardinals built a 13-0 lead after four innings.

After Scott Rolen's 17th homer, a two-run shot with two outs in the first, the Cardinals loaded the bases on two singles and a walk before Molina's two-run single made it 4-0.

Half of the Cardinals' rob Role six runs in the second came on John Mabry's Showalte

Dickey (4-6) left.
Dickey gave up nine runs on eight hits and three walks over 1 1-3 innings, the shortest of his 26 career starts.

three-run homer — on the

second pitch after R.A.

"I never really gave us a chance," Dickey said. "I was trying to work quickly and get us in the dugout as quick as I can. I'm just going through a cold stretch."

Williams (4-6) didn't allow a hit until Mark Teixeira's leadoff single in the fifth.

Texas managed just a run on four hits over six innings against Williams, who five days earlier gave up a career-worst 12 hits in five innings in a loss to the Chicago Cubs.

"I located balls better, but I don't think there's a whole lot of difference other than the outcome," Williams said.

Roger Cedeno had three hits for the Cardinals, including a two-run homer in the third. Luna had three hits and scored three times, the last when he had a leadoff triple in the fourth and came home on Molina's sac fly.

Gary Matthews Jr. drove home Teixeira with a single in the fifth, and added a solo homer in the seventh.

Matthews entered in the second for center fielder Laynce Nix, who injured his right shoulder slamming into the wall while unsuccessfully trying to

rob Rolen's homer.

Manager Buck Showalter said Nix has a strained shoulder and will likely be out at least 10-to-14 days.

St. Louis led 12-0 in the third when a foul ball hit into the stands by Matthews got more attention than anything on the field.

In the ensuing scramble, a husky man jumped over a row of seats and pinned a 4-year-old boy against the seats with his legs while diving to get the ball. To no avail, fans started chanting "Give him the ball! Give him the ball!"

But the boy, who wasn't injured, ended up with much more than one ball. In the next few minutes, both teams sent bats and balls to the boy, including Cardinals outfielder Reggie Sanders coming out between innings to do so.

"In my heart, I thought I should do something," said Sanders, who initially saw the incident on the clubhouse TV. "It's all about the kids."

There was also a little extra for the man who got the ball, but he left two innings later and never received the Cardinals Tshirt on which "Tough Guy" and "Ball Stealer" was written by reliever Steve Kline.

"I'm a big fan of giving kids balls. He was a real jerk about it," Kline said. "That's part of life, people like that in the world. They do something like that. I don't understand."

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IN BRIEF

First-ever memorial announces tourney

The first-ever Rob Etheridge Memorial four man golf scramble has been set for Saturday.

The tournament will take place at Comanche Trail Golf Course and it will benefit the baseball and golf programs at Coahoma High School.

The shotgun start begins at 8:30 a.m. It costs \$50 per player and carts are not included.

For more information, call 432-264-2366, 432-394-4755 or 432-394-4535.

Coahoma girls basketball camp set

The Coahoma girl's basketball camp will take place from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday and is for incoming third graders and above.

For more information, contact Coahoma Coach Sandy Logan at 432-394-4693 or 432-770-5454.

"Best of the rest" golf tournament set

The "best of the rest" two-man golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course will take place Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27.

The championship flight is a two-man best ball and the "best of the rest" plays scramble.

There will be food on the course all day and a hole in one on number four wins a new automobile from Pollard

Phoebst is \$100 per player plus cart.

For more information or to enter, call 432-264-2366.

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

The Crossroads Youth Football Association has announced the sign-up dates for the upcoming season.

Both football and cheerleading sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall June 18 through July 17 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

The league is for kindergarten through sixth grade.

The flag football league costs \$30, while football division 1 and 2 and cheerleading costs \$55 and \$65, respectively.

There is no late signup for cheerleading. For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

Coahoma's annual ragbali tourney set

Coahoma's annual ragball tournament has been set for Friday. Saturday and Sunday. June 25-27 at the Coahoma Softball Park, which is a change from past years.

