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WEATHER

Tonight:



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County fair opens today

The Howard County Fair officially opens at 4 p.m. today, featuring more than 60 booths, art and produce contests, food, a tractor pull, Kountry Kids Contest and musical entertainment. The fair will be held daily through the weekend. Among the musical acts scheduled are renowned fiddler Jana Jae.

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BRIEFLY

Blood drive set Friday afternoon

Maranatha Baptist Academy will host a blood drive from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds, be in good general health and have valid identification. A free pizza party will be held for the classroom with the most donors. Call 263-7696 to schedule a donation time.

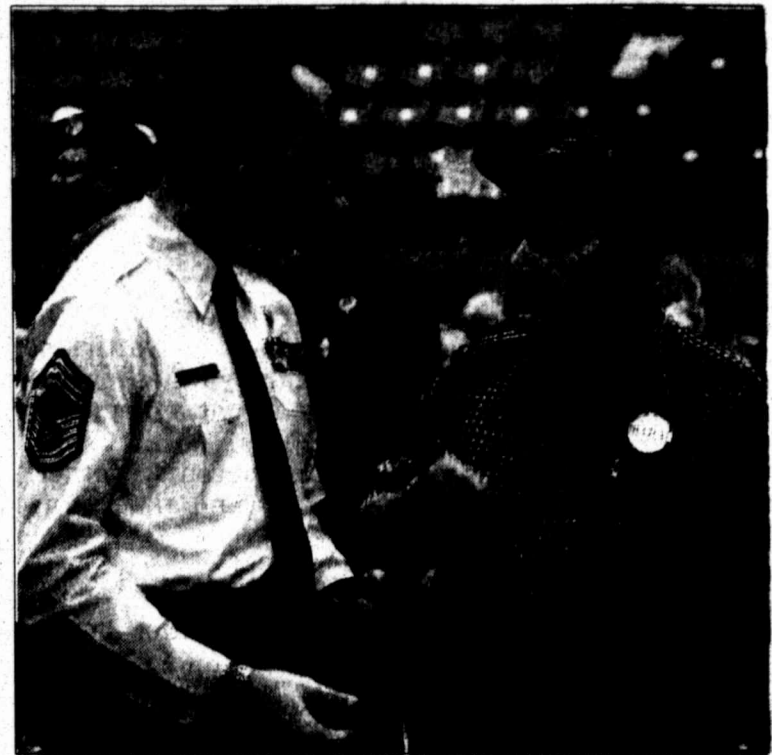
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At left, Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi speaks with reporters following Tuesday's forum at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Above, Air Force Master Sgt. Ferdinand Hale, left, visits with retired Air Force veteran Bob Madigan.

Area turns out in support of VAMC, but facility's fate remains uncertain

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Thousands of area residents turned out for Tuesday's Veterans Administration forum, and despite positive words from Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi concerning the future of the Big Spring VA Medical Center, the facility's fate still remains a mystery.

Principi, along with several high-ranking representatives from the VA, sat through a four-minute film entitled "Believe in Big Spring," which outlined the thoughts and feelings of area residents and veterans concerning the possible closure or relocation of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

After personally thanking the men and women of the armed

"The trend is not to close this hospital. If you came away with that impression, then you came away with the wrong impression."

—Anthony J. Principi, Veterans Affairs Secretary



Many of those attending Tuesday's forum on the Big Spring VA Medical Center were veterans, including groups from Midland, Odessa and San Angelo, as well as Howard County.

forces for their sacrifices, Principi, a decorated veteran himself, spoke the words area residents have longed to hear for more than a year.

"I know you're concerned

about the Big Spring VA Medical Center," Principi told the more than 2,000 people in attendance. "I want to assure you there is no plan to close this hospital. There has been no plan or decision

made." Shortly after addressing the audience Principi held a short press conference, and while

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Most leave VA forum with positive outlook

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

While many of those who attended Tuesday's forum on the Big Spring VA Medical Center said they didn't learn anything

"This is the best care I have ever received from a hospital and it's needed here."



Kenneth Kothman

new concerning the facility, most came away feeling the event was positive.

"It was a great turnout — this was the least we could do to show our support for those who served our country," said Becky Altmiller, a cosmetology student at Howard College.

"I think it helped to show our support of the hospital. I was amazed by the number of veterans that came," added classmate Jackie Brown.

A show of hands indicated as many as half of the people who came to hear Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi speak about the possible closure

of the local veterans medical center were veterans. Principi said what the crowd expected — no decision has been made regarding the facility.

"It was good to see the people of West Texas come to support our hospital," said Rex Clayton, pastor of East Fourth St. Baptist Church and a Vietnam veteran. "It was also good for the Secretary to come and explain the procedures involved in making a decision.

"This hospital is centrally located, and it would be a shame to use so much VA money moving it to another location," he added. "However, I understand

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Rex Clayton

they have a big decision to make and they have to take multiple factors into consideration."

Several large groups came from Odessa, Midland and San Angelo

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City council approves budget, 3-cent tax hike

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council opened and closed public hearings concerning the 2004-2005 budget and proposed a 3-cent tax hike with little more than a whisper Tuesday, as the council approved the first reading of its proposed budget.

Public hearings were opened on both topics, drawing no input

from the audience and only a single comment from council members.

"I just don't want to see another 3-cent tax increase next year," said Councilwoman Stephanie Horton with a laugh.

Council members voted unanimously to approve the new budget, which includes a tax rate of 71.787 cents per \$100 valuation, a

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Humane Society auction to include variety of items

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

There is still time to make plans to attend the Howard County Humane Society auction.

Despite an RSVP request that ended earlier this week, coordinator Jo Stone said everyone is still welcome to attend Thursday's fund-raiser at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The auction — the society's third in as many years — will begin with a preview of the items at 6 p.m. Bidding begins at 7 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by Dr. J. Gale Kilgore, local optometrist and Michael Downes, Big Spring Independent School District superintendent. Hors d'oeuvres will be from

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Obituaries

Marion E. "Gene" Thomas



Marion E. "Gene" Thomas passed away Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, in San Angelo. He was born in Bernice, Okla., March 14, 1922, to Edward Rosco and Sara Elsie Thomas.

Gene traveled the world serving his country during World War II in the 43rd tank battalion of the 12th Armored Division. He also traveled as a musician playing lead guitar with many great bands such as Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys and also played with Shoji Tabuchi.

In 1971, Gene moved to Big Spring to join the band of Hoyle Nix. Gene spent more than 30 years in Big Spring, where he entertained many people with his musical talents. It is there that he met his dear friend, Elzora Davis. They shared many happy times together as they cared for one another. Gene was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Wilbur, Ralph and Martin Thomas and sister, Faye Swift.

He is survived by two sons, Timothy Edward "Timmy" Thomas and wife, Tina, and Marion Eugene "Buddy" Thomas Jr. and wife, Donna, all of Panama City, Fla.; one brother, Leon Thomas and wife, Helen, of Skiatook, Okla.; one sister, Bobby Nichols, of Sperry, Okla.; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; longtime family friends, Don and Nancy Davis, of Sterling City and his special friend, Elzora Davis, of Sterling City.

He will lie in state Wednesday afternoon through noon Thursday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Fort Gibson National Cemetery just east of Muskogee, Okla., with Minister Don Davis, officiating.

A very special thanks to Dr. Lisa Adams, the fourth floor north nurses and staff at Shannon Medical Center and the Sterling County Nursing Home for their gentle and compassionate care of Gene.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Jesse Eugene Travis Gonzales

Jesse Eugene Travis Gonzales, 21, of Big Spring died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at his residence. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

□ **MOSS ELEMENTARY FIRST GRADE CLASS** has set a Teddy Bear picnic for 2 p.m. Thursday and a Grand Teddy Bear Parade for 9:30 a.m. Friday.

□ **HOMECOMING ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR ALL COAHOMA EXES** is set for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 31 in Christene's Cafe. Officers will be elected and a date set for Homecoming. Dinner will be dutch treat.

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

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

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant cars seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

□ **MANNA RELIEF**, a non-profit ministry that provides glyconutritional supplements to critically ill children, is accepting donations for the program. Call Gene or Robbie Froman at 263-0385.

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

□ **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1989** 15-year reunion is set for Oct. 8-9. For information or to update your name or mailing address, contact Christy Alexander at 972-567-8037 or Shanette Johnson at 972-874-9308.

□ **POTTON HOUSE**, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into Heritage Museum, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

□ **HERITAGE MUSEUM**, 510 Scurry, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday. An admission fee, which includes entry into the Potton House, is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

□ **HANGAR 25 AIR MUSEUM** is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday and from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday.

□ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Police blotter

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

- **BRANDON LEE EDWARDS**, 18, of 911 E. 15th St., was arrested Tuesday on charges of parole violation.
- **BARRY ELDON ALLEN**, 34, of 1211 Johnson, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of criminal trespass.
- **ASSAULT/CLASS C** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Westover.
 - in the 800 block of Owens.
- **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA - TWO OUNCES OR LESS** was reported in the 500 block of Westover.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was reported in the 1000 block of Gregg.
- **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE** was reported:
 - in the 500 block of Westover.
 - in the 700 block of 11th Street.
- **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 200 block of Third Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 2300 block of Morrison.
 - in the 3900 block of Parkway.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 200 block of Eighth Street.
 - in the 1400 block of Sycamore.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1700 block of Third Street.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 900 block of Willia.

