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WEATHER





BRIEFLY

Open house set at New Hope School tonight

An open house for New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Road, is scheduled from 6 to 8 tonight.

The entire community is invited to meet new and returning teachers for the 2004-2005 school year and visit the new toddler classroom facility for children 18- to 24month-olds.

Salvation Army taking donations for school needs

The Big Spring Salvation Army is accepting donations for its annual "Back to School" program, which provides schoolsupplies for area lowincome students. Donations can be made in the form of supplies such as pens, pencils and other items, or monetarily, and can be made at the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W. Fifth Street. Corps officials expect to help more than 400 students with their back to school items this year. For more information, call 267-

Dog tethering up for second reading tonight

The Big Spring City Council will hold a final reading of an ordinance that will ban the chaining and tethering of dogs within the city limits during today's meeting, set for 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street.

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Big Spring TAKS scores rise, but still lagging

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Results from the last administration of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills third grade reading test raises the Big Spring Independent School District passing rate to 95 percent.

That number falls slightly below the state average released by the Texas Education Agency of 97 percent passing for students who took the English version of the test. Some 94 percent of Texas third-graders who took the Spanish version passed.

"Any time we're not at least with the state on any test admin-

istration, yes, that's a cause for requirement for advancement to concern," Superintendent Rey Villarreal. "We are going to keep working on the strategies we use for third

improve."

grade and see where we can improve in instruction, performance and helping the kids

Passing the crucial test is a See TAKS, Page 3A

said Assistant the next grade level. Parents can appeal the retention to a grade placement committee.

Next school year, fifth graders will have to pass both the reading and math TAKS test in order to be promoted to sixth grade as

Top Democrats deliver feverish speeches to crowd

BOSTON (KRT) - A Democratic Party bound by hopeful unity opened its nominating convention Monday with former President Bill Clinton forcefully arguing that voters face a clear difference between the principled direction of John Kerry and an ideological Republican Party that uses wealth and moral certitude to divide the nation.

"They believe the role of government is to concentrate wealth and power in the hands of those who embrace their economic, political and social views, leaving ordinary citizens to fend for themselves," Clinton said.

an impassioned speech designed to invigorate his Democratic audience and distinguish from President Bush, Clinton emphasized Kerry's military credentials and said that his experience as a decorated Vietnam War veteran would help strengthen America and rebuild global credibility the nation has lost.

"During the Vietnam War, many young men, including the current president, the vice president and me could have gone to Vietnam and didn't," Clinton said. "John Kerry came from a privileged background. He could have avoided going too. But instead he said. 'Send me.'"

In a spectacle of political choreography that unfolded under high security, former President Jimmy Carter, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton



Pruitt/Dallas Morning News President Former Clinton speaks to the **National Democratic** Convention on Monday.

the party's candidate and a string of other Democratic leaders past and present delivered glowing endorsements of Kerry.

> Speaking to thousands of enthusiastic partisans gathered in FleetCenter, Boston's professional basketball and hockey arena, prominent Democrats told Kerry's story, chapter by chapter, in hopes of presenting a bold contrast to Bush and President Dick Vice Cheney.

As the Massachusetts senator campaigned in Florida, steadily making his way here to accept the nomination party's Thursday, Democrats celebrated his candidacy and voiced optimism at prospects his November. Kerry's

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Delinquent tax penalty to see 5 percent increase

Big Spring High School math department chair Kim Hughey was among a number of

teachers this morning preparing their classrooms for the new school year. Classes

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Delinquent taxpavers beware: The penalties on paying your taxes late in Howard County are going

That's the Monday morning message from County the Howard Commissioners Court and local attorney Drew Mouton, who contracts as delinquent tax collector for the majority of the county's taxing entities.

Commissioners unanimously approved a hike in the attorney fees charged on delinquent taxes, increasing it from 15 percent to 20 percent.

Mouton explained to the court the increase is nec-

"The additional penalty will most likely generate

resume Monday, Aug. 16, for Howard County public schools.

something **Drew Mouton**

in the range of an additional \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year."

essary due to of the number of smaller accounts on the delinquent tax rolls, which take more time and people working to collect the money

"It's now divided among a number of smaller explained accounts,"

Mouton. "We don't have near as many large accounts as we used to, which made it a little easier to collect taxes. Let's face it, it's easier to collect one account for \$100,000 than it is to collect 10 accounts for

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

\$10,000. "If you look at last year's numbers, the largest account we collected was \$21,000. And yet we collected over \$1.4 million in taxes. That tells you what has happened. The delinquent tax roll is made up of a lot of smaller accounts, and that demands more time and man-hours toward the collection effort. This

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TDH offering immunizations

The Texas Department of Health is providing free "back to school" immunizations from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. today through Thursday.

All students registering for school in the Big
Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school districts, from Head Start through high school, must have up-todate immunization records.

Each student receiving immunizations the week

before school registration will receive a free gift. There will be no charge for immunizations received during that week. The Health Department office is located in the College Park Shopping Center, 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28B.

Local DAV officials warn of possible fund-raising scam

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Department of Texas headquarters is cautioning the public about a possible scam circulating the state involving the solicitation of funds for a veterans' organization.

"We uncovered it sometime in May," said Peggy Daniels, executive secretary at the DAV's Texas headquarters. "It has sprung up in different areas of the state."

According to the DAV, a flier circulating in the San Antonio area is soliciting money, volunteers and items for an organization called the Disabled Veterans Association and lists a phone number, e-mail address and a San Antonio address.

After contacting a spokesperson at the organization's national office in Ohio, the DAV learned that the Disabled Veterans Association does not do business in Texas.

"The Disabled Veterans Association is in no way involved with the organization that has been circulating a flier in San Antonio," Disabled Veterans Association Executive

Director Pamela Semun wrote in ed to warn area residents. a letter to the DVA, which faxed the Herald a copy. "We do not have an office in San Antonio. Nor do we solicit funds in Texas.

Semun goes on to say the organization has been "unsuccessful in finding information on who is involved in the San Antonio operation. Whoever is circulating the flier is obviously trying to scam the fine people of Texas."

Ed Meiser, commander of the local DAV Chapter 47, who brought the possible scam to Herald's attention, said he want-

"We don't do any solicitations over the phone," Meiser said. "When we have a fund-raiser, we advertise it in the paper or on the radio and then we're in full view of the public.'

If anyone receives a call from someone claiming to be from this Disabled Veterans Association, Meiser recommends contacting the local authorities.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the fol-

· MAGDALENE LOPEZ, 22, of 1800 E. 15th Street.

JOSE ANTONIO NIETO, 23, of 1002 16th Street,

· BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the

· ASSAULT/CLASS C was reported in the 800 block

Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

JOE CANALES, 29, was transferred to the county

jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of

MAGDALENE LOPEZ, 22, was arrested Monday

CRYSTAL LYNN DICKINSON, 31, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on

charges of failure to identify as a fugitive from jus-

tice/intentionally giving false information and bur-

· HEATH DEWAYNE JOHNSON, 34, was arrested

IZAIHILL JEROME JACKSON, 18, was trans-

ferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a

DANIEL RAY JONES, 35, was transferred to the

• THEFT was reported in the 5700 block of E.

Weather

storms. Low 69. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of

Wednesday - Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High

Wednesday night - Fair to partly cloudy. Low near

Tonight - Variable clouds with scattered thunder-

county jail Monday on a charge of possession of a con-

charge of driving while license suspended.