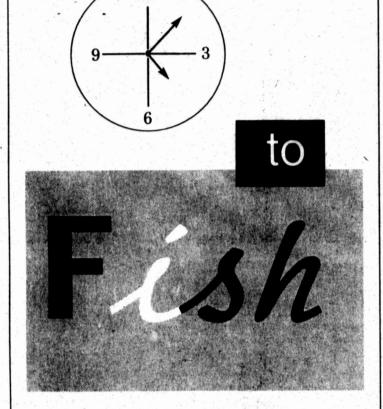
The sign-up for the tournament has been scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday, June 25.

If anyone is interested in a fundraiser for your organization, booths are also available for \$100.

The deadline to sign up for weekend booth space is Friday, June 18.

For more information about the tournament or to reserve a booth, call Patric Robinson at 432-393-5622 or Randy Clanton at 432-393-5338.

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ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 6-feet low; Black bass are good on soft jerkbaits and spinnerbaits worked along timber, and topwater baits worked outside timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water clearing; 76 degrees; 11feet low; Black bass are fair on crankbaits and spinnerbaits near shallow rocky areas. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs along rocky areas and near derricks. White bass are excellent on shallow flats chasing shad. Blue catfish to 40 pounds are good on shad and prepared baits near Deer Creek area. Due to low water conditions, the only usable boat ramp is West Arrowhead Park.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 80 degrees; 4feet low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 79 degrees; 16-feet low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 16-feet low, Black bass are good on shad-colored spinnerbaits and crankbaits near shallows and grassy numps, and watermelon or green pumpkin soft plastics around structures. Crappie are very good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on live baits. Catfish are good on live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on small crankbaits and live bait. Catfish are good on prepared baits.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 77 degrees; 26-feet low: Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on live bait. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 79 degrees; 26feet low; Black bass are good on topwater lures. shad-colored spinnerbaits w/chartreuse trailers. and watermelon red flake soft plastics and jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are good on live bait and crankbaits. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 77 degrees; 7feet four-inches low; Black bass to 16 inches are good. Crappie are fair in Rock Creek area. Good for white bass in Neely's Slough on white Twister Tail jigs and fair for small striped bass. Channel and blue catfish are fair.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 62feet low; Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are slow.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 4-feet low; Black bass are fair on live baits. shad-colored spinnerbaits and dark jigs. Crappie are fair on live bait and jigs. White and striped bass are fair on live baits and poppers. Catfish are fair on live baits.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained: 79 degrees; 5-feet 5-inches low; Black bass are fair. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on live bait.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained (from wind); 79 degrees; 20-feet 5-inches low; Black bass are fair on live baits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair. Channel catfish are good on live baits and prepared

WICHITA: Water turbid (from wind); 77 degrees; Crappie are slow. White bass and Hybrid stripers are good on minnows and white plastic Roadrunner jigs along dam. Channel catfish are good on trotlines and rod and reel baited using large shiners or punch bait. The parking area behind the dam is open.

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Kent, Vizcaino lead Astros to victory over Milwaukee

Williams got just enough out of Pete Munro in his first start of the year for Houston. The Milwaukee Brewers certainly made it close against the Astros' relievers.

Jose Vizcaino and Jeff Kent each hit solo homers, and the Astros' bullpen held on for a 5-4 victory Sunday.

"We pieced it together with those relievers and kept scrapping to get the victory," Williams said after his team salvaged the final game of the three-game series.

Munro, signed by the Astros on June 3 as a free agent after being released by Minnesota, gave up seven hits and one run in four innings.

The Brewers made it close by scoring two runs in the eighth inning off of Astros' closer Octavio Dotel to cut the lead to one run.

Dotel pitched a scoreless ninth inning to get his 12th save. Dan Miceli (3-2) pitched a perfect fifth inning for the win. Williams replaced

Munro in the fifth after he gave up a leadoff double to Junior Spivey even though he was pitching a shutout.

"I just felt with the two left-handers (Geoff Jenkins Lyle and Overbay) coming up, it was the right move to make," Williams said. "It obviously didn't work like I planned."