Sheriff's report

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

- **EPIFANIO HINOJOSA III**, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the DPS on charges of no driver's license and no liability insurance.
- **GRADY DOMINIQUE HAWKINS**, 21, was arrested Tuesday by HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone.
- **CRYSTAL LASHLEIGH COBLE**, 17, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of a controlled substance.
- **GLORIA LORRAINE ARGUIJO**, 20, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of motor vehicle, failing to identify/giving false/fictitious information and theft.
- **DANIEL REYES**, 42, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.
- **MICAH PEARSON**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.
- **JOSEPH LYNN CHANCE**, 37, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **STEPHANIE SHAE POWELL**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **STEPHEN GAMBOA**, 20, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for consumption of alcohol by a minor and driving while license suspended/invalid.

Support groups

THURSDAY
□ Narcotics Anonymous, non-smoking discussion meeting, 8-9 p.m., at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliah.

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

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

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

FRIDAY
□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8-9 p.m.

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

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

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

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Bulletin board

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

- TODAY**
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Howard County Fair opens at 4 p.m.
 - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
 - Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
 - Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.
 - Howard County Fair from 4-10 p.m.
 - Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

- FRIDAY**
- Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.
 - AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant.
 - Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Blood Drive at Maranatha Baptist Academy from 2-6 p.m. Call 263-7696 to schedule an appointment.
 - Howard County Fair from 4-10 p.m.
 - Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

- SATURDAY**
- Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third.
 - Howard County Fair from 10 a.m. -10 p.m.

- SUNDAY**
- Team Rustic Circle, an amateur paintball team, meets for practice between 3 p.m. and dusk at the Moss Creek Lake paintball facility. The public is always invited, whether to participate or just spectate. For more information, contact Rick Boiles at 264-2395 or 393-5246.

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

• **Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21** meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 703 W. Third, for weight loss. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

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

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-10-19-20.
Number matching five of five: 1.
Prize per winner: \$34,640.
Winning tickets sold in: Houston.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-9-6

Weather

Tonight - Generally clear. Low 74. Winds SSE at 10 to 15 mph.
Thursday - Mainly sunny. Hot. High 99. Winds S at 10 to 20 mph.
Thursday night - A mostly clear sky. Low 74. Winds SSE at 10 to 20 mph.
Friday - More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the mid 70s.
Saturday - Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunday - Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

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Jana Jae among performers for county fair

What do the Montana and Wyoming State Fairs, the Montreux Jazz Festival, the Tonight Show and the 2004

Howard County Fair have in common? These seemingly distant venues will all have featured Jana Jae, a versatile and uniquely-styled fiddle player. Jae, who played her

distinctive blue fiddle for several years on the "Hee Haw" television show, is the product of a classical music education, including the Vienna Music Academy in Austria. Both her parents studied

at Julliard School of Music, but her grandfather was a champion old-time fiddle player, so she combines country fiddling, western swing, pop and classics in her rousing performances.

Headquartered in Tulsa, Jae is a "down-home" performer with world-wide musical experience. She is not only a great instrumentalist, but a total performer with her clear voice, her friendly sense of humor and her natural stage presence.

Although petite in stature, Jana has been described as "a powerful whirlwind on stage, enjoying a total rapport with the audience and her outstanding hand, 'Hotwire'."

Jae will display her talents for Howard County Fair-goers in the entertainment tent Friday, at both the 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. shows.

The Howard County Fair is one of the few fairs that present nightly entertainment as part of the admission ticket. This year's fair begins today with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys playing at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. On Thursday, the Colgate Country Showdown begins at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, the popular Battle of the Cheerleaders begins at 7 p.m.

Nancy Koger is a freelance writer who has written about the Howard County Fair for several years.



NANCY KOGER



Fiddler Jana Jae will entertain fair-goers Friday night during the Howard County Fair, which opens today at the fair grounds off FM 700. Courtesy photo

AUCTION

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Gale's Sweet Shoppe and Wal-Mart.

Items to be auctioned include a Wizard of Oz poster, Dream Team signed basketball, Lance Armstrong signed jersey, a signed copy of "The Firm" by John Grisham and much more.

Last year's funds were used for a new roof, new cages, new paint and new tiles for the floor. Stone said the Humane Society is hoping funds from this year's auction will allow for more improvements to the facility, which currently houses 127 dogs and 34 cats.

Stone said the center accepts the animals — many of whom have been abused or neglected by their previous owners — and gets them medical care, shots and has them spayed/neutered before they are eligible for adoption.

All of these services, along with daily care, food and shelter cost money, Stone pointed out.

"The Humane Society is a non-profit organization funded by private donations and the United Way. We value all donations and hope that many can come to our auction," Stone said.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

SCHEDULE

- Today**
4 p.m. — Fair opens
7 p.m. — Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys
9 p.m. — Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys
- Thursday**
9 a.m.-noon — School tours
2 p.m. - 4 p.m. — Senior citizens ice cream and bingo.
3 p.m. — Steers begin arriving
4 p.m. — Fair opens
7 p.m. — Colgate Country Showdown
- Friday**
9 a.m.-noon — School tours
1 p.m.-3 p.m. — School tours
1 p.m.—Weigh and classify steers
1 p.m.-7 p.m. — Lambs arrive
4 p.m. — Fair opens
7 p.m. — Lamb weight cards due
7 p.m. — Fiddler Jana Jae
9 p.m. — Fiddler Jana Jae
- Saturday**
8 a.m. — Lamb showmanship
9 a.m. — Lamb show
10 a.m. — Fair opens
10:30 a.m. — Kountry Kids
1 p.m. — Steer show, showmanship to follow
1 p.m. — Tractor pull
3 p.m. — Goats arrive
7 p.m. — Battle of the Cheerleaders
9:45 p.m. — Quilt drawing
- Sunday**
9 a.m. — Goat weight cards due
11 a.m. — Goat showmanship
1 p.m. — Goat show

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

VA forum's result was a good one

It was just what we needed — thousands of area residents packing into Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on Tuesday for the veterans forum attended by Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi, Congressman Randy Neugebauer and several other high-ranking representatives from the VA.

At the conclusion of the four-minute film entitled "Believe in Big Spring," which outlined the thoughts and feelings of area residents and veterans concerning the Big Spring VA Medical Center, Principi delivered what we believe was good news.

The Secretary did not announce that the CARES Commission recommendation to study the feasibility possibly closing the Big Spring VAMC and building an acute care facility in the Midland-Odessa area, as many of those in attendance would have really liked. But Principi was never, ever going to deliver that message.

Instead, he stressed that there is no plan to close the Big Spring hospital — that no plan or decision has been made.

In fact, he noted that "the trend is not to close this hospital."

"If you came away with that impression, then you came away with the wrong impression," he told the audience. "There will be medical care in the Big Spring, Midland and Odessa area. It's not that we're going to close the hospital — the question arose during planning whether a rural access hospital would be more appropriately located in Midland-Odessa, which is a larger city. That's the sum of where we are today."

More importantly, he noted that a feasibility study is simply the appropriate way to determine the VA's best course of action. He also stressed that the CARES Commission recommendation did not include economic considerations, which will play a very large role in the local facility's future.

One thing is certain, however. Principi and his subordinates left Big Spring for Lubbock yesterday knowing how important this community and veterans in this area consider the Big Spring VAMC thanks in no small part to the crowd that turned out to greet him.

That was the best message we could have sent ... period.

And we here at the *Herald* think that all of you who turned out for the forum deserve to take a bow.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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Tomatoes, snakes, driving in reverse

Knob Chapman of Klondike is an expert at grafting pecan trees. He has been doing that as a hobby for a long time. He also grows blackberries and makes blackberry jam and jelly. He grows tomatoes by the bushel.

Knob's neighbor, Hanky, had a great tomato crop a few years ago.

"He piled up a bunch of hay and planted his tomatoes in that hay," says Knob. "They were doing great. He just planted them in that hay and watered them every day and watched them go."

Another neighbor of Hanky was quite impressed.

"Those tomato vines were like a jungle," says Knob. "They had tomatoes all over them."

The neighbor wanted to show a

friend what those tomatoes were doing.

"Hanky had trouble with mocking birds pecking the tomatoes. So he had gone down to the store and bought three or four little plastic snakes and put them in around the tomato vines. The birds quit pecking. The snakes were doing their job."

That neighbor wanted to show his friend how those tomato vines were just loaded with tomatoes.

They went over there to look and Hanky was gone. But they went out to inspect the tomato vines anyway. And the neighbor jumped back and said 'O, my goodness, look at those snakes.' He ran and grabbed a garden hoe and chopped those snakes all to pieces."

During his high school years, Knob had a friend who loved to drive in reverse.

"There used to be a drive-in restaurant on the edge of Dallas.

A bunch of guys from Sulphur Springs would go over there on Saturday nights to see the girls come out and wait on us in

shorts".

"This one boy began to bet that he could back all the way from Dallas to Sulphur Springs. People started laying bets on him. And actually I was betting on the guy myself. So he took off."

"Just before he got to Garland an electric light pole got in the middle of the road and he drove that car for years with the imprint of that light pole in the back end of his car. It sunk it in about three or four feet. He couldn't open the trunk."

Knob played football for Sulphur Springs High School back in the 1940's. He made the all-district team in 1943 as a defensive tackle, even though he played that position only once in a game against Highland Park. Every September, athletes from those years get together for a meal and reminiscences. Those attending all graduated prior to 1950.

"Last year's crowd was pretty small. We're thinking about inviting athletes who graduated in the fifties."