Monday by DPS on charges of speeding and no dri-

by the HCSO on charges of issuance of a bad check

was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.

was arrested Tuesday on a parole violation.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:

- in the 4100 block of Bilger.

- in the 800 block of FM 700.

THEFT was reported:

800 block of Interstate 20.

marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

of Magnolia.

and theft.

glary of a building.

trolled substance.

Midway Road.

rain 40 percent.

88. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.

70. Winds SE at 10 to 15 mph.

ver's license.

- in the 1700 block of Wasson.

- in the 2500 block of Wasson.

- in the 100 block of Lockhart.

in the 1500 block of Lincoln.

- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

- in the 1200 block of East 11th Place.

- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.

lowing activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m.

Octavio A. Loya



Octavio A. Loya, 74, of Big Spring died Friday, July 23, 2004, in a local hospital. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. today, July 27, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1929, in Big Spring, and married Urena Martinez on Dec. 26, 1956, in Hobbs, N.M. Mr. Loya was a lifelong resident of Big Spring. He worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for 19 years, retiring in 1992. He was also a self employed as a mason.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was also a member of the Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus.

Survivors include his wife, Urena Loya of Big Spring; six sons, Sammy Lujan Loya of Odessa, Octavio Loya Jr. and wife, Teresa, of San Jose, Calif., Robert Loya of Dallas, Cary Loya and wife, Leticia, of Merced, Calif., Sammy Loya and wife, Lori, of Mesquite and Frank Loya of Weatherford; four daughters, Sandy Para, Judy Gomez and Mary H. Loya and husband, Ramon Quiroz, all of Big Spring and Rosa Ramos and husband, Javier, of Grand Prairie; 24 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and two

Pallbearers will be Nick Loya, Joey Loya, Ricky Loya, Michael Loya, Juan Hernandez, Bernardo Aguilar Jr., Max Soto, Joe Cruz and Ruben Aguilar.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 Gregg St., Big Spring 79720. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle &

Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Cindy Velasquez-Mowery

Cindy Velasquez-Mowery, 42, of Fort Stockton died Saturday, July 24, 2004, in Odessa. Funeral services are at 2 p.m. today in the Fort Stockton Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Jim Miles officiating. Burial will follow at the East Hill Cemetery, Fort Stockton.

She was born June 1, 1962, in Big Spring and moved to Fort Stockton in 1966. She was a-licensed vocational nurse and a Baptist.

Survivors inculde a son, Josh Mowery of Giddings, and a daughter, Mara Mowery of Fort Stockton; parents Ernest and Dolores Perkins of Fort Stockton; sister Christy Skaggs of Midland; brother T.J. Perkins and wife, Susan, of Fort Stockton; and grandparents Emma and J.C. Ringener of Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Fort Stockton Funeral Home, 432-336-3721.

Support groups

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

- □ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.
- ☐ 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. Highway 87, For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

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

SATURDAY

□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

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

5522 for more information.

MONDAY □ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Call 398-

Take note

infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

- ☐ MANNA RELIEF, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.
- □ A MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE FAMILY OF TERRY STRICKLAND, who died June 15, 2004, has been established at the Big Spring Educational Employees Federal Credit Union, P.O. Box 1110, Big Spring 79720.
- □ A FUND FOR ALAN AND MITZI KNIGHT. whose house on Oasis Road burned, has been established at the First Big Spring Banking Center. The home and all the family's belongings were lost.
- □ BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989 15year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.
- □ POTTON HOUSE, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.
- □ HERITAGE MUSEUM, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10

CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH is looking for a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

- ☐ HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on
- THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.
- □ ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.
- □ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

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

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

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

· Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628. · Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the

Howard College Cactus Room.

• 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. The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1105 Birdwell Lane. For more information, call

WEDNESDAY

Tracey Pounds at 268-4948.

 Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

· Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. in the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.

· Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room. · Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City

Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.

· Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.

· Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

 West Texas Pachyderms meets at noon in the Big Spring Country Club. A representative from Congressman Randy Naugebauer's office will present information on the upcoming election. All interested persons are invited.

Hang gliding at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

MONDAY

 District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

 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

• 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 north west door. Call 263-2786 for more information.

 Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. in La Posada Restaurant.

· Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic building at 221 1/2 Main St. · Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third in the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.

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Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday

Winning numbers drawn: 6-24-25-33. Bonus Ball: 9. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$225,000.

Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery: 2-9-11-21-23

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-7-0

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Concern raised over children's health care provider

AUSTIN (AP) - A lawmaker says an insurance company recently awarded a state contract to manage health care services for about 95,000 lowincome children may not be financially strong enough for the task.

State. Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor was asked by Rep. Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood, to investigate the contractor, Bankers Reserve Co. Insurance Wisconsin, which does business as Superior HealthPlan Network.

Superior has received a contract, effective Sept. 1, from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to manage the children's health insurance program, or CHIP, in about 170 primarily rural counties.

Taylor, who is an insuragent, wrote ance Montemayor that the insurance rating service A.M. Best gave no member of Superior's parent company, Centene Corp., anything better than a "C++."

That rating, Taylor wrote, is "predominantly given to small companies for which A.M. Best does not have sufficient financial information."

Superior won a competitive bid for the contract, said Kristie Zamarazil, spokeswoman for the Health and Human Services Commission.

"The new contract will be fully insured," she told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions. "We held Superior to the same standards we held every other bidder to. Superior met every requirement."

Montemayor was traveling and unavailable to respond to Taylor's letter. Superior was scheduled to succeed Clarendon National Insurance Co. as a CHIP contractor. The Clarendon contract

expires on Aug. 31. The state auditor earlier this month criticized the Health and Human Services Commission for overpaying Clarendon by \$20 million. Clarendon has denied the overpayment.



KRT photo by Tom Fox/Dallas Morning News

Ohio delegates Kristin Peterson, of Oberlin, left, and Sandra Wist of Fremont cheer during the first night of the Democratic National Convention on Monday.

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the new requirement becomes enforced for the first time. Starting in 2007-2008,

when these same fifth graders will be in the eighth grade, students must also pass the eighthgrade TAKS reading and math exams to be promoted to ninth grade.

"The increased standards at Grade 5 will be a

new experience for the teachers and staff," said Superintendent Michael Downes. "These students met the tougher accountability requirements at Grade 3 two years ago. These kids are used to having to meet strict accountability standards tied with the tests."

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Vietnam service served as a theme of the day - a former crewmate was summoned to deliver a prime-time testimonial of his "skipper, Lt. Kerry" and one the campaign. hopes will resonate for another three months.

'Today, our Democratic Party is led by another former naval officer, one who volunteered for military service," said Carter, recalling his Navy service even as he touted Kerry's. "He showed up when assigned to duty and he served with honor and distinction."

Throughout evening, Democrats made repeated references to Sept. 11, 2001. Images of New York's darkened skyline were shown. As a violinist played "Amazing Grace" in memory of those who died in the worst act of terrorism on American soil, delegates waved tiny flashlights that illuminated the colossal hall.

"That tragedy changed all of us," said Hillary Clinton, the junior senator from New York. "And every day now, as a mother, as a senator and as an American, I worry about whether we are acting as wisely as we can to protect our country and our

people.' While Democrats pledged to articulate a positive message at the convention, shying away shrill from attacks against Republicans that they fear could disillusion independent voters, the last two Democratic presi-

dents' carefully chosen words were designed to serve as a reminder of Bush's military record. During the Vietnam War, Bush joined the National Guard, but questions have not been resolved about his attendance record.

