

TUESDAY

August 17, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 67°-68°
TOMORROW 87°-88°

BRIEFLY

Jury call cancelled

The jury call for 9 a.m. Wednesday for County Judge Ben Lockhart's court has been cancelled.

Moss PTA slates 'Bash' for Aug. 24

The Moss Elementary School PTA will hold its first meeting of the school year followed by a "Welcome Back Burger Bash" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24.

The meeting will include a singing performance by students.

The 'Burger Bash' is \$3 a plate. Tickets can be purchased at the school during lunch time or call the PTA at 267-4650 or 267-6009.

Cossacks, Legion plan benefit run

The Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and American Legion Post 506 will hold a benefit auction and "in-house" poker run for local resident Virginia King for Saturday, Sept. 11, beginning at noon at the Legion Post, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Southern fried catfish will be served.

'The Guys' set on stage Sept. 11

The Howard College Theater Department will be performing "The Guys" by Anne Nelson on Saturday, Sept. 11, to benefit the Big Spring Fire Department.

The play will be in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets can be bought at the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, 215 W. Third Street, for \$10.

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College trustees enjoy encouraging tax report

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The 2004-2005 Howard College budget neared completion Monday as college trustees met to discuss the "strategy" for the coming year.

With an unrestricted budget projected at \$16.9 million at this point, up more than a half-million dollars from last year's budget, Howard College is reaping the benefits of a positive certified tax value report — a sharp contrast to last year's figures.

President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said the budget, once completed and approved by trustees, should tally more than \$20 million.

"We're hopeful that what's happening at the state level, relative to the sales improving in our state, suggests that we're on the upswing."



Dr. Cheryl Sparks

"There is a restricted and an unrestricted side in the budget," explained Sparks. "The unrestricted side is what we've been working on for the last several months, because the

restricted side is really just money that comes in from the federal government and state, and then just goes right back out.

"We don't have a total on the budget yet because of the restricted side. It will be over \$20 million when we put the two sides together and have the total budget."

Sparks said she's glad to see taxable values and the Texas economy improving, and hopes the trend continues in the coming years.

"It's certainly encouraging," said Sparks. "We're hopeful that what's happening at the state level, relative to the sales improving in

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Haven House board members present a plaque honoring the founders of the program, Lona and Paul Hood recently. Pictured are Jackie Conway, left, Lona Hood, Jo Ann Staulcup and Ruth Ann McKay.

Vision to help families of veterans became reality with Haven House

By LYNDEL MOODY

Lona Hood's vision to provide safe, affordable housing for the wives, sisters or family members of veterans receiving medical care at the VA Medical Center spawned the Haven House and years of gratitude for those who have been helped by the service.

Recently, the board of the Haven House honored Hood and her husband, Paul, a Marine veteran, for their tireless contribution to the program.

"Lona and Paul are two of the finest people I've ever known," said Jo Ann Staulcup, city councilwoman and Haven House board member.

For 13 years, Lona Hood worked behind the switchboard in the hospital's main lobby.

"She saw a lot of ladies who came with their husbands or brothers and who didn't have financial means to have a place to stay for the night," Staulcup said. "This was years before Haven House came to be."

Some of the women came prepared to sleep in their vehicle

because they couldn't afford the price of a hotel, Hood said.

"I had two extra bedrooms and I'd just bring them home," Hood said. "They'd spend the night. I didn't charge them any money. Invariably, they would leave money when I wasn't looking."

An then the idea of the Haven House was born.

"It has been a haven, literally, for hundreds and hundreds of women over the years," Staulcup said. "We get the most

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U.S. to close many military bases overseas

Major shifts would not begin until 2006

By MATT KELLEY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two U.S. Army divisions will leave Cold War-era bases in Germany over the next decade, and the U.S. military will increase its presence in former Warsaw Pact countries under President Bush's reorganization of forces abroad.

Bush announced the plan Monday and said the realignment ultimately would bring up to 70,000 troops — plus about 100,000 family members and civilian workers — back to the United States. Major shifts would not begin before 2006.

More than 200,000 U.S. troops are now stationed overseas, most of them in Europe.

Pentagon officials said the realignment also would close scores of U.S. installations in Europe to consolidate forces at larger bases there. At the same time, the United States would make greater use of training and logistics bases on the soil of new allies like Uzbekistan, Poland and Romania, said three top Pentagon officials who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

The moves are meant to provide greater flexibility and quicker reaction to deal with the smaller engagements that Pentagon planners foresee during the war on terrorism and beyond. And they will move some troops closer to the Middle East and Central Asia.

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Fair queen competition, workshops set Saturday

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Feature's Editor

The Howard County Fair Queen's Contest Saturday brings girls from area high schools to the fair barn to attend workshops on self-esteem, stage presence and modeling.

And for the winner of the contest, scholarships to Howard College as well

as a chance to represent the fair and participate in other events are some of the benefits.

"The Howard County Fair Queen reigns at the fair and helps award the livestock ribbons. The two runners-up assist with the Kountry Kids Contest," said Sonya Metcalf, organizer of the contest.

Any girl enrolled and

attending high school in Howard, Martin, Mitchell or Glasscock counties

For information, contact the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236.

may compete in the contest. A \$35 sponsor fee is required, along with a

completed application, which may be obtained at the Howard County Extension Office, located in the courthouse basement, at Southwest Crop Insurance, 601 S. Scurry, or at the Master's Touch on FM 700.

Contestants will compete in denim wear and in prom-like gowns, Metcalf said. They will also be judged on stage presence

and personality.

The workshops begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and lunch will be provided. Competition begins at 2 p.m. in the fair barns and a queen will be crowned by 4 p.m.

The fair barns are located at the county fairgrounds off FM 700.

Deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Iraqi delegation takes peace proposal to Najaf

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's national conference sent a delegation bearing a peace proposal to Najaf today, hoping to end the standoff with radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, which has marred the gathering meant to be a landmark step toward democracy.

As the National Conference in Baghdad put together the mission, a mortar round exploded several miles from the gathering's venue, killing seven people and wounding 35, according to the Health Ministry,

It was the second deadly barrage in the capital since the conference began Sunday — a reflection of the violence plaguing Iraq as its interim government struggles to show itself in control.

The blast on the busy, central Rasheed Street set a building on fire and smashed the front of a barbershop. Blood mixed with shards of glass on the street as firefighters were hosing charred cars.

Explosions and gunfire shook the streets of Najaf, 100 miles south of the capital, as clashes

with al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia escalated today. U.S. tanks encircled the Old City, which the militia has made its stronghold, and U.S. troops entered the neighborhood.

The Najaf fighting has overshadowed the National Conference, which was supposed to be a revolutionary moment in Iraq's democratic transformation, an unprecedented gathering of 1,300 Iraqis from all ethnic and religious groups for vigorous debate over their country's course.

It also was intended to increase the legitimacy of interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's government, which is deeply dependent on American troops and money even after the official U.S. occupation ended.

Members of the conference decided to delay the gathering's main function — electing a form of national assembly — to give time for a peace mission to Najaf.

An eight-member team arrived in Najaf aboard U.S. military

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Obituaries

Maria Zamora Palomino

Maria Zamora Palomino, 91, of Big Spring died at her home Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004. Graveside services were at 4 p.m. Monday in the Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born May 21, 1913, in Barstow and was a homemaker and also a housekeeper. She was a Catholic and a resident of Big Spring for more than 60 years.

She is survived by one daughter, Sherrie Palomino, of Big Spring.

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

Louise Brown

Louise Brown, 98, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, in a local hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

□ **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY-WIDE PEP RALLY** begins at 8 p.m. in the Amphitheater in Comanche Trail Park.

□ **MOSS ELEMENTARY PTA MEETING AND BURGER BASH** is set for 6-8 p.m. Aug. 24. Tickets are \$3 and are available during lunch time or call the PTA at 267-4650 or 267-6009.

□ **RSVP ICE CREAM SOCIAL** is set for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community Center at Comanche Trail Park. All RSVP volunteers and their friends are invited. Please make your reservations by calling 264-2397.

□ **A FUND TO HELP DEFRAY** the funeral costs and medical bills of Johnny Darden, a Howard County man who was recently attacked and killed by a swarm of bees, has been set up at State National Bank under account no. 2007126.

□ **A FUND FOR CLAY "GOONIE" VICKERS** to help with expenses for life-threatening surgery has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union, 264-2600. He is a 2003 graduate of Forsan High School and a Howard College theater student.

□ **A SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT LOVE FROM HOME** has been established at Citizen's Federal Credit Union. Love From Home is a local effort to provide personal items needed by the soldiers serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Contact the credit union at 267-6373 to contribute funds to offset the cost of postage for the packages mailed to the soldiers.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for 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.

□ **THE BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1994** 10-year reunion is set for October 8-9. For more information, or to update name or mailing address, please call Kendra Carey Willingham at 1-888-820-4911 pin No. 6414 or e-mail BigSpringReunion94@yahoo.com.

□ **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989** 15-year 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 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 Sunday.

□ **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.

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Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- **KATHERINE SCAGGS**, 33, of 3304 W. Highway 80, was arrested Monday and held for the HCSO.
- **JESSIE MOORE**, 45, of 1901 N. Highway 87, was arrested Monday on a parole violation and a warrant from the Midland County Sheriff's Office.
- **RAUL RAMIREZ**, 20, of 1301 Scurry, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of minor in consumption - third or more offense.

Sheriff's report

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

- **JOSE LINFERNAL**, 29, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a judgment and sentencing for failure to identify - giving false information.
- **CHARLEY BUCKLEY**, 45, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 4500 block of Parkway.

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, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

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

SATURDAY

□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8-9 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 5-6 p.m.

MONDAY

□ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. Call 398-5522 for more information.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-10-25-27. Bonus Ball: 8.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.
Prize: \$525,000.
Winning ticket sold in: Dallas.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 12-14-20-26-28.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-1-6

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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, 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.
- Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.
- Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with a meeting to follow at 1st and Goliad streets. All Masons are welcome to attend.
- Big Spring Art Association meeting is canceled as many members unavailable. Next meeting is set for Sept. 21.
- Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- 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.
- Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association meets at 5:30 p.m. in the RSVP office at 501 Runnels.
- American Legion Post 506 meets at 6 p.m. Call 263-2084 for more information.
- RSVP ice cream social is set for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday in the Dora Roberts Community Center at Comanche Trail Park. All RSVP volunteers and their friends are invited. Please make your reservations by calling 264-2397.
- Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America meets at 7 p.m. in the Sparenburg Building, 309 S. Main St.
- Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

- AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
- Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

Weather

Tonight - Mainly clear. Low 68. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.
Wednesday - Sunshine along with some passing clouds. High 88. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.
Wednesday night - Widely scattered showers and thunderstorms should diminish as the evening progresses. Low around 70. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent.
Thursday - Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Friday - Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Saturday - Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Abandoned Texas children back home

HOUSTON (AP) — Seven adopted Texas children discovered abandoned at a Nigerian orphanage ravaged by disease and malnutrition are back in the state.

Child Protective Services, which received emergency custody of the children Monday, is investigating accusations that the children's adoptive mother in Houston abandoned them in Nigeria in October while going to work in Iraq as a private contractor.

Three of the children were hospitalized with malaria and later released, said CPS spokeswoman Estella Olguin. The youths were skinny and covered with mosquito bites, infections and scars.

Now, they are living in two Houston foster homes. The children visit every day, said Olguin.

"They have suffered a horrible ordeal," she told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions. "But they want to be together."