Three pitches after Williams replaced Munro, Jenkins hit a two-run homer off Mike Gallo.

"I was trying to keep it close so Dotel could get a save," Williams joked. For his part, Munro

to complete the fifth. "Strategically, it was

MILWAUKEE - Jimy the right move at the four earned runs — the time," he said. "But, it didn't work out too well."

Astros reliever Brad Lidge pitched out of a noout, bases-loaded jam in the seventh by striking out Keith Ginter, Ben Grieve and Chad Moeller. He also struck out Jenkins, but Jenkins reached after catcher Brad Ausmus couldn't handle Lidge's wild pitch.

The four strikeouts tied a major league record accomplished 45 previous times.

"I didn't have great control to start that inning," Lidge said. "But I was able to get some sliders over and get out of the inning."

The Astros were aided by the offensive woes of the Brewers, who stranded 13 runners, including 10 in scoring position. "We had a lot of oppor-

tunities to win the game and we didn't execute on too many of them," Brewers manager Ned Yost said.

Ginter stranded eight runners on his own grounding into a double play and striking out twice.

Ben Sheets (5-4) lasted six innings and gave up

most he's given up this season.

"I don't think we played well in any aspect of the game," Sheets said. "I felt OK. I was just missing."

The Astros took a 1-0 lead in the first when Vizcaino hit his first homer of the season. Grieve got his glove on the ball against the rightfield fence, but it bounced out and was ruled a homer.

Back-to-back doubles by Mike Lamb and Jason Lane in the fourth inning gave the Astros a 2-0 lead.

The Astros scored a run in the fifth to take a 3-0 lead. Following a walk to Munro, Vizcaino singled. Jeff Bagwell followed with a ground-rule double to drive in Munro.

The Brewers cut the lead to 3-2 in the fifth on Jenkins' two-run homer.

The Astros increased the lead to 4-2 in the sixth. Following a double by Lane and a single by Orlando Palmeiro. Ausmus reached on an error by Ginter to score

Kent's 10th homer in the seventh inning increased the Astros' lead to 5-2.



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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 14, the 166th day of 2004. There are 200 days left in the year. This is Flag Day. Today's Highlight in History:

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the Stars and Stripes as the national flag.

On this date: In 1775, the United States Army was founded. In 1841, the first Canadian

parliament opened in Kingston. In 1846, a group of U.S. ttlers

claimed the Republic of California. In 1928, the Republican National Convention nominated Herbert Hoover for

president on the first ballot. In 1940, German troops

entered Paris during World

In 1940, in German-occu-

pied Poland, the Nazis opened their concentration camp at Auschwitz. In 1943, the Supreme Court ruled schoolchildren

War II.

could not be compelled to salute the flag of the United States if doing so conflicted with their religious beliefs. In 1954, 50 years ago, President Eisenhower signed an order adding the words "under God" to the

In 1982, Argentine forces surrendered to British troops on the disputed Falkland Islands.

Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1993, President Clinton chose Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg to serve on the Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: President Clinton unveiled a \$9.3 bil-lion welfare reform plan. Academy Award-winning composer Henry Mancini died in Beverly Hills, Calif., at age 70. The New York Rangers won hockey's Stanley Cup for the first time in 54 years as they defeated the Vancouver Canucks at Madison Square

Garden.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Gene Barry is 81. Former White House news secretary Pierre Salinger is 79. Actress Marla Gibbs is 73. Actor Jack Bannon is 64. Rock singer Rod Argent (The Zombies; Argent) is 59. Real estate developer Donald Trump is 58. Singer Janet Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 58. Rock musician Alan White (Yes) is 55. Actor Eddie Mekka is 52. Actor Will Patton is 50. Olympic gold-medal speed skater Eric Heiden is 46. Singer Boy George is 43. Rock musician Chris DeGarmo is 41. Actress Yasmine Bleeth is 36.