Former Vice President Al Gore also invoked Kerry's "uncommon heroism on the battlefield in Vietnam." He urged Democrats to keep the 2000 presidential election channel their anger "fully and completely" for Kerry and his running mate, Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina.

"I sincerely ask those watching at home who supported President Bush four years ago: Did you really get what you expected from the candidate you voted for?" Gore said, speaking at the beginning of the evening before the broadcast networks began their hour of coverage. "Is our country more united today or more divided? Has the promise of compassionate conservatism been fulfilled or do those words now ring hollow?'

The words spoken inside the convention hall Monday evening stood in sharp contrast to what Kerry said himself as he toured the Kennedy Space Center. With three icons of Florida history at his side, he turned to the poetry of space to fuel his presidential campaign.

"President Kennedy said we're going to do this not because it's easy, but because it's hard," Kerry said of the manned space program. "That's the American spirit. We're here because there's no better place to launch something than right here in Cape Canaveral."

Former astronauts John Glenn and Sen. Bill Nelson, who rode a space shuttle mission, accompanied Kerry along with Florida Sen. Bob Graham as the candidate toured the space center and spoke to a small, handpicked group of voters.

alive in their minds and Rocket Garden, with a party activists gathered at replica of the Mercury Atlas that Glenn flew to political become the first American to orbit Earth, Kerry took care to remain positive.

> "We've got to lower our voices in America and listen to each other," Kerry said, "and start coming up with solutions to problems that don't have a Democrat label, Republican label, but an American label on them and make things happen for this nation.'

> Kerry's softer, gentler tone comes as he makes his way toward Boston and a nationally televised speech accepting the Democratic nomination for president. With the spotlight upon him like never before in the campaign, Kerry has resisted

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER Our Community. Our Hospital. 1601 W. 11th Pl. Big Spring, TX the harsh rhetoric against Bush that has marked many campaign appearances this year.

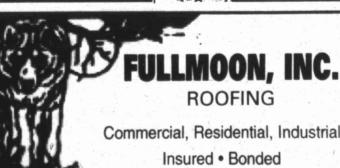
So when Mike McGee, a union painter, handed Kerry a bumper sticker, senator quickly the passed it along to Graham, who handed it to Nelson, who handed it to Glenn. It read "Vote the son of a Bush out," and none of the four men was willing to read it out loud.

In Boston, however, After a tour of the many of the thousands of the city's first national convention seemed more than willing to criticize Bush. On Tshirts and buttons, bumper stickers neckties, the Democrats took delight in slogans that ridiculed the Bush administration.

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increase in the penalty will allow us to provide that from our office.' Although the increase

will generate a considerable amount of revenue for Mouton's office, he said the money will also help cover a number of incidental costs associated with collecting late taxes.

"The additional penalty will most likely generate something in the range of an additional \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year," said Mouton. "Not only do we have salary and payroll expense with that there's increased costs. We have to pay for title evidence and examination fees. So there are a lot of incidental costs that

we have." The 20 percent penalty won't be retroactive and will be applied to delinquent taxes for 2005 and beyond.

"I'm bringing this increase before the commissioners today, and I'll be taking the same 20 percent proposal to all of the other taxing entities in Howard County," Mouton told the commissioners.

Mouton also made a presentation to the commissioners on delinquent tax collections for 2003-2004, reporting \$1.44 million in collections for the past year, a marked increase of \$375,776 over last year's total.

Broken down by the major taxing entities, **Howard County collected** \$287,210; Howard College collected \$161,210; the city of Big Spring collected \$159,266; and the Big Independent Spring School District collected \$590,025.

"There are other, smaller entities, such as the city of Coahoma, the city of Forsan and the Forsan Independent School District that also collect on these," said Mouton. "This total is for all of the entities in the county. The only entity we don't collect for is the Coahoma Independent School District."

Mouton said the recipe for success in collecting more delinquent taxes comes down to a bigger delinquent tax roll and experience.

"First of all, the roll is bigger," said Mouton. "The more money there is to collect, the easier it is to collect it. The other thing is experience. I've been doing this well over 15 years now and I have a good grip on how to move these files.

"This past year one of the things that I realized is although we do a good job, I can see where we can do a lot better. Unfortunately it just takes more man hours to make that happen."

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OUR VIEWS

Deputies need Tasers to make everyone safer

f Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker and Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett have their way, their deputies will soon be joining the growing number of law enforcement agencies employing Taser guns as a nonlethal alternative to handguns for subduing suspects.

In many communities, Taser use has reduced or eliminated police shootings.

The Big Spring Police Department is one of the most recent converts to Tasers.

In fact, Big Spring Police Department Detective Thad Thomas went over the ins and outs of Taser weapons recently during a Howard County Commissioners Court meeting after Pritchett first asked the court to consider budgeting for the weapons a couple of weeks earlier.

Thomas, who is a certified instructor for the Taser products, said he's seen a great deal of success with the less lethal weapons since they were deployed with the police department, bringing down the level of physical force needed to subdue suspects in volatile situations.

Law enforcement agencies, large and small, that have implemented broad Taser use have seen fewer police shootings, fatal or otherwise. In fact, some 4,000 police departments around the country have bought the devices, according to its Arizona-based manufacturer, Tasers International.

Tasers emit a 50,000-volt electrical shock that can immobilize a suspect for five seconds at a time. They can accurately fire two tiny darts up to 21 feet, or a jolt can be applied directly to skin.

The effect is an electrically stunned suspect, that has been momentarily incapacitated and be easily placed into custody.

At present, deputies are using pepper spray as a nonlethal method of handling unruly suspects. And unfortunately, pepper spray sometimes doesn't stop a suspect and often shouldn't be used due to the surroundings the officer may find himself in.

To our way of thinking, commissioners need to approve purchase of Tasers for the Sheriff's Department. When you consider Tasers provide a nonlethal method of handling dangerous suspects — providing more safety not only for the officer but the suspect as well — it's simply a "no-brainer."

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by K. Rae Anderson

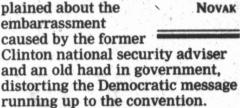
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Berger Blues distorting Democratic message

emocrats arriving here early for the national convention beginning Monday were vexed by news media attention to disclosure of the federal investigation of Samuel Berger, Kerry campaign

foreign policy adviser, for improperly taking home classified documents. On the record,

Democrats questioned the timing of the leaked Berger investigation as a Republican ploy. Off the record, they complained about the embarrassment



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Berger tried to cut the damage quickly by leaving Sen. John Kerry's campaign. However, fellow Democrats noted he did not step aside when the FBI began investigating him at the start of the year.

Bush surrogates brought into national campaign headquarters Wednesday prior to the party's fund-raising dinner in Washington were disappointed that President George Bush would not quickly offer a new vision for America.

The surrogates were told that the vision would not be set forth until the Republicans hold their convention the last week of August. That fits the general Bush strategic belief that this election will not be settled until the campaign's final

One problem facing the Bush visionaries is the performance of

the Republican-controlled Congress. For example, Bush may experience credibility problems in calling for permanent tax cuts since the Senate this week signaled it will not approve his proposal this year.

After disappointing organized labor by picking Sen. John Edwards as his running mate, Sen. Kerry has pleased union leaders in coming out in opposition to secret ballots by workers in deciding whether to accept union repre-

Organized labor wants to do away with secret balloting and instead use the "card check," in which a union gains accreditation as a company's bargaining agent by soliciting union cards from members. Critics say that method results in coercion of workers by union organizers.

