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BRIEFLY

Stenholm to open campaign office here

U.S. Congressman Charlie Stenholm will be opening his campaign office in Big Spring on Monday in the Sparenburg Building, 309 Main. The public is invited to the opening from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Moss PTA slates 'Bash' Tuesday

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.

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.

'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 office, 215 W. 3rd Street, for \$10.

Proceeds from the performance will be used to purchase new communications equipment for the Big Spring Fire Department.

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Civic leaders urge participation as forum draws near

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

With just a few days until Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi's scheduled visit to Big Spring for a veteran's forum, local leaders are calling for mass participation from the public.

The forum, which is slated for 2 p.m. Tuesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus, is being touted as a chance for local residents to argue against possible closure of the Big Spring VA.

Iva Jo Hanslik, community relations coordinator for the Big Spring VA Medical Center, said the support from the community thus far has been exemplary.

"I think this indicates to me he does have an interest in our VA and is trying to gather information to make a decision."



Bill Crooker

"We've received so much support from all of the different agencies and people in Big Spring," said Hanslik. "The college has been so helpful in helping us prepare for the forum, and so many local businesses have donated time and effort."

U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, is also expected to attend the forum, after which he and Principi will travel to Lubbock where a second forum is set for 5 p.m. in the American Legion Post 575 building.

"Protecting the Big Spring VA Hospital is a

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FILL THE BOOT



Donna Kennedy, right, helps "fill the boot" held by Howard County Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary member Misty Peterson at the Wal-Mart Supercenter Saturday morning. The Volunteer Fire Department collected donations throughout the day, raising money for the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Labor Day Telethon, slated for Sept. 6.

HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

INDICTED

True bills handed down for aggravated robbery, drugs, credit card abuse

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down 26 indictments Thursday afternoon, including true-bills on two Big Spring men for aggravated robbery.

Joshua Francis, 22, of 1401 Highway 87 Apt. 1403 and 4113 Muir, and Alfred Lee Mitchell, 18, of 803 Pine, were indicted on charges of aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony.

According to Howard County Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr, who is handling both cases, the offense took place June 11, 2003. He declined to comment on the specifics of the case.

"Both men face charges of aggravated robbery, which carries a punishment range of five to 99 years to life in prison, as well as a \$10,000 fine," said Orr. "The suspects reported exhibited a deadly weapon during the commission of the robbery — in this case, a knife."

"I'd rather not go into the specifics of the location where the crime took place or the victims or potential witnesses involved."

Orr said it took the Big Spring Police Department, which handled the investigation, more than a year to sort out "who was and wasn't involved," a period the attorney said is slightly longer than normal but not unusual in cases

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Scholarship provides mom the opportunity she needs to begin a nursing career

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

For Sharon Burks, it's a new beginning. For Gloria Hopkins, it's well-deserved recognition, though unsolicited. And for Max Webb, it's well, business as usual... almost.

Earlier this year, Webb, the executive director of Northside Community Center, was pleased to announce a new scholarship to honor of Hopkins, a dedicated civic volunteer.

"I wanted to recognize Gloria with something other than dollars," Webb explained. "A scholarship is something that carries on and manifests her name not only for Northside, but the work she's done out in the rest of the community."

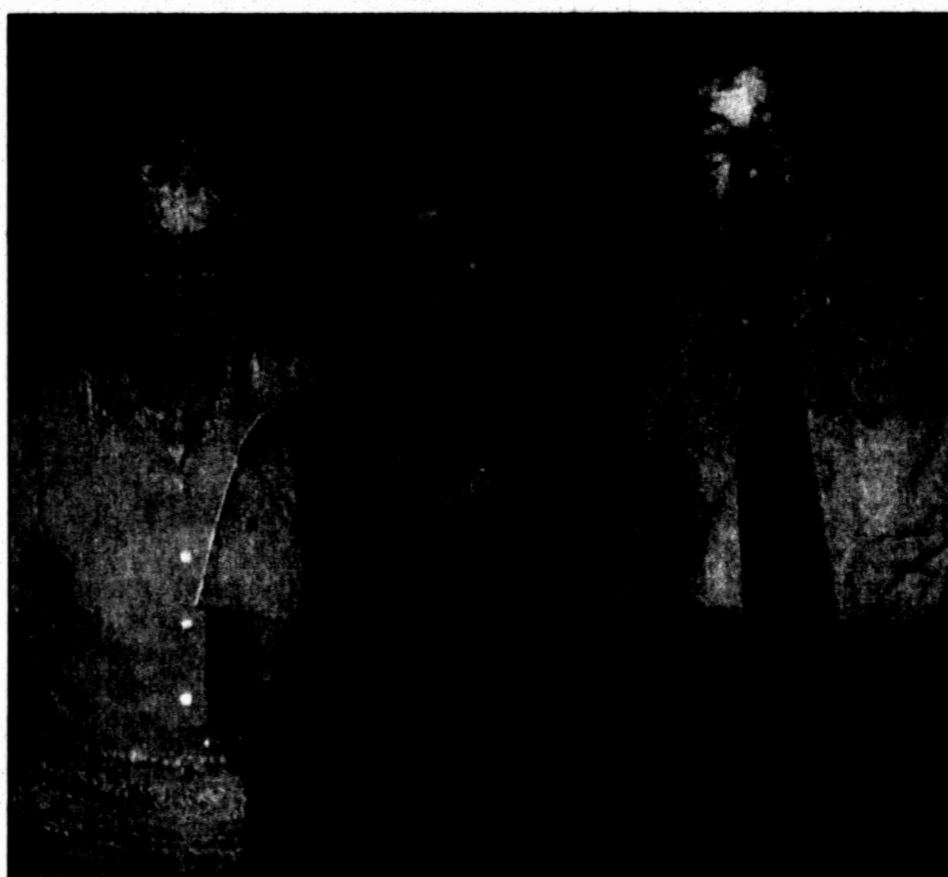
The scholarship was a surprise to Hopkins, retired manager of the local Social Security Administration office.

"I was blown away when I heard. It's the most flattering things that can ever

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"I honestly think my father had something to do with it. I think he was looking down, watching after me."

—Sharon Burks



Sharon Burks, center, has been named the recipient of the first Gloria Hopkins Scholarship, awarded by Northside Community Center. Also pictured are Hopkins, and Max Webb, Northside executive director.

HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

New CERT training class to begin in September

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

If Howard County were struck by disaster, how would you respond? How would you react if one of your family members were injured? What would you do if there was a natural gas leak in your neighbor's house? A downed power line in the street? If you aren't sure what you'd



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do, CERT could be the answer. CERT stands for Community Emergency Response Team and a new training class begins Sept. 13.

"It's how to take care of your family during a disaster, how to take care of the neighborhood and how to take care of the com-

munity," said Big Spring Police Lt. Terry Chamness, deputy coordinator for Howard County Emergency Management.

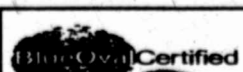
Among other skills, students will learn "backyard" first aid, search and rescue, basic fire-fighting, instant command, dealing with emotions and stress and communication with fellow response team members.

Classes will meet from 6 p.m. to

9 p.m. once a week for eight weeks in the Municipal Training Center, 307 E. Fourth. The courses are designed for people who have not had any type of emergency response or law enforcement training.

"It is designed for the normal working person in the community — the secretary, the sales per-

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top priority for me," Neugebauer said. "The future of this hospital is crucial to the more than 62,000 West Texas and Big Country veterans who depend on it for their health care needs."

Neugebauer and Principi will tour the Big Spring facility, which has been slated for a feasibility study that could possibly close the hospital. They will meet with community leaders before the start of the forum.

Leo Welch, a World War II veteran who receives medical care at the hospital, encourages all veter-



PRINCIPI NEUGEBAUER

ans in the area to attend. "I think as many veterans who can should be there and show their concern about this Big Spring VA Hospital staying open," Welch said.

According to a recent press release, representatives from the Veterans Health Administration, Veterans Benefits Administration, National Cemetery Administration

and Regional Vet Center are also set to attend the forum and will be available to answer questions prior to the event.

Those wishing to submit questions for Principi must do so in writing prior to the forum, with 1:45 p.m. being the "deadline" for entry. Questions from the floor of the forum will only be answered if time permits. Those planning to attend are encouraged to arrive approximately an hour ahead of time.

The Big Spring VAMC serves a population of approximately 62,300 veterans and provides health care services to 17,000 annually.

Big Spring's market

area encompasses roughly 74,000 square miles, an area larger than 35 of the 50 states.

Welch said the facility provides a very important service to West Texas veterans.

"Abilene; San Angelo; Midland; Odessa; Hobbs, N.M.; Fort Stockton; Pecos — their veterans all come here and if they shut it down, it's going to be a hardship on all the veterans," he said.

In December 2002, Principi established the Capitol Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission to provide an independent review of the draft national plan to realign the

DAV's health care system.

Neugebauer met with Principi in March to discuss CARES Commission recommendations regarding Texas VA facilities.

Last September, Neugebauer set up a meeting with U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and former VA Under Secretary for Health Dr. Robert H. Roswell, to give Big Spring officials the opportunity to tout the Big Spring facility.

"I think this is a very critical meeting for (Principi) an official with his ranking to come to our community to make an inspection," said Howard County

Commissioner Bill Crooker, a World War II veteran. "I think this indicates to me he does have an interest in our VA and is trying to gather information to make a decision. We want to make it as favorable as we possibly can."

Access to the coliseum will be maintained through the facility's East Ramp entrance, with assistance provided to those in wheelchairs and others needing assistance.

For more information, call 432-264-4824.

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GRAND JURY

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such as these.

Others indicted were:

• Dawn Marie Cabezuela, 33, of 2300 Kemp Drive No. 1212 in Midland, driving while intoxicated with a child passenger (state jail felony).

• Alfredo Lance Castillo, 19, of 1112 Sycamore, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).

• Billy Joe Chavera, 26, currently in county jail, three counts of abandoning or endangering a child (second-degree felonies) and one count of

driving while intoxicated with a child passenger (state jail felony).

• Daniel Clayburn, 40, of 1208 Dixie, tampering with a governmental record (third-degree felony).

• Shelita Jean Dupree, 34, currently in county jail, forgery (third-degree felony enhanced).

• Cynthia Dutchover, 39, of 1205 Lamar, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Agustin Fierro Jr., 37, of 108 E. 24th Street, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Sylvia Parra Gomez, 23, of 359 West 100 South, Provo, Utah, possession of marijuana (second-degree felony).

• Lewes G. Grantham Jr., 51, of 5408 S. Service Road, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Lionso Lee Jimenez III, 25, currently in county jail, two counts of burglary of a habitation (second-degree felonies) and credit card abuse (third-degree felony enhanced).

• Christopher Lee Partridge, 20, of 5001 Dawson, possession of marijuana (state jail felony).

• Craig Anthony Partridge, 21, of 5001 Dawson, possession of marijuana (state jail felony).

• David Perez, 36, of 2400 S. Main Street, two counts of forgery (second-degree

felonies enhanced).

• Emilio Alcontor Ramirez, age unknown, of 711 South County Road West 1602 in Odessa, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

• Mark Session, 29, of 1033 Sunset Street in Abilene, possession of a controlled substance (first-degree felony enhanced).

• Consuelo Buckaloo, 54, of 1635 Mt. Lake Road in Dallas, failure to register as a sex offender (third-degree felony).

• Joe Eric Canales, 29, of 811 Willia, failure to register as a sex offender (third-degree felony).

• Eric Randolph Delbosquez, 19, of 1205 W. Second Street, deadly con-

duct (third-degree felony).

• Robert Eric Garcia, 22, of 512 S. Aylesford, deadly conduct (third-degree felony).

• Mark Anthony Edmondson, 17, of 2649 Hawco Drive in Grand Prairie, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Guadalupe Gonzalez Herrera, 46, of 538 Westover Road No. 137, tampering with a governmental record (third-degree felony).

• Jose Elli Linferral, 29, currently in county jail, burglary of a habitation (second-degree felony).

• Albert J. Martinez Jr., 26, of 1708 Main Street, failure to stop and render aid (transportation code).

• Kevin Brent Matteson, 43, of 203 Hatch, failure to stop and render aid (transportation code).

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OPPORTUNITY

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happen to a person," said Hopkins, who in addition to volunteering at Northside Community Center has a long list of charitable pursuits. She's been an tax aide at the senior center for years and this year helped coordinate the program through the AARP. She designed and maintains a Web site for RSVP. She helps the Howard County Library with its book sale and other activities. And she helps out in her church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

"This year I made tamales for the church. They may never ask me back again," she quipped. Recently, the first Gloria Hopkins Scholarship was awarded to Burks, a mother of six who wants to return to college and eventually become a registered nurse.

"I was looking for work and wasn't finding anything so I decided to see what the college could do for me," Burks said. "They told me to go see Max."

She had the qualifications — including a GED. Actually, Burks has a

high school diploma and two semesters of college. But no less than a GED is required.

"I was told by the instructor that people with an eighth or ninth grade education had a great deal of difficulty comprehending the information," said Webb. "So as an agency and director, before I consider an individual they are required to have a GED. To make sure we get our dollar's worth, we need some degree of assurance this individual will succeed."

For Webb, having people apply for assistance is a daily experience. And while he's willing to help as much as funds will allow, he gets special satisfaction from people who can turn their lives around and become productive members of society.

"All we want is to help people get off welfare and get to work. We want to see everyone have the same opportunity," explained Webb. "I try to impress on people to be part of the solution. They have to be willing to do that. In other words, what are you going to do to help us to solve your problem?"

Burks, said she wasn't on welfare, but without a

job, needed a starting point. The day she came to Northside Community Center was a melancholy one. It was her deceased father's birthday and her spirits weren't high.

"I remember the day," said Burks. "I wasn't expecting anything. Then Max told me he could help me."

"I honestly think my father had something to do with it. I think he was looking down, watching after me," she said, daubing a tear from her eye.

Ironically, Burks has two sons that will be entering Howard College to study nursing this fall, too.

"That ought to be interesting," she said laughingly.

She plans to becoming a certified nursing assistance, then a licensed vocational nurse and a registered nurse.

"My mother, brother and sister are all RNs," she said.

For Burks, it is indeed a new opportunity.

"I think I'll do pretty good," she added with a confident smile.

For Hopkins, being honored with a scholarship in her name is a great "thank you" but not the real reason she helps others.

"It's not only personal satisfaction but a way to give back what the community gives to you," she said. "I do it because I love it."

And for Webb, who for years has helped people with funds for books and tuition, water bills and

the like, this one was just a little different.

"This was our first scholarship and that was really special," he said. "Sharon has her priorities straight and I am sure she will do real well. And now, through this scholarship, we know others will get the same opportunity she has today."