Cotton producers headed for record crop

LUBBOCK (AP) — Texas is on track for a record cotton crop but chillier than normal temperatures in its largest growing region might keep the state from reaching recent estimates by the U.S. Agriculture Department.

The USDA's first survey of the season projects that Texas will harvest 6.3 million bales, besting the 1949 mark of 6 million bales for the nation's largest cotton producing state. Nationally, the department's forecast calls for the second largest crop ever with about 20.2 million bales.

But two recent cool spells on the South Plains, where 60 percent of Texas' cotton is grown, have left those who monitor the crop less than optimistic about the projections for the state.

"They've definitely slowed our cotton down for right now," said Rickey Bearden, president of the Plains Cotton Growers. He farms about 3,000 acres about 60 miles southwest of Lubbock. "We have to have a good August and September to make what they're projecting."

The USDA's report, released late last week, calculates harvest estimates using a random survey of the number of bolls on plants at the time, said Roger Haldenby, a spokesman for the Plains Cotton Growers, which serves a 41-county region.

Family buries 'son' who turns up alive

SALINAS VICTORIA, Mexico (AP) — The Garcia family thought their 25-year-old son had become another migrant who drowned trying to swim the treacherous, fast flowing Rio Grande.

Two days after the family buried what they thought was the body of Omar Garcia Escobedo, a factory worker and father of a 10-month-old boy, he called to say he was alive and well in the border city of Brownsville, Texas.

The stunned family said Monday the would-be drowning victim should be granted temporary U.S. residency and a work visa because of the mishap. They also want U.S. authorities to take back the body of the unidentified man they put in the ground and pay the US\$2,500 a funeral home charged them for the burial services.

On Aug. 6, a Starr County investigator contacted Garcia Escobedo's family and told them a man carrying a wallet containing his identification card had drowned while crossing the Rio Grande.

Garcia Escobedo's father, who is also named Omar, his cousin and wife went to Starr County Sheriff's department office in Rio Grande City and identified the body through photographs.

School funding trial moves into week two

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawyers for school districts challenging the state's education finance system sought on Monday to discredit a legislative study used to determine the cost of an adequate education in Texas.

About 300 school districts have sued the state over the share-the-wealth system, arguing that its dependence on local property taxes is flawed and unconstitutional, and doesn't spend enough to educate Texas' 4.3 million students.

Lynn Moak, a consultant specializing in school finance, opened the second week of testimony in the trial, criticizing a study prepared for Texas lawmakers to determine how much the state should spend per pupil to provide an "adequate" education.

The study was commissioned by Texas lawmakers and presented to them in March as they prepared for a special session on school finance. The session ended in June without lawmakers devising a new funding method that would give homeowners property tax relief while keeping schools well funded.

The study, conducted by researchers at Texas A&M and the University of Kansas, suggested that it takes about \$6,200 annually per student to maintain a 55 percent pass rate of the state's annual standardized test — the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS. That's about \$300 less than the average amount spent per student in 2004.

Early warning of killer algae possible

HOUSTON (AP) — Marine researchers are hoping to prevent tides of destructive algae from killing fish and fouling beaches through early detection of the microscopic organisms.

A technique that can quickly detect small numbers of *Karenia brevis* algae in a half-drop of water loaded with thousands of other organisms was developed by James Pinckney, an associate professor in the department of oceanography at Texas A&M University, along with his wife, fellow A&M scientist Tammie Richardson.

That would speed identifying red tide before its toxins cause too much damage to beaches and fisheries. Outbreaks of the microscopic organism, which turn water an orangish-brown color, have periodically hit parts of the Texas Gulf coast, leaving dead fish in their wake.

To determine concentrations of the toxic algae, the currently accepted method is counting the number of organisms in a milliliter of water, which can take days.

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our state, suggests that we're on the upswing."

While good news abounded during the meeting, Sparks said there were several considerable increases that effected the 2004-2005 budget, including an attempt to make up for cost of living pay increases for college employees.

"The largest increase in costs was the price of utilities," said Sparks. "Utilities and insurance were the largest cost increases we've seen. After those, the salary increases were the third largest."

"Last year there were no increases in salary. We have what we call cost of living steps that we have on a schedule, and last year we froze the schedules and there were no increases at all. The

board made the decision to go back and pick up those steps from last year and let the employees recover the increases from last year, in addition to a step this year."

Sparks said she expects to see enrollment at the college increase this year, bringing with it increases in funding from other sources, including food services and student housing.

"We anticipate some increases relative to what we think we'll see in the way of enrollment," said Sparks. "We go back and look at our last year's budget and look at what we received in revenue in comparison to what we projected. If we were a little under, we'll increase our revenue to show what we're bringing in for the new year. That's where some of that money comes from as well."

Trustees also held a budget hearing during

Monday's meeting. While the questions and answers flew around the board room from trustees and college staff, no one from the community spoke for or against the current \$16.9 million incarnation of the budget.

Trustees are set to meet Aug. 30 to approve budgets for Howard College campuses in Big Spring and San Angelo, as well as for the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

Trustees are also expected to cement the college's tax rate during the Aug. 30 meeting, which will be held in the college board room, located in the Student Union Building.

"Looking at the certified values for the county, we'll be able to keep the tax rate where it is now and still see an increase of \$77,000 on the tax levy for the year," said Sparks.

The tax rate for the college is expected to be

approved at 27.561 cents per \$100 valuation, the same rate that was approved last year. Sparks told trustees taxpayers will see no change in their tax unless the valuation of their property goes up or down.

"I'm just happy we were able to do all of this without raising taxes," Trustee Dr. Charles O. Warren told fellow board members. "That makes me very happy."

Trustees also approved an increase in the penalties assessed for delinquent taxes, sending the attorney fees for delinquent taxes from 15 percent to 20 percent. Their decision came following a presentation from delinquent tax collector Drew Mouton.

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BASES

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On a visit to Washington last month, Romanian prime minister Adrian Nastase said he had offered Bush "a five-star location for military bases." Romania, which joined NATO this year, has airstrips and naval bases on the Black Sea, such as one at Constanta, Romania, within striking distance of Iraq and Central Asia.

Democratic critics said Bush's plan would place more troops further from potential battlefields and wear out soldiers with more fre-

quent training overseas, away from families.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark, a former Democratic presidential candidate, said Bush's plan "will significantly undermine U.S. national security."

In Germany, the two heavy armored divisions will be replaced with one brigade, a unit roughly one-third the size of a division's 15,000 troops. Instead of tanks, the replacement unit will be outfitted with new Stryker vehicles, the smaller, lighter and faster armored vehicles that are part of the Army's future strategy.

The United States has had about

1,000 soldiers in Uzbekistan since the war in neighboring Afghanistan that followed the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. It has no soldiers permanently based in Poland and Romania although it conducts training with those countries.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other administration officials have frequently discussed the realignment with allies. Rumsfeld, who proposed the changes before the 2001 terrorist attacks, reassured Kremlin officials over the weekend in Russia that the U.S. moves into former Soviet and Warsaw Pact territory are not a threat to Moscow.

NAJAF

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helicopters this afternoon. The peace proposal demands that al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia put down its weapons, leave holy shrines where they have taken refuge during the fighting and join Iraq's political process in exchange for amnesty.

"This is not a negotiation. This is a friendly mission to convey the message of the National Conference," said delegation head Hussein al-Sadr, a distant relative of the cleric. "We want to change the Mahdi Army into a political organization and to evacuate the shrine of Ali with the promise not to legally pursue those taking shel-

ter there. This is what the government and all Iraqis want."

The mission to Najaf was plagued by embarrassing holdups. A large delegation of 60 conference members had intended to go in a convoy on Tuesday to Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad. That trip was delayed as members waited seven hours for a security escort, then it was canceled when none emerged.

The conference then decided to send the smaller delegation.

Al-Sadr's followers have been battling U.S. troops from Najaf's vast cemetery and the revered Imam Ali Shrine since Aug. 5, when a two-month old ceasefire broke down.

Al-Sadr aides said they welcomed the mission, but not the peace proposal.

"The demands of the committee

are impossible. The shrine compound must be in the hands of the religious authorities. They are asking us to leave Najaf while we are the sons of Najaf," said al-Sadr aide, Sheik Ali Smeisim.

If al-Sadr agrees to stand down, the conference will have succeeded in turning a crisis into a startling, symbolic victory showing the potential power of communal solutions in post-Saddam Iraq.

If he rejects the peace deal, the conflict will have distracted attention from other pressing issues and damage conference organizers' efforts to project an optimistic image of national unity.

The Najaf violence "has really affected progress" at the National Conference, said one delegate, Ahmad al-Hayali.

HAVEN

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marvelous letters from some of these ladies thanking us for what this house has meant to them and it is all because of Lona and Paul Hood and their generosity and their concern for veterans and their families. They are wonderful people."

Incorporated in 1991, the non-profit agency provides a home where ladies may stay for a small donation or for free while their loved ones receive medical care at

the hospital. The home includes a small kitchen area, washers and dryers and room for 12 occupants.

Donations from the 14th and Main Church of Christ and area veterans groups have helped to sustain the program.

"We tell the women if they can afford to, just leave \$2 or \$4 as a donation and if they can't, that's fine too," Hood said. "It's just rewarding to look over here and know that someone has a place to stay and there are so many people who were so grateful."

"They would just come to you with tears in their eyes and say how much they appreciate it," she continued. "They could not have stayed with their husbands had it not been for this. It's very rewarding."

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OUR VIEWS

Chaplaincy needs real commitment

A little more than a week ago, representatives from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Big Spring Police Department, Victim Services, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room stressed the need for an emergency services chaplaincy program in Howard County during a community awareness meeting at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

They called on our community not to let a volunteer ministry created about a year and a half ago by Ken Childress, the former associate pastor of Community of Hope First Church of the Nazarene, go by the wayside.

With Childress expected to leave Big Spring in the next two months or so, the need to establish a permanent program has become apparent. And those who spoke during that meeting stressed that the community needs to make the most of Childress' offer to help train replacements as chaplains.

Now a group of community leaders have begun the process of putting together the structure for a permanent program.

Most of those who spoke during the meeting admitted that prior to Childress' arrival and commitment to creating a chaplaincy, they were unaware of the program's need. That is obviously no longer the case.

Police Sgt. Tony Everett and Victim Services Executive Director Shann Thomas provided a poignant example when they recounted their experiences in handling a case where a 7-year-old girl was sexually assaulted and murdered. Childress not only helped Victim Services personnel help the family, but also helped the first responders, investigators and others who were emotionally traumatized by the incident.

But perhaps Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker had the most telling message when he stressed that everyone present during the meeting could help make the chaplaincy program an ongoing success. "You may not be able to be a chaplain, might not be able to make a financial donation to the program or be able to serve on the board," he said, "but I know every person can pray. We need your prayers."

Indeed.

We at the *Herald* encourage those wanting to help to contact Childress by calling 264-1112 or Everett Bender at 263-0556.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

You, Lord, can turn a tragedy into opportunity when we walk with you and trust in you.

Amen

Congressional lame-duck on the horizon

The Republican majority in Congress has regretfully concluded that there is no alternative to calling the lawmakers back into session for what everybody had hoped to avoid: a lame-duck post-election session.

The final blow to ending the life of the 108th Congress may be pressure to complete work on recommendations made by the independent 9/11 commission. Even if the pre-election adjournment time is delayed from Oct. 4 to Oct. 11 as is now contemplated, the legislators will have no more than 20 legislative days to conclude a mass of unfinished work.