Both Kerry and Edwards have joined Sen. Edward M. Kennedy in urging the National Labor Relations Board to adopt card check instead of secret ballots. Earlier, much of organized labor had pressed Kerry to select Rep. Richard Gephardt for vice president.

The old tradition of the host state's governor welcoming a national political convention, even of the opposite party, goes by the boards this week. Massachusetts Republican Gov. Mitt Romney will not be seen at the Democratic National Convention in Boston.

Prominent Democrats made clear they did not want a welcoming speech from the governor, and Romney made clear he would not be comfortable speaking under those conditions. He also declined all invitations to be interviewed on television or to attend various

parties during the convention.

However, Romney was helpful in trying to settle the Boston police labor dispute before the convention opened (much to the displeasure of some Massachusetts Republicans). The governor generated local opposition when, following instructions from the **Department of Homeland Security** in Washington, he ordered newspaper bins near subway stations removed at least temporarily.

One of the year's biggest political surprises came in Tuesday's North Carolina Republican primary, when black City Councilman Vernon Robinson of Winston-Salem finished first in the primary for a heavily Republican district's congressional

"Jesse Helms is Back. This Time, He's Black" was the title of a critical editorial in the Winston-Salem Journal, but Robinson has used it as his slogan. One of his radio ads called on African Americans to "stay in school, speak English and get a job." Another ad attacked illegal immigrants, contending "they commit crimes but won't commit to learn our language."

Robinson will run against State Sen. Virginia Foxx in the Aug. 17 runoff. The heavy favorite, businessman Ed Broyhill (son of former Sen. James Broyhill) finished third in the primary. The House seat is being vacated by Rep. Richard Burr, the nominee for the Senate.

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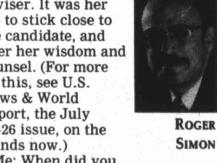
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Dean: The ability to govern versus excitement

ome weeks ago, I interviewed Gina Glantz, who was the national campaign manager for Bill Bradley in 2000 and the national field director for Walter Mondale in 1984. In December 2003, Glantz joined the Howard Dean cam-

paign as a senior adviser. It was her job to stick close to the candidate, and offer her wisdom and counsel. (For more on this, see U.S. News & World Report, the July 19-26 issue, on the stands now.)



Me: When did you realize things were not going well in the Dean campaign?

Glantz: After I had been on the campaign about a week, 10 days, I said to Joe (Trippi, the campaign manager) "Something is wrong." I didn't know what exactly, because it was more a gut feeling as the result of having been in Iowa and having won in Iowa and lost in Iowa. There was just something about the crowds. It didn't feel like the heavy energy that the Dean campaign was known to have.

Me: U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin (who endorsed Dean) told me the Dean crowds in Iowa were often made up of non-Iowans, who apparently were being bused from speech to speech.

Glantz: Increasingly, the crowds had fewer Iowans and more outsiders, right. And by the time we got to the end, I would look around the room and say, "Well, who is an Iowan in the room?" Me: Do you think Dean knew?

Glantz: Dean's a very smart guy.

He's a good, intuitive politician.

And I believe he understood at

some level when he stood in front of those crowds that something was slipping away. Me: Why wasn't anything done

to fix things?

Glantz: The campaign was incapable of taking any action to try to correct, what I think everyone understood, were problems. It wasn't that there was anyone who was naively sitting back and saying, "Everything is going well in Iowa". Some of us wanted Joe (Trippi) to go out to Iowa, as the ultimate mastermind. He resisted because he thought somehow there would be a coup back in Vermont. It just wasn't so. But the leadership of the Dean campaign absolutely knew it was in trouble.

Me: I understand some felt there were message as well as mechanical problems with the campaign.

Glantz: The campaign became very enamored with its message of "You have the power," which is a very important message and I don't in any way mean to diminish it or belittle it. But I think it had a certain staleness after a while because Dean kept speaking to the same set of people. "You have the power" does not put food on your table.

In the end, people moved on from "Who really instills in me a sense of excitement" to "Who do I think can govern?" And at the end, we didn't give them the answers to the governing questions, although Dean had terrific answers, in my view. He had governed. He had a vision for how he wanted to govern. I made the suggestion and it was rejected that we go back and re-establish why people were for him. He was a doctor, who could deliver healthcare. There was something to him and his profile that made him capable of leading the country. But there

was a decision just to keep riding the "movement" message rather than the "governing" message. Me: And that didn't work.

Glantz: What Dean had to say about the war was really thoughtful, and what he had done about health care and what he wanted to do was really impressive. But at the end, nobody knew that about him anymore. I mean, I wonder if in some ways he didn't become a caricature of himself

Me: What about the "scream" speech?

Glantz: It wasn't really a scream; we all know that. But I think in part it was the speech that Joe wanted him to give because it was really about the movement. And then Harkin really egged him on during it, as well. Dean is an amazingly steady person in some ways. And (losing badly in Iowa) was a terrible thing to go through. You have come so far, worked so hard and are feeling a tremendous responsibility to the people who had been with him, given to him. He always felt a responsibility to them, and I always will give him credit for that.

Me: What did you learn about him?

Glantz: One of the reasons I like him is that he called his family every day. He had to kind of do it in front of us, because we'd be in some little van and there wasn't any privacy. But there was clearly a warmth and a genuine family strength there. It was very real.

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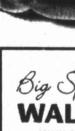
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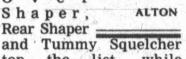


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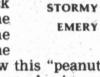
A Strong Right Arm:

The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson

By STORMY EMERY

Special to the Herald "A pitcher that looks the batter straight in the eye, sizes him up for a

curve or fastball, stretches her 5-foot, 2inch frame and pops a surefire, windup. coming right at-ya pitch smack dab over the plate. One



that lets the batter know this "peanut of a girl" means business. This is how author Michelle Green describes Peanut Johnson.

Mamie "Peanut" Johnson, the main character of this book, was a 10-year-old girl living with her Grandma, Cendonia Belton, in Ridgeway, S.C.

"Peanut" Mamie Johnson loved baseball that's why she's a pitcher.

Mamie's first teammate was Coach Bones, or another name for him would be Leo Belton, her uncle. Later on in the story Mamie and her friend, Mary Alice, were walking to town to get some lunch meat when Leo came running up and told her to come to the house.

When they got there they saw a cluster of people crowded around. When Mamie walked closer to the house the Rev. Adams appeared The Rev. Adams told them that their Grandma had a stroke early that

morning. When her mom came she told Mamie that she would have to live with her Uncle Ed and Aunt

Dorothy in Long Branch, N.J., until she could get a room ready at her place. Sure enough, a couple of years later she was living with her mom in Washington D.C.

A couple of years after that Mamie and her friend went to a stadium to get into the girls baseball league. The person who owned the stadium told them they couldn't try out. One day when Mamie

was playing baseball she kept seeing a man in the bleachers. After one game the strange guy came down and took Mamie to the business manager of the Indianapolis Clowns.

Does Mamie Johnson play professional baseball or gets kicked off the team? I'm not going to tell you the end of the book.

So just get up and check this wonderful book out. The author made this book interesting by telling what happened to Mamie's life. This book makes me feel really good.

Stormy Emery is a Marcy student at Elementary. This is an installment in a series of book reviews written by Big Spring elementary students.

"A Strong Right Arm: The Story of Mamie "Peanut" Johnson" Michelle Green is a Texas Bluebonnet Book.