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W. Elmo Mercer concert set Monday at First UMC

Special to the Herald

A free concert of gospel music at First United Methodist Church Monday in Garrett Hall will feature the gospel writer W. Elmo Mercer. W. Elmo Mercer was called by the Zondervan Corporation "one of America's favorite gospel songwriters." In fact, Mercer was responsible for the publication of most of the Favorite Series of Gospel Songs. Elmo has more than 1,600 of his

own gospel songs in print and is the arranger of thousands more. He will be joined by his wife, Marcia, in presenting this informal concert. Mercer wrote his first song, "A Glimpse of Jesus," at age 14, which was published by the Benson Company of Nashville. After being a staff writer for 10 years, he served as music editor for more than 20 years, retiring from Benson in early 1981. He has compiled and edited

more than 200 gospel songbooks, including several in the popular "New Songs of Inspiration" series. His choral book, "Crusade Choir, Volume One", sold more than 500,000 copies and is still widely popular 22 years after its initial publication. His piano-organ duet books are also very popular. Many denominational hymnals include his songs. At 19 he composed "Each Step I Take," which has been recorded by hundreds of artists in

many languages, including Slim Whitman and George Beverly Shea. While participating in evangelistic crusades in South Korea in 1981, he discovered the song to be a favorite among Christians there. The song is loved in Indonesia, Africa, South America and in many European countries. The "Singing News" calls Mercer one of the "most dominating forces in gospel music today," and listed Elmo Mercer in the January 2001 issue as

one of the top 10 gospel songwriters. Most major church music publishers in the country release his works in varied forms. He has been a member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) since 1957, and has received annual awards for outstanding work since 1971. At an ASCAP Dove Awards Banquet in Nashville in 1997, he was honored as a 40-year member.

Howard County Fair will officially open Wednesday

HERALD Staff Report

The 2004 Howard County Fair is scheduled to get under way this week with contest entries expected to begin flowing in Tuesday. Entries in competitions including agriculture products, art and photography, baked goods, canned goods and hobbies and crafts can be registered Tuesday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Fair Barn. The fair will open to the general public Wednesday at 4 p.m., and will feature local county and western music sensation Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys, who will perform at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The fair will resume Thursday at 9 a.m. with school tours, including grades preschool through fifth grade, until 3 p.m. Fair organizers have also slated a senior citizens ice cream social and bingo on Thursday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Steers for the fair are expected to begin arriving at 3 p.m. Thursday, with gates opening at 4 p.m. Entertainment will include the Colgate Country Showdown, slated for 7 p.m. School tours will once

again pick up Friday from 9 a.m. until noon, and again from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Weighing and classification of steer entries will take place at 1 p.m., with lambs expected to begin arrival from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. Gates open Friday at 4 p.m., with lamb weight cards due by 7 p.m. Fiddler Jana Jae will take the stage at the entertainment tent at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Lamb showmanship is slated for Saturday at 8 a.m., with the lamb show expected to get under way at 9 a.m. Gates will open at 10 a.m., with the Kountry Kids show set to begin at 10:30 a.m. The steer show will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, with showmanship immediately following. A tractor pull is also slated for 1 p.m., and goats are expected to arrive at 3 p.m. The Battle of the Cheerleaders is set for 7 p.m. Saturday, with the drawing for the annual fair quilt expected to take place at 9:45 p.m. The fair will wrap up on Sunday, with goat weight cards due by 9 a.m. Goat showmanship will begin at 11 a.m. with the goat show slated for 1 p.m.

Commissioners to study budget, tax rate

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will continue "fine tuning" the 2004-2005 budget Monday morning, as the county moves closer to approving the financial plan and setting the tax rate. Barring any last-minute changes, the county is expected to set taxes at the effective rate of 53.726 cents per \$100 valuation, which is expected to generate the same amount in taxes as last year's rate. "This includes a list of the changes from last year," County Auditor Jackie Olson said, "which includes the vehicles and Tasers for the sheriff's office, equipment for the road and bridge depart-

ment, funds to provide a full-time secretary for the DPS office, voting equipment and includes \$115 per month in salary raises." While the rough outline of the budget has been completed, commissioner Jerry Kilgore said there's still a great deal of work to be done to the document before the tax rate is set in September. "We just have an overall picture of the budget right now," said Kilgore. "We basically know what it will cost and what it will do if we use the effective tax rate. We'll probably start tweaking the budget a little bit — do some fine tuning and possibly cutting out some things we didn't need.

Hopefully, there won't be any surprises between now and September. Also on Monday's agenda: County Auditor Jackie Olson will present invoices, purchase requests and amendments to the 2004-2005 budget. The county's travel policy will also be presented to the commissioners by Olson for discussion. County Treasurer Teresa Thomas will present personnel considerations. Indigent Health Care Director Irene Dominguez is scheduled to request approval of her department's physician's contract. Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy

Jameson will present pipeline crossings and a report on road maintenance. Phil Furquerson, county construction administrator, will discuss renovations at the courthouse and county library. The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse. Following the regular meeting, Olson is scheduled to meet with the commissioners in a budget workshop. Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

CERT

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son. It's not designed for nurses, firefighters, police and people like that," said Chamness. "It's for bankers, teachers." This will be the third CERT class to be held in Big Spring. "I'm excited about it. People who go through it cannot believe how much they get out of it," said Chamness. "In addition to the training, we supply them with everything they need — a backpack, hard hat, various gloves,

flashlights, a first aid kit, tools to turn off water and gas meters, different markers and pens and pads to record what they've done during a disaster to pass along to their team leaders." "We're needing people to come join us and have a lot of fun," CERT is put on by Howard County Emergency Management and is taught by members of the police and fire departments. "It's open to everyone in Howard County. In fact, more than half of our last class was filled with people from the county and not the city. You do not

have to be in top physical condition. We do not do a lot of physical stuff. And on an emergency response team, there are a number of things that have to be done. So there is a place for everyone," Chamness added. The class will be limited

to around 20 applicants. Further classes will be planned, Chamness said. Potential CERT students should pick up an application from the police department. You can receive an application via mail by calling 264-2561 or 264-2559.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
The sun transiting into the nurturing sign of Virgo marks the beginning of an extremely productive cycle. Virgo is an expert at correcting, improving and adding any elements that will ultimately contribute to growth. This evergreen energy can be directed toward a special project, a relationship or an area of your life that needs attention.



JOYCE JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Loved ones need to shine and may seem to eclipse your light for a short while. Your graciousness will be long remem-

bered. It's not a good day to use your cell phone while driving — in fact, maybe it's never a good day for that.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your luck is augmented by everything you read and absorb. A friend who has known you forever will remind you of past lessons — as if you needed someone to do that. It's a double insurance you won't repeat the mistake.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Most of your day is spent catering to the needs of your loved ones, but that's also where your satisfaction is greatest. Tonight, do what will awaken your senses. Knowing your limits will allow you to make the most of a situation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've got creative energy to burn off and

could produce something outstanding while merely fooling around. People around you add to the magic. They feel free to express themselves, and you get the benefit of that mood.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Old-fashioned values and manners are seriously underrated by most people, but not you. Your attention to social rules may seem to go unappreciated, but truly classy people take note. You go down on an "A" list of sorts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're sensitive to subtle energy shifts, which will help you navigate family complications. You could very well be the one who makes everyone get along. The tone you set is infectious. A Capricorn romance is all consuming. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Think before spending, and ignore pressure that salesmen and spouses may put on you. That goes away, but debt will linger on. Singles, don't move in with aggressive energy. Give elusive dates space, and they'll return faster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your affinity for people who think like you is matched only by your fascination with people who don't. Welcome diversity in all areas of your life. The more influences you have, the better you'll be able to express yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're in a position to criticize and may even be asked or paid to give your opinion. But just when you judge what is outside yourself, you might see it reflected inside. Apply your moral compass to only your own situation. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There will be no shortage of events in which to test your social (or possibly psychic) skills. The jovial atmosphere includes a bit of mischief that's not to be taken too seriously. Be a good sport. Tonight, be quick to forgive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're fearless and could be the perfect "guinea pig" for trying a new technique or method. Many prospects don't help you as much as one good one will. Sometimes, limitations can be more liberating than wide-open options.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The energy of Virgo is like getting new blood in an old company. The very anticipation of action causes action. All comers bring their best selves to the "party," partially because it's polite and partially because they are afraid of being outdone. Virgo energy is competitive, serious and practical. It instills the knowledge that the quickest way from Point A to Point B is probably revealed on a map. Without a map (or business

plan or project outline, as the case may be), there's a feeling of being ineffective (no, not that!). One of the worst things to be under the Virgo sun is ineffective, as it is instantly noticed by the rest of the world. Virgo is about correcting and improving so that we can grow into the people we've always wanted to be. On Tuesday, Mercury continues its retrograde transit into Leo, which inspires a thorough review of recent events. You'll be faced with your own patterns, and this is a chance to decide which ones to keep and which ones to interrupt or end for good. The moon waxes toward the full moon on Sunday — finish up those lagging projects quickly.

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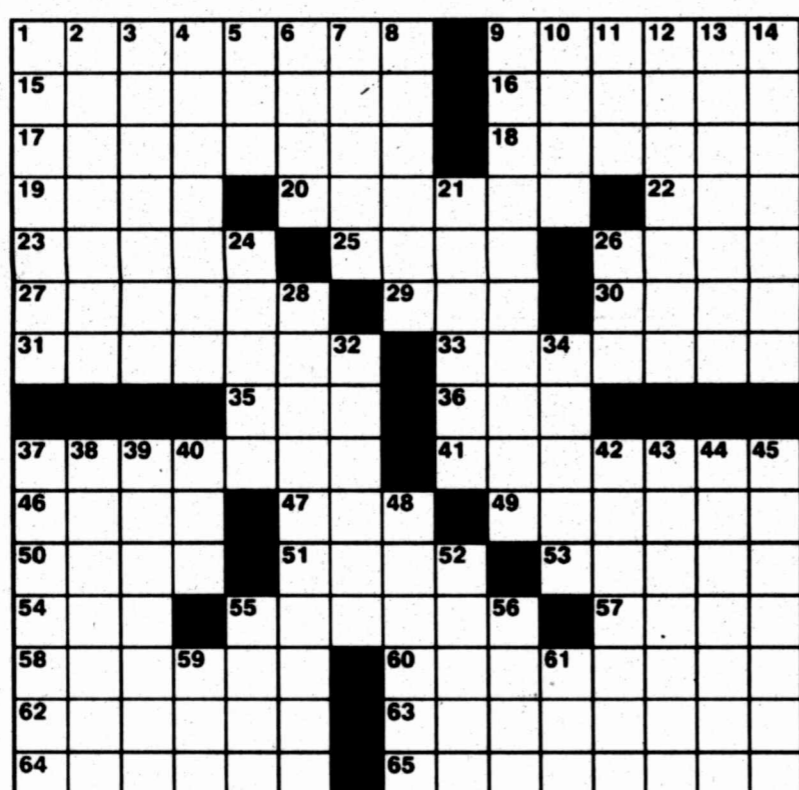
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By PAUL BOURG

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FORT WORTH, Texas — Morris said he died when she was 17, her feeling angry and confused over her adult years.

It was something she didn't want her to have to go through. "I was angry, I wasn't anything back then," Morris said as she and her father prepared for a session.

WARM Place, an organization that provides grief counseling, especially for children.

Founded 15 years ago, the WARM Place where Morris was born after her 17-year-old John, was killed in a wreck in May 2000.

Morris said she had to get her sister Micah, 17, sister Charli, 6.

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Fifteen years of helping children deal with grief

By **PAUL BOURGEOIS**
Knight Ridder Newspapers

FORT WORTH — Vicki Morris said her dad's death when she was 9 left her feeling angry, hurt and confused well into her adult years.

It was something she didn't want her children to have to go through.

"I was angry, but there wasn't anything like this back then," Morris said as she and her family prepared for a session at the WARM Place, the first organization in Texas to provide grief support especially for children.

Founded 15 years ago, the WARM Place was where Morris headed after her 17-year-old son, John, was killed in a wreck in May 2003.

Morris said she knew she had to get help for his sister Micah, 17, and half-sister Charli, 6.

"I want my children to be emotionally healthy," said Morris, a Lipan, Texas, homemaker who is dealing with her own grief.

When a relative dies, children grieve differently than their parents. The parents are grieving as well and are often unable to help their child through the process, despite good intentions.

Not working through the grief often leads to problems in life, said Peggy Boehm, the WARM Place executive director. These can include alcoholism, drug abuse, depression, poor school performance, chest pains, headaches, sleeplessness and what Boehm calls "regressive behavior," like bed wetting.

Problems emerge when children blame themselves and feel guilty for being alive.

At the WARM Place, children of similar ages who have lost loved ones

talk, share and work through it.

Some have come from as far away as Little Rock, Ark., but for the most part, their families come from Texas' Tarrant, Johnson and Parker counties, said Boehm, who helped found the center.

The center grew out of a conversation about 20 years ago between Fort Worth pediatrician John Richardson and Boehm, whose daughter, then 9, was struggling with the death of her brother from cancer.

The two decided that something needed to be done to help children with broken hearts, Boehm said.

It caught on quickly. "There was a much greater need than we ever imagined," Boehm said.

In 15 years the WARM (What About Remembering Me) Place has helped more than 20,000 people from across North Texas, most of them children.

The WARM Place's services are entirely free. It receives nothing from the state, federal government or even the United Way, said Vicki Johnson, an associate director. Funding comes solely from donations.

"It's made a big difference for these two," said Morris' husband, Brad Morris, pointing to Charli and Micah. "It's nice to have a place where everybody is going through what you are going through."

The girls said it was awkward at first to talk to strangers about their grief, but after 10 months they now look forward to their twice-monthly sessions. Most people attend sessions for about 18 months.

Charli said she likes the

WARM Place because "it's OK to be happy here."

"It's good to be in a group where people feel like you do," said Luis Celestino, who was there with his wife, Diana, and sons Lee, 11, and Matt, 10, two students at Our Lady of Victory school in south Fort Worth.

The Celestinos lost 3-year-old Ryan in a car accident on July 4, 2003. They were returning home to Cresson after watching fireworks.

Lee said that for a time he lived in fear of people, particularly other children, asking about his little brother.

"I felt scared and lonely. The hardest part was have to tell people what happened," Lee Celestino said.

It's better now. "Here I feel safe to talk about Ryan," he said.

For more information about the WARM Place, visit its Web site, www.thewarmplace.org.



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The WARM Place in Fort Worth has helped Micah Elkins grieve the loss of her brother, John who was killed in May 2003.