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TO THE EDITOR:

I'm mad, I'm disgusted and I'm totally fed up!

I just read an article in the *Herald* by the Associated Press in Houston. It's another one of those stupid acts by a judge to "remove a Bible from a monument outside it's civil courts building, ruling that the display violates the constitutional separation between church and state."

I cannot understand how these idiots study law, become a judge and end up so stupid. How can they not know this United States was created as a Christian country? How can they hold court and have people swear on the Bible and then turn around and make such fools of themselves?

I grew up in Houston and I guarantee if I still lived there I would be so humiliated, I would yank him out of office and the attorney who was so delighted with the ruling would go with him. Nuts to all of them.

MARGIE MYERS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing so the public will be better informed of some serious issues which the Bush administration has eliminated to keep Americans both safe at home and at work.

The first one is: Bush is taking away the rights of overtime pay from nurses, cooks, clerical workers and nursery school teachers. By doing this, 6 million people will lose their rights for well earned extra money when staying later to both serve their bosses and the many citizens they provide services to each and every day.

The second is: Bush is allowing dirty power plants to expand without controlling their unhealthy emissions, which harm the elderly, children and people with respiratory illnesses.

The third issue is: Keeping pregnant workers in harms way when he stopped regulating their exposure to chemicals used for manufacturing semiconductors.

The fourth is: The roll back of mercury regulations and proposal to defer controls on toxic mercury emissions by power plants for at least a decade.

The fifth: Bush has reduced protections for mineworkers and eliminated rules to protect these workers later on down the line developing many different lung diseases.

President Bush has also gutted health and safety protections in response to pressure from top donors and corporate lobbyists. For example, David Lauriski, head of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, removed all protections for coal miners, which he had originally sought when he was serving as an executive of a mining company.

Chemical industry executives donated more than \$1.5 million to Bush's 2000 campaign. They were

rewarded with looser regulations that boosted corporate profits by putting pregnant workers at greater risk.

NANCY MANUSOS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Current mental health funding raises some deep concerns for those affected. Across the country, communities face the prospect of funding cuts in mental health programs despite the presence of severe unmet needs. Action on the part of government is urged to produce meaningful legislation that does not come at the expense of people living with or at risk of mental illness.

Compelling evidence from research reports reveals that not investing in mental health can become financially expensive. A report from the Global Burden of Disease Study indicates that the impact of mental illness on productivity and overall health has been profoundly under-recognized. Currently, mental illness has been found to be the second leading cause of disability and premature mortality. Despite this, only 7 percent of all healthcare expenditures are designated for mental health disorders.

As an example, studies have shown that employees who are depressed are twice as likely to take time off for health reasons than employees who are not depressed. These same individuals are seven times more likely to be less productive. However, with treatment, the success rate for clinical depression is approximately 80 percent.

Other notable research figures lend further support for increased funding. The unemployment rate among American adults with depression is 23 percent, compared to 6 percent of the general population. The World Health Organization has estimated that depression and substance abuse are associated with approximately 90 percent of cases of suicide.

Treating people in communities has been shown to be far less expensive than treating them in institutions. In one study, total treatment costs in the community was \$60,000 per person per year compared to \$130,000 for institutional care.

Funding for community-based mental health services has actually declined recently. This widening deficit exists even though research clearly demonstrates that mental health treatment is effective and yields benefits. The U.S. Supreme Court mandates that states develop adequate community services to move people with disabilities out of institutions. Without increased funding, however, efforts to successfully transition people out of institutions into our communities will continue to fail.

SHIRLENE SULATAN
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

The Big Spring Optimist Club would like to thank Todd Darden, Big Spring's public works director. Darden spent his Saturday morning, July 31, on a back hoe, helping the club and neighbors of the park on Park Avenue clear brush and level the area.

We did not expect him to be able to help, since he was a pallbearer at his cousin's funeral that same morning. Before he left, he also made arrangement for disposing the piles of brush.

We are so proud to have a public works director that will go above and beyond his regular duties to do whatever it takes to help Big Spring look like the wonderful community it is.

KATHRYN G. WISEMAN
PRESIDENT
BIG SPRING OPTIMIST CLUB

TO THE EDITOR:

We are writing to thank you for the *Big Spring Herald's* sponsorship of the Air Force Band of the West last Friday night. Excellent musicians, a popular repertoire and an enthusiastic audience made for an inspiring evening.

We truly appreciate your paper's support of this event, as well as all the other events (like Pops in the Park and the Christmas Parade) that contribute to the enjoyment of life in our community.

JANICE AND LANE BOND
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Keep Big Spring Clean! Show pride in your city! This is a statement I hear and see everywhere.

We have ordinances that state we have to cover trailers that we haul certain kinds of trash to the landfill with so that the trash, tree limbs, etc. do not fall off along the way. If we do not comply we can be fined. Are city trash trucks somehow exempt from this? I traveled behind a city trash truck today for approximately three miles around FM 700 to the landfill while plastic bags (I counted at least 20) and other assorted garbage flew out the top of the opened truck and flew across the highway!

How hard would it be for the driver of that truck to close the lid so the garbage doesn't escape? It is no wonder that FM 700 and areas along Interstate 20 near the landfill is littered with plastic bags!

And how can we be expected to keep our property clean when the landfill is not open on the weekends or holidays? Many people only have weekends and holidays to clean up around their property? It would be really nice if the landfill were open to accommodate them. How can the city expect the citizens of Big Spring and the surrounding area to do their part if it's not willing to do its?

LILLIE POLLOCK
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views expressed by members of the media during the conference were bleak, the VA Secretary made it clear no decision as to the fate of the Big Spring VA facility has been made.

"The trend is not to close this hospital," said Principi. "If you came away with that impression, then you came away with the wrong impression. There will be medical care in the Big Spring, Midland and Odessa area. It's not that we're going to close the hospital — the question arose during planning whether a rural access hospital would be more appropriately located in Midland-Odessa, which is a larger city. That's the sum of where we are today."

"There is no plan to close this (Big Spring) medical center. An analysis will be done as to what is in the best interests of the veterans in this part of Texas to ensure high quality access."

When asked how long the feasibility study and its analysis would take to complete, Principi was vague at best.

"I like to get things done yesterday," Principi told the members of the media. "But I want to ensure that they are done right. I want to ensure that they take into consideration all of the factors. However long it takes,

we'll give it the time. But I'm hopeful that it's not going to take more than several months to do this analysis. It shouldn't take much longer than that. By the end of the year, if possible."

"This is a national plan covering all of the states — 158 medical centers and 856 out-patient clinics — it's a large infrastructure and we're trying to go about it thoughtfully and very carefully."

Principi said the recommendation made by the CARES (Capitol Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services) Commission, which was responsible for providing an independent review of the draft national plan to realign the DAV's health care system, did not include economic considerations, which could play a very large role on whether or not the Big Spring facility makes it off of the administrative "chopping block."

"There was no feasibility study done on moving this facility to Midland-Odessa," explained Principi. "During the course of drafting the national plan, it was decided that before a decision could be made a feasibility study should be done. The financials, economics, access and quality — none of that was gone into as part of the draft national plan with regard to moving Big Spring."

"It's the first feasibility study as to what should be done. What makes the most sense. The cost of

building a new facility may be prohibitive — to spend \$100 million to \$200 million to build a new facility in Midland-Odessa. That may lead us to keep the facility right here and modernize it and do whatever is necessary."

Although Principi refused to speculate whether or not the Big Spring VA Medical Center would be closed, he made it very clear the VA will maintain ownership of the building the facility currently inhabits, and more than likely, the building will be used for other VA purposes.

"Assuming there would be a decision to relocate this medical center to another community, the VA would continue to own this property," said Principi.

"The VA would then work with the community to develop a master plan on a use for this facility. Whatever made the most sense for the veterans and the community, whether it be assisted living, extended care with an Alzheimer's unit, an out-patient clinic — all of those options would be on the table."

"I can't predict what might be a year to three years from now. The way the law is written, it makes sense for the VA to maintain ownership of the property because as long as we maintain ownership — whether we put an assisted living facility there or not — the revenues would stay with the VA."



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, left, and Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi address a crowd gathered at Tuesday's forum on the Big Spring VA Medical Center. Principi visited with veterans and other concerned citizens at Neugebauer's request.

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to show their support for the facility.

"It was an encouraging meeting — at least it couldn't hurt," said another Vietnam veteran, Kenneth Kothman, volunteer van driver from San Angelo. "This is a central location and I drive eight veterans from San Angelo twice a week just to get medical care here. This is the best care I have ever received from a hospital and it's needed here."

Veterans Service Officers from Tom Green County, Sandra Van Zant and Gary Rommelfanger, had similar responses.

"It was what I expected. I didn't receive any new information, but it was good of Secretary Principi to come and dispel some of the rumors that had been flying around," Rommelfanger said.

"I really hope that Big Spring keeps its hospi-

tal," added Van Zant. "Our organization — sponsored by service organizations in San Angelo — helps veterans where it can, even paying for bus tickets to Albuquerque for specialized care when they are needed. It would be hard to meet that kind of need on a weekly basis."

Some in attendance were pleased by the overall message, but others were left asking questions.

Harry and Mary Ann Musick of Big Spring said, "We appreciate people coming out and showing their support. But even if they don't close our hospital, we still need specialized care. It's not just those veterans who were wounded in combat who need medical care, those who are retired career military need specialized care, too."

Stephanie McIntosh summed up by commenting, "Both of my grandfathers were veterans and used the VA. It became

like a second home. One is now deceased. If it [the hospital] were taken away, I don't know where my grandfather would go."