A lame-duck session could be embarrassing if Democrats win the presidency or either house of Congress on Nov. 2. That would probably guarantee trouble in passing anything, particularly the 9/11 commission reforms.

Practical Republican politicians are not happy with the selection by the party leadership of the five-star, super-expensive Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in Manhattan as headquarters for the Republican National Convention.

Prices for rooms at the Waldorf normally range from \$205 to \$670 a night, with the expectation of a higher rate being imposed for the convention. Critics argue that this hotel selection exposes the GOP to charges of being the party of the rich and plays into the hands of leftist demonstrators in New York, likely to be camped outside the

Waldorf's doors.

At the last national political convention held at Madison Square Garden, the Democrats used the less pretentious Hilton New York as their headquarters hotel.

Republican National Committee sources say operatives in Washington are not happy about "Unfit for Command," the book that attacks John Kerry's record as both a combatant in Vietnam and as an anti-war protester.

These critics fear the attack on the Democratic presidential candidate will backfire and be regarded by voters as dirty politics. They also are apprehensive that the examination of Kerry's Vietnam record will renew charges that George W. Bush did not fulfill his obligations as an Air National Guardsman during the Vietnam War.

Actually, the judgment among Republicans is mixed. Some grassroots activists feel that criticism of the anti-Kerry book betrays faintness of heart within the Republican establishment. Some prominent Republicans, while keeping quiet in public, feel the book does pose serious problems for Sen. Kerry.

Senior operatives in the Bush-Cheney campaign did not get any alert that President Bush last Tuesday would hoist a trial balloon for a national sales tax.

In response to a question about such a tax, Bush said at a campaign event in Niceville, Fla.: "It's the kind of interesting idea that we ought to explore seriously." The campaign game plan had been for the president to refrain from making new proposals during the

vacation month of August and instead wait until the Republican convention in New York beginning Aug. 30.

Bush-Cheney campaign surrogates were recently advised that the president will soon start boosting Social Security reform by creating personal accounts without him getting too specific. Nothing was said to the surrogates about tax reform, however.

The conservative Club for Growth this summer in Oklahoma and Kansas scored some of its biggest victories in its five-year history, and may record another Tuesday in North Carolina.

In North Carolina, the Club backs State Rep. Patrick McHenry, a strong anti-tax conservative, against Sheriff David Huffman, plagued by charges of corruption, in a heavily Republican congressional district's runoff.

The organization this summer was behind the nomination for the Senate in Oklahoma of anti-tax former Rep. Tom Coburn, running against the Republican establishment. Coburn has taken a double-digit lead in the polls against Democratic Rep. Brad Carson. In Kansas, the Club was also a big player in the ousting of pro-tax Republican legislative leaders, including State Rep. Bill Kassebaum (son of former U.S. Sen. Nancy Kassebaum and grandson of the late former Gov. Alf Landon).

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Florida set for electoral mayhem

In the national 'Crossfire' that passes for political debate these days, we observe much arm-waving over whether the latest 'terrorist threat' warnings are on the level or merely designed to take voters' minds off bad job news, bad Iraq news, bad Afghanistan news, etc. I boldly suggest not a single mouth-flapper on either side has any idea. How the hell would any of them know what Al Qaeda is up to?

If you want to make the point that Karl Rove is perfectly capable of using terrorist threats for political purposes, go right ahead, but that doesn't mean he's done so.

Meanwhile, we might more profitably continue our efforts to keep a grip on reality by paying attention to some of those little things, those itty-bitty things that are observable so.

Florida, the Fun State, is off to a fast start on election shenanigans this year. Undeterred by the state's electoral disgrace in 2000, elections officials there have all but publicly announced, "We're going to cheat again this year." In July, voting rights groups asked for the audits of the 2002 gubernatorial election, supposedly collected by new electronic voting machines. Ooops. Records gone.

Two computer crashes last year, officials said, erased the records of both the primary and general elections. Here's my favorite part: A spokesman for the Miami elections office said the reason no announcement was made at the time was officials believed "it was merely a record-keeping issue." Said Seth Kaplan, "There's always a fine line between speaking out about things that are truly necessary to speak about and not unnecessarily alarming the public." How true that is.

Furthering the festive atmos-

phere is the unfortunate fuss over the felons' list. You may recall that in 2000, thousands of Floridians were deprived of the right to vote because they have the same names as someone, somewhere who was once convicted of a felony. If, for example, a 'Bill Smith' in Kansas City had done time for burglary 20 years earlier, any 'Bill Smith' in Sarasota, Seminole or Solana also found himself knocked off the voter rolls. It was a horrendous injustice and a scandal at the time. Who would have guessed that Gov. Jeb Bush would choose to simply repeat it? This guy haschutzpah out the wazoo.

In 2000, a firm with GOP connections was hired by then Secretary of State Katherine Harris (also chair of the state Bush-for-Prez campaign) to scan felon records nationwide and then purge Florida voters with similar — or almost similar — names. Bush officially carried Florida by 537 votes that year. Florida newspapers later found 8,000 of the blacklisted voters had been convicted of misdemeanors, not felonies.

This year, same song, second verse. Gov. Bush tried to purge 47,000 supposed ex-felons. A Miami Herald investigation of the new list found it named Democrats by a three-to-one margin and wrongly listed 2,100 people whose citizenship had already been restored through a clemency process.

The Tampa Tribune produced an even more startling discovery: While half of those on this year's list are black, the list contains the names of fewer than 100 Hispanics. Hispanics in Florida tend to be Republican-leaning Cuban-Americans. Gosh, Gov. Bush was just astonished about the no-Hispanics thing — except the state had been repeatedly warned about it. He finally withdrew the list on July 11. Then, on July 14, the First District U.S. Court of Appeals in Tallahassee ruled the state must help felons fill out the form they need to win

back the right to vote after serving their time. Instead, Gov. Bush eliminated the form.

One tries not to be paranoid, but this doth smelleth. Is there any Republican who would be happy if the role of the parties were reversed here and only Hispanic felons had been on Jebbie Bush's little list, but no blacks? Come on. The Republican Party in Florida is now urging its voters to use absentee ballots so they will have a paper trail in case of a recount. Hey, if it's good enough for Republicans ...

Here are a few more little items: The Department of Defense is now outsourcing the job of preparing the national defense budget to ... private defense contractors. Isn't that special? The Center for Public Integrity has found at least three private-sector contracting firms advertising jobs for analysts to work on the development of the president's defense budget.

More good news: Those vigilant folks at Homeland Security are allowing the nuclear industry's leading lobby to develop the teams of mock-terrorist attackers who will supposedly probe and evaluate security at nuclear power plants. According to the Project on Government Oversight, "The lobby, called the Nuclear Energy Institute, in turn hired the company with the biggest financial stake in finding no problems at the plants — Wackenhut Corp., the nation's largest security plan provider."

"This is more than a case of the proverbial fox guarding the henhouse," said the project's director. "It is not an apparent conflict of interest, but a blatant conflict of interest."

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Virginia

By ANNIE GROE

The Washington

CHECK, Va music filled the recent Sunday, 100 revelers in Tudor-style Roanoke, Va., to the completion of fireplace.

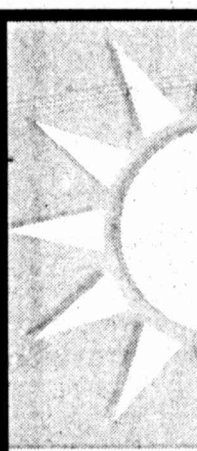
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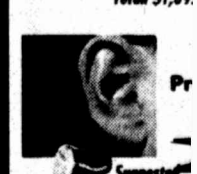
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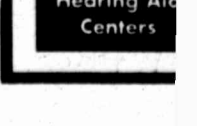
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Virginia woodcarver puts mythic visions in mahogany

By ANNIE GROER

The Washington Post

CHECK, Va. — As music filled the air on a recent Sunday, more than 100 revelers thronged a Tudor-style home in Roanoke, Va., to celebrate the completion of ... a fireplace.

This was no ordinary piece of carpentry. Master woodworker Ernest Bryant had spent 11 years, off and on, designing and meticulously carving waterfowl, dragons, griffins, snakes, snails and intricate Celtic knots into a surround made from blocks of four-inch-thick mahogany.

At nearly eight feet tall and seven feet wide, the finished piece dominates the living room of physician Bob Hutcheson Jr. and his archaeologist wife, Charlene. And it is hardly the home's sole example of Bryant's artistry.

A seven-foot sculpture of dragons rather erotically entwined guards one end of the room, not far from a sleek campaign-style folding bar and a 19th-century Shanghai Victorian settee rebuilt using the three original pieces Hutcheson inherited: a ferocious carved, double-dragon back and two dragon arms. Bryant fitted the elaborate components together and added four legs, a seat and an apron.

Bryant first worked for the Hutchesons in 1984, making doors for the couple's curio cabinets. Over the past 20 years the couple have become his principal patrons, commissioning, among other pieces, a 16-foot Queen Anne-style mahogany dining table and 14 chairs as well as a steering wheel for the good doctor's '67 E-type Jaguar.

There are a million



Washington Post photo/Stephanie Klein-Davis
Woodworker Ernest Bryant captured during a quiet moment in his barn-turned-workshop.

people in the world who can build cabinets and bookcases and do a really nice job," says Bob Hutcheson. But, he adds, nodding toward the fireplace, "there are not many people who can build something this elaborate with that depth of detail. Those who can, should be supported. It's an open-ended commitment."

Indeed, Hutcheson, a fan of things Irish and Scottish, estimates spending almost \$100,000 on Bryant's work, from a plum-size blowpipe for his bagpipe to a four-foot-tall sculpture of a water bird with intricately knotted neck that the couple dubbed "Celt-mingo."

"They are my Medicis," says Bryant, 59, grateful for his own down-home version of the noble Italian Renaissance family who famously supported the arts. "I love working for Bob because of his attitude. Not everyone has that attitude. Both of them have given me plenty much free rein, but

nothing as free as the dragons."

Bryant has worked in wood since boyhood. He and his friends "made dozens of these rickety wagons that we'd ride down the roads and the hollows. We'd take a couple of two-by-sixes, some steel rods and we'd attach old lawn mower wheels. And every summer we started a log cabin, with all these grandiose ideas, but we never finished a one."

A half-century later, his fascination with wood endures. "The beauty of the material speaks to my artistic nature," he says. "It's very satisfying to work with it, and there is a practical side to it. People like to have furniture made, and I can make a living at it."

For one client, he copied a clean-lined 18th-century tester bed once owned by financier J.P. Morgan and now in the du Pont family's Winterthur Museum in Wilmington. For another he fashioned a four-foot round coffee table from a

thick cross-cut of a dying pin oak, complete with butterfly joints to keep it together.

He has crafted cabinets and shelves for kitchens, libraries, home offices and mud rooms; built chests, entertainment centers and a four-poster bed for a room too narrow for nightstands. So he added a shelf on a long piano hinge behind the headboard to hold books, glasses and a lamp.

Most of his clients live in and around Roanoke. He accepts jobs when he has time and makes no promises about completion dates. He won't touch another fireplace surround as intricate as the Hutchesons' for under \$90,000 (though he says it should take a year, rather than a decade, to finish).

Not bad for a man whose first "artistic discovery" was Mad magazine as a kid in Virginia's hardscrabble coal country, and who later taught himself woodworking at Fort Benning, Ga., as a

draftee in Uncle Sam's Vietnam-era Army.