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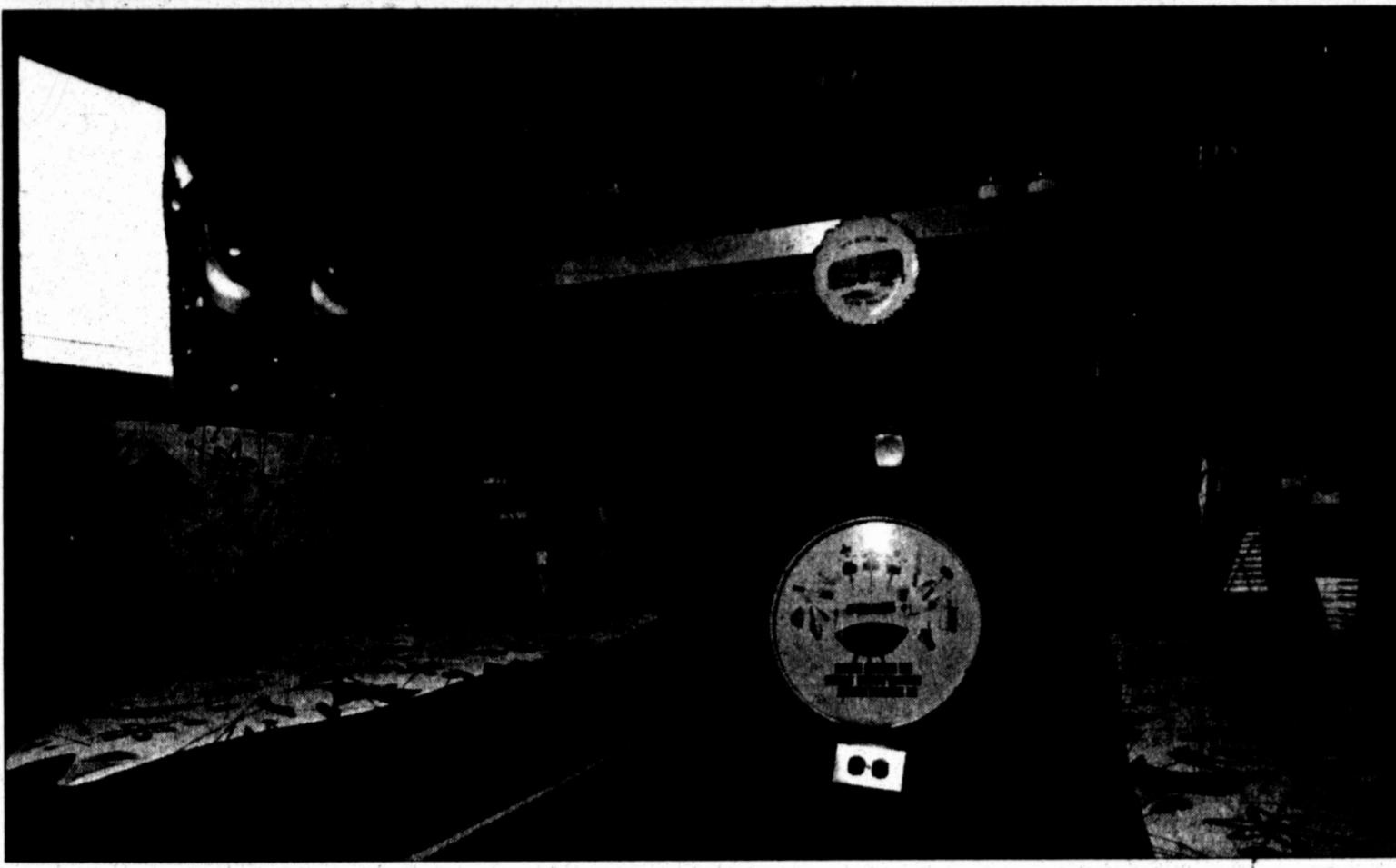
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The 6-by-10-foot interior of Nicole Ogden and Joe Shipley's little aluminum trailer boasts a space age, 1950s motif.

ROOMS THAT ROAM

Despite high gasoline prices, recreational vehicle sales are booming, industry reports

By DIANE GOLDSMITH

PHILADELPHIA — The only thing better than hitting the open road is bringing your home along for the ride.

And higher gasoline prices haven't put the brakes on RV sales, the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association says — in fact, sales were up 20 percent for the first six months of 2004 compared with the same period in

2003. "We're blown away — we can't believe how high it is despite fuel prices," spokesman Ken Sommer says. "It's amazing growth and goes to show RVs are booming. A popularity."

Ed Wright, assistant sales manager at Stoltzfus RV's and Marine in West Chester, Pa., says, "More and more younger people are getting into (RVs) ... they're not waiting until they retire anymore."

A new book, "Portable Houses" by Irene Rawlings and Mary Abel (Gibbs Smith, \$21.95), talks more broadly about folks living the good mobile life — in everything from refurbished trailers and buses to personal train cars, tepees and yurts.

Some people are into "the Zen of the whole thing," Rawlings says from her Colorado home. "You take more time getting to the destination. The world goes by, and you live it."

If mobility appeals to you, living along a nifty abode could be a definite plus — whether you're traveling for business or using it for pleasure.

Joe Shipley and Nicole Ogden of South Philadelphia combine the two when they hitch an adorable little trailer onto the back of Ogden's 1984 Chevy Monte Carlo. It

saves on hotels when they go to vintage-car shows (which he presents) and doubles as a dressing room when selling her vintage clothes.

They first spotted it while driving around a camping area last year and were floored. A canopy shaded folding chairs and a cooler. AstroTurf was laid under pots of plastic flowers.

"It was so cute," Ogden

says. When a woman emerged, they put the car in reverse and spent the next hour talking to her and her husband and "drooling over" the trailer, Shipley recalls.

"It's like a canned ham on its side," he observes, stepping inside to plen-

ty of head room in the 6-by-10-foot space.

"It's an attention-getter. People want to buy when it's out," Shipley says. He's co-owner of a

Philadelphia Eddie's Tattoo parlor, and deejays one night a week at an oldies station, where he goes by the name "Professor Ouch," or just "Professor."

He also collects and sells sideshow memorabilia.

"Something like this could have been made from a

kit," Shipley says of the trailer, which cost him \$1,500, plus a few hundred more to start

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Nicole Ogden, shown with her boyfriend, Joe Shipley, use their little aluminum trailer when Shipley goes to car shows and Ogden sells her vintage clothes.

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refurbishing. It has no toilet. But it does have a sink that can be attached to a hose and drained to the ground or into a hookup. Shipley's aim: Strip out the kitschy colonial stuff and create a look more in line with the trailer's 1956 origins. He redid the wiring, put in new outlets, put new laminate on the countertop, and is having a friend match the tabletop to the counter. The galley table, when covered with cushions, becomes a bed for two. A built-in bench can accommodate another person. A snazzy paint job plus

curtains and covers Ogden made from fabric laden with space-age motifs evoke the 1950s. In time, the couple hopes to polish the dull aluminum exterior and put on new bottom trim and side pipes — really do it up right. "As I get older," Shipley says, "my love of history grows." Its get-up-and-go factor is what Carole and David Soskis love about their Volkswagen camper van. In just 10 minutes, they can be ready to head out for a long weekend at a wildlife preserve or state park. In fact, the 60ish Montgomery County, Pa., couple delight in how "little they can bring with them.

All through their marriage, they camped out "but were getting a little creaky" to be lugging backpacks and tents around, David Soskis says. Just thinking about the preparations became tiring. But not since they bought their \$33,000 EuroVan Weekender nearly two years ago. It's got a backseat that slips down to sleep two, as well as a pop top, should the couple want to sleep higher and gaze into the trees. "I enjoy it, but David just loves it," Carole Soskis says, as her husband points out fluorescent lights for reading and a tiny fridge under a seat they pack with

cheese, fruit and juice. Both features tap into an auxiliary battery that charges as they drive. The van has no toilet or shower, so the couple — he's a retired psychiatrist, she directs a trust for the disabled — camp in areas with nearby facilities. "It was like a memory trace from the 1960s," David says, recalling how he conjured old hippie vans at first, seeing the vehicle on a lot.

Empty nesters, the Soskises wanted to keep their Bala Cynwyd split-level but escape on long weekends to natural areas and a simpler life.

They didn't want anything that needed to be towed. Nor was a large motor home suitable — too conspicuous for their suburban street.

What they chose instead "resembles a van a soccer mom might drive, just a little boxier," David Soskis says.

It's certainly served them well.

He loves to fish and photograph wildlife. (His laptop is filled with remarkable shots of birds, wolves and foxes.) She loves to read in the backseat and do crossword puzzles.

They love the solitude of their getaways, and after 31 years of marriage still appreciate each other's company.

"I can sit here and

Carole there," David says, gesturing, "and it's like we're in heaven."

An affection for mobile living and its many possibilities is apparent throughout "Portable Houses, where you'll find plenty of information, advice, and price guidelines on various projects.

Portable quarters, the book says, are finding new uses these days as guest rooms, playhouses, home offices and writers' retreats.

Small is "the new big," the book also tells us.

"That doesn't necessarily mean giving anything up" in the way of creature comforts or technology, Rawlings says, "but traveling small. Not," for instance, "trying to fit 30 pairs of black shoes."

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Police struggle to understand Narcotics Anonymous shooting

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities on Saturday were trying to figure out why a man shot and killed two people at a Narcotics Anonymous meeting before staging a four-hour standoff with police.

Yolland Latimer, 43, was being held in the Dallas County Jail on Friday on suspicion of capital murder. His bail was set at \$1.5 million.

Latimer, a former substitute teacher in Dallas, was accused of killing 40-year-old Darryl Sneed and 43-year-old Lois Fields on Thursday.

The three knew each other from Narcotics Anonymous meetings, and Latimer and Fields dated for a short time, police and relatives said. They had a 2-year-old daughter.

A neighbor said they often fought over care of the girl.

"She was always banging on the door, demanding that he come and get the baby," said the neighbor, Harold Jones. "Most of the time, he was talking to her through the door. He would never let her in."

Witnesses told police that Latimer may have thought Sneed was dating Fields, Sgt. Ross Salverino said in Saturday's edition of The Dallas Morning News. Salverino said they had no evidence the two were dating.

Ratliff: State falling short on education funding

AUSTIN (AP) — The lawmaker known as the "father of Robin Hood," testified Friday that there is nothing inherently wrong with the share-the-wealth school funding system, but the state has abdicated its share of funding responsibility.

The testimony from former Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff ended the second week of the trial in which hundreds of schools are challenging the state's school funding system. The districts are arguing that the system's dependence on local property taxes is unconstitutional and doesn't provide enough money to educate Texas' 4.3 million students.

The trial is expected to last until mid-September. Any ruling by state District Judge John Dietz will likely be appealed.

"I don't see anything wrong with the current school finance system," Ratliff said. "The thing that's gone wrong with the system, is that by virtue of the state's abdicating on paying for its share" has led to schools being unable to continue progress that has been made over the last decade.

The state's share of the education budget has steadily declined since 1999, now accounting for 38 percent of the approximately \$30 billion spent

on K-12 education in Texas, according to some estimates. As governor, George W. Bush set a goal for the state to fund 55 percent of education costs, but that was never reached. Local property taxes account for the bulk of education spending and some federal funding also is incorporated.

In 1993, under pressure from the Texas Supreme Court, then-Sen. Ratliff authored the school finance legislation that remains largely in place. That bill, the so-called Robin Hood plan, called for property tax revenue from wealthy districts to be redistributed throughout the state, so that most districts had equal access to similar funding, as required by the state Constitution.

Since the law went into effect, schools have been subject to new curriculum standards, the federal No Child Left Behind Act and growing student populations that have all added to their financial burden.

"I am convinced that ... school districts are virtually at the end of their resources and to continue to raise standards ... is reaching a situation where we're asking people to make brick without straw," Ratliff said.

About half of the school districts in Texas are at

the property tax cap of \$1.50 per \$100 in assessed property value. Those districts say they are strapped and have no way of raising additional money.

This spring, the Legislature attempted to find a solution that would give schools the resources they need, while offering property tax relief to Texas homeowners. The special session ended with no solution.

Ratliff said it could take a court order for the Legislature to arrive at a compromise, just as it did in 1993. Sometimes Legislatures work best "with a gun to their head," he said.

Nursing home van driver arrested

WACO (AP) — Temple police arrested the driver of a nursing home van in which an 87-year-old woman died after she was left in near-100 degree heat for more than four hours.

Coverson Bush Jr., 49, surrendered to police Wednesday, a day after investigators informed him they had a warrant for his arrest on a charge of criminally negligent homicide, Temple police Lt. Rick Ashe said. If convicted, Bush faces up to two years in prison.

Authorities said Bush picked up Hazel Forsythe on Aug. 10 about 12:15 p.m. from a doctor's appointment in Temple and drove her back to Sunrise Oaks Health Care in Temple, about 35 miles south of Waco.

Officers said Bush told them he parked and went into the nursing home, then left a short time later in another vehicle. The temperature that afternoon reached 97 degrees.

When the outside temperature is 100 degrees, the inside of a vehicle can reach 140 degrees in as little as 15 minutes, state officials say.

Bush told police he returned to the nursing home about 4:30 p.m. and drove the van back to the hospital, where he parked and discovered Forsythe still in her wheelchair in the back, authorities said. The final autopsy report

showed Forsythe died of hyperthermia, or excessive body temperature, Ashe told the Waco Tribune-Herald for a story in Friday editions.

Nursing home officials declined to comment on the arrest.

The Texas Department of Human Services, which regulates nursing homes, is investigating the death, said agency spokeswoman Rosemary Patterson. The 120-bed facility has been investigated for eight complaints since June 2000, according to records.

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Perry pardons eight, including woman who shot her ex-husband

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry on Friday granted full pardons to eight people, including a Dallas woman who was convicted of the 1992 killing of her ex-husband and was sentenced to 10 years probation.

Brenda Loftus, 53, was convicted of second-degree voluntary manslaughter for shooting to death Thomas Loftus, 35. While prosecutors originally sought a murder conviction, the jury instead convicted her on the lesser charge after concluding she fired the shots in the heat of passion.

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt said all of the pardons were issued after a recommendation from the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles.

The board unanimously supported Loftus as did the district attorney and a district judge in the case, Walt said.

Loftus' volunteer work with crime victims during her probation and a history of domestic abuse by her husband before their divorce factored in the decision to pardon, Walt said. Loftus completed her sentence earlier this year.

Because she is Jamaican, Loftus faced being deported because of a change in federal law. The pardon means she will

not face deportation as a result of her conviction, Perry's office said.

Others receiving pardons Friday:

- Manuel Cavazos IV, 55, arrested for unlawful possession of narcotics in 1971. He received two years probation and was discharged in 1973.
- Gilda Gutierrez Downey, 53, convicted of burglary in 1974 and sentenced to three years probation. She discharged her sentence in 1976.
- Gary Frank Edwards, 49, convicted of criminal mischief in 1975. He paid a fine and discharged his sentence the same year.
- Carol Annette Fernandez, 48, was convicted of theft of property in 1981, spent 180 days on probation, paid a fine and discharged her sentence.
- Arnold Garcia, 49, convicted of unlawfully carrying a firearm in 1985. He spent three days in jail, paid a \$300 fine and served his full sentence.
- Nelson Aponte Hernandez, 31, convicted of assault in 1993, spent four days in jail and discharged his sentence.
- Steven Fritz Mallow, 51, convicted of unlawful possession of narcotics in 1972. He served two years probation and was discharged in 1974.

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Alcohol inhaling machine is on display in New York

Opponents warn of 'disaster waiting to happen'

NEW YORK (AP) — A machine that lets drinkers inhale shots of alcohol went on display Friday night, even as one local lawmaker warned the device was "a disaster waiting to happen." The Alcohol Without Liquid vaporizer mixes the alcohol with pressurized oxygen. Makers say it takes about 20 minutes to breathe in one shot, giving drinkers the effect of alcohol without the drunkenness, or hang-over.

Kevin Morse, president of Greensboro, N.C.-based Spirit Partners, which distributes the machine, debuted AWOL Friday evening at the Manhattan nightspot Trust. He poured fruit juice into the inhaler because he said state law doesn't allow liquor to be stored in anything but its original container.

"I do think the public is ready for this," Morse said. "Alcohol has been consumed for two or three thousand years. This is just a new way to try it."