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Russia investigates possibility of terrorism in twin plane crashes

BUCHALKI, Russia (AP) — Russian emergency workers searched heaps of twisted metal and tall grass Wednesday for clues to what caused two airliners to plunge to Earth almost simultaneously, killing all 89 people aboard. Officials said one jet sent a hijack distress signal, raising fears terrorists had struck.

Flight recorders from both planes were found and taken to Moscow for investigation, ITAR-Tass reported, indicating the question of what caused the twin disasters soon could be answered.

Russia's main intelligence agency, however, said it had found no evidence of terrorism in initial investigations at the crash sites. The Federal

Security Service, or FSB, said it was investigating other possibilities such as technical failures, the use of poor quality fuel, breaches of fueling regulations and pilot error, its press service told The Associated Press. Rain and thunder was reported in the regions where both crashes occurred.

Rebels fighting a protracted war for independence for Chechnya, the troubled southern Russian province, have been blamed for a series of terror strikes that have claimed hundreds of lives in Russia in recent years. Rebel representative Akhmed Zakayev told Russia's Ekho Moskvy radio from London that Chechen forces and rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov were not connected

to the crashes.

Russian officials had expressed concern that separatists in the war-ravaged republic might carry out attacks ahead of a regional election Sunday to replace its pro-Moscow president who was killed in a May bombing.

A Sibir airlines Tu-154 jet, carrying 46 people, took off from Moscow's newly redeveloped Domodedovo airport at 9:35 p.m. Tuesday and the other plane, a Tu-134 carrying 43 people, left 40 minutes later, according to state-run Rossiya television. The Tu-134 was headed to the southern city of Volgograd, while the other plane was flying to the Black Sea resort city of Sochi, where President Vladimir Putin is

vacationing.

The planes disappeared from radar screens about 11:00 p.m., and by early Wednesday morning, the wreckage of both had been found. Domodedovo airport said in a statement that both planes "went through the standard procedure of preparation for flight ... (and) the procedures were carried out properly."

Uncertainty over the cause of the crashes came after Sibir said that it was notified that its jet had activated a hijack or seizure signal shortly before disappearing from radar screens. Officials said the crew of the other plane gave no indication that anything was wrong, but witnesses on the ground reported hearing a

series of explosions.

"There were three loud bangs on the window, like someone knocking," said Nikolai Gorokhov, a local resident who was in his home at the time of the crash.

Putin ordered an investigation by the FSB, and security was tightened at Russian airports, where extra security officers and sniffer dogs were called in to check passengers and luggage, as well as other transport hubs and public places. The FSB sent experts to determine if explosions caused the crashes, Interfax reported.

At about the same time the Tu-154 disappeared, the Tu-134 airliner crashed in the Tula region, about 125 miles south of Moscow, officials said.

Top Shiite cleric returns to Iraq to 'rescue' Najaf, spokesman says

NAJAF, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's most powerful Shiite cleric returned home from Britain on Wednesday to help broker an end to nearly three weeks of fighting in Najaf and is calling on his followers to join him in a march to reclaim the holy city, his spokesmen and witnesses said.

Grand Ayatollah Ali Husseini al-Sistani's return came as heavy fighting persisted in Najaf's Old City. U.S. warplanes fired on suspected insurgent positions, helicopters flew overhead and heavy gunfire was heard in the streets, witnesses said.

Al-Sistani, 73, crossed into southern Iraq from Kuwait about midday in a caravan of sport utility vehicles accompanied by Iraqi police and national guardsmen.

Polluted fish warnings cover one-third of lakes, one-fourth of rivers

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of every three lakes in the United States, and nearly one-quarter of the nation's rivers contain enough pollution that people should limit or avoid eating fish caught there.

Every state but Alaska and Wyoming issued fish advisories covering some and occasionally all of their lakes or rivers in 2003, according to a national database maintained by the Environmental Protection Agency and updated every year.

Though the number of advisories rose to 3,094, up from 2,814 in 2002, according to figures released Tuesday, EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt said the increase was due to more monitoring, not more pollution.

Nearly all the advisories involve contaminants such as mercury, dioxins, PCBs, pesticides, and heavy metals, including arsenic, copper and lead.

Unit's weekly report supports Kerry's version of disputed incident

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy task force overseeing John Kerry's swift boat squadron in Vietnam reported that his group of boats came under enemy fire during a March 13, 1969, incident that three decades later is being challenged by critics of the Democratic presidential nominee.

The March 18, 1969, weekly report from Task Force 115 is the latest document to surface that supports Kerry's description of an event for which he won a Bronze Star and a third Purple Heart.

The Task Force report twice mentions the incident five days earlier and both times calls it "an enemy initiated firefight" that included automatic weapons fire and underwater mines.

used against a group of five boats that included Kerry's.

Lubbock man enters guilty plea in slaying

LUBBOCK (AP) — A 64-year-old Lubbock man who pleaded guilty to gunning down his son-in-law in a dispute over the discipline of his granddaughter has been sentenced to 12 years in prison.

Leroy Ward entered the guilty plea Monday, the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal reports in its online editions.

According to police records, Ward shot Michael Keith Jones during an argument over a spanking that Jones gave to Ward's 14-year-old granddaughter.

During the July 23, 2003, confrontation at Jones' home, Ward threatened Jones with a knife. Ward then left the home and removed a shotgun from his truck. He fired the first of two shots through the closed front door, striking Jones in the chest.

Ward then entered the home and shot Jones again, police said.

After retreating from the house, Ward turned the gun on himself as his 12-year-old grandson, who was playing in the front yard, watched.

Ward's self-inflicted gunshot wound did not kill him. He was hospitalized and taken into police custody.

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figure 3 cents higher than the 2004 effective rate of 68.787. It's slightly more than 3 cents above the current year tax rate, which is 68.63 cents.

Mayor Russ McEwen said approval of the budget's first reading proves something he's stressed throughout the budgetary process — that compromise and consideration work.

"It tells us the process worked," said McEwen. "I can assure you there wasn't unanimity on everything on the budget, but you give and you take and the process should work to the point where at the end of the day you have it."

"You're not always going to have unanimity because there are going to be people at times that say they just can't go along with that," he continued. "I feel like our budgetary process has gone the way a lot of things with council have gone — we had the ability to compromise and do the city's work."

Councilman Greg Biddison voted in favor of the budget despite voting against the 3-cent tax hike two weeks prior.

Biddison said consideration of the new merit based pay scale for city employees, in addition to a lack of disapproval from his constituents, convinced him to vote in favor of the plan.

"I knew it was going to take some money to fund the merit and step raises, and there really wasn't anyone in my district that was opposed to it that much," said Biddison. "I guess they were OK with 3 cents. I still think we could do better on our expenditures, but we'll try again next year."

As for the overall state of the city and its proposed budget, Biddison said he's simply not sure how effective it will be.

"It all hinges on the economic production of our city, so I feel like it's still up in the air," he said.

McEwen said he believes the coming fiscal year will be a good one for the city and its residents, but make no mistake about it — he would still like to see more changes to improve the quality of life in Big

Spring.

"Next year is going to be a great year for the city," the mayor said. "I wish we could do more for the citizens from a quality of life perspective, but we're doing more and getting more things done. We're maintaining what we need to maintain and we're providing the basic services and beginning to step into areas which are quality of life areas."

"If you were to ask me if I'm totally happy with the budget, I'd have to tell you no, I'm not. But unless someone came in and gave us a bunch of money — you don't want to raise taxes any more than you have to — there's a limited amount of money. It's all value judgments."

In other action, council members approved final reading of an increase in daily green fees at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

In an effort to increase volume at the highly successful municipal golf course — the facility has generating an income surplus since the mid-1990s — the city plans on making some improvements, particularly on greens 10, 11 and 16. To make it happen, the council has agreed to subsidize the course by some \$130,000. Other funds to pay for the estimated \$203,271 in improvements and equipment will come from an increase in daily green fees and annual green

fees.

The council won't address annual fees until the spring but did give approval on final reading to increase daily green fees. Increases are from \$10 to \$15 during the week for adults, \$9 to \$12.50 during the week for those 65 and older, \$5 to \$12.50 for golfers under the age of 18, \$15 to \$20 for adult

weekend and holiday fees, \$13 to \$20 for seniors during weekends and holidays and \$9 to \$29 for under-18s on weekends and holidays.

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Library News

"Pyro" (F E M E E) is by Earl Emerson and he has a history of writing books about fires. Maybe it is because he is a fireman? Previous books he has written are "Vertical Burn" and "Into the Inferno" (which the library has.)

In his latest book, he writes about a nuisance arsonist. The multiple fire calls each night leaves the station vulnerable to the "big" fire that could happen while distracted by "little" fires.

Lt. Paul Wolff hates a pyro more than most, as one was responsible for his father's death years before. While guiding a fledgling firefighter in her duties, Paul becomes involved with the pyro. Suffice it to say, fires are dangerous and this is the story of a pyromaniac. Good book, check it out.

"Inside the Kingdom: My Life in Saudi Arabia" (B BIN C) by Carmen Bin Laden is Osama bin Laden's former sister-in-law. She provides a penetrating, unusually intimate look into Saudi society and the bin Laden family's role within it, as well as the treatment of Saudi women. Carmen bin Laden, half Swiss and half Persian, who married into and later divorced the bin Laden family, found herself inside a complex and vast clan, part of a society that she neither knew nor understood. Her story takes us inside the bin Laden family and one of the most powerful, secretive and repressed kingdoms in the world. It is quite a page turner.