By day, Bryant — with a bachelor's degree in sculpting and printmaking from what is now Virginia Commonwealth University, and a military classification as an illustrator — was art director of Infantry magazine. At night, to beat boredom, he worked for the Special Services branch. "They had clubs, craft shops, woodworking and pottery and leather shops. That is where I got my training in machinery and building things. It was a full, working wood shop. They had the best equipment money could buy, and lots

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The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rate					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.500	\$0.000	\$1.50000	\$9,399	\$365
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.368	\$0.00	\$1.360	\$9,427.00	\$312.00
Proposed Rate	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0.00000	\$0	\$0
	\$1.42800	\$0.00000	\$1.42800	\$9,740	\$312

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence		
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of it. I read books, and looked, and made thousands and thousands of mistakes."

After a stint in Indianapolis as art director of the old Saturday Evening Post magazine, he returned to Virginia to marry his college sweetheart, Charlotte Atkins, an artist and librarian. Their hippie wedding took place outside the ramshackle house on 40 gorgeous acres they'd bought here in Check, a 45-minute drive from Roanoke. They used the old outhouse for seven years before installing indoor plumbing.

"I worked at the Floyd County water plant, did odd jobs, house painting. Then I started doing refinishing of furniture because everybody is always looking for refinishers," says Bryant. "Occasionally a piece would have something missing and I would have to replace it, and eventually people began asking me to build things. By '78, I had given up refinishing because I had enough things to build."

The barn became the

wood shop, from which he can smell, if not always see, the couple's three cows. "You gotta have 'em or your pasture will become forest in no time," he muses.

Not all of his fine work is for clients. He turned his wife's heirloom tiger oak headboard into a mantelpiece for the fireplace in the art studio on the second floor of their home. But like the proverbial cobbler whose children go shoeless, he just smiles when she demonstrates lopsided, wooden kitchen drawers for a visitor.

Bryant also creates sculpture for his own amusement, exquisitely detailed pieces, some whimsical, some dark. Boxus Anatomous, the first of a proposed family of three humanoid cabinets, conceals a cunning arrangement of drawers and cubbyholes. Another piece, Closet of Fools, looks like a fancy storage unit, all striped sides and long legs, yet opens to reveal five grotesque faces revolving in a lighted, mirrored chamber, their reflections continuing into infinity.

Like Closet and Boxus, carvings of the artist's own expressive hands and a lidded bowl topped by a

life-size foot might well be found in prestigious craft museums or shows. But Bryant expresses no interest in that life, saying he is not sufficiently creative.

"I don't have enough ideas to make all this stuff up, and then hope somebody buys it. I would rather work for an individual, design and build something that meets their needs and fits their taste, and then I can work in as much of myself as I can in various places. It's just a better life than trying to sell stuff; you have to travel, lug all this junk around, get middlemen involved. And I just hate the whole gallery scene, the snobbery of it, the critics."

That said, his wife and his clients think he deserves recognition, which finally may have come from Fine Homebuilding magazine. Under the headline "A Year of Carving

Carefully," the Roanoke fireplace — in all its polished splendor — occupies the back cover of the June-July issue.

A writer who knows Bryant's work pitched it to the magazine, says senior editor Charles Bickford. "Ernest sent shots of this mantel that was in his shop and we said, 'Wow, this is great.' Mantels can be a place where people can go really crazy with detail, but this is really extraordinary, the level of carving. He has a great eye."

Bryant circles the topic of his talent carefully. "I am convinced there are always people out there who have done it quicker and cheaper than I have. There is nothing new under the sun. I don't have any illusions about my work. I know where I am in the pantheon. I think I am a B minus."

He pauses before adding, "I'll try anything. I may fail, but I'll try."

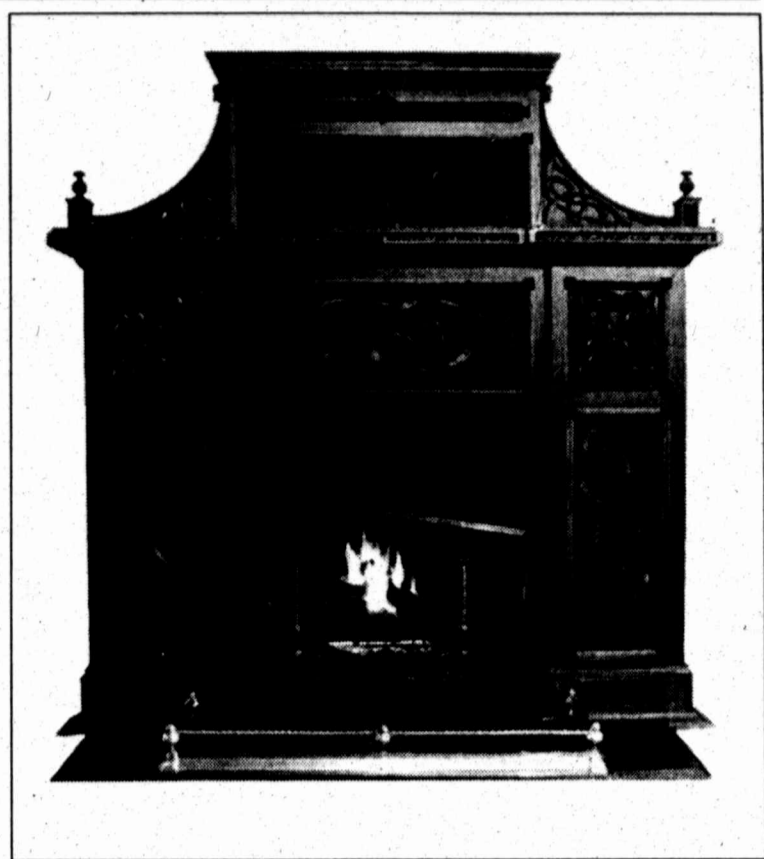


Photo by Fine Homebuilding Magazine

Master woodworker Ernest Bryant designed and meticulously carved waterfowl, dragons, griffins, snakes, snails and intricate Celtic knots into a fireplace surround made from blocks of four-inch-thick mahogany. The finished work is nearly eight feet tall and seven feet wide.

Bluebonnet Books

By **KERRY MOORE**

Special to the Herald
This was a good book, but the pictures were just like the title says, gruesome. Don't get me wrong. Like I said, it was a great book.



KERRY MOORE

It takes you back in time to 1841 when the book first starts...

It's about a guy I never heard of, but this book has so many details that I felt like I knew him all his life. Well, back to the book.

Phineas works for a railroad construction. He's getting ready for an explosion, but suddenly, boom! It goes off too early.

A tamping iron shoots through his head. It kills him, but it takes 11 years and six months and 19 days to do so. This book tells you what he does before he dies.

Like how he goes to

Boston to reclaim his job. And how he drives a stagecoach in Chile, a place in Africa, but he does all this stuff and he wouldn't go anywhere without the same tamping iron that went through his head, his tamping iron.

It tells you what kills him, but you will have to read "Phineas Gage, A Gruesome But True Story About Brain Science," by John Fleishman. If you have a child or children, or if you like science or want to be a scientist, this is a good book for them or you.

I give this book a nine. I wanted to give it a 10, but I had to take a break because of the gross pictures.

Keery Moore is a student at Washington Elementary.

This is an installment in a series of book reviews written by Big Spring elementary students.

Texas Bluebonnet Books are award-nominated juvenile literature available for check-out at the Howard County Library. Read 10 of the Bluebonnet Books to be eligible to vote for a favorite.

Decadent Delights

Since I am a member of our local chapter of flab fighters, you can imagine my dismay at being seen sneaking out of the snackroom at church. In my purse was a container of chocolate, cream-filled delights.

It wouldn't have been so bad to be seen, but it was by someone who knew exactly why I was stealthily exiting that particular room.



CHRITY ALTON

There was no pretending that I was in there to get a bottle of refreshing spring water.

I was found out. The crinkling of plastic packaging signaled my sin.

Without a leg to stand on, I sat in the nursery and opened up the heavenly cupcakes. The frosting on the top was so ooey and gooey and wonderful, I couldn't help but feel guilty.

I sat there, and talked with one of our thinnest

members about exercise, weight loss plans, spinning, power pump and healthy eating habits.

After eating one of the cakes, I offered her one in hopes that she would take it, but she naturally declined. That explains the thin part.

With the other confection sitting there, I melted. I'm not proud of it, but I ate it as well.

The power that chocolate can have over me is frightening. Before joining the ranks of restriction, I would go to a local grocery and purchase a box of these dainties and eat them all in one day.

To be fair to myself, it would take me the whole day to eat them. I didn't gobble. But, it was just this type of indulgence that drove me to the flab fighter's club in the first place.

Since my little detour on Sunday, I've vowed to stay out of the snackroom. It will save me the chagrin of being discovered.

Chrity Alton is a full time student, works part time as a mother of two and married to her park ranger, Ron.



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August 2004 Schedule

- August 1 • Sunday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 2 • Monday**
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 3 • Tuesday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Retirement Living - 10:00 am
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 4 • Wednesday**
*Stretch & Tone (Hospital) - 11:00 am
*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 5 • Thursday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Coffee @ Gales - 10:00 am
*Supper Club "Furr's" - 5:30 pm
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 6 • Friday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 7 • Saturday**
Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
2nd Floor (Hospital) Call To Enroll 268-4550
Laurie Burks, Instructor
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 8 • Sunday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 9 • Monday**
*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 10 • Tuesday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Lunch Bunch & Birthdays - 11:30 am - *Hunan's*
Bus Fare & Hotel (Cut off of trip) Aug. 10
Openings Still - Open - Call - \$225 per person
- Reception For New Radiologist**
Dr. Thein & Wife - Hospital Lobby
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm
Open To The Public - Refreshments
- August 11 • Wednesday**
*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am
*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 12 • Thursday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
*Supper Club "Hermans" - 5:30 pm
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 13 • Friday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 14 • Saturday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 15 • Sunday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 16 • Monday**
*Shreveport Trip For Seniors
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 17 • Tuesday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Shreveport Trip For Seniors
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 18 • Wednesday**
*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 19 • Thursday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 20 • Friday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 21 • Saturday**
*ROCKHOUND BASEBALL & Fireworks - 5:00 pm
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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- August 22 • Sunday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 23 • Monday**
*Games - 2:00 pm (Hospital)
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 24 • Tuesday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*POT LUCK & BINGO - 11:30 (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 25 • Wednesday**
*Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am
*Sr. Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
*Supper Club "La Posada" - 5:30 pm
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 26 • Thursday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
*Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
*Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 27 • Friday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 28 • Saturday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 29 • Sunday**
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 30 • Monday**
*Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Hospital)
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
OB Dept. (2nd Floor) - Results in 4 Minutes
- August 31 • Tuesday**
*Mall Walking - 8:00 am
Free Pregnancy Testing - 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
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BSISD sets season tick
Big Springs scheduled its football season sales.
The general may purchase tickets at the Training through Friday a.m. to 4 p.m. to noon only. However, sales are from noon only.
For questions, contact Kay Cook at

Howard Co opens boot
The athletic event at College will be a booth set-up Howard Co Aug. 25-28.
The boot used to practice Hawk Flight to begin the athletic season. They will fair from 4 p.m. Aug. 10 to 10 a.m. Aug. 28.