Democratic state Sen. Carl Kruger pledged to introduce legislation to ban the machine, which is manufactured in England. He called the inhaler a "new form of pipe smoking" and said it could encourage

underage drinking and drunken driving. Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's office said the issue had been referred to the State Liquor Authority, and declined to comment. A message left with the agency was not immediately returned.

"It becomes a whole enforcement issue," Kruger said. "The way we test alcohol levels will be skewed and so will all the direction we've taken in this state to lower blood alcohol levels."

Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano said he wants the AWOL machine banned for fear it will attract underage drinkers.

Morse said the inhaler is intended for adults, and that it would not skew blood alcohol tests.

Bar and lounge owners in New York may be wary, said Bob Zuckerman, executive director of the New York Nightlife Association.

"We don't know if this device is legal and in addition we don't know if it is safe," Zuckerman said. "Our members and most bar owners are responsible and I'm sure they'll tread very carefully before putting a device such as this in their establishments."

South African woman pleads innocent to immigration violations

HOUSTON (AP) — A South African woman pleaded innocent Friday to charges of violating U.S. immigration law in a case that raised concerns about whether terrorists could enter the country by way of Mexico.

Farida Goolam Mahamed Ahmed, 48, was scheduled for trial on Oct. 12 after entering her not guilty plea before U.S. Magistrate Frances Stacy in Houston. Her attorney, federal public defender Brent Newton, said she wanted a speedy trial, and estimated it would last four days.

Ahmed was arrested July 19 after being stopped by the U.S. Border Patrol at McAllen-Miller International Airport in South Texas as she tried to board a plane bound for New York. She had a passport with three double-sided pages missing, \$7,300 in various currencies and, in her baggage, a pair of muddy, wet pants.

She allegedly told agents she had a valid U.S. visa which she had left in New York, but they determined that was not true.

She is charged with improper entry into the United States, lying to a border patrol agent and carrying an altered passport. She remains in federal custody.

After Ahmed's arrest,

investigators tried to determine whether she had ties to terrorist groups. Testimony at a court hearing in McAllen after her arrest indicated she had traveled from Johannesburg, South Africa, on July 8, via Dubai, United Arab Emirates, to London, then to Mexico City on or about July 14. She then allegedly crossed into the United States illegally by wading across the Rio Grande.

Don DeGabrielle, first assistant U.S. attorney in Houston, on Friday declined to specify terrorism concerns connected

to Ahmed's case or say whether she is on a watch list for terrorists. Law enforcement officials have previously said nothing regarding terrorism has been substantiated.

"This is an immigration case and we're treating it as one," he said after Ahmed's court appearance. "There's always a danger when assumptions are made about cases that go beyond the record."

DeGabrielle said the government has information about the pages missing from Ahmed's passport, but declined to elaborate, saying only, "at the

trial that will be explained."

Officials determined that Ahmed, once a resident of the Chicago area, had last lawfully left the United States in 1996.

Meanwhile, The Monitor in McAllen reported in its Saturday editions that Ahmed's sister and two nieces were being held by authorities in New York on immigration charges.

Daniel Ngwepe, a political counselor for the South African Embassy, said the three were detained on charges of being in the United States illegally.

Camp counselors, shot to death in their sleep, died in nature they loved

COLOMA, Calif. (AP) — They were young adults from America's heartland with a passion for the outdoors, backpacking, fishing and camping when they could, working together as counselors at a Christian retreat and dreaming that they would someday open one of their own.

Then, just weeks before their Sept. 11 wedding date, they were killed in their sleep — perhaps after taking in one last Pacific sunset under the open sky they loved.

They died instantly, each shot in the head as they lay in sleeping bags on a wild shoreline 2,500 miles from their homes and families, Sonoma County authorities said Friday.

By all accounts, Jason Allen of Michigan and Lindsay Cutshall of Ohio possessed outgoing physical natures to match their

Midwest-grown spirituality. Friends, neighbors and family members recalled a couple who loved the outdoors and valued whitewater rivers, some day hoping to open an outdoor Christian camp like the one where they were counselors together.

"They both enjoyed that, and they just wanted to find some mission where they could reach young people for the Lord," said John Hart, a close friend of the Allen family in Michigan.

The couple's bodies were discovered Wednesday when deputies rescuing a stranded hiker spotted the crime scene from a helicopter.

"It appears to be a terrible crime absent of motive, which is a concern to us," Sheriff's Lt. Dave Edmonds said.

There were no signs of

sexual assault or robbery, and murder-suicide was ruled out because no weapon was found, authorities said.

"From all indications, the victims were very upstanding citizens, they were very honorable people. They had an absolute absence of enemies," Edmonds said. Police said they had no suspects.

Authorities said the slaying apparently occurred Sunday or Monday. Autopsies were being performed Friday.

Allen, 26, and Cutshall, 23, had been engaged for two years. Both were born into active church-going families. Allen's father, Robert Allen, was an elder at his Immanuel Baptist Church near the family home in Zeeland, Mich.; Cutshall's father, the Rev. Chris Cutshall, is pastor of the Fresno Bible Church in rural Ohio.

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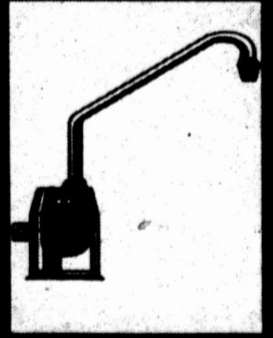
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Al-Sadr fighters offer to give up control of shrine but haven't yet

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Militants loyal to firebrand Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr remained in control of a revered Shiite shrine at the center of the crisis in Najaf on Saturday, as they bickered with top Shiite religious leaders over how to hand the holy site over.

Despite the standoff, Najaf remained largely calm Saturday. Occasional explosions shook the city, but the violence was at a far lower level than fierce fighting that raged in the city earlier this week.

The violence in the city and a threatened government raid of the mosque risked inflaming the nation's majority Shiites and undermining the interim government's efforts to bring stability to the country and gain legitimacy for itself.

The crisis appeared on the verge of resolution Friday with insurgents' surprising decision to remove their weapons from the Imam Ali Shrine, where they had been hiding, and turn the holy site over to top Shiite clerics.

But the two sides were still debating how to arrange such a transfer Saturday.

Al-Sadr aides said they tried to hand the keys over to representatives of Iraq's top Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Hussein al-Sistani, who refused to accept them, demanding the shrine be evacuated first.

Sheik Ali Smeism, a senior al-Sadr aide, said the militants wanted a delegation from al-

Sistani's office to first inspect the shrine and make sure its treasures were intact, so that al-Sadr's followers would not be accused of stealing or damaging anything. Only then will the militants leave, he said.

Al-Sistani's aides say they will not send a delegation because of the security situation in the city.

"If the brothers in the office of ... al-Sadr want to vacate the holy shrine compound and close the doors and hand over the keys, then the office of the religious authority in Najaf will take the keys for safekeeping until the crisis ends," Sheik Hamed Khafaf, an al-Sistani aide, said from London where the cleric is undergoing medical treatment. "We cannot receive the shrine compound unless they agree to this formula."

Another al-Sadr aide Ahmed al-Shaibany, said earlier the keys had already been handed over, but later said that they had only offered to hand them over.

The shrine's keys are for the shrine compound's outer gates, inner doors and safes.

The proposed handover of the shrine to religious authorities offered a face-saving way to end fierce fighting between U.S. and Iraqi forces and al-Sadr's militia that has killed scores of people.

A peaceful pullout mediated by religious authorities would allow Iraq's interim government to keep its pledge not to negotiate and let the militants say they had not

capitulated to U.S.-led troops.

Meanwhile, attackers fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a U.S. military vehicle in the Iraqi capital early Saturday, killing one American soldier and wounding two others, the military said in a statement. As of Friday, 949 U.S. service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the U.S. Defense Department.

Elsewhere, one Iraqi National Guard soldier was killed when a bomb exploded in the northern city of Mosul, said Mahmoud Saadallah. Two guardsmen and three civilians were wounded in the blast.

In Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, assailants detonated roadside bombs in two sepa-

rate attacks apparently aimed at passing U.S. troops, hospital officials said. There were no immediate reports of American casualties.

In one of the attacks, a bomb exploded after a U.S. convoy drove by, said Hussein Ali, an official at Baqouba's main hospital. Two civilians were killed and four injured in the blast.

In Sabtiya, four kilometers (two miles) north of Baqouba, another roadside bomb exploded after a U.S. convoy passed, killing a sanitation worker cleaning the street and wounding another man, said Mudher Sabah, another hospital official.

West of Baghdad in Ramadi, unidentified gunmen shot dead Lt. Col. Saad Smayer, a senior police officer, as he left home for work, said

Jaadan Mohammed al-Alwan.

Insurgents waging a 16-month-old uprising against the government have repeatedly targeted Iraqi officials, whom they accuse of collaborating with U.S. forces here.

Meanwhile, an aide to al-Sadr said kidnappers had lifted their threat to kill a U.S. journalist abducted in the southern city of Nasiriyah along with his Iraqi translator Aug. 13, and the man could be released as soon as Saturday.

The kidnappers, calling themselves the Martyrs Brigade, threatened Thursday to kill Micah Garen of New York within 48 hours if U.S. troops did not leave Najaf.

But al-Sadr aide Sheik Awas al-Khafaji said Saturday he had spoken to mediators who said the

death threat had been lifted, adding that they were working out a way to have Garen released.

"We hope that he will be released today and our efforts would be fruitful," he said Saturday. "As for the Iraqi translator, we have received assurances that he is going to be released with the journalist."

Garen appeared in a video aired Friday.

"I am an American journalist in Iraq and I've been asked to deliver a message," he said. "I am in captivity and being treated well."

The peace moves in Najaf headed off a government attack on the revered shrine, which was certain to cause bloodshed and likely damage the gold-domed mosque — a result that would enrage Shiites.

John Kerry tries to counter impact of war record criticism

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attacks on John Kerry's war record may be beginning to have an impact, polls suggest, amid raised voices and new TV ads on a subject at least temporarily dominating debate in the close presidential race.

Democrats are laboring to deflect the questioning of Kerry's record with fresh ads touting his fitness for national command, even as the White House mocks the Massachusetts senator as "losing his cool" over claims he lied to win military medals in Vietnam.

Kerry wasn't going to let such claims pass, spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter shot back on Friday, saying "John Kerry is a fighter and he doesn't tolerate lies from others."

The anti-Kerry group that provoked the furor with a recent commercial distributed a second ad to the news media and said it would begin airing it next week in Pennsylvania, Nevada and New Mexico. The ad mixes clips of a youthful Kerry talking about war atrocities in testimony to Congress in 1971 with images of veterans condemning his remarks.

The Kerry campaign filed a complaint with the Federal Election Commission that alleged the group behind the ad was illegally coordinating its efforts with the Bush-Cheney campaign. It cited "recent press reports" and the group's own statements.



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BSISD announces community rally

Big Spring High School would like to invite the community to the Amphitheater inside Comanche Trail Park for a community pep rally at 8 p.m. Monday.

All fall sports teams and the cheerleaders will be introduced. There will also be Steer gear for sale and the band will play.

For more info, call John Sparks at 263-8527.

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.

Big Spring announces tennis club meeting

Big Spring's tennis booster club will be holding a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring Cafeteria.

Anyone with an athlete on the tennis team can attend, but the meeting is also to find new members.

For more information, contact Royce Islas at 466-1589.

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. at the high school.

Peloteros announce final tournament

The Texas Peloteros have set up an end of the year softball tournament Aug. 27-29 at Cotton Mize Field.

The tournament costs \$115 to enter. The winning team is awarded \$200, while second and third places receive T-shirts and trophies.

For more information, call Manuel at 432-263-8219 or Edna at 432-816-6159.

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Big Spring beats Frenship, falls in pool play final



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Big Spring juniors Carmen Lewis, left, and Brenn Swinney attack the net on defense during a match last Tuesday against Midland High.

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

After knocking off Kermit in round one of the Monahans Tournament Friday morning, the Big Spring volleyball team continued to work its way through pool play by beating district rival Frenship in straight sets Friday afternoon.

The Lady Steers defeated their rivals 25-18 and 25-13, but the match was a little tougher than expected according to head coach Revis Daggett. "Frenship played fabulous defense against us, they played smart and are a great ball control team," said Daggett. "We played good, but not great. "I think we took them for granted because

(Frenship) didn't have size. We weren't sharp like we had been of late, but we played well enough to get the win."

Big Spring (5-3) was led by junior Krista Chesworth off the bench. She contributed eight points on six kills, one ace and one solo block, while in the process earning a starting nod for the next match.

"I am going to insert her into the starting lineup in our next match against Midland," said Daggett.

Seniors Shannon Higgins and Kendal Adams each had 6.5 points as Higgins had six kills and one assisted block, while Adams pitched in with four kills, two aces and one assisted block.

Junior Brenn Swinney scored five points on five kills, while junior Carmen Lewis hit for four points on three kills and two assisted blocks.

The win for the Lady Steers pushed the team to the championship game of pool play Saturday night. The team played Midland High and lost in three games.

Big Spring won game one, and got out in front

of Midland High in game two, 8-0, before losing. Midland High outscored the Lady Steers 25-3 following the opening lead and then went on to win game three, as well.

The Lady Steers were the second seed for Saturday's portion of the tournament.

However, Saturday's results were not available at press time.

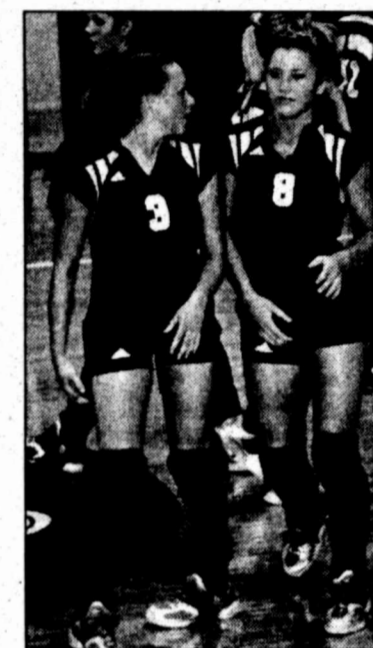
Check out Monday's edition of the HERALD for the final day of the tournament.



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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Senior Stefani Scott, left, and junior Raegan Ritchey celebrate a point scored in a match last Tuesday.

Halfmann shows off arm as Bearkats' offense explodes

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Confidence is what Garden City head football coach Ken Hoskins was hoping his team would find early on this season as the team hopefully finds the win column.

After Friday night's four-team scrimmage in Garden City, the Bearkats should have all the confidence they need.

Garden City, Grady, Wellman and Fort Davis all split plays Saturday in a four-team scrimmage, but it was the Bearkats that put on the show.

"We looked a lot smoother and more polished this time out," said Hoskins.

The Bearkats outscored their three opponents eight touchdowns to two and compiled over 600 yards of total offense.

"We wanted to treat this scrimmage like a real game," said Hoskins. "Coach Abney did a nice job of calling the offense like it was a game and Coach Richardson and Fine also did a nice job of changing up the defenses."

Sophomore quarterback Alex Halfmann put on a show offensively. He completed 13 of his 23 passes for 455 yards, including five touchdowns and one interception. In all, the Bearkats threw for 490 yards.