Here are a couple of Stephen King's books: "From a Buick Eight" and "The Gunslinger: The Dark Tower I." Both are spooky and available for King fans.

We have received some large print books, mostly

current fiction. Titles are "R is for Ricochet" by Sue Grafton; Grisham's "Painted House;" Karen Robards' "Bait;" and "Summer Light" by Luanne Rice.

Staff has just processed "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis. If you enjoyed reading the series both as a child or as an adult, do come by and check them out. We have them labeled in order on the shelf by number, not by title as we usually do.

While these books are not new by any means, we have added these books on tape to the system — "The Hammer of Eden" by Ken Follett; "Four by L'Amour" by Louis L'Amour; Stuart Woods' "Orchid Beach;" "Small Sacrifices" by Ann Rule; "Contact" by Carl Sagan; Nicholas Sparks' "Message in a Bottle" (remember Kevin Costner starred in the movie;) and finally "The Horse Whisperer" by Nicholas Evans.

Have you always wanted to read about Cisco routers? If you have to ask someone what that is, then you probably will not be interested in the "Cisco Router Handbook" (004.6 SAC G) by George C. Sackett.

Published in 1999, it may be a little dated, but perhaps some information is still current for today's needs.

Elections are coming in November and the Reference Series has a new volume out, "The United States Election System" (324.097 MCC P). Edited by Paul McCaffrey, it begins with the basics of voting and the electoral college and travels on to the two party system, nominating process and money in politics. It also has opinion pieces that discussed the 2004 elections.

It is a thought-provoking book and really does a fine job of discussing our basic right to vote.

For many years, Robert Olen Butler has collected

picture postcards from the early 20th Century. He collected them not so much for the pictures, but rather for the messages written on the other side. Using these brief messages, he creates fully imagined stories. "Had a Good Time: Stories from American Postcards" (F BUT R) is a collection of fifteen glorious, imaginative short stories that are absolute gems. Do check this one out.

School has started and students are in the library conducting research. Effective Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, we will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., with a reference librarian on hand. The video/internet room will close from noon-1 p.m. for lunch.

Remember that you can also use the library at Howard College when we are not open. Their winter hours are Monday-Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. and are open Sundays, from 1-5 p.m. Teachers, remember that we have access to the TexShare Databases from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Anyone can access these databases from home by going to www.tsl.state.tx.us/texshare/pl/; the login is RMN1037 and the password is TX79720. By utilizing these databases at home, research can be done much faster.

The Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday to Friday and beginning Sept. 11, is also open on Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Internet/video room is closed from noon to 1 p.m. and closes one-half hour earlier than the library each day.

The library is located at 500 S. Main St.; phone number is 264-2260; Web site is www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us; the catalog is online; our e-mail address is howardcountylibrary@hotmail.com.

Hollis McCright is the director of the Howard County Library.

Book Review "The Fourth Perimeter" by Tim Green

Suspenseful novel expresses ignorant and thoughtless acts

As a former member of the Secret Service and the President's inner circle of protection, Kurt Ford's memories never fail to bring him a feeling of pride and honor.

One of his most precious memories was when his only son followed in his footsteps as a guard for the President.

When Kurt's son is found dead in his apartment, the first response from police was that it was a suicide; however, Kurt knew of nothing in his son's personal or professional life that could have been that devastating, nor could he accept that his prideful child would take what he considered a weak course of action.

Within days, two different people come to Kurt with proof that a murder had been committed, and both brought the identity of the killer — the President of the United States.

A terrible hatred and sense of revenge fill Kurt's every waking moment. He knows the only way he can satisfy his intense grief is to kill the President.

He is aware of the

intricate precautions given the Oval Office resident, and because of his experiences, Kurt instinctively knows how the bright, well-trained young men and women in the Service react when danger presents itself.

He is determined to use every skill he possesses to penetrate the perimeters of presidential safety and gain access to the one responsible for his gut-wrenching loss.

Even more important, Kurt makes complex and careful plans for his getaway. Kurt spends every waking moment researching his possibilities, as well as acquiring the necessary equipment he will use.

He puts his personal life on hold as he commits himself to the desired deed; he also divests himself of his successful company, has his plane ready to go at a small Canadian airport, and finally secures approval with the White House staff for a "friendly" meeting with the Chief Executive at which he feels certain he can complete his objective.

As the novel reaches pivotal points toward the climax, jolting actions take place changing the entire scenario.

Author Green draws the reader into a fast, intense, chaotic and exciting experience. The

outcome seems securely in place and a sure thing, but the unexpected takes everyone by surprise.

Tim Green has written a powerful novel expressing how revenge, power and greed sculpt a life and alter circumstances that have a far-reaching impact, great enough to affect the whole world.

In constructing the narrative, the author gives thought-provoking information about the Secret Service and how they operate.

Green is a master at creating suspenseful and palpable situations. The constant action is relieved by the musings of the characters, then intensity resumes at a higher level.

The various characters' actions express the thoughtless and ignorant joy of killing, and the empty motivation for terminating a life.

"The Fourth Perimeter" is a book worth reading. The ending of the story may not satisfy everyone, but it gives plenty of thoughts to ponder.

"The Fourth Perimeter" by Tim Green. Warner Books, New York, New York. 2003.

Pat Williams, wife of former Big Spring Herald publisher Chuck Williams, writes this column for the Big Spring Herald.



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PAT WILLIAMS

AUGUST 25 2004

Poker run for Alzheimer's set for Saturday

The first Hobbs Health Care Center Alzheimer's Motor Poker Run is set in Hobbs, N.M. for Saturday at the Hobbs Health Care Center.

The event will start with first out at 8 a.m. and the last out is set for 2 p.m. sharp. The best hand wins \$250 and the

worst hand wins \$150 — 64 lowest.

Grandy's will provide breakfast, and there will also be free refreshments and door prizes.

Hobbs Health Care Center is located at 5715 Lovington Highway, Hobbs N.M. For more information, contact

Micky at the Hobbs Health Care Center at (505) 392-6845.

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Bluebonnet Books

The Gorillas of Gill Park by Amy Gordon

By **MERCEDES MONCADA**
Special to the Herald

Would you like to stay with your aunt who makes gorilla suits? Sounds interesting, doesn't it?

That is what happened to a guy named Willy Wilson who traveled to a town named Gloria because he was to stay with his Aunt Bridget.



MERCEDES MONCADA

She is busy making gorilla suits for a play.

While Willy is there for a while, his aunt Bridget tells him something about hearing music in the morning.

So when Willy wakes up, he didn't just wake up because he wasn't tired, he heard music!

Then someone is knocking on the door. Gareth, a baseball coach, wanted him to be on the baseball team.

All the characters in the story try to help Willy Wilson. For example, Liesl Summer is a girl that has been adopted by a family but has run away.

So she stays with Willy and Aunt Bridget. She is a fantastic painter and makes drawings on the sidewalk with chalk.

Probably the most important characters in the book are Otto Pettingul, Willy Wilson, Gareth, Bridget Mctarget, Bella Vera, Mitch Bloom and Liesl Summer.

They all have to help figure out a huge problem.

Otto and Willy are good friends. Bridget, Liesl, Bella and Mitch are alike in different ways. The story takes place mostly in Gill Park during the day when the kids are playing baseball.

The book was interesting because people really wouldn't want to stay with their aunt like Willy did.

This story relates to baseball because most of the time in this book that is what they are doing, playing baseball. Since I like to play baseball, I thought the book was very interesting.

Whenever I finished this book, it made me feel good. If I had to rate this book between a one and 10, I would give it a 10.

There was no part of the book that was boring. This book makes you laugh and shows you that you shouldn't quit on what you are not good at.

Plus, it's just a great book. Be sure to read The Gorillas of Gill Park by Amy Gordon.

Mercedes Moncada is a student at Bauer Magnet School.

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

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

Former Smoker Rehabs After Lung Transplant

By **ANDREA BRUCE WOODALL**
The Washington Post

In the alley behind her home in Washington, Esther Suss, 56, stretches for one of her regular three-mile runs.

"I've been through a lot in this alley," she said, a deep cough hitting her from a lingering cold.

"It provided the privacy I needed when I could only walk down and back with an oxygen tank."