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T-shirts are still terrific to wear

By LISA TOWNSEL

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(KRT) ST. LOUIS — T-shirts.

So simple, you hardly notice them when they're worn. You just slip one on and chill.

Rarely does anyone judge a T-shirt unless it's ill-fitting; somehow otherwise, it's just seen and accepted.

First used by military men as undergarments, today's T-shirts are the ubiquitous piece everyone's wardrobe.

Dressing up? gathered-front, sleeved tee will probably do the trick.

Fishing? A ribbed tank tee with blue-jean shorts may cast you in the best light. At the office? A crisp white one under a jacket or cardigan is sweetly chic.

How can such a nondescript, cotton top attract such a following among the young and old, the prude and crude the either. "Oversized ones famous and fanatical?

"It's basic and can be worn with anything, and I think Hollywood has brought it back to the

Laura Coughlin, store just "aren't `in' right now." manager of Charlotte Russe at St. Louis Mills.

While, indeed, a typical tee is made of cotton, has a round (or crew) neck and short sleeves, there are many variations of it. More than anything, Coughlin says, a T-shirt for."

connotes comfort. But she offers a word of advice to those ready to slip into its stretchy confines: "Make sure it's not too small for your body type," she warns. No better way to ruin a look of comfort than drawing attention to everything you don't want to highlight underneath.

Others agree. "The No. 1 question we get is, 'Do I look like I have back fat in this?" " says Drea Ranek, coowner of Lusso in Clayton, Mo. "So it's important to buy the right size and not get it too small."

Big isn't always better,

adds. says such trends as Alexandra Cohan. wearing your sleeves

In fact, T-shirts are at their best, she and others say, when they're simply left alone.

For women, Ranek says the crewneck, shortsleeved T-shirt is still "the one that everyone goes

"The move is toward a slimmer shirt, not the oversized, extra-extra large that they were doing for so long."

Ringer tees (the kind with contrasting fabric at the neck and arms) have made a comeback, too, as have shirts with slogans and themes from rock concerts from decades past.

"The novelty T-shirt thing is really opening up for guys," Ranek adds. "At first, guys thought they needed to wear a solid black, gray or blue Tshirt. Now, they'll wear ones with more personality."

Among the top T-shirt trends? Layering them, be can look sloppy," Ranek it short over long or And trend alert: Ranek Old Navy spokesperson easy," Lusso's Ranek

market with all of the rolled up (like we did in dressing in the summer," stars wearing them, such middle school) or twisting she adds. "It's about it's hard to want to wear as Cameron Diaz," says the bottom front in a knot personal style and what anything else."

makes you feel your best." Cohan mentions other trends as well.

"I am seeing people knotting T-shirts in back for more of a fitted style," she says.

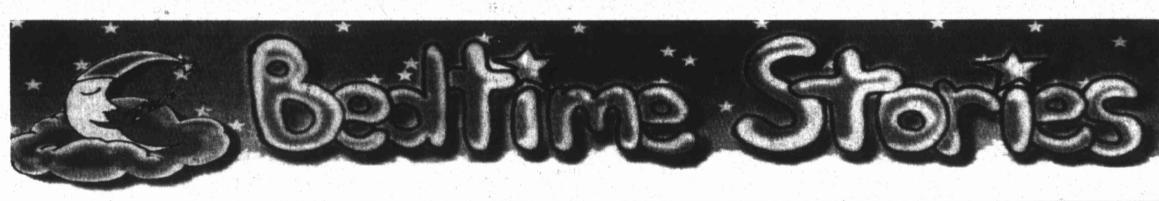
Men, she says, are rallying to Old Navy's newest fit, the vintage fit, that is "thinner through the waist and fitted in the shoulders."

Rocker and worded tees have helped guys make a statement about their "surfer," "outdoorsy" and "rugged" natures, Cohan says, not to mention just another way to wear an old standby.

"For guys, it's really easy to throw on a T-shirt and cargo shorts and be done with your summer wardrobe," she says.

Of course, T-shirts come dipped in all sort of shades this summer, but all-white ones remain among the most popular and versatile of the bunch.

"You can wear it with skirts and high heels or prints under solids, notes jeans and flip flops. It's so reiterates about the "It's a way to have fun simple basic cotton tee. "They're so comfortable,



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Now, let's begin our story. Logan lived in a town with lots and lots of other lizzards. It was a very nice town. It was a very safe place for lizzards to live. They have to be very careful because there are a lot of birds and animals that would love to have them for lunch. As long as the lizzards stayed in that town, they were safe!

Logan had a sister named Abbigail. She was a pretty little lizzard and Logan loved her very much. And she loved Logan. They always played together in the sand, and in the buildings, and in the water. They had lots and lots of friends that liked to play with them.

Logan woke up early one beautiful spring morning and went out to play. He played for a long time and then he began wondering why Abbigail wasn't awake already and out playing with him. He ran back home and ran up the stairs and saw his mother in Abbigail's bedroom. "What's wrong," he asked his mother, "Why is Abbigail still in bed?" "She is terribly sick," said their mother, "I am worried!"

Logan's father just happened to be a doctor! That was lucky! Logan's mother called his father and told him to come home because Abbigail was terribly sick! In just a few minutes, Logan's father came bursting into the bedroom! He felt her pulse, he checked her temperature and did everything that he could to find out what was wrong with Abbigail. Then he turned around with a sad look on his face, "I know what is wrong and the medicine

she needs is in another town a long way from here. I don't know how we can get the medicine back here safely!" Logan already knew how they were going to get the medicine to his sister! He was going to go get it himself! He loved Abbigail very much and did not want anything to happen to her! He asked his father which town the medicine was in. "Why do you want to know, son," the father asked? "Because I am going to get it," said Logan. "But you can't do that," said the father, "It is too dangerous!" "But father," Logan cried, "Don't forget, I can change colors faster than anybody!" "That will help me." "Ok son go, but please be very careful, there are a lot of animals

and birds that will be looking for someone just like you!" So Logan took off running just as fast as he could go. He ran into a forest where everything is green. He turned himself green right away! He came

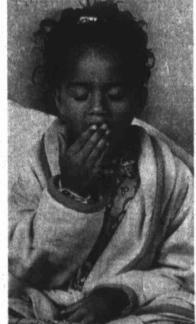
upon a lake and he had to swim across. So he turned himself blue just like the water. No one could see him! Logan finally got to the town where the medicine was, got the medicine, turned around, and just as swiftly, started running back towards home with the medicine for Abbigail.

All of a sudden, he was in a very sandy place that he had crossed on his way to the town. It seemed very safe the first time that he was here. But this time it was a little different! There were hawks and eagles and crows flying above and looking for something to eat. And Logan just was the type of meal that they were looking for! But why are you worried? Did you forget that Logan could change colors very fast? Besides, we can't let anything

happen to our hero, can we? Logan saw that the sand was a very light brown color. So, what color do you think that Logan changed into? You didn't say orange or purple, did you? I didn't think so. He changed into the very light brown color so those birds could not see him. All of a sudden, he was in a place with green grass, but you know what? He changed colors so fast that no one even saw him do it! He was almost safely home now and very worried about Abbigail. He saw his home and ran even faster than ever before to get the medicine to his sister. His parents were so glad that he was safe! Then they quicky gave the medicine to Abbigail. Later on that night she was feeling much better, thanks to Logan!