BSYFL and to host
The Big Spring Football League the Dallas will be held local Pepsi pass and kitchen Saturday field north.
The contest is for boys and girls 8-10.
For more contact George 264-7313 or BSYFL@ms

Howard Co cheer cam
Howard cheer cam through school will be held the Dorot Coliseum.
Registration event will be at 6 a.m. and the Cheer class a.m. The cheer for motion, come Berry at 26

Coahoma the Bulldo
The Athletic event would like fans to have and meet football and try teams the cheer Big Red 2004-2005 season.
The event place Monday in Coahoma

Lady St Club sets
The Lady Booster Club at 6 p.m. at the ATC.
All participants involved in basketball cheerleaders encourage.
For more information, contact Abner at

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BSISD sets football season ticket dates

Big Spring ISD has scheduled its dates for football season ticket sales.

The general public may purchase season tickets at the Athletic Training Center through Friday 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.

Howard College opens booth at fair

The athletic department at Howard College will have a booth set-up at the Howard County Fair Aug. 25-28.

The booth will be used to promote the Hawk Flight Club and to begin the selling of athletic season tickets.

They will be at the fair from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 25-27 and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Aug. 28.

BSYFL and Cowboys to host competition

The Big Spring Youth Football League and the Dallas Cowboys will be hosting the local Pepsi/NFL punt, pass and kick competition Saturday, at the field north of the ATC.

The registration starts at 8 a.m. and the contest is free to boys and girls 8-15.

For more info, contact George Lopez at 264-7313 or by e-mail at BSYFL@msn.com.

Howard College sets cheer camp dates

Howard College's cheer camp for first through sixth graders will be held Aug. 28 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Registration for the event will begin at 8 a.m. and the Dance and Cheer class starts at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25.

For more information, contact Linda Berry at 264-5024.

Coahoma sets meet the Bulldogs night

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club would like to invite fans to have ice cream and meet the Bulldogs football and cross country teams, as well as the cheerleaders and Big Red Band for the 2004-2005 season.

The event will take place Monday at 7 p.m. in Coahoma.

Lady Steer Booster Club sets meeting

The Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the ATC.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, track and cheerleading are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 468-1711.

ON THE AIR

Event	Time	Station
Football	7:30 p.m.	2400
Baseball	7:30 p.m.	2400
Softball	7:30 p.m.	2400
Volleyball	7:30 p.m.	2400
Baseball	8:00 p.m.	2400
Softball	8:00 p.m.	2400

Garden City scores victory in first scrimmage

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Garden City Bearkats began its competitive season with an impressive victory over both Kress and Ropes in a scrimmage last Saturday.



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In a combined effort, the varsity unit defeated both Ropes and Kress by a combined score of eight touchdowns

to three, while the junior varsity routed both Ropes and Kress 12 touchdowns to one.

Garden City broke the junior varsity up into two teams — the Red Storm coached by Cory Richardson and the Black Attack coached by Josh Fee.

"The junior varsity did a great job of executing and has learned a lot this year already," said head coach Ken Hoskins, who coached the varsity unit Saturday. "We are expecting a lot out of JV this year."

The varsity's dominating performance was backed by 658 yards of total offense in just 70 snaps.

The Bearkats defense, who also got 70 snaps, only gave up 240 yards.

"Our kids did a good job of picking up on the defenses," said Hoskins. "The line blocked well, the backs ran hard and the quarterbacks threw well. The receivers have improved a lot from last year and that is good because we have to be able to throw the ball."

Hoskins also said the

kids gain lots of confidence Saturday.

"They gained confidence in what we are doing here and feel good about themselves," said Hoskins.

"Defensively, we were aggressive and had a lot of white shirts around the ball and that is what we have to have," he added.

Garden City hosts a four-team scrimmage Friday as Wellman, Grady and Fort Davis come to town.

The Bearkats will play Fort Davis at 4 p.m. and the other two teams will

mix in shortly after.

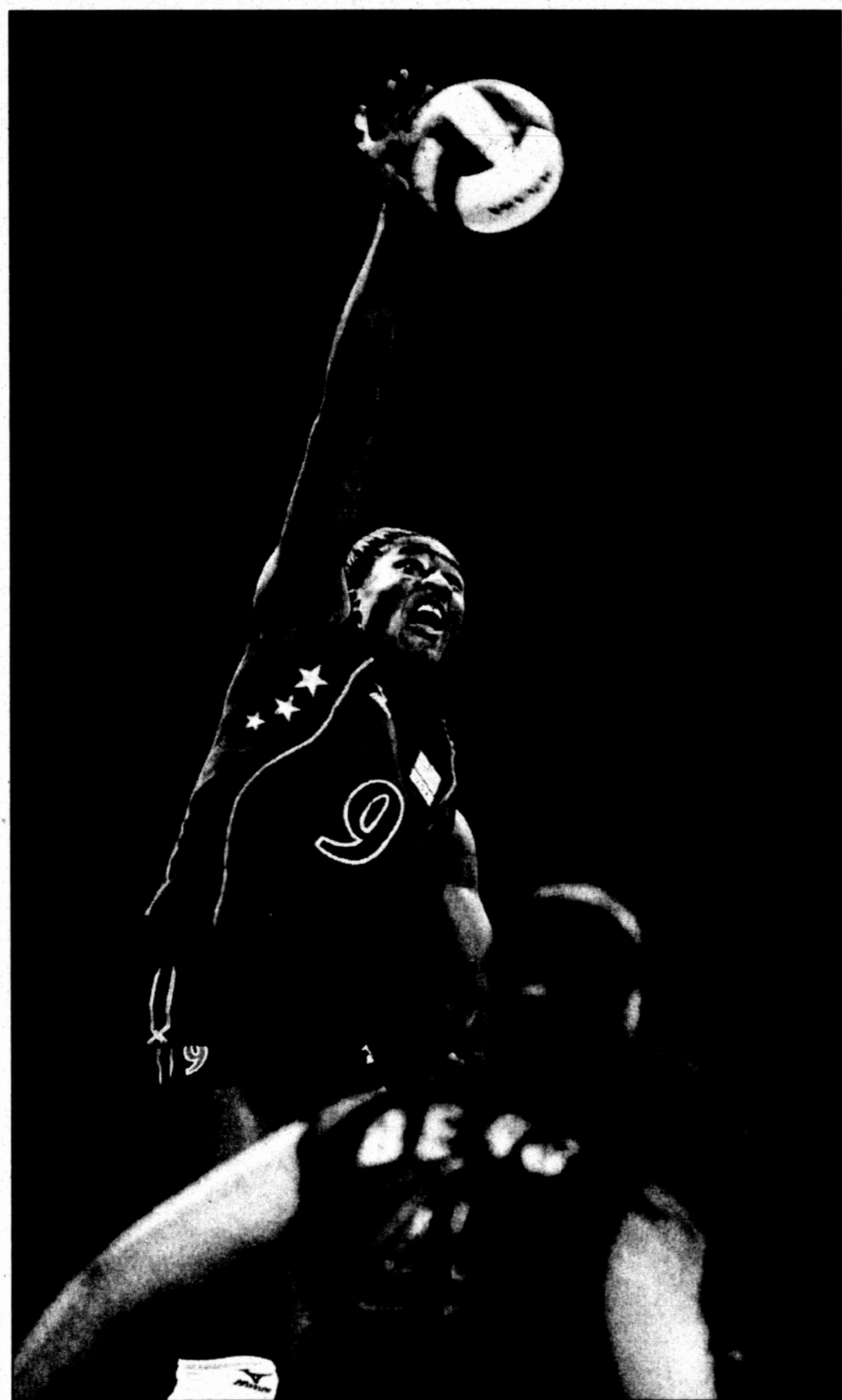
The junior varsity will play its games on the practice field and the varsity will do battle on the game field.

"It should be a good scrimmage for everyone," said Hoskins.

The Bearkats open their regular season Thursday, Aug. 26, at home against Grandfalls beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The junior varsity will also play that night, but the opponent is unknown at this time.

It will also be senior night.



Ogonna Nnamani of the United States spikes the ball against Germany during volleyball action in the 2004 Olympic Games Monday. The United States won the match in four games.

Cordero earns 36th save in Texas' win over streaking tribe

ARLINGTON (AP) — Brian Jordan has feasted on fastballs throughout his 13-year major league career, and he wasn't going to let a first-pitch heater get by him in a tie game.

Jordan's tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning helped the Texas Rangers extend their winning streak to four games with a 5-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

With two outs and nobody on in a 2-2 game, Jordan hit the first pitch from C.C. Sabathia (9-7) over the center-field fence and gave the Rangers their first lead of the game.

"He threw me a good fastball, and I wasn't late," said Jordan, who went 2-for-3 to raise his average from .167 to .182. "It felt good. I've just got to keep competing when I get a chance to play."

Jordan has been limited to 29 games due to knee problems, but still has the respect of his young teammates.

"I know fans look at the numbers, but B.J. is a huge part of this club," Rangers shortstop Michael Young said. "He's obviously still got it. He's just trying to get his knee healthy."

Said Rangers manager Buck Showalter: "There's not a lot of people on the field who have a better pedigree than Brian Jordan."

Sabathia had an 11.00 ERA in two previous starts against the Rangers this season, but was sharper this time, allowing five runs and seven hits over 6 1-3 innings. He struck out four and walked five.

Erasmus Ramirez (4-3) pitched 1 2-3 innings of one-hit relief for the win. Ramirez, Brian Shouse, Frank Francisco and Francisco Cordero combined for 4 2-3 innings of scoreless one-hit relief. Cordero got three outs for his 36th save in 38

chances. "It's easy to be spoiled by those guys," Young said. "Our bullpen has been our collective MVP."

Victor Martinez hit his 20th homer for the Indians, who've lost six of seven to the Rangers this season.

Cleveland fell 2 1/2 games behind idle Minnesota in the AL Central.

"Those guys have played us tough all year," Indians manager Eric Wedge said of the Rangers. "We have two games left against them to turn it around. They're a good team with a lot of pop in their lineup."

Texas remains a half-game behind first-place Oakland in the AL West. The Athletics beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-1 on Monday night.

The Indians took a 2-0 lead in the first when Matt Lawton led off with a single and Martinez hit a two-out homer.

In the third, Texas loaded the bases with nobody out on two singles and a walk. Gary Matthews Jr. scored from third on Young's high hopper to third that glanced off Casey Blake's glove for an error.

But Sabathia struck out Alfonso Soriano, then got Mark Teixeira to ground into a double play to keep the score at 2-1.

Hank Blalock's sacrifice fly in the fourth tied it at 2.

Texas loaded the bases with one out in the seventh, and Sabathia walked Teixeira, the final batter he faced, on a pitch close to the outside corner to force in a run. Sabathia showed his frustration after the pitch was called a ball, but said he was simply angry with himself, not at plate umpire Brian Runge.

"I think I'll apologize to the umpire," Sabathia said. "I knew it was a ball. I was just mad at myself."

Dallas' move to mid-cities almost finalized

ARLINGTON (AP) — A deal to bring the Dallas Cowboys to the mid-cities for at least 30 years may be on the fast track, with approval of the \$650 million plan expected by the Arlington City Council.

That would leave the final decision on a new stadium in the hands of voters on Nov. 2.

Arlington council members were scheduled Tuesday night to vote on whether to approve the city's master agreement with the Cowboys and then decide on placing a referendum on the ballot asking voters to increase sales and other taxes to pay for half of the retractable-roof, 75,000-seat stadium.

Mayor Robert Cluck said Monday the council is expected to pass both items.