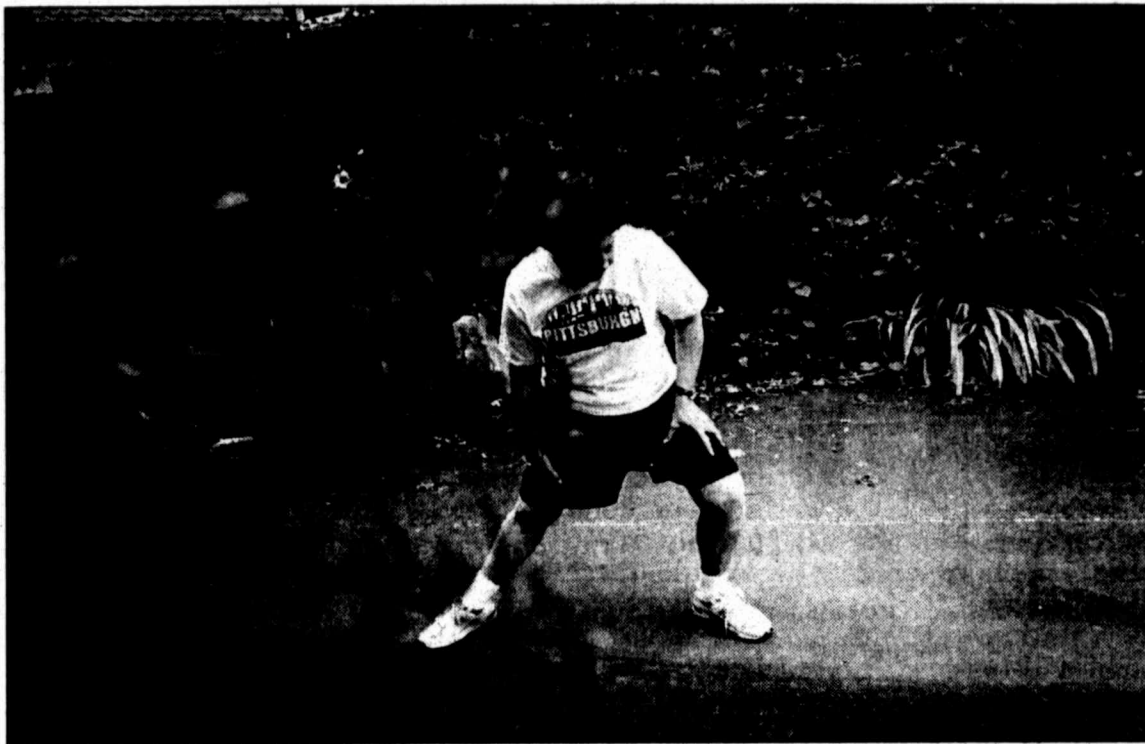
Four years ago Suss, a former smoker, was diagnosed with end-stage emphysema.

Two years later she realized she could live the rest of her life tethered to oxygen or try a drastic remedy: a lung transplant.

Since her surgery, she's traveled abroad and run three events in the July 2004 Transplant Games in Minneapolis.

"The 1,500 (meter) we won't talk about, but in the 800-meter I won the silver, and I did the 5k in one hour."

To train, Suss left rehab for a gym. After a few months she decided to get



Washington Post photo by Andrea Bruce Woodall
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a trainer. Soon she was running three to five miles a day and lifting weights three to five days a week.

"The lung is like any other muscle: The more fit it is, the more you can

do," Suss said, smiling. "Surgery is difficult," she admitted, recalling the two months of hospital recovery that turned her muscles into mush.

She would never have had a decent life.

"I couldn't just sit around. For me, I thought it was better to take the risk."

LA Times/Washington Post

Hangar 25 Air Museum receives books

Hangar 25 Air Museum received Peppy Blount's new book, "A Time For All Reasons," and is available in the museum's gift shop.

Also, all three volumes of "Forgotten Fields of America, World War II Bases and Training THEN and NOW" by Lou Thole is available. Call the museum at 264-1999.

USDA Rural Development forum on available programs scheduled Thursday

Special to the Herald

Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development today announced a series of statewide forums to present communities with information on the many programs available from USDA Rural Development.

The forums will be open to all current customers, prospective customers, and all other interested individuals and entities.

The forum for Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Loving, Winkler, Midland, Sterling, Ward, Upton, Ector, Glascock, Coke, Crane and Reagan counties will be held 1:30 p.m. Thursday at The Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 North FM 1788, Midland.

The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA

Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, single family and multi-family housing.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texans, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditionally underserved portions of the population. Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life in rural Texas," said Daniel.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve

the quality of life in rural communities throughout Texas. Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development, communities can improve the flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA Rural Development in Fort Stockton at (432) 336-7585, ext. 4.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 and includes business programs, housing programs, and utilities programs. Its mission is to use the resources of USDA to provide an improved quality of life for the nation's rural residents.

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IN BRIEF

Howard College to assist in telethon

The Howard College Athletic Department will be helping out with the Jerry Lewis Telethon at the Big Spring Mall Sept. 6. A member from every sport — men's and women's basketball, baseball, softball and rodeo — as well as cheerleaders and trainers will be answering phones and taking pledges.

Howard College opens booth at fair

The athletic department at Howard College will have a booth set up at the Howard County Fair Wednesday through Saturday. 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. Wednesday-Friday and from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday.

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 466-1539.

Fall baseball league sign-up date set

The fall baseball league sign-up date for returning little league players only will take place this Saturday. The sign-up is for seven- to 11-year-olds and will take place from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Howard College is seeking singers

Howard College's Athletic Department is seeking National Anthem singers for the upcoming basketball seasons. Anyone interested in being a singer needs to make a tape or CD (with the person singing) and drop it off at the athletic office with attention Tana Howard. For more information, call Howard at 264-5155.

Peloteros announce final tournament

The Texas Peloteros have set up an end of the year softball tournament for Friday-Sunday 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 info, call Manuel at 432-263-8219 or Edna at 432-816-6159.

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Big Spring dominates Snyder at Comanche Trail

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The only sweat the Big Spring tennis team broke Tuesday afternoon was from the scorching triple digit degree weather on the courts at the Figure Seven Tennis Center inside Comanche Trail Park.

The play on the courts, however, was more than easy for the Steers as Big Spring dominated Snyder, 17-2.

"We played pretty well even though it so hot," said head coach Sarah Corse. "I was pleased with our efforts and am looking forward to seeing what we can do against Odessa."

Big Spring will take on Odessa at home next Tuesday.

The Steers were up 7-0 after the doubles portion of the match. The team also won two other doubles matches that didn't count toward the varsity final score.

Seniors Nick Rivera and Nick Paredez won their doubles match, but needed three sets to do so. They won the first set 6-3, dropped the second set 4-6 and took care of things in the final set to win 6-0.

Senior Matt Islas and sophomore Roshan Shroff won their match 6-2 and 6-2, while sophomore Bryan Juan and senior Jason Vela took care of their opponents 6-1 and 6-3.

The girls doubles teams were back to their original duos Tuesday, as well.

Seniors Jessica Rodriguez and Veronica Villarreal, who sat out the singles portion of the match due to a minor injury, won their match 6-1 and 6-4, while senior

Alex Gariepy and sophomore Reinhilde Robinson also won, 6-2 and 6-2.

The final point tallied for girls doubles was captured by juniors Natasha Neighbors and Jamie Jordan. That duo needed three sets, winning 6-2, 1-6 and 6-2.

Freshmen Allison Ward and Ryan Gonzales teamed up in mixed doubles Tuesday and continue their strong play. This duo won 6-2 and 7-6.

The water ran low on the team after the doubles competition, but Steers continued to dominate despite the hot temperatures.

"We had to run and get more water for the kids because it is just hot out here today," said Corse Tuesday during the match.

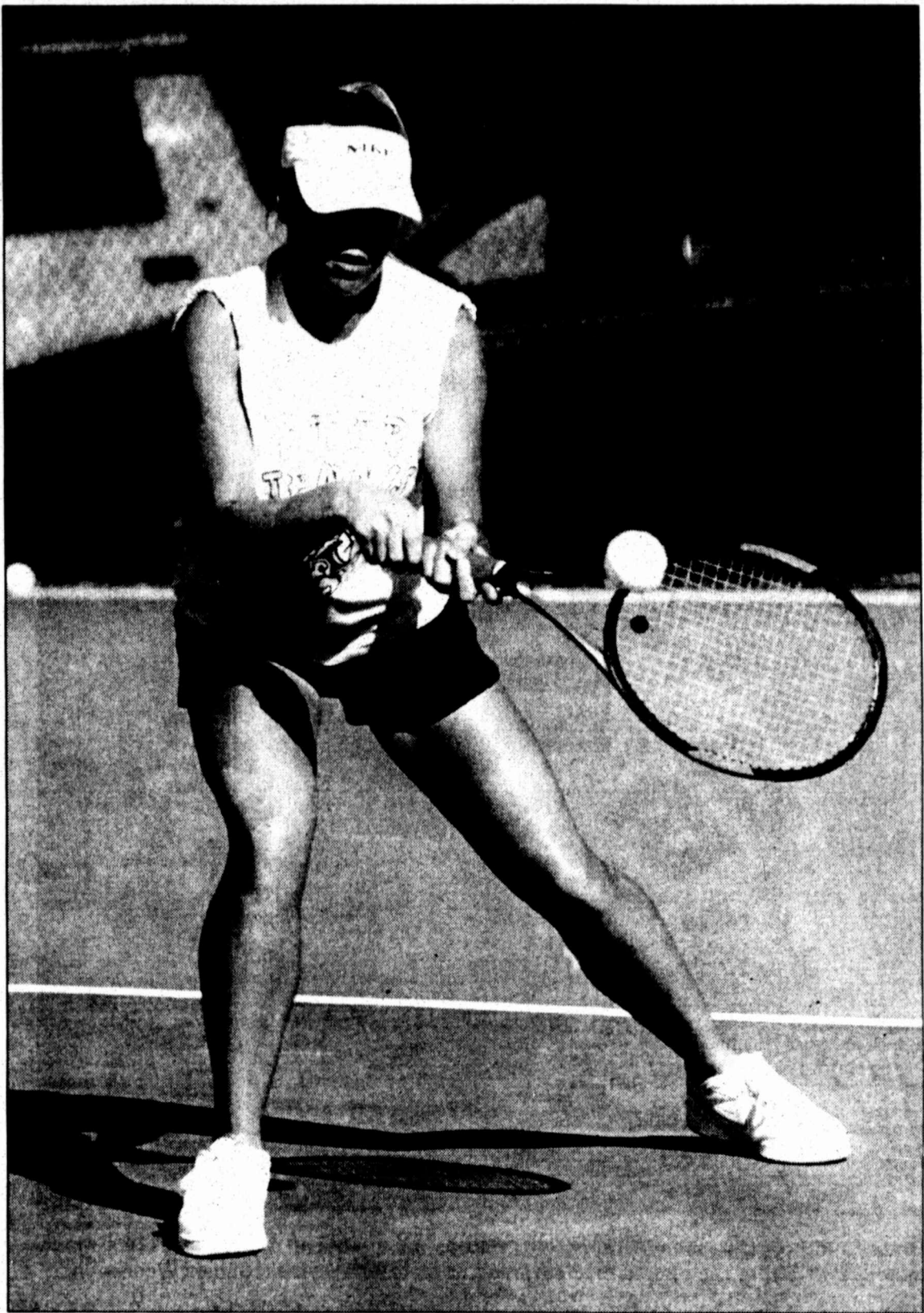
Shroff, Rivera, Vela, Juan and Islas all won their boy's singles matches in straight sets, while Rodriguez, Robinson, Neighbors and Ward did the same in girl's singles.