The next day, Logan ran out into the yard to play and do you know, Abbigail was there waiting for him. Now, you are probably thinking, How in the world can a lizzard be called a hero? Well, you should know because you were there!







The Pelican State

Louisiana From A to Z

French food, dialect and music brought

to Louisiana from Canada in the mid-

the nation.

"bayuk," meaning "river." Bayous were

Cajuns are people whose ancestors

a major form of transportation until

were French and came from Canada.

Baton Rouge is

the state capital. The

capitol building is 450 feet high, the tallest in

Acadiana is

central region. It

is known for its

It is called "The

because of its many

Bayou State"

bayous, from an

Indian word,

modern times.

in the south-

1700s.



Louisiana is a Southern state shaped like a boot and bordered by Arkansas, Texas, Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico. It is known for the Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans, the Mississippi River, its wetlands and seafood.

Louisiana is the top producer in the nation of salt (it supplies almost a fourth of the country's total) and of natural gas and petroleum. It is also a leader in crawfish, shrimp and oyster production. The top crop is cotton. Robert de LaSalle, a French

explorer, claimed the land drained by the Mississippi River for France in 1682, naming it "Louisiane" after King Louis XIV.

French history is still strong today, and French is the main language spoken in some regions. More than 4.5 percent of the population speaks

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Words and names that remind us of Louisiana are hidden in the block

below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some words are used twice. See if you can find: NEW, ORLEANS, GAS, TABASCO, MARDI, GRAS, MASKS, PARISHES, MISSISSIPPI, REX,

ROUX, SUGAR, JAZZ, FRENCH, QUARTER, CAJUNS, JAMBALAYA,

Mini Spy and her friends are watching a Mardi Gras parade. See

if you can find: • man in the moon • two peanuts • snail • acorn

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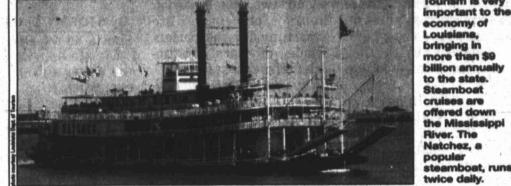
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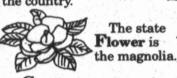
Charlene: Turtle soup!



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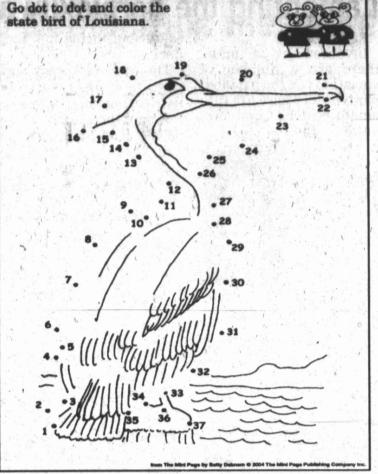
Cafe du Monde is a popular coffee shop in New Orleans. It serves "beignets," square French-style doughnuts covered in powdered sugar.

The state has the three biggest **Egret** colonies in the country.



Gumbo, a traditional southern

Cajun soup-like dish, often includes seafood and is sometimes made with wild game.



Rookie Cookie's Recipe Fried Shrimp Po-Boys

"Po-boys" are a popular type of sandwich in Louisiana. To "dress" a po-boy means adding lettuce, tomatoes and mayonnaise. They can be made with any type of meat or fish. You'll need:

• 2 (8-ounce) packages frozen fried popcorn shrimp 4 tablespoons mayonnaise

loaf french bread tomato, sliced

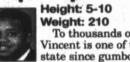
• 4 lettuce leaves What to do:

Cook shrimp in oven according to package directions.
 Slice bread lengthwise and cut four pieces for sandwiches.
 Spread 1 tablespoon of mayonnaise on both sides of each

4. Layer each with 1/4 of the shrimp, lettuce leaf and tomato slice.
5. Fold and eat! Makes 4 po-boys.

Note: You will need an adult to help with this recipe.

Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Justin Vincent Birthdate: 1-25-83



Hometown: Lake Charles, La. To thousands of football fans in Louisiana, Justin Vincent is one of the best things to come out of their state since gumbo.

As a freshman last season, the speedy, shifty running back rushed for 1,029 yards and helped Louisiana State win the Division I national football championship.

Vincent gained 117 yards in the Sugar Bowl victory over Oklahoma and won the Most Valuable Player Award. He also was named MVP of the Southeastern Conference championship game Vincent, a mass communications major, found time to help with reading programs in Baton Rouge area schools as well. He also enjoys hunting and adding to his DVD collection, which totals more than 200. And what will the sophomore do next? Keep Tigers fans roaring with delight, no doubt.

Meet Chef Paul Prudhomme



Paul Prudhomme is one of the country's bestknown Cajun chefs. He was born on a farm near Opelousas, La., in 1940, the youngest of 13 children. As a child he loved to cook with his mother. In 1979, he opened K-Paul's Louisiana Restaurant in New Orleans, a famous place to dine today. He enjoys lecturing and has written several cookbooks.

Meet Britney Spears

Britney Spears is a well-known pop star. She was born in Kentwood, La., in 1981. As a child she was very good at dancing and gymnastics, but she loved singing most of all. Her big chance to show her talent came when she signed on with a recording company in 1999. Her songs "Baby One More Time" and "Oops! I Did It Again" were the start of her international success. She says, "Onstage I'm the happiest

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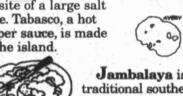
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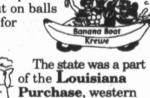
Avery Island is the site of a large salt mine. Tabasco, a hot pepper sauce, is made on the island.

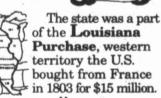


Jambalaya is a traditional southern Creole dish made of vegetables, rice, and meat, poultry or seafood.

Krewes are private clubs that put on balls and parades for Mardi Gras.



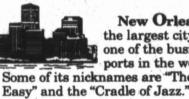




Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday." It is a celebration filled with parades and balls. It attracts many visitors. It begins each year 46 days before the Easter season.

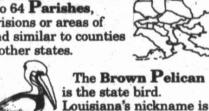
Natural gas and petroleum are important minerals. The state ranks high in oil and gas production in the U.S.

Oak Alley Plantation is one of the most famous historic homes in the South and has been



New Orleans is the largest city and one of the busiest ports in the world. Some of its nicknames are "The Big

Louisiana is divided into 64 Parishes, divisions or areas of land similar to counties in other states.

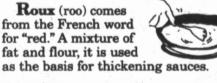


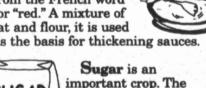
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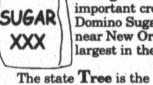
Vieux Carré in French, meaning "Old Square." It is know for its jazz, fine food and Mardi Gras. lississippi



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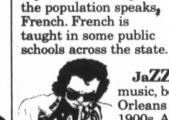






important crop. The Domino Sugar refinery near New Orleans is the largest in the country.

bald cypress, a hardwood that grows across the state and especially in swamps.



JaZZ, a style of music, began in New Orleans in the early 1900s. A man named Ferdinand "Jelly Roll" Morton is said

ReX, the King of

Mardi Gras, arrives by

riverboat the day before

the celebration.

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to be the inventor of jazz.

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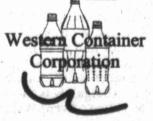
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BSISD sets football eason ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket

Previous season ticket holders may purchase 2004 season tickets starting today through Aug. 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.).