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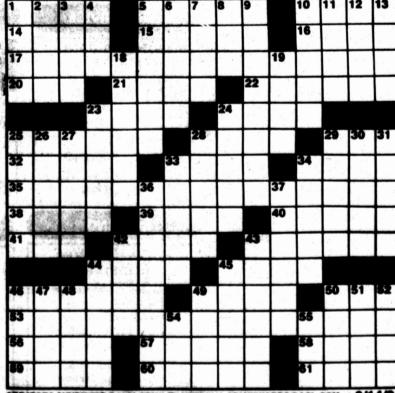
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Legals CITY OF BIG SPRING **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

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 Seal Coat

A. Date/Time: Thursday, July 1, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., for the following: 1. 3,189 Cubic Yards of PB-4 Seal Coat Aggregate

2. 95,656 Gallons of AC-5 Asphalt Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Conference Room, Upstairs, City Hall, 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). Handicapped individuals attending the opening that are unable to traverse the stairs must notify the purchasing office at 432-264-2388 a minimum of 48 working hours prior to bid opening.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The Taurus moon has us more grounded than we've felt in weeks. Life is a party with all of the carefree

Gemini energy zipping around, but Taurus is like friendly police officer



rapping on the door to say that the neighbors have been complaining. It's time to tone it down, get serious, plan it carefully, figure it out, fund it, and get it on its feet.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A deal comes up for renewal -- this is your chance to renegotiate. At work, you may have to bear a colleague's dogand-pony show before you get to the things you really want to focus on. Soon, it will be your turn.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you first see today's "big problem," you'll inwardly exclaim, "Don't make me laugh!"

Cohorts aren't exactly on the same page as you, but do be careful not to make them feel stupid, either.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're so captivating now, it would be a shame to waste it by staying in and talking to few people. Whenever possible, meet eyeball to eyeball. You could make a big sale with your new technique of reverse selling.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Despite your feeling like the consummate realist, this really could be a magical day -- the kind of day you look back on later and think, "Did that really happen?" Interactions with a Libra or Scorpio are fortunate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Social obligations are overwhelming. Your best friend is a pen and paper. Make a list of all the things you'd have your personal assistant do if you had one. You can get it all done in two hours if vou knuckle down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Who would you really be hurting, if anyone, if you were to play a bigger jigsaw puzzle that, once strong enough to get game at work? Questions put h together, doesn't through this time?"

like this lead you to make create a picture of an important decision. A Sagittarius knows just how to ring your bell!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have no need to hide or change yourself so you're more in line with the current expectations of those around you. Instead of wasting energy pursuing the past, you embrace your destiny and your character.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are so many career choices new available to you that you'll be wondering what is right for you. Group functions could involve a seating chart. Make sure you're next to someone new and interesting, like a Leo!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What is already complex only gets more ahead. complex when you have to explain it. Make sure you're being understood. Conversation with a Cancer helps you give negative thinking the old heave-ho.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today is like a

anything you can readily identify. Just know that the pieces come together because of you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're in awe of the work that has been done to forward the cause, but there is still room for a different approach approach. Give yourself more time than you normally need to strategize and solve problems.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Take things apart to see how they tick. When you understand how things work, you feel you are the master of them. You'll make a first-rate contribution to what your partner is working on and help this person get

ASTROLOGICAL "My QUESTIONS: boyfriend (a Gemini born in 1980) is leaving for school to train for Iraq. I'm a Sagittarius (also born in 1980), and I'm wondering if I can get some advice. Are we

You both were born under signs that love adventure, aren't afraid of new experiences and are enriched by travel. Though there will be times when your communication isn't all it could be, hang tough. You'll think that because your Gemini isn't writing you or doesn't call when he says he will that he's not thinking of you, but it's not the case. Gemini finds it very difficult to concentrate on anything that is not part of his immediate surroundings. won't want to communicate with you until he's in the exact right setting with some degree of privacy and little to take his mind off of every word you say. If you're worried that he'll stray while overseas, you should know that actually it is you who is the most likely to stray. This will be a character-building opportunity for you both. Concentrate on being an excellent friend supporter, and no matter

both become.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Donald Trump is quite living busy the billionaire lifestyle and starring in "The Apprentice." His openness to new fame, people and experiences is part of his Gemini versatility. He's got one book out ("How to Get Rich") and another on the way. Not many moneymakers would be willing to give away their secrets like Trump, but his Gemini nature means he wants to communicate and share.