Gariepy, who moved up to play No. 1 due to the absence of Villarreal, won her match, but needed three sets to do it. She won the battle 6-2, 4-6 and 6-4.

Paredez and Jordan each lost their singles matches in three sets. It was the team's only losses on the day.

Two matches were also won by the Steers that didn't go on the final score.

Freshmen Ainhan Nghiem and Jeremy Landin won their match in three sets, winning 6-7, 7-6 and 6-4, while sophomores Robert Andrade and Jessica Barker won 6-4, 6-7 and 6-0.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Junior Natasha Neighbors returns a backhand during her singles win Tuesday against an opponent from Snyder. She won the match in straight sets and Big Spring cruised to the 17-2 victory.

The match against Odessa next Tuesday will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Swinney's incredible effort leads to victory

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

Brenn Swinney's 17 points Tuesday led the Big Spring volleyball team to a straight set road win over Lamesa, pushing the Lady Steers' record to 7-6 overall.

The Lady Steers won the match 25-23, 25-16 and 25-23.

"It was a solid match," said head coach Revis Daggett. "We are still making some errors, but we are also doing some spectacular things as well."

"Lamesa had solid defense and did well with ball control. They didn't do anything fancy. They just played well."

Swinney, a junior, scored her 17 points after recording a season-high 14 kills. She also added two aces and two assisted blocks.

Daggett was especially pleased with the team's overall blocking and hitting Tuesday.

"Our girls read their hitters well and our hitting numbers improved," said Daggett. "We had

more chances to put the ball away."

Senior Stefani Scott added 10.5 points for the Lady Steers on nine kills, one ace and one assist, while junior Carmen Lewis scored 10 points on seven kills and six assisted blocks.

Senior Shannon Higgins and junior Raegan

Ritchey each had seven points and senior Kendal Adams added 5.5 points.

Higgins had six kills and four assisted blocks, while Ritchey added four kills and

Adams contributed three aces and two kills.

The senior setting duo of Higgins and Adams also pitched in with 15 assists apiece.

The Lady Steers will travel to San Angelo this weekend for a two-day tournament. They begin Friday at 10 a.m. with an opponent unknown at press time.

If Big Spring wins its first round game, they play again at 2 p.m., but a loss would result in a 12 noon contest.



SWINNEY



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Seniors Veronica Villarreal and Jessica Rodriguez, left, shake the hands of their opponents from Snyder after Big Spring's senior duo won the match. The Steers and Lady Steers had no problem with Snyder Tuesday afternoon, winning 17-2.

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Yolanda Griffith of the United States, left, battles for a rebound against Greece's Maria Samoroukova (13) in their basketball matchup at the 2004 Olympic Games Wednesday.

Real 'Dream Team' continues to cruise through competition

By **CHUCK SCHOFFNER**
AP Sports Writer

ATHENS, Greece — The place and the opponent don't really matter. This U.S. basketball team is on a roll.

Hushing a boisterous crowd with its all-around domination, the United States advanced to the semifinals Wednesday with a 102-72 victory over Greece, which had heart, the home court and little else.

Now, only two games stand between the Americans and a third straight gold medal. They'll play the winner of the Russia-Czech Republic game on Friday. The semifinal winners advance to the gold medal game on Saturday.

After playing their preliminary games in a small arena at the Helliniko complex on the coast, the teams moved to the spacious 19,250-seat Olympic Indoor Hall for the medal round. The Americans looked liked they belonged on the bigger stage.

Lisa Leslie and Yolanda Griffith dominated inside, Tina Thompson hit a succession of jumpers, Shannon Johnson had her best game of the tournament and Tamika Catchings was everywhere on both ends of the floor.

The passing was sharp, the defense quick and aggressive. By the middle of the second quarter, the United States was up by 20 and the Greek fans who made up most of the

crowd of 8,100 started losing their zeal.

Even the "He-llas! He-llas!" chant began to wane and the crowd stopped booing whenever the United States had the ball, slipping into a state of quiet acceptance.

These U.S. players, the Greek fans discovered, are pretty darn good.

The Americans shot 57 percent in the first half and 50 percent for the game. If someone did miss a shot, it didn't matter. Griffith, Leslie or Catchings got the rebound and scored on a putback.

Johnson and Thompson scored 20 apiece, and there was much more after that. Griffith had 14 points and 11 rebounds, Diana Taurasi had 13 points, and Leslie and Sheryl Swoopes added 12 apiece. Leslie also had eight rebounds.

Final rebounding numbers: United States 44, Greece 22.

Catchings contributed with her hustle and outstanding defense on Evanthis Maltzi, who had been averaging 20.4 points. Maltzi finished with 15 points but hardly scored while the United States was taking control early.

Anastasia Kostaki led Greece with 26 points.

Unlike most of its previous games, the United States started fast and never let up. Thompson hit a turnaround jumper only 14 seconds into the game, then fed Leslie for a jump hook. Swoopes fol-

Country	Medals
1. United States	73
2. China	52
3. Russia	45
4. Australia	38
5. Japan	33

lowed with a baseline jumper to make it 6-0, and the United States led the rest of the way.

Greece got the lead down to 19-17 on Maltzi's 3 from the top of the key, but the United States broke away by ending the quarter with an 8-2 run, then scoring the first 10 points of the second quarter.

Taurasi started that burst with a 3-pointer and Griffith scored the next seven points on a stick-back, a three-point play and a layup on a pass from Swoopes.

Johnson's 3-pointer stretched the lead to 51-27 late in the half. Taurasi drew boos when she stole the ball late in the third quarter and passed to Thompson for a 3-pointer

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

The key to success during a Capricorn moon is to make sure you're going through the proper channels. This transit is all about respect, tradition and status. Social groups are like delicate systems. There is a hierarchy in every set, no matter how egalitarian the group claims to be. Observe social interaction until you understand how things work.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The stars reflect back to you what you project to others, especially those casual, daily gestures you wouldn't give a second thought to. Consider what you might be doing that doesn't coincide with the person you are inside.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't underestimate the power of influence now. You are quite susceptible to it, and in fact, you're a skillful executor of even the trickiest instructions. Commanding words will move you to amazing feats! You'll learn quickly.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your main question now centers around the word "enough." (Do you have enough? What is enough? When is it ever enough?) Building a reserve in different areas of your life will help ease your mind.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's a transformation taking place. Something you've been working on for a long time is now happening, and it could make you feel a mix of emotion: awe, fear, excitement and trepidation. In all, a valid response.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When the 9/11 Commission proclaimed that one of the government's most costly errors was a "lack of imagina-

tion," it pointed up the tremendous importance of this most uniquely human quality. Make use of your fertile imagination now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're really in the swing of things. The prevalent feeling this afternoon is one of fondness — it's not dramatic and driving, but you're as comfortable around a special person as you are in an old pair of jeans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Being a winner at work is simple but not easy. Follow this formula, and you'll soon be in line for a higher position with more pay: Plan what you intend to do, execute concisely, and be relevant to the action at hand.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As a confidant and friend, you may find yourself in a precarious position. Somebody is counting on you to tell the truth or reveal all while another person is counting on you for secrecy. Your choice depends on your character.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your worst weakness is featured, but it's not as bad as it sounds. This quality or

habit also happens to be the key to your strength. If you can stop trying to hide your fault and in fact embrace it, you'll see another side to it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your sensitivity is acute — you'll know how people around you are feeling before they know themselves. In fact, you'll be aware of the emotional undercurrents in every situation you encounter. This is especially true at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're dedicated to your relationships, and this loyalty attracts even more friends to your side. People around you may be engaging in unwise behavior, but as your mother used to say, that doesn't mean you have to as well.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You would love to spend the day in dreamland, but the practical part of you thinks this is a waste of time. Be assured it's not! You've got to fortify your desire to succeed, or you'll lose your motivation in the middle of the project.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I have two daughters. My older one is 33 (born Feb. 9, 1971),

and the younger one is 30 (born Jan. 16, 1974). They are doing well in life, but I'm worried about them, as they are not married, and they have not found anybody who is compatible to them. Please give me some idea of when they will get married."