The general public may purchase season tickets from Aug. 9 through Aug. 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed noon to 1 p.m.).

However, all Friday sales are from 8 a.m. to noon only.

For questions, call Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Crossroads football sign-up dates set

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

Football sign-ups will take place at the Big Spring Mall. Football players can sign up through Aug. 21 on Fridays (5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturdays (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) only.

The flag football league costs \$30, while football division 1 and 2 costs \$55, respective-

For more information, call Stacie or Robert at 432-268-9634.

BSISD announces... volleyball open gyms

Big Spring will hold volleyball open gyms on all Mondays and Thursdays for the summer from 6-8 p.m. at the junior high.

There will also be lifting and conditioning both Mondays and Thursdays after open gym from 8-9 p.m.

For more information, contact Revis Daggett at 432-816-9560.

Herald announces golf tournament

The Big Spring Herald has set its City Golf annual Championships Saturday and Sunday at Comanche Trail

The tournament is open to all residents men or women - of Howard County and annual members of Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club.

There is a \$35 entry fee, which includes green fee, but not carts. The tournament will be flighted by handicap.

For more informacontact Comanche Trail Golf Course at 264-2366.

Softball tournament in Snyder announced

A men's softball tournament in Snyder has been set for Aug. 7-8 at Winston Field. For more information, call Luis 325-573

Arizona ends skid, Pettitte hurt again

HOUSTON (AP) — Luis Gonzalez and the Arizona Diamondbacks finally have something to feel good about.

The Houston Astros, about Andy Pettitte's elbow again.

Diamondbacks The snapped their club-record 14-game losing streak Monday night, beating Houston 4-1 behind Brandon Webb's pitching and Scott Hairston's hit-

"It's been stressful. We're major leaguers and we don't like being embarrassed. It's been a long time," Gonzalez said. "Anytime you lose 14 games in a row it's not fun. We all made mistakes and we all shared in the frustration. None of us wanted to be embarrassed by losing any more games."

Pettitte came out after the fifth inning because of his troublesome left elbow, which has sent him to the disabled list twice this season.

"I aggravated it again a little bit. We're going to see how it feels the next couple of days and hopefully I'll be able to make my next start," Pettitte said. "It's the same thing, the flexor tendon in my elbow, but it's not as bad as it was before. I threw a backdoor cutter to (Alex) Cintron in the fourth and that is when I first felt

Pettitte (6-4) gave up three hits, including con I set strenger each secutive homers to inning Now maybe we Hairston and Gonzalez in the first inning. The lefthander struck out four and walked none before leaving with a sore elbow.

Pettitte was on the disabled list April 7-29 with a left elbow strain and again from May 27 to June 28 with a left forearm strain.

with Houston in the offseason.

"I really felt good after those home runs. I was really putting it where I wanted to. I think I'll be however, are worried able to make my next start. We are at a point where I need to pitch,' Pettitte said.

Pettitte will be examined by a doctor Tuesday to determine the extent of the injury.

"He said that he felt something when we came out to talk to him in the fifth, but he said he thought he could get through the inning. We didn't want him to push it. He probably could have gone back out," Houston manager Phil Garner said.

The Diamondbacks won for the first time since beating San Francisco on July 8. Arizona, which went 0-11 on a homestand that ended Sunday, improved to 5-30 since June 18.

"Everybody has been playing hard. It would be different if we had just been throwing our gloves out there," Hairston said. "It's tough to swallow losing 14 in a row, but tonight we put it all together."

Webb (4-11) ended his six-game losing streak, holding Houston to one run and six hits in 7 1-3 innings. He threw a season-high 124 pitches, striking out five and walking four.

"Tonight it seemed like got stronger each can get back on track. Webb said.

Hairston finished 4-for-4. a career high for hits. Danny Bautista added a two-run single off Dan Miceli in the ninth.

"This is the first time as a professional that I've gotten four hits, even in the minors. Tonight was He's been limited to just special. I'll never forget 13 starts since signing tonight," Hairston said.

Cowboys look to residents for help with new stadium

The Dallas Cowboys want and Fort Worth, already a 50-50 deal with this city's residents, offering to pay half the cost of a new football stadium if taxpayers will shoulder the rest of the cost, the mayor says.

The Cowboys will negotiate exclusively with the city of Arlington until at least Aug. 17 in its search for a new stadium location, Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck said on Monday.

Cluck told reporters that the Cowboys are looking at two locations near Ameriquest Field in east Arlington.

"This is a great opportunity to build a state-ofthe-art stadium that'll allow the region to attract a Super Bowl, an NCAA (basketball) championship as well as millions in economic impact and thousands of new jobs," said Brian Mayes, a Cowboys consultant.

The Cowboys had been in talks to build a new \$650 million stadium at Fair Park in Dallas with \$425 million in public funds.

Those talks were ended by the Cowboys in June. about Arlington,

ARLINGTON (AP) - halfway between Dallas is home to the Texas Rangers.

Cluck said the Arlington Sports Facilities Development Authority, which owns Ameriquest Field and leases it to the Rangers baseball team, would own the proposed Cowboys park.

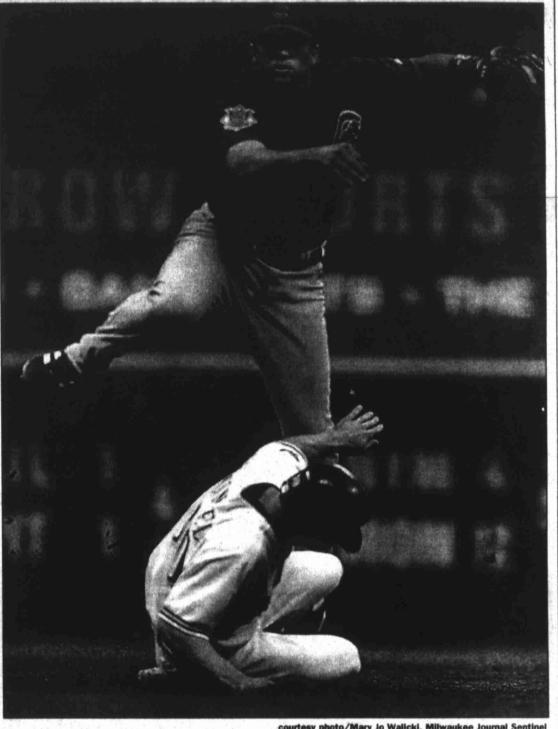
The team has agreed to pay up to \$50,000 for research and legal fees associated with an Arlington city analysis of the plan, he said. Completion of a report on whether it makes financial sense for Arlington to help pay for a stadium is

expected by Aug. 17. The City Council was expected to vote then on putting a tax-increase proposal on the Nov. 2 ballot.

Arlington officials can put a proposal on the ballot as late as Aug. 24. The Cowboys currently

use Texas Stadium in

Irving. "Arlington is certainly an area we should and will continue to keep our evaluations open," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.



courtesy photo/Mary Jo Walicki, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Milwaukee Brewers' Craig Counsell is out at second as Alex Gonzalez of the Chicago Cubs completes a double play in the third inning. The Cubs defeated the Brewers, 3-1, at Miller Park in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Monday.

Anthony guarantees USA gold at Olympics

By CHRIS SHERIDAN

AP Basketball Writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - With little prodding, Carmelo Anthony made a bold statement on his fist day of practice with the U.S. Olympic basketball

"We're guaranteeing a gold medal. We're bringing it back," Anthony pre-

dicted.