"This is indeed a very special day in Arlington," Cluck told reporters on Monday. "This is a decision that will have major

dividends for years to come."

In the proposed deal, the Cowboys would commit to playing home games for 30 years in Arlington, paying \$2 million in yearly rent at the new stadium, with two 10-year lease extensions allowed. Arlington would get 5 percent of any naming-rights deal that is struck. The team has not yet talked with companies about naming rights, said Stephen Jones, Cowboys' vice president and chief operating officer.

"This will be the premiere facility and the largest stadium in the NFL," Jones said. "I can promise it will be a place that the Eagles, Giants and Redskins won't particularly enjoy."

Jones said planners had visited with other teams and cities to get ideas for the proposed stadium, which could handle up to 90,000 fans for special events.

The Cowboys have been looking for a new home to replace Texas Stadium in Irving.

The new stadium also would feature an interactive Cowboys hall of fame, a museum outlining the team's history, numerous concession stands, video boards and message boards, officials said.

Cluck said that Arlington, located midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, would be the ideal location for the venue, which would be built next to the Texas Rangers' Ameriquest Field.

Last month, Arlington officials announced they had been negotiating with the Cowboys for a stadium after talks with the city and county of Dallas apparently fell apart.

"If you look at the growth potential over the next 15 to 20 years, that's a big positive," he said.

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19-year old Phelps' goal of eight golds falls short in Athens

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Greece - It still could be a great Olympics for Michael Phelps.

Yet no matter how well the teenager from Baltimore swims from now on, Mark Spitz's record is out of reach.

Ian Thorpe made sure of that.

The Australian star spoiled Phelps' bid to win seven gold medals with a victory in the 200-meter freestyle Monday night. Phelps settled for bronze for the second consecutive night, ensuring that Spitz's 32-year-old record is safe.

The 19-year-old from Baltimore swam the fastest 200 of his career, but it wasn't enough against Thorpe and Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands. Thorpe overhauled van den Hoogenband in the closing meters, finishing with an Olympic record of 1 minute, 44.71 seconds. The Dutchman won silver in 1:45.23. Phelps was third most of the way, setting an American record of 1:45.32.

"How can I be disappointed? I swam in a field with two of the fastest freestylers of all time, and I was right there with them," he said.

But there still were gold medals for the Americans on the third night of competition.

Natalie Coughlin of Concord, Calif., won the 100 backstroke, falling short of her own sub-minute world record, and Aaron Peirsol of Irvine, Calif., won the men's 100 backstroke.

Heading into Tuesday night's 200 butterfly, Phelps remained on course to win eight medals — and six of them could be gold.

He opened the eight-day meet by winning the 400 individual medley in world-record time Saturday and earned a bronze in the 400 freestyle relay Sunday.

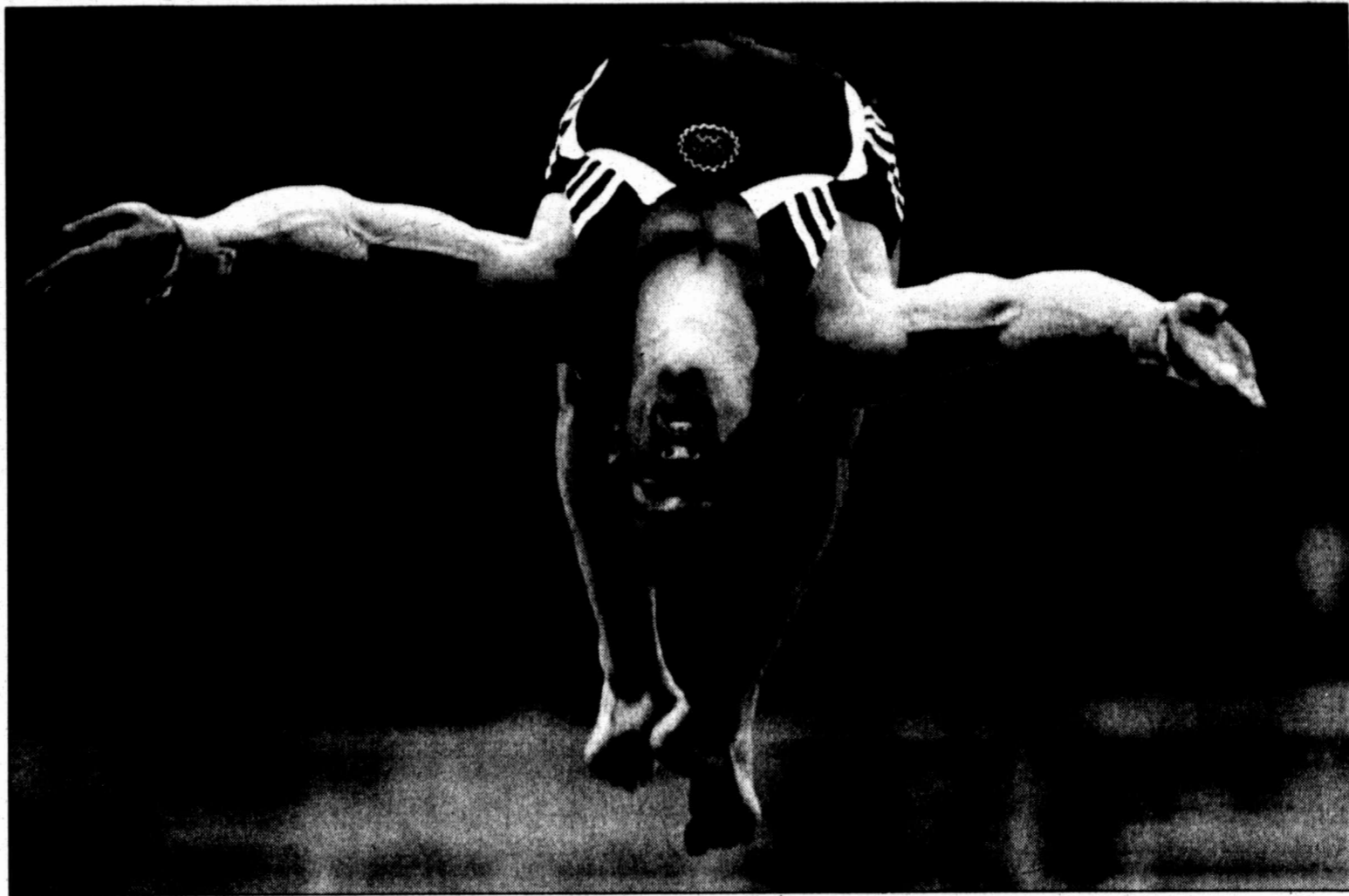
But Spitz's elusive record of seven golds in world-record time at the 1972 Munich Games won't be erased at these Olympics. Spitz had said he was rooting for Phelps.

"I tried to do something he did, and I didn't do it," Phelps said. "I'm already successful. It was a great opportunity I had, something I'll always remember."

Phelps didn't need to swim the 200 free, but he wanted to race Thorpe in an individual Olympic event. He lowered his personal best by more than six-tenths of a second, but the Aussie was better.

Thorpe had expressed concern that Phelps could be deemed a failure for anything less than winning eight golds.

"That was such a lofty goal," said Tom Malchow,



Morgan Hamm of the U.S. competes on the floor exercise in the team competition of the 2004 Olympic Games Monday. The United States took second overall, trailing only Japan.

the U.S. men's captain. "That's done, but Michael still has the ability to accomplish some super amazing things. If he gets four or five, it's still an amazing feat."

Phelps returned to the pool 52 minutes after his big race for the semifinals of the 200 butterfly. "Now, it's just come out and try to swim as fast as I can," he said.

In the 100 backstroke, Coughlin held off Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe, who won silver, and France's Laure Manaudou took bronze, to go with the gold she won in the 400 free.

Coughlin, who failed to

qualify for the 2000 Games and got sick at last year's world championships, was relieved rather than ecstatic.

"It's too hard to put into words," she said. "I have had so many ups and downs over the past years."

In the men's 100 back, Markus Rogan of Austria won silver and Japan's Tomomi Mortia earned bronze — just two one-hundredths of a second ahead of Lenny Krayzelburg, the gold medalist from Sydney.

American women failed to medal in the 100 breaststroke, won by Luo Xuejuan of China. Australians Brooke Hanson and Leisel Jones

won silver and bronze, respectively. Amanda Beard of Irvine, Calif., was fourth and Tara Kirk of Bremerton, Wash., sixth.

Preparation over evaluation in Dallas' camp

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — Preparation will take precedence over evaluation for the Dallas Cowboys in their final week of training camp in California.

Coach Bill Parcells feels it's time to get his team ready for the regular season.

That means there's not time to take extended looks at players unlikely to make the team.

"I'm going to give more reps to fewer players," Parcells said Monday. "That is an evaluation of sorts, but scaling them down. I've got too many players ... I've never had this many at this stage of training camp in my life."

Offensive linemen Tango McCauley and Darrick Sanders and defensive end Kevin Emanuel were waived Monday, but the roster was still at 81 players. The mandatory cut to 65 is two weeks away, followed five days after that to the final 53.

Parcells isn't putting extra emphasis on preparation for the second exhibition game Saturday night at Oakland.

In their exhibition opener, the Cowboys lost 18-0 at Houston — a shutout like their first exhibition game last year when they went on to a 10-6 regular season and the playoffs.

The Cowboys did plenty to stop themselves, including backup quarterbacks Drew Henson and Tony Romo both throwing interceptions deep in Houston territory.

Houston had only 12 more total yards than the Cowboys, 272-260. And the passing (143-140) and rushing (129-120) numbers were close. The turnovers and penalties by Dallas were the difference.

After not playing a game in three years since college, Henson went second at Houston and completed 8 of 11 passes for 94 yards. Romo was 3-of-11

for 37 yards and two interceptions after that.

Henson said Monday that he was confident that he was ready to play when the Cowboys needed him.

"I was somewhat

encouraged by what he did," Parcells said. "His first two throws were gooses, then he kind of settled down a little bit and did a little bit better. That's not too bad for the first time out."

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NFL Players Association files grievance in favor of former-Cowboy QB Carter

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

OXNARD, Calif. — The NFL Players Association filed a grievance Monday against the Dallas Cowboys on behalf of Quincy Carter, claiming the quarterback was released by the team for reasons not permitted in the NFL collective bargaining agreement.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, however, remained confident about why Carter was cut two weeks ago and said he was willing to answer any questions from the union or the NFL's management council.

"Basically the decisions were made because of what we wanted to do at that position this year and in the future," Jones said after the Cowboys practiced Monday. "They were well, in my view, within the area that I'm comfortable with regarding being able to defend it."

Jones didn't elaborate on the reasons.

The team has not given specific reasons for Carter's release, although there were widespread reports that he had failed a drug test. Parcels and Jones have been vague publicly.

"You don't go from being a starting, playoff quarterback in this league to someone not good enough to make the 80-man roster the next

summer," Richard Berthelsen, the union's general counsel, said in a statement.

But the union didn't indicate what it believes were the reasons for Carter's unexpected release Aug. 4.

Carter started all 16 regular season games plus the Cowboys' playoff game last season.

His departure left 40-year-old Vinny Testaverde as the only experienced quarterback, with Drew Henson — a player Jones traded for during the offseason — one of the backups.

The NFLPA filed for a special master proceeding that would be heard by professor Stephen Burbank of the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

The union said the first step would probably be the taking of depositions from Jones and coach Bill Parcels.

Jones said neither he or Parcels had been contacted about possible depositions, and that other things would have to be resolved before getting to that point.