Halfmann completed passes to eight different receivers on the night.

"The receivers did a

nice job catching the ball, and when we hit that many targets it is hard for the opposing defenses to key on someone," said Hoskins.

Robert Lopez caught three passes for 122 yards and one touchdown, while Cory Multer brought in three balls for 110 yards and two scores. Colton Schwartz and Jared Bradford combined for six receptions and 157 yards. Schwartz also caught two touchdowns.

The Bearkats compiled 115 yards on the ground, led by senior Trey Hillger's 60 yards on 10 carries. Hillger scored one touchdown.

"The line picked up their blocks well for us and our depth really helped us," said Hoskins. "We feel our depth is one of our strengths."

The Bearkat defense allowed 330 yards and two touchdowns, but forced four turnovers on two interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

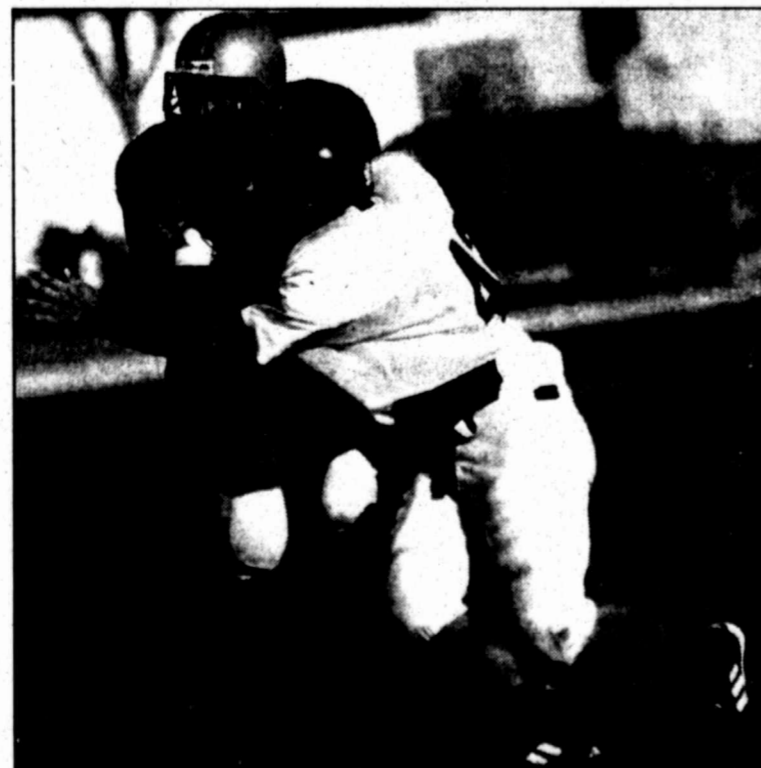
"We were aggressive (defensively)," said Hoskins. "The guys missed some tackles, but I thought we broke down better and put in a great effort."

The defense was led by Schwartz and Hillger, who each had eight tackles, and Colby Hirt brought down seven ball carriers.

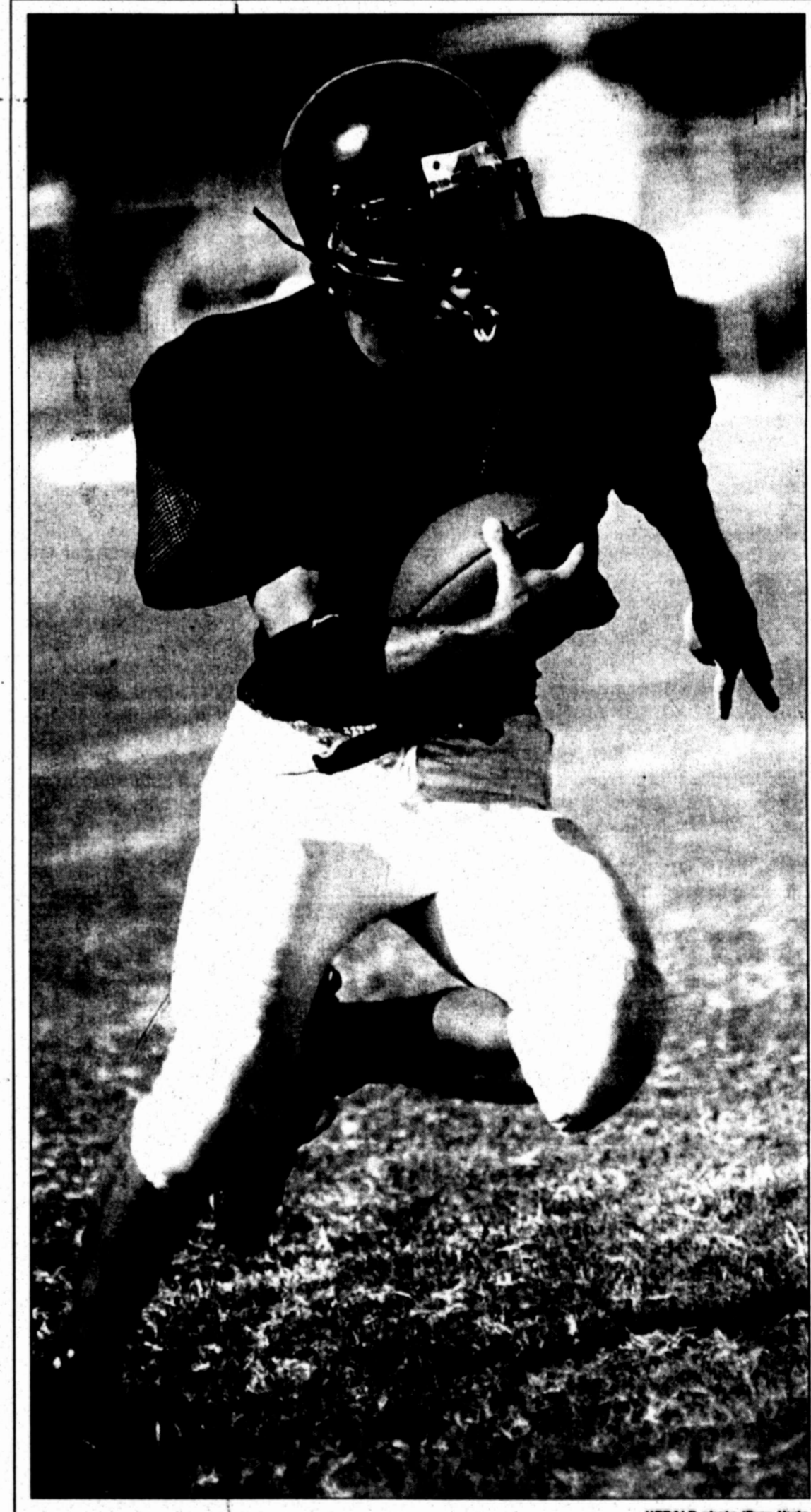
Garden City's junior varsity team also won its scrimmage four touchdowns to one.

The Bearkats open their regular season Thursday against Grandfalls Royalty at 7:30 in Garden City.

The junior varsity will take on Water Valley at 5 p.m., as well.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Garden City senior Cory Multer takes down a receiver from Fort Davis during a four-team scrimmage in Garden City Friday night.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Grady senior Andrew Villa runs down the field against Fort Davis Friday during a four-team scrimmage in Garden City. Wellman and host Garden City also participated in the scrimmage.

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Forsan junior quarterback Tye Baker gets knocked out of bounds by a defender from Reagan County Friday during a scrimmage in Forsan. courtesy photo/Bruce Schooler

Rangers approach season long streak

By DOUG TUCKER
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — If his inconsiderate neighbor would just lose that noisy alarm clock, there's no telling how many home runs David Dellucci might hit.

The well-rested Texas outfielder hit two homers Friday night and helped power the Texas Rangers past the Kansas City Royals 5-3 for their seventh straight win.

Oddly, all three of his multihomer games this year have come away from home.

"I tend to sleep 'til noon when I go on the road. Maybe that's the trick," said Dellucci, whose 14 homers are a career-high. "Guy's got an alarm clock that goes off every morning at 8 o'clock at home. I've got to get up when that alarm clock goes off in the apartment next to me. It's horrible. I've beat on the wall and everything. And he lets it go for like an hour. So every morning at 8, I'm wide awake."

Kevin Mench added a three-run shot as the Rangers remained a half-game behind first-place Oakland in the tight AL West race and tied with Boston for the wild-card lead.

Ryan Drese (11-6) won his fourth straight decision, a career best, allowing three runs and five hits in seven-plus innings.

Drese is 7-1 in his last eight starts, and his 3.35 ERA is third in the league behind Oakland's Tim Lincecum (2.95) and Minnesota's Johan Santana (3.23).

"That's efficiency," Texas manager Buck Showalter said.

Francisco Cordero got three outs for his 38th save in 40 chances.

The Rangers are one win shy of their longest winning streak this season, set from June 18-26.

Wood and Jaime Cerda combined on a four-hitter. Wood gave up five runs and four hits in 7-3 innings.

The Rangers hit three homers for the third game in a row.

Phelps ties Spitz's individual gold record

By BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Greece — Michael Phelps doesn't mind making history while sitting in the stands.

The man who dominated the attention at the Olympic pool gave up a coveted spot on the 400-meter medley relay team to Ian Crocker.

Call it a gift from a teammate.

Phelps equaled Mark Spitz's record of four individual swimming gold medals Friday night by holding off Crocker in a thrilling finish of the 100-meter butterfly.

"He's on fire at this meet," Crocker said. "He's done some amazing things."

None more so than Phelps' decision to give up the relay spot to the runner-up.

"I'm willing to give him a chance and hopefully we can win," said Phelps, 19, of Baltimore. "I will be in the stands cheering as hard as I can for the U.S. team."

"I'm speechless," Crocker said of Phelps' gesture. "It's a huge gift, but difficult to accept. It makes me want to just go out there and tear up the pool."

Phelps won five gold medals and two bronzes before climbing out of the pool for good. He would earn a record-tying eighth medal if the Americans finish in the top three of the relay Saturday night; everyone who participates on a medal-winning relay team — whether it's the preliminaries or a final — is rewarded.

"I'm just grateful to have an opportunity like this," he said. "It's an honor and definitely something that's special."

Phelps failed to break Spitz's record of seven gold medals from the 1972 Munich Games. But he put on a spectacular show nearly every night, capping his meet with the narrow win over Crocker.

"He's a great champion," said International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge, who watched Phelps' victory

from a front-row seat at the Aquatic Center. "Definitely, he is going to be one of the icons of the games."

Phelps' 17th race in seven days may have been his best yet.

He beat Crocker in the 100 fly by four-hundredths of a second in an Olympic record of 51.25 seconds. Andriy Serdinov of Ukraine took the bronze in 51.36.

"I knew the race was going to come down to the last few inches," said Crocker, the world record-holder and current world champion. "I didn't see Michael come by me, but I knew he was going to be there."

Crocker got off the starting block quickly and made the turn under world-record pace, about a half-body length ahead of Phelps in fifth place.

But Phelps' long arms churned furiously, pulling up on Crocker's shoulder with 20 meters to go and the crowd cheering wildly.

Phelps' hand hit the wall first. Barely.

If the Americans win a medal, Phelps would tie Soviet gymnast Aleksandr Dityatin's record of eight medals in one Olympics at the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games.

"It's tough to give up the relay. It really is," Phelps said. "But Ian is one of the greatest relay

swimmers in the world." In the 400 free relay last Sunday, Crocker swam a dismal opening leg that put the Americans in a hole, and they settled for bronze. He had been sick with a sore throat.

Giving Crocker a second chance is "the right thing to do," Phelps said. "Spitz watched Phelps' final race in Athens from the stands.

As Phelps paraded around the deck with his latest gold medal, he spotted Spitz holding up four fingers.

"Just to be mentioned in the same sentence with him is unbelievable," Phelps said.

The United States earned another gold medal Friday night in the 50 free, with 29-year-old Gary Hall Jr. defending the title he shared with fellow American Anthony Ervin in Sydney four years ago.

It was an especially sweet victory for the irreverent Hall, who was upset about being left off a couple of U.S. relay teams. He won in 21.93 — beating Croatia's Dujic Draganja by one-hundredth of a second for his 10th career medal.

The United States' dominance in the women's 800 freestyle ended when Ai Shibata of Japan won gold in 8:25.54. Laure Manaudou of France claimed silver in 8:24.96.

Diana Munz of Chagrin

Falls, Ohio, earned bronze in 8:26.61.

Americans had won the event in five consecutive Olympics.

"It's a little disappointing we weren't on the top stand," Munz said. "It's kind of sad."

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Six members from the Western Sportsman Gun Club traveled to Raton, N.M., July 25-28, to compete in the 2004 NRA National Silhouette Championships. Shooters from all over the United States compete in this annual event.

Silhouette shooting started in the early 1970s and is a growing family sport. It is a lot like shooting tin cans except our tin cans are shaped like animals. The chickens are shot from a distance of 40 meters, pigs at 50 meters, turkeys (the hard-

est) at 75 meters and rams at 100 meters. Points are scored for knocking the animal off the rail. The shooters use both open sight and scoped guns. The categories are hunters pistol, hunters pistol open sight, smallbore hunters pistol and smallbore hunters pistol open sight. Hunters pistol matches are shot with 22 magnums and larger pistols while smallbore matches are shot with 22 caliber pistols. Each shooter is classified by shooting in local matches during the year. The classes are B (usually beginner), A, AA, AAA

and a masters for the more accomplished shooters.

Members from the Western Sportsman making the trip were Doug Randel, Linda Randel, Jeremy Randel, Cecil Hogg, Jose Luis Gonzales and Larry Butler.

Each morning began with a prayer by Michael Jones of Wiley, followed by the National Anthem played on trumpet by Gonzales, who lives in Big Spring.

Eight matches were shot over four days with the group bringing home 41 individual awards and five team awards.



courtesy photos
Local members of the Western Sportsman Gun Club traveled to Raton, N.M. July 25-28, and competed in the NRA National Silhouette Championships. The six attending members of the club include Doug Randel, Linda Randel, Jeremy Randel, Cecil Hogg, Jose Luis Gonzales and Larry Butler. The group brought back 41 individual awards and five team awards for their efforts. Anyone interested in joining the club can contact Doug Randel at 263-1192 or Larry Butler at 756-2779.