Your eldest daughter is an Aquarius who has many male friends and probably dates much more often than she lets you know. She enjoys keeping things casual and getting to know men on an intellectual level but is skittish when it comes to intimacy. She must really trust a man before she allows herself to think of him for the long term, and she'll put the "right" man through many tests. I believe she'll be married at age 37. Your younger daughter is more serious about finding someone to love. She's a Capricorn who believes in tradition and will be comfortable in the structure that marriage provides. If she goes about finding a mate in a planned way, she'll be married by the age of 34. In general, women are marrying much later in life, and your girls are right in step with their generation.

Annie's Mailbox : Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I have been engaged to "Jeff," a terrific man, for eight months. We both have been married before, and between the two of us, we have five children.

The thing that really bothers me is that Jeff stays in touch with his ex-girlfriend, "Elaine," whom he dated on and off for several years after his divorce. He and Elaine had a tumultuous relationship and broke up six months before we met. The reason they couldn't stay together is because she could not deal with his children.

Jeff and I recently bought a house together. I have no reason to distrust him, but I cannot get over the fact that he still talks to Elaine, even though I've told him how I feel. He tells me he will eventually phase her out, but he doesn't want to make an enemy of her. Also, her parents are his clients.

I know that Jeff hates to hurt people, and Elaine was terribly upset when she learned of our engagement. I don't want to be a jealous shrew, but I have a hard time knowing my future husband stays in touch with a woman he slept with.

Jeff has been nothing but wonderful, honest and supportive in all other areas, and I don't want to make a mountain out of a molehill, but this weighs on my mind. Every time the phone rings, I wonder if it's Elaine. Is it unreasonable to ask him to stop speaking to her? — Morrystown, N.J.

Dear Morrystown: It is not unreasonable, but it is unwise. How often does Jeff speak to Elaine? If it's more than once a week, you can ask him to cut back, but otherwise, leave it alone. You say he is honest and you trust him, plus there are business reasons for remaining cordial. Let Jeff cut the cord his own way. He will appreciate your confidence in him.

Dear Annie: I am planning to marry "Bob" next year. His family is quite wealthy, and mine is not. We don't want a lavish wedding. Something simple, yet memorable. My parents are not able to pay for everything, and I feel Bob's family could contribute more. However, they have not offered, and I don't know how to approach them. I



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

already feel out-of-place with my in-laws because of the financial disparity between our families. Please tell me how to handle this. My parents are in dire straits. — Bride in Alabama

Dear Bride: First, scale back your wedding plans so your parents don't have to go into debt. Then, discuss the finances with your fiancé. It is not unusual these days for both sets of parents to split the cost of a wedding. If Bob thinks his parents might be willing to pay for more, HE should be the one to approach them. Meanwhile, try to relax about your in-laws' financial status. We all put our pants on the same way.

Dear Annie: For the last eight months, my 21-year-old daughter has been dating a deadbeat who physically and verbally abuses her. I have tried to reason with her, but she refuses to leave him. When I asked how she could tolerate such poor treatment, she said it wasn't a big deal, since "Daddy is the same way with you. He swears and calls you all sorts of names." Her reply broke my heart.

I am angry with my husband for subjecting our family to such treatment and at myself for not leaving him before his poison infected our daughter. Please, parents, treat each other with respect and dignity. Children need to see how a decent, good spouse behaves. Mothers need to show their daughters that they deserve to be treated well. This will help protect them from destructive relationships. — Regretful in Canada

Dear Regretful: You've said a mouthful. Children learn by example, and the most influential ones are those they see at home. Parents, if this is you, shape up, and Mom, give

your daughter the number for the National Domestic Violence Hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE (1-800-799-7233), just in case.

Dear Annie: My close friend, "Jennifer," just turned 25, and to celebrate, she made plans to go out for drinks with her closest friends. The bar was crowded that night, and within minutes she wanted to leave. She took us all aside and told us she was moving the party back to her house. However, she said if we didn't want to go back to her house, she would not be offended or upset if we chose to stay at the bar.

When she left, half of her friends went with her and the other half stayed at the bar — myself included. After an hour, I called Jennifer to see how things were going, and she told me she was terribly hurt that so many of her friends had not cared enough about her birthday to leave the bar when she did. I left immediately.

The group of friends who stayed at the bar were singles wanting to meet people. Some of us don't have the opportunity to get out much. When Jennifer said she would not be offended if they didn't follow her, we believed it was OK to stay.

Since that night, Jennifer has not spoken to those friends who stayed at the bar. I hate to see my friends split up like this. Who's at fault? — Confused in Connecticut

Dear Confused: Don't you just love it when people say things they don't really mean — and then punish you for taking them at their word? Jennifer should not have told her friends it was OK to stay if she felt otherwise. She obviously considered it a test of their loyalty — and they failed. However, since the evening was intended to be a celebration of Jennifer's birthday, the guests should have followed her home regardless of what she said. We say both parties are at fault. Perhaps you can broker a mutual apology so everyone can be friends again.

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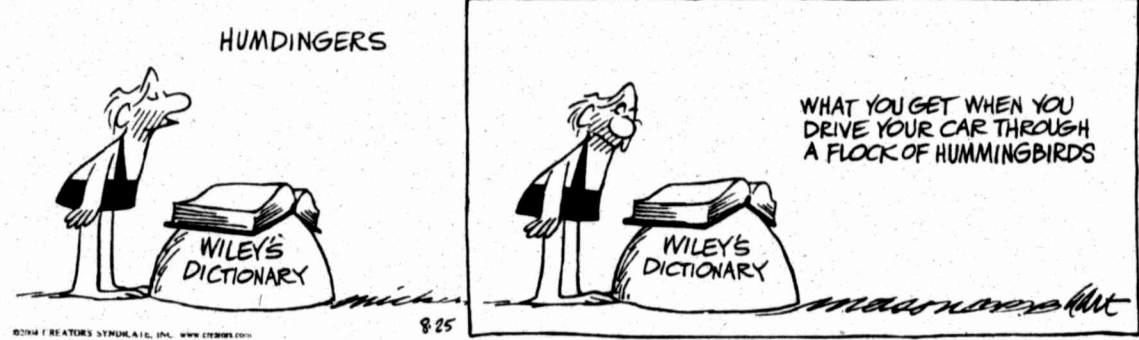
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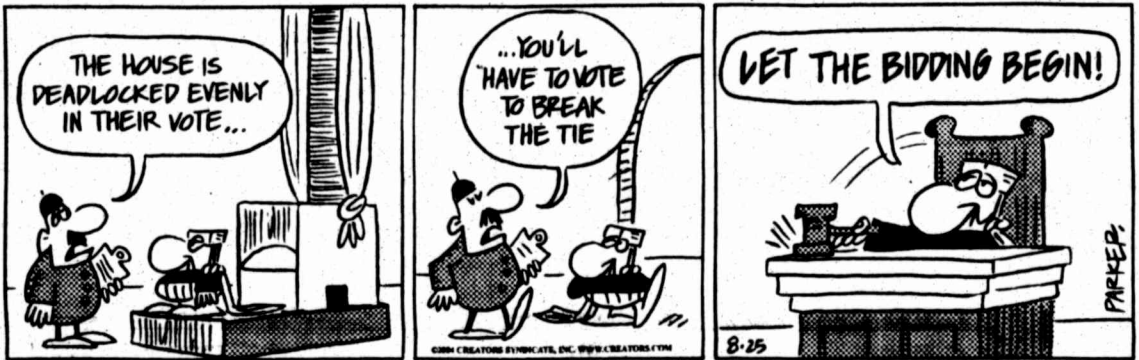
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 25, the 238th day of 2004. There are 128 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 25, 1944, during World War II, Paris was liberated by Allied forces after four years of Nazi occupation.

On this date: In 1825, Uruguay declared independence from Brazil.

In 1875, Capt. Matthew Webb became the first person to swim across the English Channel, getting from Dover, England, to Calais, France, in 22 hours.

In 1916, the National Park Service was established within the Department of the Interior.

In 1921, the United States signed a peace treaty with Germany.

In 1943, U.S. forces over-

ran New Georgia in the Solomon Islands during World War II.

In 1944, Romania declared war on Germany.

In 1950, President Truman ordered the Army to seize control of the nation's railroads to avert a strike.

In 1981, the U.S. spacecraft Voyager II came within 63,000 miles of Saturn's cloud cover, sending back pictures of and data about the ringed planet.

In 1984, author Truman Capote was found dead in a Los Angeles mansion; he was 59.

In 1998, retired Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell died in Richmond, Va., at age 90.

Ten years ago: The Senate passed a \$30 billion crime bill by a 61-38 vote, handing a major victory to President Clinton.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Van Johnson is 88. Actor-producer Mel Ferrer is 87.

Game show host Monty Hall is 83. Actor Sean Connery is 74. Actor Page Johnson is 74. Talk show/game show host Regis,

Philbin is 73. Actor Tom Skerritt is 71. Jazz musician Wayne Shorter is 71.

Movie director Hugh Hudson is 68. Actor David Canary is 66. Movie director John Badham is 65.

Filmmaker Marshall Brickman is 63. Rhythm and blues singer Walter Williams (The O'Jays) is 62.

Actor Anthony Heald is 60. Actress Anne Archer is 57.

Rock singer-actor Gene Simmons is 55. Actor John Savage is 55.

Country singer-musician Henry Paul (Blackhawk) is 55. Rock singer Rob Halford is 53.

Rock singer Elvis Costello is 50. Movie director Tim Burton is 46.

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Newsday Crossword

FROM A TO B by Fred Piscop
Edited by Stanley Newman

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| 15 Junction point | | 26 Brief moment | 52 Ringling employee |
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