That statement might be viewed as a youthful indiscretion coming from a player who just turned 20 and is about to embark on a journey with the youngest (average age, 23.6) U.S. team since the Americans started sending pros to the Olympics in 1992.

It also seemed at odds with one of the main messages the American coaching staff tried to get across at the team's welcome dinner Sunday night: Respect the competition.

"That's just a young kid saying that," coach Larry Brown said. "But as long as he respects the people we're playing against and understands how good they've got, I don't have any problem with that."

Anthony is the secondyoungest member of a team that includes three Anthony, players — LeBron James and Dwyane Wade — coming off their rookie NBA seasons, along with rookieto-be Emeka Okafor.

The Denver star was asked how he thought his guarantee would be received by other teams in the Olympics, including three that defeated drill. the Americans two years

Championships. make the games more Anthony said. "Right now, teams are not scared of us no more. Why not hype the games

up? It's the Olympics. We're having fun, man. We've got to go over there and win."

Brown is holding two-aday practices Monday and Tuesday in an effort to get the players acquainted with one another. Only three of them, Allen Richard

Jefferson, remain from the U.S. team that won the Tournament of the Americas last

summer. "We've got a lot of teaching

to do. If we would have Philadelphia. had the nucleus of the that wouldn't have been necessary," said Brown, who also lamented a shortage of preparation time.

From the looks of things Monday during a portion of practice that was open to the media, Brown has plenty of work ahead to get his team to conform to his mantra of "playing the right way.'

"One pass and a shot, we can't do that!" Brown yelled at Amare Stoudemire after he clanged a mid-range jumper early in a possession during a four-on-four NBA.

"I've got to reprogram ago at the World you guys!" Brown later yelled, unhappy with the "I guess that's going to level of intensity he was seeing

"If Allen (Iverson) makes a free throw you don't have to run," Brown offered.

One clanged foul shot later, it was wind sprints for everyone.

Iverson, named a co-captain along with Tim Duncan, screamed at himself when he missed the pressure shot.

It was not the type of Iverson, Tim Duncan and leadership moment that

the team's oldest member wanted to show his teammates the and man who coached him for six seasons in

Dallas trades

away Fortson

Dallas gets: Calvin Booth

Fortson

Seattle gets: Danny

"I never know how guys from last summer, much something means to me until it's gone, and that's how I am with coach Brown," Iverson said.

One of the challenges for the coaching staff will be educating the youngsters about the intricacies of international basketball.

After the players responded with shock to a foul call, Popovich took it as an opportunity to impart a lesson: The quality and objectivity of the refereeing will not be what these players are accustomed to in the

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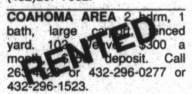
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JILLSON talking out of line and inappropriate interventions, but that's all part of the mechanism of change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Anything that can be improved upon (in either your external or internal environment) goes on a long list. It's so easy for vou to see your shortcomings now, but instead of dwelling on them, give yourself constructive criticism.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What seemed just fine yesterday now feels deficient, including your small apartment or oldermodel car. Do whatever you can to bolster your self-esteem in nonmaterialistic ways, as dwelling on what you don't have wears you out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Like a twin who depends on his or her sibling to set the mood, you may rely too heavily on outside forces to determine your attitude. Prevent this tendency by considering carefully what you decide to react to and what you let slide.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you meet someone who has achieved much in an arena where you yourself would like to become successful, offer to take your outer shell, consider this person to dinner -- the somewhere nice. course. Acts like this will cause you to expand your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The enemy is that part of you which feels the need to complain. It's a powerful force that compels you to moan, but if you resist, you'll find your power. Why go on like a broken record when you can do something about it?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The ground rules at Venus and Mars strike work are shifting and shaking - it's like a continental drift that will eventually change the of your landscape profession. Instead of being scared, be on the cutting edge, or at least interview people who are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Handle business early when you're like a walking computer, fantastic at keeping the figures straight and itemizing long lists in your head. Tasks you would usually do by rote seem to have a whole different meaning now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll feel like letting up on that strong selfyou've discipline established, but don't. Now is the time to persevere. If you let yourself get off the productivity train, it will be weeks before you can get back on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The more interest you show in something, the more interesting that thing becomes. Great joy is found today when you decide to connoisseur, a fan and an enthusiast. Fellow devotees would love to chat with you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be flowing with your emotions, but don't let them determine what action you take. Be driven by principle instead. You'll spend the morning getting a clearer understanding of what you need for the big and little picture.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-You're Feb. 18). experiencing a growth spurt and may become suddenly uncomfortable with who you are. If you're unhappy with thoughts thinking about what you look like.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you feel like you're just going along with the status quo, today brings a wake-up call. You donit have to decide exactly what to do about it just yet, but take an honest look at your situation. Put off signing contracts. © 2004 JOYCE JILLSON

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I have a full life with a high-paying career, and I'm involved in many activities, but I'm tired of dating. It's frustrating. I feel lonely disconnected, and I want to be part of a couple. For the past three months, I've been dating a wonderful man who is in love with me. "Jack" is 57. He's a sweet, good person. I enjoy his company, but I suspect it's mostly because we go to fun places. I really, really want that life. But I am not in love with Jack. The thought of giving up this nice person to return to the agony of dating is just horrible to me. What should I do? - Confused



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Dear Confused: know dating can be a drag, but we think you are expecting too much, too soon. Those sweepyou-off-your-feet relationships are very

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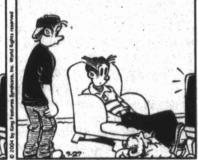
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 27, the 209th day of 2004. There are 157 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On July 27, 1953, the Korean War armistice was signed at Panmunjom, ending three years of fighting.

On this date: In 1789, Congress established the Department of Foreign Affairs, the forerunner of the Department of State.

In 1794, French revolu-

tionary leader Maximilien Robespierre was overthrown and placed under arrest; he was executed the following day. In 1861, Union General

George B. McClellan was put in command of the Army of the Potomac.

In 1866, Cyrus W. Field finally succeeded, after two failures, in laying the first

underwater telegraph cable between North America and Europe.

In 1960, Richard Nixon was nominated for president at the Republican national convention in Chicago. In 1974, the House

Judiciary Committee voted recommend to 27-11 President Nixon's impeachment on a charge that he had personally engaged in a "course of conduct" designed to obstruct justice in the Watergate case.

In 1976, following an American Legion convention in Philadelphia, Air Force veteran Ray Brennan became the first person to Legionnaire's of Disease. In 1980, on day 267 of the

Iranian hostage crisis, the deposed Shah of Iran died at a military hospital outside Cairo, Egypt, at age 60. In 1984, actor James Mason died in Lausanne,

Switzerland, at age 75. In 1996, terror struck the Atlanta Olympics as a pipe bomb exploded Centennial Olympic Park,

killing one person and injuring more than 100.

Today's Birthdays: TV producer Norman Lear is 82. Rhythm and blues singer Harvey Fuqua is 75. Actor Jerry Van Dyke is 73. Sportscaster Irv Cross is 65. Actor John Pleshette is 62. Singer Bobbie Gentry is 60. Actress-director Thomas is 56. Olympic gold medal figure skater Peggy Fleming is 56. Actor Maury Chaykin is 55. Singer Maureen McGovern is 55. Actress Janet Eilber is 53. Actress Roxanne Hart is 52. Country musician Duncan Cameron (Sawyer Brown) is 48. Jazz singer Karrin Allyson is 42.

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