NRA NATIONAL SILHOUETTE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Western Sportsman Gun Club award winners

Doug Randel

Hunters Pistol
Match 1 — 5th AAA
Match 2 — 5th AAA
Aggregate — 5th AAA

Smallbore Hunters Pistol
Match 1 — 8th AAA
Aggregate — 10th AAA

Smallbore Hunters Pistol Open Sight
Match 1 — 5th AAA
Match 2 — 3rd AAA
Aggregate — 4th AAA

Jose Luis Gonzales

Hunters Pistol
Match 1 — 1st A
Match 2 — 3rd A
Aggregate — 3rd A

Hunters Pistol Open Sight
Match 1 — 2nd A
Match 2 — 2nd A
Aggregate — 2nd A

Smallbore Hunters Pistol Open Sight
Match 1 — 2nd A
Match 2 — 5th A
Aggregate — 1st A

Team Awards

Hunters Pistol 2nd AA
Doug Randel
Linda Randel
Jeremy Randel

Hunters Pistol 1st A
Cecil Hogg
Larry Butler
Jose Luis Gonzales

Hunters Pistol Open Sight 1st AA
Doug Randel
Linda Randel
Larry Butler

Smallbore Hunters Pistol 1st A
Cecil Hogg
Larry Butler
Jose Luis Gonzales

Linda Randel

Hunters Pistol Open Sight
Match 1 — 4th A
Match 2 — 5th A
Aggregate — 4th A

Smallbore Hunters Pistol Open Sight
Match 1 — 4th A
Match 2 — 4th A
Aggregate — 4th A

Cecil Hogg

Smallbore Hunters Pistol
Match 1 — 2nd A
Match 2 — 2nd A
Aggregate — 3rd A

Jeremy Randel

Smallbore Hunters Pistol
Match 1 — 3rd A
Match 2 — 1st A
Aggregate — 1st A

Hunters Pistol
Match 1 — 3rd A
Match 2 — 1st A
Aggregate — 1st A

Larry Butler

Hunters Pistol
Match 2 — 8th AA
Aggregate — 10th AA

Hunters Pistol Open Sight
Match 1 — 3rd A
Match 2 — 3rd A
Aggregate — 3rd A

Smallbore Hunters Pistol
Match 1 — 8th AA

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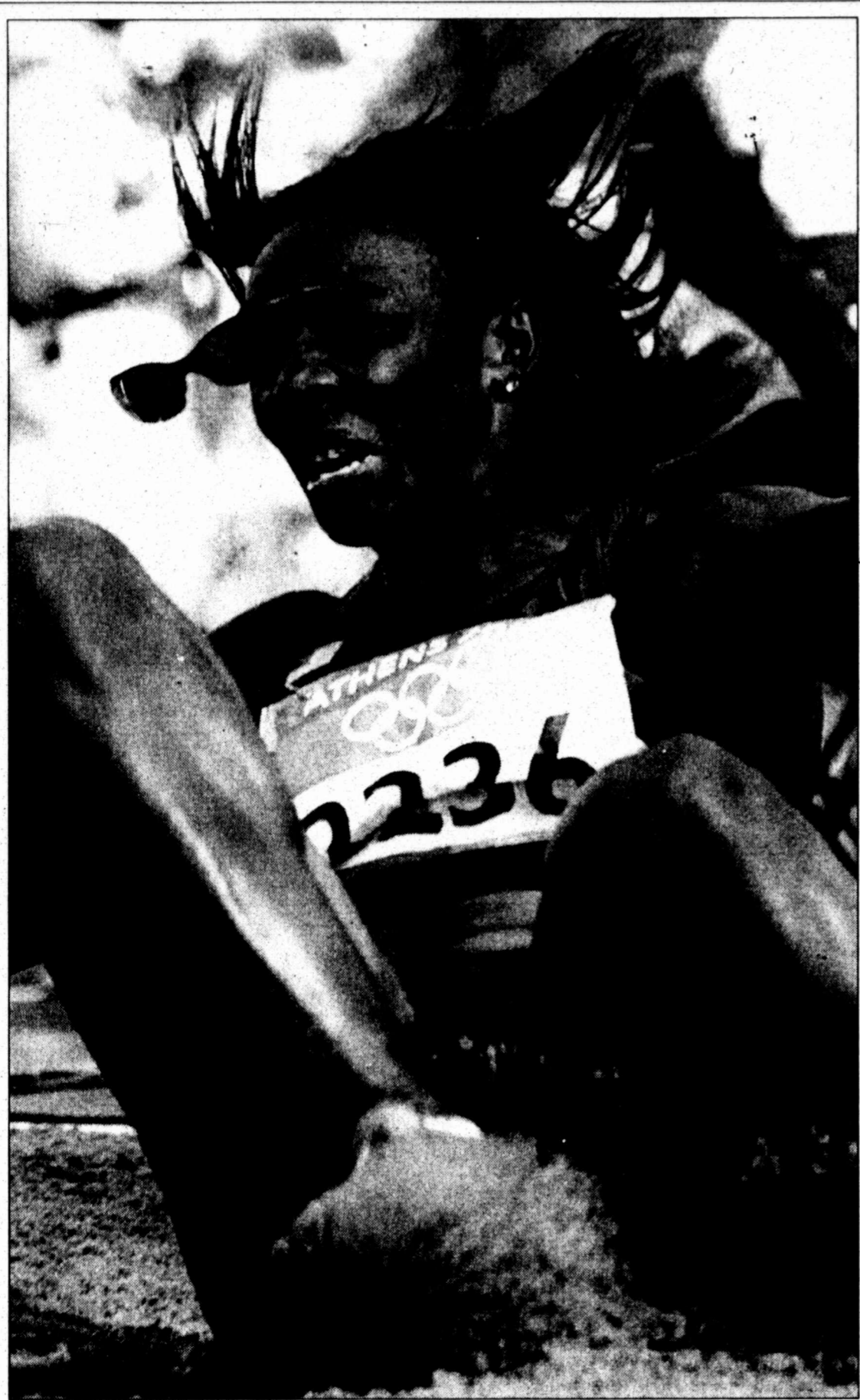
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Shelia Burrell of the United States loses her glasses as she hits the pit in the long jump portion of the Heptathlon Saturday. KRT photo/Julian Gonzalez, Detroit Free Press

Hamm's gold medal tainted after judges scoring mistake

By EDDIE PELLIS
AP Sports Writer
ATHENS, Greece — Paul Hamm's gold medal just lost its luster.

A scoring mistake at the all-around gymnastics final cost Yang Tae-young the gold that ended up going to Hamm, the International Gymnastics Federation ruled Saturday. The South Korean got the bronze instead.

Three judges were suspended, but the results will not be changed, the federation said. The South Korean Olympic team will ask the Court of Arbitration for Sports to determine if Yang deserves a gold medal.

"We want obvious mistakes to be corrected," said Jae Soon-yoo, an official with the South Korean delegation.

The error Wednesday cost Yang a tenth of a point on his parallel bars score that made the difference between third and first.

South Korea failed to lodge a protest during the event, so the scoring was not changed, said the federation, known as FIG. The South Koreans, however, said they did question the scoring as soon as the routine was over and were told by the judges to file a protest letter after the meet, Jae said.

If the mistake hadn't been made, Hamm would have won the silver and South Korea's Kim Dae-eun would have received the bronze instead of sil-

ver. USA Gymnastics president Bob Colarossi compared the mistake to a bad call in football that wasn't discovered until after the game. He insisted the decision by gymnastics' governing body should not put an asterisk on Hamm's gold medal.

Hamm scored 9.837 on parallel bars and high bar to close the meet, rallying from 12th place to first and becoming the first American man to win the event.

"Paul Hamm's performance the other night was absolutely incredible," Colarossi said. "It's unfortunate the judges didn't have the right start value."

A start value is based on the difficulty of the routine. Yang received a start value of 9.9 on parallel bars, a tenth lower than he got for the same routine in team qualifying and finals.

After reviewing a tape of the all-around, federation officials determined Yang should have been awarded a start value of 10. With the extra 0.10, he would have finished with 57.874 points and defeated

Hamm by 0.051. Matthieu Reeb, general secretary of CAS, talked to the South Korean team about an appeal and expected it to be filed by Sunday. Still, he said it was unclear whether the court would hear the case.

"Our regular practice is that field of play decisions cannot be reviewed by CAS," Reeb said.

Hamm, practicing Saturday for event finals, was not available for comment. He was asked Thursday about the judging and his close victory.

"I feel like I just barely edged them out," he said. "If you go back and look at the tapes, people can analyze it, and they'll all come to that conclusion, I think."

The case brought back memories of the figure skating scandal at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games.

A French judge said she was pressured by her federation's chief to favor the Russians in pairs over the Canadians. Jamie Sale and David Pelletier of Canada were ultimately awarded duplicate golds.



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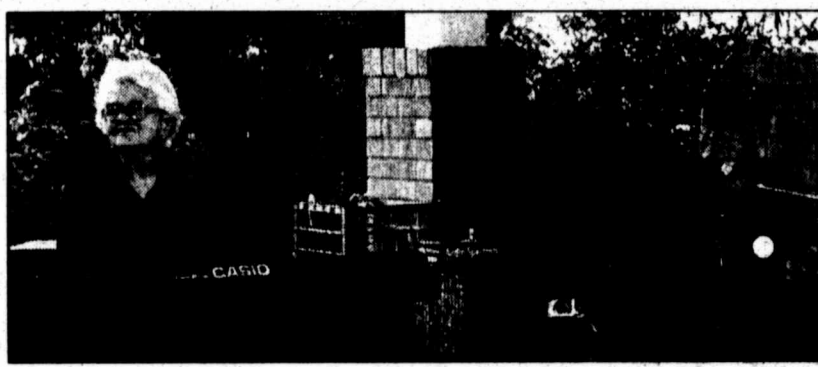
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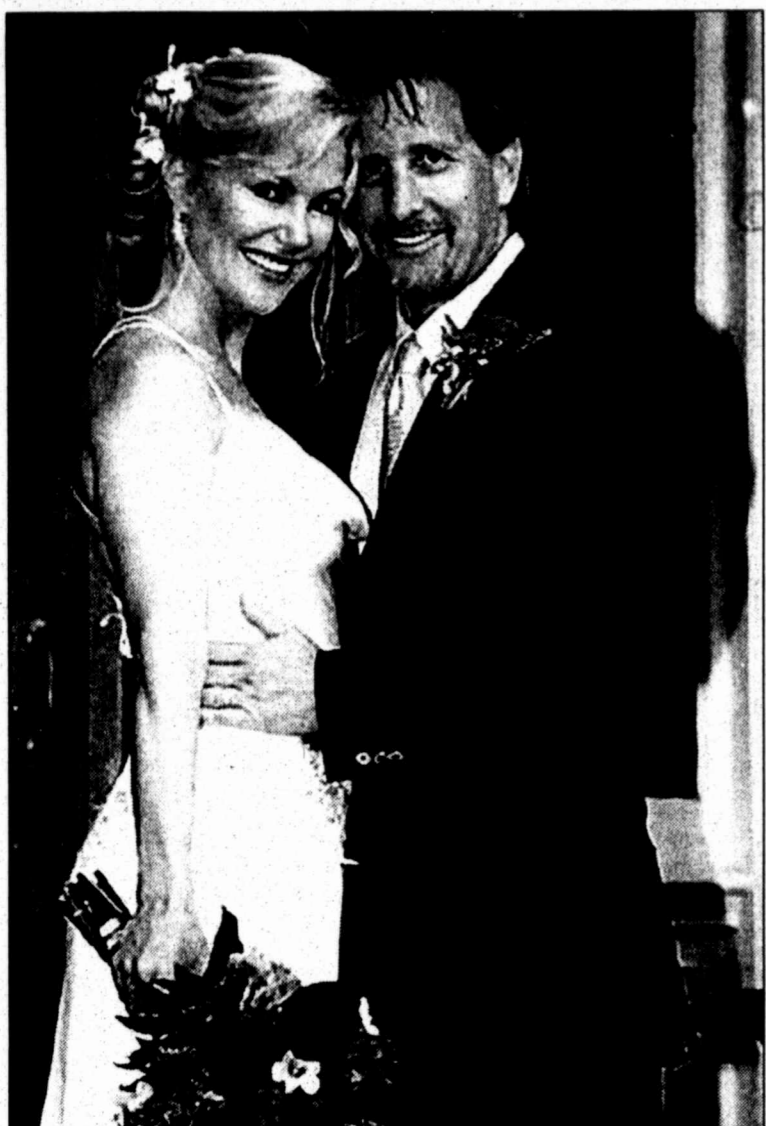
More than 100 volunteers attended the RSVP ice cream social. In the top right photo, Jean Stevens and Dot Stevens talk with Nancy Jones, director of RSVP. In the other photos, clockwise from left, Bill Addy, Melva Cooper, Dorothy Whiten and Willie Doss, all volunteers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center; Frances Zant, Lillian Gray and Bill Birrell; a photo of the crowd listening to the entertainment; Libbie Dirks, Janice Waggoner, Eunice Thixton, Ima Stewart and Clara Hernandez busy at the ice cream parlor. Faye Horton and Ann Fox listen to the music; Gloria Hopkins, right, Nancy Tinsman and Martha Havlena; Old Sorehead Band, from right - Louis Roton on guitar, Babe Lindsey on keyboard, Verla Doggett on keyboard, Gene Clements playing the fiddle, Tom White playing guitar, Pete Morrison singer and guitar, Clara Clements and Mamie Roton, who performed at the ice cream social. Wayne Roek and Tommy Corwin share memories of their 32-year friendship; Old Sorehead Band members Louis Roton on guitar and Babe Lindsey on keyboard; and in the top left photo, Myrtie Lee, left, Loma Jean Wynn and Deina Harvell.

Herald photos/Marsha Sturdivant



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Weddings



Mr. and Mrs. Caroline and Gary Moore

Feherty and Moore exchange vows

Caroline Feherty and Gary Moore are pleased to announce they were joined in holy matrimony in a garden ceremony on Martha's Vineyard Island, Edgartown, Mass. The bride wore a Nicole Miller draped gown and the groom wore a Versace Tuxedo. James Raphael provided instrumental entertainment. The ceremony was performed by Merrily Fenner, who recited Catullus from 50 BC, as adapted by Robert Haas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred DeWit of Bob's Fontaine near Johannesburg, South Africa. She has two sons, Shey, 16 residing in Dallas and Rory, 12, residing in Big Spring. The groom is the son of Babs and the late Raymond Moore of Big Spring. He has three sons, Brent, 21 residing in San Marcos, Casey 15 residing in Big Spring, and Skyler, 13, residing in Big Spring.



Mr. and Mrs. Ashlee and Hector Loredo

Smith and Loredo marry

Ashlee Jean-Marie Smith and Hector Loredo exchanged wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. July 17, 2004, in Comanche Trail Park, officiated by Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman.

The bride is the daughter of Tasha and Paul Smith of Big Spring and Peggy Powers of Crowl. She is the granddaughter of Tim and Sherry Smith of Alvord, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Newell of Garden City and Darrell and Lillie Pollock of Big Spring. The groom is the son of Mary Loredo of Big Spring and Porfirio Loredo of Eagle Lake, Fla. The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Tasha and Tim Smith, and wore an ankle-length,

white satin, spaghetti-strap dress that was embellished with roses, laced up the back and had a small train. The dress was made by her mother. She carried a bouquet of a variety of white silk flowers with blue, lavender and white roses. The maid of honor was Liz Ayers. Bridesmaids were Hilary Mathis and Michelle Walker. Flower girl was Maggie Pollock, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Xander Ayers, cousin of the bride. Best man was Victor Loredo. Groomsmen were Anthony Garza and Paul Smith.



Mrs. Bryan Andrew (Natalie Alison) Mueller

Davis and Mueller marry

Natalie Alison Davis and Bryan Andrew Mueller, both of Frisco, were united in marriage at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, in the Saint Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Kathryn Self. She is the daughter of William K. (Bill) and Linda Davis of Houston and the granddaughter of Ruby Fowler of Big Spring and Beatrice Davis of Fort Worth.