Carter's agent, Eugene Parker, said his client was approached by the union about filing the grievance.

Carter supports the action, but his focus remains on playing.

"It's in the players asso-

ciation's hands. They're handling it," Parker said. "It's not on Quincy's mind. His mind is on getting ready mentally and physically to play. He's doing what he can to continue to prepare. ... He's trying to move on. What else can he do?"

The CBA does not permit teams to administer drug tests, although if Carter already was in the league's drug program by virtue of a previous positive test, he could be tested by the league.

Parker declined to go into specifics about the case, but like the union would like to know how Carter went from Parcels saying he had a "leg up" on the competition to being off the team a few days later.

Union spokesman Carl Francis said he expects the case to take at least a few weeks.

While he didn't talk about the grievance Monday, Parcels said the Cowboys have adjusted and moved on without Carter.

"I don't think there was much of a psychological adjustment," said Parcels, whose team opened exhibition play with an 18-0 loss Saturday night at Houston.

"When you start training camp, when we started, players were coming and going. I don't think there's much to that, he added."



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U.S. swimmer Natalie Coughlin celebrates as she receives her gold medal in the 100-meter backstroke Monday during the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

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Bedtime Stories

BOBBY BOBBY WITH A HOBBY

In a big city, in a big country, on the other side of a big ocean, lived a policeman named



She made sure that her flowers had everything they needed to stay beautiful.

But, as the years went by, Mrs. Crobby had gotten older and older and finally just didn't feel like taking care of her flowers anymore! She had no one to take care of her flowers. When wintertime came, old Jack Frost came and froze all of Mrs. Crobby's flowers. She looked out of her window and was really sad to see that her pretty flowers were all gone. That really made Mrs. Crobby very sobby!

Now, Bobby Bobby heard that Mrs. Crobby was very sobby! And he knew what to do about it! Next spring when it was nice and warm again, he would plant brand new flowers for Mrs. Crobby. Bobby Bobby was a very nice bobby. And he had a hobby! What was Bobby Bobby's hobby?

Bobby. The name of the city is London. The name of the country is England. The name of the ocean is the Atlantic. And in London, the policemen are called bobbies. So, that is why we call him Bobby Bobby. Can you find London, England on a map?

Bobby Bobby had a hobby! He loved to get his camera out and take pictures. He would take pictures of cows and horses. He would take pictures of trees and birds. He even took a picture of a tadpole once! But most of all, he loved to take pictures of beautiful flowers.

In London, very close to where Bobby worked when he was on duty as a policeman, lived a little old lady. Her name was Mrs. Crobby. She just loved beautiful flowers. She loved to smell the flowers. She loved to look at the flowers. She loved to touch them, too. She would spend all day in her garden taking care of them. She made sure that her flowers had lots of water to drink.

Springtime finally came! The days were nice and warm! The birds came back and started singing again. The cows came out of the barns. The horses came out of the stables. Everyone and everything seemed to come out and enjoy the beautiful days. And Bobby Bobby had a job to do! Bobby Bobby went to Mrs. Crobby's garden and planted more flowers. He planted really pretty ones, too. He planted the kind that he knew Mrs. Crobby loved the most. And he planted them right by Mrs. Crobby's window so she could see them all day long!

When the flowers grew up and started blooming, it was a sight to see! The bees loved them, the hummingbirds loved them, and if you would be very still, you would even see butterflies fluttering all around them, too! But most of all, Mrs. Crobby loved them. She thought that Bobby's flowers were even more beautiful than the ones she chose to plant.

But wintertime was going to come again! Bobby Bobby knew this and he was going to do something about it this time! When the flowers were the most beautiful, Bobby Bobby used his hobby to help Mrs. Crobby so she wouldn't be sobby again. He took pictures of the flowers! Really nice pictures, beautiful, big pictures. They were just as pretty as the real flowers.

Wintertime did come again, and old Jack Frost came to visit once more. Mrs. Crobby was so sad to see the frost come because she knew that her flowers would be gone again! And sure enough, in no time at all, the pretty flowers were gone! Poor old Mrs. Crobby!

But, Bobby Bobby with the hobby went to see the sobby Mrs. Crobby. He took all the pictures of the pretty flowers with him. One by one, he put them all around Mrs. Crobby's home until each room had a picture of beautiful flowers in it. Mrs. Crobby said to Bobby Bobby, "They look so real, even more real than when they were in my garden. And I can get so close to them, and touch them. Why, I can almost smell them! Thank you Bobby, You have made an old lady very happy."

It made Bobby Bobby very happy, too. He just loved helping people. And next spring, he would plant even more flowers for Mrs. Crobby.

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Tomorrows Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
Jupiter and Saturn aspect one another in a way that lets us know how we're doing — a cosmic "check-in" to be sure that we're ready for what's to come. Have we really learned our lessons from the past? Are we fit to receive what we're asking for? These questions and more will be answered the weeks to come.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). As the sun moves and the light changes through the day, so will your mood. But your fans love you in every mood — even the salty moods. What you've got to accomplish is far more than you can do alone. Get help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Foreign territory calls to you, and you're brave enough to answer the call. You'll have to learn the ropes in this new arena. Choose your role model very carefully. Attractive but selfish people have little to teach you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you're to stay positive in a relationship, you'll have to clear up the blocks to free-flowing communication. The temptation is to say all that you've been thinking, but once a hurtful truth comes out, you can't take it back. Be strategic.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're subject to powerful influence. You could meet someone who sparkles in your eyes. Instant infatuation

ensues — the kind that makes you want to run five miles and read books to make yourself more intelligent!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). With a few tweaks, a relationship could really be enriching to both parties. Your need for intimacy grows, and so does your ability to ask for it. You fear rejection but move forward anyway, which is why you'll ultimately be fulfilled.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In matters of finance, you've been holding back out of fear. That's got to stop! You'll make more as you resolve to do so. Don't worry about the "how" right now — just concentrate on creating the feeling that you deserve abundance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When a partner fails to meet an obligation, you're the one who is required to pick up the slack. The favor will be returned to you later, but be sure to reinforce to your friend that this can never happen again or it becomes a habit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Feelings can be deceptive and overblown, especially when you're a sensitive Scorpio. But it's time to trust those wily emotions in spite of how they've wronged you in the past. Let your heart lead the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do your research. What you don't know could hurt you! Be willing to uncover facts that don't support your current opinion. The more information you can gather now, the better your decisions will be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're aware of your motivation, so you skillfully make the most of complex situations.

You're not hung up on the particulars; but instead, you're intent on meeting your heart's aims. It's easy for you to create win-win solutions. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A central relationship takes your focus now. This partnership has come a long way but still has a long way to go. You may have to wade through emotional garbage in order to get to

the real reason you're still with this person. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). A change of scenery will knock out the "blahs" and put you in a playful mood. When you're the "new guy" in the environment, you're automatically surrounded by intrigue and extra attention. Bask in it while you've got it.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My wife of five years recently met a guy at work, and they have become rather close friends. Well, she claims it's only friendship. I think there is more going on because she talks to him on the phone for hours on end.



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Three weeks ago, I discovered "Audrey" had purchased a new cell phone plan that includes two phones and shared minutes. One phone belongs to my wife, and this guy has the other one. When I confronted her, she told me the phone was his and he was letting her use it. I checked around, and that's a complete lie.

I have repeatedly asked Audrey to get rid of the phone or "give it back to him," but she refuses. In the last week, she has stopped talking to her family and old friends. In fact, she rarely acknowledges me anymore. Am I wrong to think there is more than friendship here? Audrey won't admit a thing, so I have asked her for a divorce. Even though I love her, I cannot see this ever being resolved.

I know I should seek counseling, but I also believe that she needs to go as well. Any help would be appreciated. — California Hubby

Dear Calif.: Well, you've certainly got Audrey's number. We agree that her involvement with this co-worker is not exactly kosher. If the threat of divorce didn't shake her, she obviously wants to reach out and touch someone, and it's not you. Please go for counseling alone. You need help getting through this.

Dear Annie: This is for "Rubbed the Wrong Way in Lincoln, Neb.," the stay-at-home mom who complained because a woman wore a thong swimsuit in front of her children. The mother took a photo of the woman and anonymously hung it on her door with a wisecrack caption. What a crude and mean thing to do. If someone did that to me, I would call the police and hope to have her arrested for harassment.

And where did her children learn to call the neighbor by the distasteful and low-grade nickname "The Butt Lady"? Neither this woman nor her children sound like models of decorum to me.

At my health club, these women think they own the pools merely because they have their kids with them. I would be ever so grateful if someone would dislodge these women and their screaming offspring for just one day. — Rochester, N.H.

Dear Rochester: Most of our readers do not agree with you. Read on:

From Kentucky: We had a similar situation. "Jen" was a 30-something, well-built blonde who always came to the pool in a string bikini, then would pose, stretch and show off in front of everyone. Leers, jeers and comments did not stop her. Several of us decided to fight back. These gals, of every shape and size,

paraded around in front of Jen in similar attire. One rather overweight older woman arranged to have a bikini "malfunction" in front of Jen and her hubby. She got the message.

Boston: You said if the building has no dress-code restrictions, there wasn't much she could do. If it's a condo, she can get together with other residents to petition the trustees to adopt dress-code restrictions. If the trustees refuse, they can organize to elect new trustees. If it's a rental, I would think a landlord might respond to a large number of tenants asking for a dress or behavior code at the pool.

Highland, Ind.: Since she is getting no help from the landlord (I'm sure he is enjoying the scenery), please advise her to check with her local police department regarding the woman being in a state of partial nudity in public. It may seem like a drastic measure, but I wouldn't think twice about it if my children were exposed to public indecency like that.

Dear Annie: I am a newlywed, married for four months. I am 48, and my husband, "Gary," is 50. Gary is my dream come true — very affectionate and attentive. He's a hard worker and helps out with chores around the house and yard. He has a great sense of humor, and we enjoy being together, traveling, visiting friends, family, etc. We rarely argue. The only thing missing is a sex life.

We have been sexually intimate only once since we married. Neither one of us seems to be very motivated in this area, and truthfully, it really doesn't bother me. We are both attractive and fit, and my husband is the sexiest man I've ever known. We touch, tease and flirt all the time, but we don't feel it has to lead to sex. At this point, I believe I could live like this for the rest of my life.

Do you think anything is wrong with us? With so much emphasis placed on the importance of frequent physical intimacy, I am curious if others have successful and happy marriages in spite of the lack of bedroom frolics. — Happy in Washington

Dear Happy: There is no law saying how often a couple must have sex. The only issue is compatibility. If you and Gary both are satisfied with your sex life, there is no reason you cannot have a long and happy marriage.

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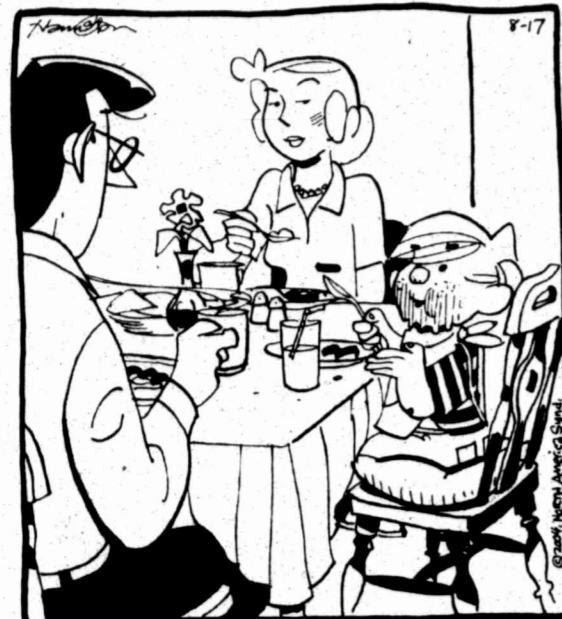
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"No, I was facin' the same way as always."