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Annie's Mailbox •: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: At the risk of sounding greedy or jealous, here is my problem. I am one of five children -- all in our 40s. Everyone lives in the same town except me. A few years ago, my parents. made the decision to sell my brothers the family business. My two sisters worked for our parents, and now they work for my brothers.

Selling the business to my brothers, of course, spawned other opportunities that my sisters and I will NEVER have. Our brothers'



MARCY SUGAR

children now have new

cars, great insurance and

lucrative investments in stocks and bonds. My brothers and their wives have become disgusting at family get-togethers because they brag about their new homes, beach houses and fancy cars.

It is so hard to go home for family events. We girls have tried talking to our parents, but they say we have no reason to that complain and everything will work out in the end. Even if they leave us money in their wills, there is no way we ever will have the

and their brothers families.

Do we keep visiting our parents when they treat us like second-class children? And who do they expect to take care of them in their old age? My brothers wouldn't dream of it. What should we do? -- Freakin' Out in Philly

Dear Philly: Would you and your sisters have been willing to run the business? If not, it makes sense that your parents would sell it to your opportunities that have brothers. Even so, their

been handed to our decision does a disservice to you and your sisters, not only because it cuts you out of the benefits, but because it denies you the opportunity to prove your abilities. It also makes it seem as though your parents favor your brothers.

what happens, you'll

come out of this with

respect for who you've

You need to talk this out with Mom and Dad, and be sure your sisters stand by you. Explain how their unintentional favoritism has created friction, jealousy and anger, and may cause a rift that cannot be fixed later. Whatever the final however, outcome, remember that no amount of money is worth losing loved ones.

Dear Annie: younger sister is getting married soon and is paying for the wedding herself. The reception will be a buffet dinner, with beef and chicken as the main courses, and plenty of side dishes.

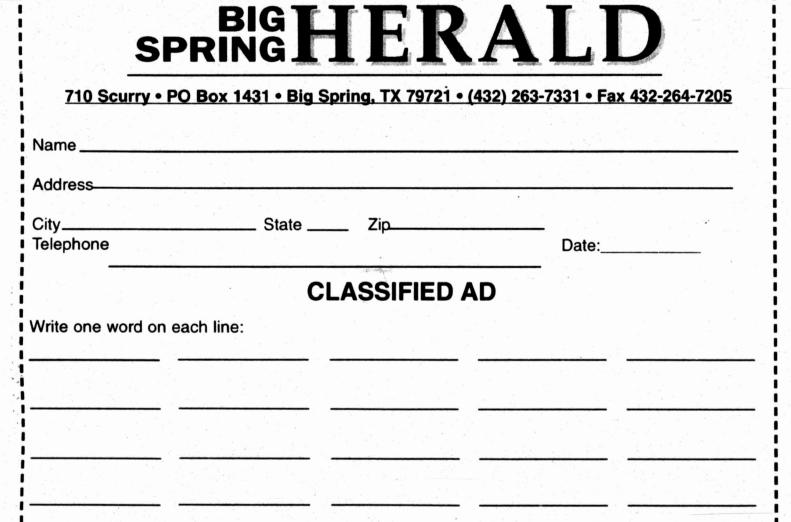
My brother and his wife recently decided to stop eating meat, and have asked the bride to accommodate their new eating habits. Is she responsible for their meal, or should the couple eat what's

Dear Sister: Professional caterers often will have few a vegetarian meals on hand that are not part of the buffet. If your sister is providing the food herself, she might be willing to create two vegetarian meals for her brother and his wife. Otherwise, guests should be able to find plenty of food to accommodate their eating preferences.

Dear Readers: Today is Flag Day. Please take a moment at 7 Eastern time, for the 25th Annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance Annie's Mailbox

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