He is the son of George R. and Carolyn Mueller and the grandson of Constance Dejarnatt, all of Fort Wayne, Ind. The bride was given in marriage by her parents, escorted by her father.

She wore a wedding gown, designed by Eve of Milady, that was made of candlelight satin. The bodice featured a scooped neckline, both front and back, embroidered with seed pearls and crystals.

The thin straps were encrusted with seed pearls. The skirt was an A-line design with a back fullness set in pleats that fell into a cathedral train. The veil was of illusion tulle, also in a cathedral length. The bouquet of stem Anna roses, white roses and white freesia, accented with greenery, was hand tied with white satin ribbon.

Natalie borrowed the pearl necklace that was given to her mother by her father on their wedding day 35 years ago. She also wore the same blue garter her mother had worn, and carried a handkerchief which belonged to the late Mrs. J.J. Langford, her great grandmother.

The vocalist/instrumentalist was Dana Davis, cousin of the bride, who sang "Ave Maria" by Bach. The

bride's processional was "Trumpet Voluntary" by Clark, and the recessional was "Mendelssohn's Wedding March."

Maid of honor was Dr. Lesley Davis, sister of the bride. Matron of honor was Holly Weidele. Bridesmaids were Erica Mueller, sister of the groom, and Jessica Speltz. Junior bridesmaids were Katelyn Fowler and Jordann Fowler, cousins of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore black and pewter gowns designed by Lazaro. Each carried a hand-tied stem bouquet of hot pink and lavender roses and purple and white freesia.

The best man was Kyle Mueller, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Jessie Dickens, Robert Franks, Dave Peter, Mary Beth Schad and Kenneth Fowler, uncle of the bride.

A reception immediately following the wedding ceremony was held at the Stonebriar Country Club in Frisco.

Natalie is a graduate of Trinity University in San Antonio, with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and master's degree in teaching, and is employed by the Richardson Independent School District.

Bryan is a graduate of Purdue University, with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, and master's degree from the University of Texas at Dallas, also in electrical engineering, and is employed by Dallas Semiconductor.

Following a honeymoon in Turks and Caicos, British West Indies, the couple will reside in Frisco.



Mr. and Mrs. Amber and Shawn Rye

Bingham and Rye wed

Amber Annette Bingham and Shawn Clifford Rye exchanged wedding vows at 7:45 p.m. July 10, 2004, at the Candlelight Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev., with Mr. Hickey presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Carolyn and the late Billy Bingham and the granddaughter of Marjorie Schulze of Sand Springs, June McCracken of Big Spring and the late Travis Mauldin.

The groom is the son of Lee Ann and Ray Rye of

Carlsbad, N.M., and the grandson of Charles Neil of Coahoma and Marilyn and Jimmy Montgomery of Big Spring.

The bride wore a white, pearl, seven-layer, spaghetti-strapped wedding gown with a waist length, pearl-embellished veil held by a pearl headpiece.

Maid of honor was Audra Bailey, sister of the bride.

Best man was Richard Rye, brother of the groom.

Ryals wins 3-year-olds' contest



Brookelynn Ryals, 3-year-old daughter of Amanda Ryals, won the 3-year-old division of the Cutest Kids in the Permian Basin contest, sponsored by B-93 Radio.

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Amber Nicole Fry and Tyrel Dwayne Wooldridge

Fry and Wooldridge to wed

Amber Nicole Fry and Tyrel Dwayne Wooldridge will exchange wedding vows at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11, 2004.

The bride is the daughter of Curtis and Marisol Fry of Weatherford and Doby and Kasi Walker of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Fry of Aledo and Autry and Martha Moore, and Royce and Linda Walker of Big Spring.

She is a 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The groom is the son of Joe and Debra Wooldridge of Big Spring and the grandson of Jimmy and Helen Elliott of Proctor.

He is a 2003 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by Walmart.



Rachel G. Molina and Joseph Guillermo Ysasi

Molina-Ysasi to wed

Rachel G. Molina of Holland, Mich. and Joseph Guillermo Ysasi, of Wyoming, Mich. will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. Nov. 27, 2004, in Holland Mich.

The bride is the daughter of Valentin and Maria Molina of Holland, Mich., and the granddaughter of the late Jesus and Nicolasa Molina of Big Spring and the late Nicolas and Aurelia Guerrero of Juarez, Mexico.

She graduated from Holland High School and Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in Spanish/elementary education/business. She is employed by the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District and Ottawa County Public Health Department.

The groom is the son of Ruben and Suzanne Ysasi of Wyoming, Mich., and the grandson of Lionel and Kathleen Sullivan of Hudsonville, Mich., and Maria and Guillermo Ysasi of Grand Rapids, Mich.

He graduated from Grand Rapids Catholic Central Grand Valley State University and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he received a bachelor's degree in business administration, marketing and management and a China-focused master's degree of business administration.

Births



Kyler Terrazas, a girl, was born July 27, 2004, in West Texas Medical Center in San Angelo at 12:18 p.m. weighing 8 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Her parents are Trey and Brenda Terrazas. Her grandparents are Tom and Carolyn Mills and Mary and Simon Terrazas. She was welcomed home by big sister Logan Taylor Terrazas.

Who's Who

UIL Scholarships

The University Interscholastic League announced the recipients of its 2004-05 scholarships.

Jessica Anne Hoch of Garden City received a \$14,000 scholarship payable over a four-year period. She plans to attend Southwestern University and major in chemistry.

Jacquelyn Nila Bowen, of Big Spring received a \$1,000 scholarship, payable over two semesters, from the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation. She plans to attend Baylor University.

Sarah Beth Vela of Big Spring received a \$7,000 scholarship, payable at \$3,500 over a two-year period, from the Abell-Hanger Foundation. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin.

Jessica Ray of Big Spring received a \$7,000 scholarship payable over a two-year period, from the Abell-Hanger Foundation. She plans to attend Angelo State University.

Camilla Xan Painter of Big Spring received a \$7,000 scholarship from Abell-Hanger. She plans to attend Angelo State University and major in communications.

The Abell-Hanger Foundation awarded 26 scholarships to students who have participated in UIL events. The Texas league awarded 307 new scholarships and renewed about 200 for an approximate value of \$1,025,000.

Lions Camp

Robert Andrade of Big Spring attended the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville this summer.

He was sponsored by Bob Noyes of the Big Spring Evening Lions Club.



Andrade

Menus

- SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**
- MONDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk, roll, fruit.
- TUESDAY-Pork chops, sweet potatoes, blackeyed peas, salad, milk, cornbread, cake.
- WEDNESDAY-Chicken/tuna salad, vegetable salad, pasta salad, milk, crackers, fruited gelatin.
- THURSDAY-Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk, cornbread, pie.
- FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, milk, rolls, fruit salad.
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- FRIDAY-Poptarts
- LUNCH
- MONDAY-Corndogs, corn, baked beans, salad, fruit, milk.
- TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, applesauce, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande, cheese, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.
- THURSDAY-Hamburger steak w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, cookies, milk.
- FRIDAY-Spaghetti w/meat, salad, pork & beans, corn, fruit, milk.
- BIG SPRING ISD**
- BREAKFAST
- MONDAY-Ham & egg breakfast bar, pears, milk.
- TUESDAY-Cereal, sausage, juice, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-French toast stick w/syrup, yogurt, sliced pineapple, milk.
- THURSDAY-Cereal, strawberry breakfast bar, juice, milk.
- FRIDAY-Pancake/sausage on a stick, syrup, mixed fruit, milk.
- LUNCH
- MONDAY-Ravioli, broccoli w/cheese, salad, mixed fruit, roll, milk.
- TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, peaches, wheat roll, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Corndog, French fries, orange wedges, veggie medley, milk.
- THURSDAY-Chicken spaghetti, green beans, pineapple jello, juice, garlic roll, milk.
- FRIDAY-Green enchiladas, border beans, corn on cob, lemon pie, milk.
- COAHOMA ISD**
- BREAKFAST
- MONDAY-Pop tarts, apple sauce, ham, milk.
- TUESDAY-Biscuits, gravy, sausage, apple juice, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal, ham, orange juice, milk.
- THURSDAY-Pancakes, sausage on stick, grape juice, milk.
- FRIDAY-Donuts, sausage, applesauce, milk.
- LUNCH
- MONDAY-Deli turkey or sloppy joes, cheese potatoes, peaches, bread, milk.
- TUESDAY-Homemade burritos or corndogs, ranch beans, oranges, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes, gravy, green beans, rolls, milk.
- THURSDAY-Tostada or burritos, salad, sherbet, pinto beans, milk.
- FRIDAY-Hamburgers chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cantaloupe, milk.
- SANDS CISD**
- BREAKFAST
- MONDAY-Nutri bars
- TUESDAY-Cinnamon rolls
- WEDNESDAY-Breakfast pizza
- THURSDAY-Pancake on a stick
- FRIDAY-Poptarts
- MONDAY-Corndogs, corn, baked beans, salad, fruit, milk.
- TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, applesauce, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande, cheese, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.
- THURSDAY-Hamburger steak w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, cookies, milk.
- FRIDAY-Spaghetti w/meat, salad, pork & beans, corn, fruit, milk.
- STANTON ISD**
- BREAKFAST
- MONDAY-Pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
- TUESDAY-Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Biscuit, sausage, scrambled egg patty, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
- THURSDAY-Bagel French toast, cheese omelet, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
- FRIDAY-Poptarts, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
- LUNCH
- MONDAY-Baked fish or corndog, macaroni & cheese, peas/carrots, peaches, French bread.
- TUESDAY-Steak fingers or beef goulash, mashed potatoes, spinach, mixed fruit, hot rolls.
- WEDNESDAY-Pepperoni pizza or pizza cheese sticks, green beans, salad, pears.
- THURSDAY-Chicken fajita or chicken casserole, pinto beans, salad, pineapple, cornbread.
- FRIDAY-Sloppy joes or ham/cheese sandwiches, potato puffs, beans, pudding cup.
- FORSAN ISD**
- BREAKFAST
- MONDAY-Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk.
- TUESDAY-Biscuit, sausage, gravy, juice, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Donuts, juice, milk.
- THURSDAY-Toast, peanut butter, jelly, juice, milk.
- FRIDAY-Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.
- LUNCH
- MONDAY-Baked potato w/diced ham or pizza wedge, orange smiles, broccoli w/cheese, milk.
- TUESDAY-Chicken fajita or burrito, pinto beans, fruit w/jello, salad, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Grilled cheese or corndog, vegetable soup, crackers, apple wedges, milk.
- THURSDAY-Pizza wedge or cheese stix, corn, mixed fruit, milk.
- FRIDAY-Chili mac & cheese, garlic toast, green beans, pears, milk.

Newcomers

Keith Jones, wife Stacie and daughters Kelci, Jessica and Amber of Marble Falls. He is employed by the Big Spring Police Department.

Jeep Shanks, wife Patricia and daughters Kami and Nikki of Lubbock. They are both employed by the Big Spring Independent School District.

Newest Form Of Treatment Of BPH (Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia)

HADDAD UROLOGY CLINIC, Inc. is one of the first physicians in the immediate area to offer one of the newest most advanced treatments for men suffering from the symptoms of an enlarged prostate. This non-cancerous condition is clinically known as Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia or BPH.

In the United States about half of all men over the age of 50 have BPH. By age 80, it affects about 80% of all men. BPH symptoms include:

- a frequent urge to urinate
- a weak urine flow
- difficulty or pain starting urination
- a feeling of not completely emptying the bladder after urination.

Although BPH is rarely life threatening, it can greatly affect the quality of life.



Medication is a common treatment for BPH and may provide adequate symptom relief for many men. Medicines however, can be expensive and must be taken every day or symptoms will return. Medicines may or may not provide full relief and must be taken for the rest of your life and may stop working over time. For some men, Medication can cause uncomfortable side effects such as lowered sexual drive, erection problems, dizziness, low blood pressure and nasal congestion.

As an alternative to these medicines, Dr. HADDAD offers a non-surgical treatment known as TherMatrx® Dose Optimized Thermotherapy™ (DOT). This one time treatment can provide up to twice the symptom relief of BPH medications and the results can last for years. (This is based on studies TherMatrx has done.) TherMatrx DOT has no sexual or other long term side effects. The procedure requires no anesthesia, is relatively painless and can be done in Dr. HADDAD'S office in about 60-90 minutes. Additionally Medicare and most major insurance carriers cover TherMatrx DOT treatment. To learn more about TherMatrx DOT and to make an appointment with Dr. HADDAD contact his office at 432-714-4600.

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Eradication assessment notices to arrive soon

Special to the Herald

Boll weevil eradication assessment notices have been mailed to cotton producers in the Permian Basin eradication zone.

The assessments are based on information cotton producers provide the Farm Service Agency when they certify their crops. If growers find an error in the information on their billing, they will need to correct the information at their local FSA office and forward the corrected information to the Foundation.

Payment is due Sept. 25, but a 2 percent discount is available to growers who pay the full assessment by Sept. 10.

Growers with failed acres are eligible to receive a credit on those acres com-

Cotton transportation restriction will be enforced

Special to the Herald

The Texas Department of Agriculture reminds everyone in the Texas cotton industry that moving cotton or cotton harvesting equipment into or through suppressed or functionally eradicated boll weevil eradication zones is restricted.

Ginners, commercial harvesters, producers and others moving cotton or cotton equipment must ensure that

their tools and equipment, including vehicles, are free of all cotton and boll weevils by self cleaning. Large fines can be levied against violators or these restrictions.

Local TDA officials will inspect cotton equipment on request to ensure it is in compliance. Ginners must have a protection plan approved by TDA before bringing any seed cotton into a

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their assessment, help is available by contacting the assessments department and arranging an extension agreement," said Tina Ballard, chief financial officer.

Producers entering into an extension agreement must make a 10 percent down payment and they will be charged a late fee of 1 percent per month until their accounts are paid. This fee begins on the date the signed agreement and down payment are received by the Assessments Department. Producers delinquent in payment and who do not have an extension agreement are subject to a late fee of 1.5 percent per month.

Producers with extension agreements have 150 days to pay their accounts.

For more information contact the Assessments Department in Abilene at (866) 672-2800.

Sunflowers

Trans fat mandate bodes bright future for NuSun growers

By **BETSY BLANEY**

Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — A new hope for keeping arteries clear and hearts pumping in a nation smitten with snacks and processed food is as sunny as a flower.

NuSun, a hybrid sunflower seed, contains an oil lacking the trans-fatty acids physicians consider a silent killer, and it's catching on as a cash crop for some West Texas farmers.

"It's a healthier oil," said Willie Wieck, 62, who started growing sunflowers on his 450 acres in the Texas Panhandle in the early 1970s and switched to NuSun a couple of years ago. "It's certainly a brighter spot out there. They're a good crop."

Beginning in 2006, companies selling food in the United States must label how much trans fat is in a product. The Food and Drug Administration approved the labeling

requirement last year, saying the change could prevent up to 1,200 cases of heart disease and 500 deaths a year as people choose healthier foods or manufacturers change recipes.

Trans fats are found in vegetable shortenings, and in some margarines, crackers, cookies, snack foods, fried foods, baked goods, salad dressings and other processed foods. Studies indicate that consumption of trans fats contributes to an increased level of LDL cholesterol — the bad kind — which can elevate the risk of coronary heart disease, which kills more than 500,000 people each year.