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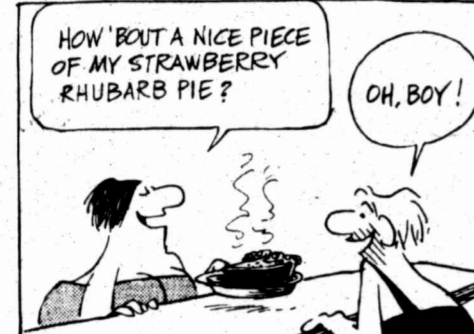


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OH, BOY! TOO MUCH RHUBARB? YEFF!

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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 17, the 230th day of 2004. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steam Boat began heading up New York's Hudson River on its successful round-trip to Albany.

On this date: In 1863, Federal batteries and ships bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War.

In 1896, a prospecting party discovered gold in Alaska, a finding that touched off the Klondike gold rush.

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. Eighth Air Force bombers attacked Rouen, France.

In 1942, U.S. Marines led by Lt. Col. Evans E. Carlson

raided a Japanese seaplane base on Makin Island.

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1962, East German border guards shot and mortally wounded 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

In 1969, 248 people were killed as Hurricane Camille slammed into the Gulf Coast.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their Double Eagle Two outside Paris.

In 1987, Rudolf Hess, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at a Berlin hospital near Spandau Prison at age 93, having apparently committed suicide.

Five years ago: More than 17,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Turkey.

One year ago: Federal

investigators joined industry teams in the search for clues into what triggered the country's worst power blackout in the Midwest and Northeast as the Bush administration promised to get answers and address whatever problem was found. Today's Birthdays: Actress Maureen O'Hara is 84. Actor Robert DeNiro is 61. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 58. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 55. Actor Robert Joy is 53. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 51. Rock musician Colin Moulding (XTC) is 49. Country singer-songwriter Kevin Welch is 49.

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Newsday Crossword

AUTO-GRAPH by Norma Steinberg

Edited by Stanley Newman

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- 44 Sign of the Ram
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- 50 Actress Ward
- 52 Central parts
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AUG 17 2004



By BETTY DEBNAM

Celebrate Labor Day

Jobs of the Future

For many kids, Labor Day is the last day of vacation before school starts again. It is a special day set aside to honor workers, and most have the day off work. This year Labor Day is on Sept. 6.

In honor of Labor Day, The Mini Page talked to an expert from the U.S. Department of Labor about where the jobs might be when you grow up.

No one can really see what jobs there will be in the future. There will be careers tomorrow that nobody is even thinking of today.

But experts can predict some areas that will need new workers. These include:

• Biotechnology

Biotechnology is used by people who develop new products or do research dealing with living things. Workers in this field may develop new medicines or medical devices such as heart pacemakers. They may research how to produce more food and grow better crops. They may help solve crimes by doing DNA testing or matching blood types.



The first Labor Day celebration was in New York City in 1882. Workers who were struggling for better working conditions and pay started the holiday. President Grover Cleveland made it a national holiday in 1894.

• Transportation



• Health



• Financial



Site to see: www.careerjourneys.gov

The Mini Page thanks Emily Stover DeRocco, assistant secretary of labor for employment and training, U.S. Department of Labor, for help with this story.

• GPS technology

The Global Positioning System (GPS) uses satellites to send signals from space to receivers on Earth. One of the best-known uses is to help drivers find their location. People trained to use the GPS can work in jobs such as planning city growth, protecting the environment or figuring out where crops should be planted.



• Construction



• Education

Advice to kids

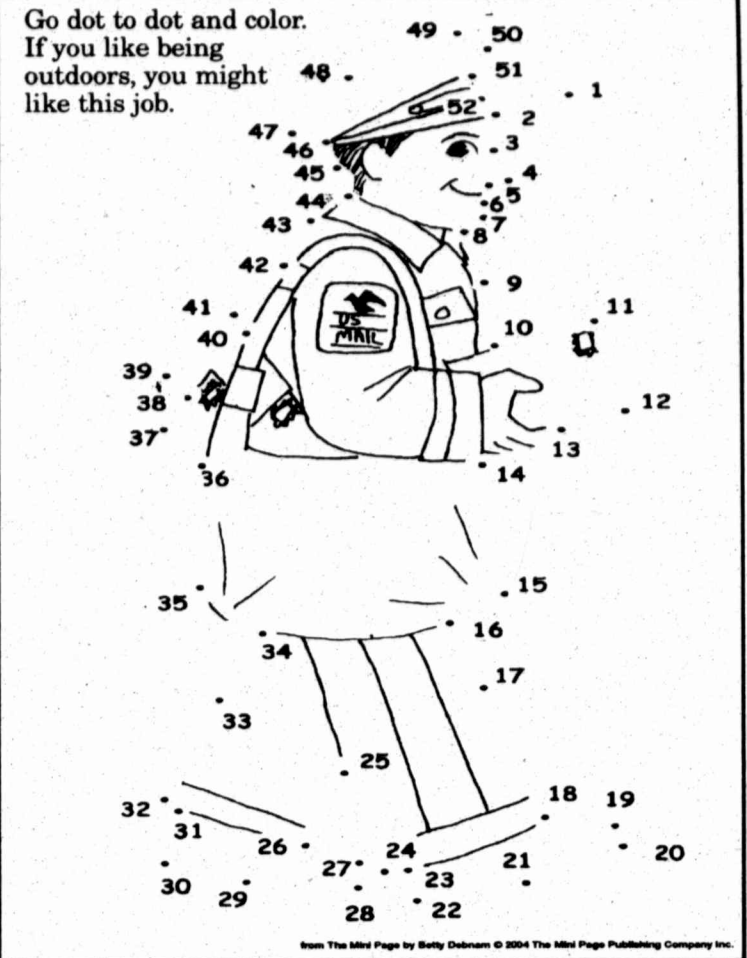
Stay in school. Without a high school education, jobs will be very hard to find.

People with education beyond high school usually make about twice as much as workers with only a high school education.

But you might not need to go to college for four years. Two-year colleges and apprenticeship programs* are also great.

Start thinking now about what you love to do. Then start planning what education you will need for a career doing what you love.

*In an apprenticeship, you are trained on the job.



Go dot to dot and color. If you like being outdoors, you might like this job.

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Breakfast Roll-Ups

- You'll need:**
- 4 pieces bacon
 - 1 tablespoon butter
 - 4 eggs, beaten
 - 4 (4-inch) flour tortillas



What to do:

1. Cook bacon in microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes.
2. In a frying pan, melt butter.
3. Add eggs and stir until light and fluffy.
4. Warm tortillas in microwave for 30 seconds.
5. Lay tortillas flat and fill each with equal amounts of bacon and eggs.
6. Fold and eat. Makes 4.

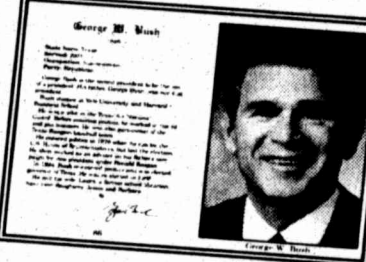
Note: You will need an adult to help with this recipe.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Chauncey Billups

Height: 6-3 Birthdate: 9-25-76
Weight: 202 Hometown: Denver

The Los Angeles Lakers had superstars and lots of glitter. The Detroit Pistons had no superstars but lots of grit. Chauncey Billups and the underdog team from the Motor City clicked on all cylinders. With great teamwork and tough defense, they upset the Lakers and won the NBA championship.

Billups was named Most Valuable Player in the series. He shot almost 51 percent from the floor, 92.9 from the foul line, and made more than 47 percent of his three-point attempts.

It was a magical moment for the Pistons and Billups, who has had a nomadic career. Since his days at the University of Colorado, the talented guard has played for five NBA teams in seven seasons. The Pistons are just glad he stopped in Detroit. Billups helped give Motown basketball glitter and glory.

Meet Brian Evans

When Brian Evans was a boy, he liked to listen to the music of singers from the past, such as Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra. He never dreamed that he, too, would someday become a musician.

Brian grew up in Massachusetts but moved to Los Angeles with his mother when he was 16. There he got parts in commercials, some TV shows and later some movies.

Brian's heart, though, has always been in music. He moved to Canada to be with friends and made his first CD. It was a hit. His style is much like the singers he admired as a boy. He has been named by a music magazine as one of the newest "crooners" (someone who sings popular ballads) of today.

Brian, 34, likes collecting baseball cards and spending time in his homes in Wailea, Hawaii, and Las Vegas, Nev.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

- Samantha:** What do you get when you drop your lollipop on the beach?
Tory: Sandy candy!
- Denny:** Why should you never trust the beach?
Frank: Because there's something fishy about it!
- Leslie:** What did the ocean say to the beach?
Sidney: "I'm not shore!"

Labor Day TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Labor Day are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: JOB, AGRICULTURE, BUSINESS, CONSTRUCTION, SALES, ENVIRONMENT, ARTS, HEALTH, RECREATION, CAREER, MANUFACTURING, SERVICE, WORKERS, SCHOOL, CHEF, POLICE, ACTOR.

WHAT HOBBY COULD YOU MAKE INTO A CAREER?
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T N E M N O R I V N E A R T S

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy wants to be a doctor when she grows up. See if you can find: • hamburger • fish • word MINI • saw • gift



What Do You Like to Do?

What do you want to do when you grow up? You have years to decide, but it's a good idea to look around today. Ask questions. Watch what others do. Read about careers. We have given you some ideas.

Be a job detective. Circle the job that interests you.

- Agriculture**
Do you enjoy growing things?
• farmer
• florist
• botanist
- Business and office**
Do you like to organize things? How are your computer skills?
• computer operator
• secretary
• computer programmer
- Communications**
Do you enjoy communicating your ideas?
• anchor person
• book editor
• reporter
- Construction**
Do you enjoy building things?
• electrician
• heavy equipment operator
• plumber

- Consumer and home economics**
Do you enjoy thinking of ways to improve family living and buying habits?
• dietitian
• food chemist
• chef
- Environment**
Do you want to help save the Earth?
• forester
• marine biologist
• astronomer
- Fine arts**
Are you artistic and talented?
• musician
• actor
• artist
- Health care**
Are you concerned about people? Do you enjoy caring for the sick?
• nurse
• dentist
• pharmacist
- Hospitality and recreation**
Do you like sports and giving parties?
• waiter
• athletic trainer
• camp director

- Manufacturing and repair**
Are you good at making and fixing things?
• mechanic
• jeweler
• robot designer
- Sales**
Are you a good salesperson?
• salesperson
• travel agent
• real estate agent
- Personal services**
Do you like working with people and helping them with their personal needs?
• pet groomer
• beautician
• gardener
- Public service**
Do you want to work for a group or government to help offer services to others?
• firefighter
• police officer
• mail deliverer
- Transportation**
Do you enjoy driving and traveling?
• bus driver
• taxi driver
• truck driver

A fun thing to do: Act out some of these jobs. See if your friends or family or schoolmates can guess what the job is.

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