NuSun, which is not a genetically modified hybrid, was developed by federal scientists in North Dakota about eight years ago. Shortly after its introduction in 1998, consumers began eating chips and other snacks

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CAR WASH



Design Services employees Donnie Hernandez, right, Enrique Enriquez and Pancho Huerta lay concrete at a lot on Gregg Street. The Midland-based construction company is in the process of building a new car wash at the location, which is next to Kwik Kar Tune and Lube.

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Wells Fargo's 'Team Up for Our Local Schools' heads into second year

Special to the Herald

Wells Fargo has announced it will bring back its Team Up for Our Schools program for a second year to help local schools facing budget challenges. Through the program, Wells Fargo donated \$2.9 million to more than 1200 public school districts last year — \$396,000 of which was donated to Texas school districts.

"Last year's Team Up for Our Schools



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program proved to be so successful for local education that we are bringing it back again this fall and increasing the donation opportunities to more than \$3 million," said Duane Thomas, Wells Fargo Community Banking president for Big Spring. "We all know that school revenues and spending per student

have not kept up with the need due to budget challenges. As concerned and active members of the local community, we want to continue to do our part to help students, teachers, and schools during these challenging times."

According to the May 26, 2004 National Association of Education's Rankings and Estimates report, the percentage increase in spending from 1999-2000 school year to 2003-2004 projections fell from 5.8 percent in 1999-2000 to 3.6 percent in 2003-2004 for spending per stu-

dent; from 3.1 percent in 1999-2000 to 2.0 percent in 2003-2004 for teacher salaries; and, from 6.9 percent in 1999-2000 to 4.9 percent in 2003-2004 for total revenues.

Through its Team Up for Our Schools program, Wells Fargo will donate up to \$40 to the local school district for every new Wells Fargo® Checking Package opened with selected services now through Oct. 16. A Wells Fargo

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Members of the Big Spring Ambassadors and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce representatives held a ribbon cutting Thursday to welcome new chamber member Maverick Insurance, 1710 Gregg. Pictured are from left, Big Spring Ambassador Clarence Hartfield Jr.; Maverick employees April Aguilar, office manager; Wesley Porras, customer service representative; Patricia Saenz, regional manager; Casey Ramirez, customer service representative; Big Spring Ambassadors Christie Hernandez; JoAnn Hyer; back, Tito Arencibia; and Raul Marquez.

BUSINESS AND AG BRIEFS

USDA sets office day in Stanton

The USDA Rural Development will hold an office day from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday in Stanton. The event will be held at the Law Library in the Martin County Courthouse.

A staff member will be available to discuss housing programs for very low, low and moderate income families, various community program loans and grants, and business and industry loans and to provide guidance in applying for USDA Rural Development assistants.

For more information, contact the Lubbock office at (806) 785-5644, ext. 4.

Annual sheep and goat field day coming up

The 31st annual Sheep and Goat Field Day conducted by the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center at San Angelo is set for Sept 2.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. with the program to follow at 9 a.m.

The center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Morning topics are animal ID issues, country of origin labeling and the agricultural economy, the quality assurance program, recent fiber measurement advances, the center's sheep breeding research, a Mohair Council of America update and a report from the National Sheep Improvement Center.

Following a noon "Dutch-treat" lunch at the center, the field day resumes with talks on embryo transfer and artificial insemination, and soremouth problems

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PUBLIC RECORDS

Hot Checks/Warrants issued:
Lisa B. Aleman, 306 W. First Street, Stanton
Cindy Renee Alexander, 1709 Owens, Big Spring
Lorie Avina, 603 Steakley, Big Spring
Andrea Coxey, PO Box 1042, Sterling City
Kathi Duke, 337 Greeson Street, Summerville, Ga.
Shannon Fonda, 910 N. Runnels or PO Box 715, Coahoma
Kenneth Galindo, 6830 El Paso Dr., El Paso
Christopher George, 215 S. Third Street Apt. 30, Laramie, Wyo.
Frank Gibbs, 1102 Hwy 176 or 1907 Scurry, Big Spring
Billy Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah Rd., Hobbs, N.M.
Cody Heath Hale, 2477 Country Club Rd., San Angelo
Gary L. Hale, 2320 CRC 3100, Stanton
Bryan Hammonds, 603 Circle, Big Spring
Jeremy Royce Harman, 6713 E. Roobinson, Stanton
Erin Jean Hernandez, 2901 Runnels, Big Spring
Erica Marie Letnex Johnston, 3100 Caldera Blvd Apt. 2314, Midland
Amber Lynn King, 701 E. 15th Street, Big Spring
Robert P. Landrum, 310 E. Palace Ave., Hobbs N.M.

Diana Marie Luna, 715 Shinnery Lane, Brownfield
Vaughn Lee Medina, 4000 W. Hwy. 80, Big Spring
Tammy Nicholson, 1104 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring
Arthur Ortega, 607 Bristlewood Cove, Cedar Park
Dandra C. Ortega, 2300 Camp Dr. Apt. 1, Midland
Erica Elaine Ortega, 214 Grimes, Big Spring
Danny Gene Priest, 1418 W. FM 818 or 3701 Connally, Big Spring
Randy Ramirez, 1511 Sunset, Big Spring
Sierra Ramos, 1905 Wasson Road Apt. 20, Big Spring
Dennis Michael Richardson, 2201 S. Main Street or 1102 S. Lancaster, Big Spring
Salome Adolph Rios, 2511 Albrook, Big Spring
Evelyn Rodriguez, PO Box 2942 or 5402 Lancaster, Odessa
Patricia Rodriguez, 2201 CR 31, Lamesa
Allen Stanford, 774 E. 8th Street, Colorado City
Jerrick Delova Straughter, 811 Lorilla, Big Spring
Stephanie B. Street, 2611 Ryan Pl. Dr., Fort Worth
Tracy J. Thompson, 8406 S. Service Road, Big Spring
Jacob Unger, County Road 402, Seminole
David Yanez, 2507 Gunter, Big Spring

Teresa Josephine Zarate, 1105 W. Kentucky Ave., Midland
James Dean Zeigenbein, 9413 University, Odessa
Shuang Cheng Zhang, 1201 Gregg Street, Big Spring

District Court Filings:
Kelly Monroe vs. Jerry Monroe II, divorce.
Eric Mark Reeh vs. Rosie Ann Reeh, divorce.
Cindy Ann Karns vs. Cary Wayne Karns, divorce.
Alicia Guerra vs. Manuel Guerra, divorce.
Carl G. Burleson vs. Sharp Image Energy Inc. and West Texas Energy LLC, injury or damages other.
Citizen's Federal Credit Union vs. Rick Robles and Yolanda Robles, accounts, notes and contracts.
Citizen's Federal Credit Union vs. Timothy Taylor, accounts, notes and contracts.
Jesusa Gonzalez Lozano vs. Melinda Caroline Partee, injury or damages with a motor vehicle.

Marriage Licenses:
James Wayne Howard, 21, and Yvonne Dee Tenazar, 23, both of Big Spring.
Agustin Salgado, 38, and Vanesa Carolina Hernandez, 28, both of Big Spring.
Edmond Malcolm Huntley Jr., 54, and Patricia Ann Hoffman, 50, both of Big Spring.
Joseph Adam Binnix, 25, and Amanda Michelle Stanley, 24, both of Big Spring.

Grantor: Joseph D. Budd and Cheryl L. Budd
Grantee: Jimmie L. Parrish and Floretta Parish
Property: A 13.48 acre tract out of Section 17, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: July 27, 2004

Grantor: Russell G. Davidson
Grantee: G. Tommy Bastian
Property: Lot 35, Block 6, Kentwood Addition Unit No. 2
Date Filed: July 27, 2004

Grantor: Billie Merle Russwurm
Grantee: Juan Moran and Krista Moran
Property: Lot 4, Block 3, Kentwood Addition No. 1
Date Filed: July 27, 2004

Grantor: Charles L. Macke and Sylvia Dianne Macke
Grantee: Dennis P. Schwartz
Property: A tract out of the SE/4 of Section 43, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: July 27, 2004

Grantor: Misty D. Matthies and Jimmy Matthies
Grantee: Dennis P. Schwartz
Property: Lot 10, Block 5, Kentwood Addition No. 1
Date Filed: July 28, 2004

Grantor: Wesley R. Beauchamp and Kristi Beauchamp
Grantee: Wade Graham
Property: Lot 3, Block 7, Highland South Addition No. 4
Date Filed: July 28, 2004

Grantor: James R. Miller and

Ellen C. Miller
Grantee: Kenneth Greathouse and Caren Greathouse
Property: Lot 1, Block 4, Hall Addition
Date Filed: July 28, 2004

Grantor: Cheryl Gay
Grantee: Chris Rivera and Natasha D. Rivera
Property: Lot 15, Block 18, Monticello Addition
Date Filed: July 30, 2004

Grantor: Anita I. Buchanan
Grantee: Josue Lugo
Property: Lot 7, Block 4, Thorp Subdivision
Date Filed: July 30, 2004

Grantor: Lupe Sepeda
Grantee: Colin Carroll
Property: Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Village at the Spring
Date Filed: July 30, 2004

Grantor: Ruby L. Robison
Grantee: Russell C. Grant and Carol A. Grant
Property: Lot 27, Block 26, College Park Estates
Date Filed: July 30, 2004

Grantor: Gary L. Burt and Temple O. Burt
Grantee: Ross A. Anderson
Property: Lot 5, Block 6, Stanford Park Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 2, 2004

Grantor: Mary Frances Riley
Grantee: Molly D. Weber and Franklin E. Weber
Property: A 2.45 acre tract out of Lot 31, Silver Heels Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 2, 2004

Grantor: Tommy J. Berry, Tammy Berry and Betty R. Shankles
Grantee: Josue Lugo and Cindy Lugo
Property: A 10 acre tract out of the NW/4 of Section 24, Block 33, k T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 4, 2004

Grantor: Shirley Sliwinski
Grantee: Anthony Montgomery and Ginger Fugate
Property: Lot 12, Block 23, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 5, 2004

Grantor: Ila Jean Kiser
Grantee: Shirley Sliwinski
Property: Lot 12, Block 23, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date Filed: Aug. 5, 2004

Grantor: Glen R. Overton and Frances E. Overton
Grantee: David Parrish
Property: Two tracts out of Section 28, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Aug. 6, 2004

Grantor: Kenneth R. Lewis and Jane Lewis
Grantee: Robert K. Fowler
Property: Lot 3, Block 11, Coronado Hills
Date Filed: Aug. 6, 2004

Grantor: Stacey L. Park and S. David Park
Grantee: Ronald W. Westbrook and Jannette Westbrook
Property: Lot 23, Block 4, Kentwood Addition No. 1
Date Filed: Aug. 10, 2004

Warranty deeds with vendors

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restricted zone. This apples to movement from suppressed and quarantined areas, within Texas or other states, into either suppressed or functionally eradicated zones in Texas.
"Boll weevils cause more than \$200 million in crop losses and crop protection treatment costs in Texas every year," said

David Kostroun, assistant commissioner of regulatory programs. "Texas has worked hard to eradicate and suppress boll weevils across much of the state, and individuals or businesses that violate these regulations are subject to fines up to \$5,000 per day per quarantine violation."
Affected gins should promptly submit plans to TDA if they have not already done so. Effective protection plans address safety procedures at

point-of-origin and during transport, ginning and post-ginning phases of cotton processing. Cotton producers who need to move cotton into either suppressed or functionally eradicated zones should ensure that gins they work with have TDA-approved protection plans in place.
Producers, commercial harvesters or cotton ginners with questions can contact Dr. Robert Crocker, TDA's coordina-

tor for pest management and citrus programs, at (512) 463-6332, or by e-mail a robert.crocker@agr.state.tx.us.
Counties in suppressed boll weevils zones: Andrews, Archer (partial), Armstrong, Bailey, Borden (partial), Brewster, Briscoe, Castro, Childress, Clay, Cochran, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crane, Crockett, Crosby, Culberson, Dawson, Deaf

Smith, Dickens, Donley, Ector, El Paso, Floyd, Foard, Gaines, Garza, Gray, Hale Hall, Hardeman, Hockley, Howard, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kent, King, Lamb, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland (partial), Motley, Parmer, Pecos, Presidio, Randall, Reeves, Swisher, Terrell, Terry, Val Verde, Ward, Wheeler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Winkler and Yoakum.

Counties in functionally eradicated boll weevil zones: Archer (partial), Baylor, Borden (partial), Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Irion, Jones, Knox, Mason, McCulloch, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, Tom Green and Young.

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in goats.
Updates from Ranchers' Lamb of Texas, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Service, the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association and the Texas Hair Sheep Association will also be presented.
The day's activities end at 3 p.m.
For more information, contact the center at (325) 653-4576.
Ag town hall meetings set in area
Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will visit with producers and rural communities at town hall meetings throughout the state to discuss issues impacting rural Texas and the agricultural industry. The meetings are open forums where producers and community members can discuss issues as well as present their own ideas and solutions to the commissioner.
Area meetings include two on Monday, Sept. 23. One will be held at

1:30 p.m. at the Dal Paso Museum, 306 S. First St. in Lamesa. The other will be held at 4 p.m. at the Center Meeting Room, Texas State Technical College, 300 College Dr., in Sweetwater.

Business conference Sept. 24
The Workforce Network of Big Spring will be hosting the Texas Business Conference for area employers on Sept. 24.
The conference is presented by the Texas Workforce Commission in Austin and is comprised of state legal state will answer legal questions and provide updates on new employment laws.
Some of the topics will include workers compensation, unemployment claims, wage and hour laws, taxes and tax credits, policy handbooks and hiring and firing issues.
The conference has been tentatively set for the Dora Roberts Community Center. Any employer who does not receive a notice concerning the conference should contact the Workforce Network Office at (432) 263-8373.

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fried in the oil. It came on the market without much fanfare, mostly because there were not large quantities available, said John Sandbakken, a spokesman for the Bismarck, N.D.-based National Sunflower Association.
Optimism about the NuSun marketplace got a boost with the FDA ruling and from results of a nutritional study by Penn State researchers that indicated that NuSun compared favorably with olive oil for health benefits. The research also showed that a NuSun diet was shown to lower cho-

lesterol levels.
The National Sunflower Association, which has trademarked NuSun, is conducting a survey that is expected to show about half the 1.9 million sunflower acres planted in the United States this year are NuSun, executive director Larry Kleingartner said.
NuSun seeds harvested later this year will bring about \$10.70 per 100 pounds, Wieck said. He expects to get as much as 2 cents per pound more for his NuSun seeds as the demand for the oil grows.
Before NuSun, sunflower growers had long been dependent on selling their oil in volatile markets overseas, exporting about 80 percent. Now,

about 70 percent of the oil stays in the United States, Sandbakken said.
"It's created a huge shift in our program," he said.
Texas ranks seventh in the nation for sunflower production, with 44,000 acres of various varieties planted this year. Most of the NuSun growers are in the Panhandle, since the region is closer to Kansas and Colorado plants that process the seeds for oil. On the South Plains, producers sell their seeds for human consumption and bird seed, and some include the NuSun variety.
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