

TUESDAY

September 7, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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TONIGHT 55°-57° TOMORROW 80°-82°

BRIEFLY

Cossacks, Legion plan benefit run

The Permian Basin Chapter of the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and American Legion Post 506 will hold a benefit auction and "in-house" poker run for local resident Virginia King, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

The benefit will be held Saturday beginning at noon at the Legion Post, located at 3203 W. Highway 80. Southern fried catfish will be served.

Proceeds from the event will go to help King and her family meet medical and other costs.

For more information concerning the fund-raising event, contact Benny at 432-213-0654.

'The Guys' set on stage Sept. 11

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

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

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West Texas Centers to celebrate Destination Dignity

Awareness luncheon Thursday will honor, inform state legislators

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

A dozen West Texas lawmakers have been invited to attend Thursday's Destination Dignity 2004 luncheon, hosted by West Texas Centers for MHMR at the Dora Roberts Ballroom at Comanche Trail Lake.

The invitation-only luncheon will give the local mental health and mental retardation authority

an opportunity to show legislators the inner workings of the center.

Approximately 125 people are expected to attend, according to public relations director Cindy Smith.

"Many of the Community MHMR Centers host various events during Destination Dignity month to educate the public on mental illness and

mental retardation," West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, said. "We do it not only to honor our friends and neighbors with mental illness or mental retardation, but to also honor the professionals who come to work every day to help build a higher quality of life for people living with mental illness and mental retardation."

Destination Dignity was intro-

duced 12 years ago by the Texas Council of Community Mental Health and Mental Retardation Centers, Inc., a statewide association of the 41 community MHMR centers that offer public MHMR services to every county in Texas.

West Texas Centers for MHMR is the local community mental

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TAKING PLEDGES



Retired Big Spring Fire Department firefighter Dick Dubose, left, and BSFD firefighter and paramedic Chad Pederson answer calls during the annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. Below, the Big Spring MDA Telethon's fund-raising efforts got a boost early on by 6-year-old Lee Karwedsky, who presented telethon host Cliff Voake with a check for more than \$1,000 on behalf of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

HERALD photos/Thomas Jenkins



Public school nurses must have healing hands and loving hearts

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

School nurses are a special kind of breed.

After two to four years of schooling, depending on their degree, these health care professionals dedicate their time, energy and lives to school children.

"Our nurses are dedicated to the health and safety of our students. They truly care about the students and go above and beyond to find resources for them," said Bobby Waldrop, Big Spring Independent School District director of special education and support services.

Glenda Low, the school nurse at both Bauer Magnet School and Washington Elementary, has been with the BSISD for more than 23 years and is convinced the job requires more than just nursing

experience.

"School nurses need not only pediatric and general nursing experience, but a genuine love for the job," said Low.

Most of the children that come to Low's office require general first aid or need to call a parent because of illness, but some come seeking childhood necessities and basic medical care.

"Some students have never seen a doctor, and our school nurses are as close as they get to health care," Waldrop noted.

Because of these kinds of needs, school nurses must be trained in not only CPR and first aid, but also in hearing and vision screening as well as how to conduct spinal

screens.

When looking for school nurses, there are many qualities the school district seeks. "First, they have to love to work with kids," Waldrop said. "They also need to be able to learn on the fly and it's a bonus when they have pediatric and previous school experience."

Nurses give heart to their schools by caring for students.

BSISD employs six school nurses — Leigh Ann Fleming, a registered nurse, works at the high school and Kentwood Elementary; Amanda Gillespie, a licensed vocational nurse, works at the junior high; Linda Gonzales, RN, works with students at Marcy Elementary; Glenda Low, LVN, serves at Bauer Elementary and Washington

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Record budget deficit forecast

Report sure to provide fodder for Democrats and Republicans alike

By ALAN FRAM

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Congressional Budget Office is projecting that this election-year's federal deficit will reach \$422 billion, congressional aides said today, the highest ever, yet a smaller shortfall than analysts predicted earlier this year.

The figure, provided by aides who spoke on condition of anonymity, is sure to provide political fodder for both parties during the remaining two months of the presidential and congressional campaigns.

Democrats plan to cite it as evidence that President Bush's tax and economic policies have been a disaster. Republicans are ready to assert that the numbers show things are improving.

The number was being released later Tuesday in the annual summertime forecast issued by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

The projection by Congress' nonpartisan budget analysts would surpass last year's \$375 billion shortfall, the current record.

When adjusted to erase the effects of inflation, the 2004 projected deficit exceeds the value of every annual shortfall since World War II.

Tuesday's CBO estimate should prove fairly accurate because the federal budget year, which runs through Sept. 30, has less than one month to go. The government is expected to spend about \$2.3 trillion this year, which means it will be borrowing about one of every five dollars it spends.

In a preliminary report in early August, the budget office said it expected this year's shortfall to hit \$422 billion. That was an improvement from its \$477 billion forecast in January, a revision the office attributed mostly to stronger than anticipated revenue collections.

Just last month, the White House forecast a \$445 billion deficit for this year, though administration officials acknowledged the figure could be too high because

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Obituaries

Helen Lee



Helen Lee, 91, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at her home following a two-month illness. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Olive Memorial Park with the Rev. Elwin Colom officiating.

She was born July 22, 1913, in New Providence, Iowa, to Novella Holcomb Wirth and Fred George Wirth. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1948 and had been a life insurance agent for Rio Grande Life Insurance and Kentucky Central Life Insurance. Also, she had worked for Western Auto.

She was a member of the First Christian Church and Rebekah Lodge. She married Delbert E. Lee Aug. 12, 1931, and he preceded her in death Jan. 2, 1975.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Helen Cameron and her husband, Dougald, of San Antonio and Shirley Lee of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Dougald C. Cameron III and his wife, Patricia, of Nashville, Tenn., Paul E. Cameron and his wife, Chong Bin, of San Antonio, and Rachel E. Cameron Chavez of San Antonio; 12 great grandchildren; seven great great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Ray and Cecil Wirth; and three sisters, Marion Johnson, Hazel Fiscus, and Estella Stinocher.

The family would like to thank the staff of Home Hospice for the wonderful care extended to our mother.

The family suggests memorials to Home Hospice, 600 S. Gregg, Big Spring 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Fern Percy



Bonnie Fern Brigance Percy, 83, of Midland died Sept. 4, 2004. Services are set for 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004, in the First United Methodist Church Glass Chapel in Midland, with the Rev. William McReynolds officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She was born June 17, 1921, in Howard County and married Clarence Percy Jr. on Feb. 14, 1940. She was a member of the Daughters of the American

Revolution and of the First United Methodist Church of Midland.

Fern was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, July 23, 1972, and her sister, Mattie Ella "Patty" Watkins.

Fern is survived by her son, Clarence Percy III and wife, Gracie, of Odessa and her daughter, Donna Potter and husband, Terry, of Midland; three granddaughters; one grandson; four great granddaughters and two great grandsons.

Memorials may be directed to the Area Mission Outreach Service, 907 S. Lorraine, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Hwy., Midland 79701, 432-683-5555.

Alan "Ace" Merrick

Alan "Ace" Merrick, 56, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, in a Midland hospital. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Weather

Tonight - Mainly clear skies. Low near 55. Winds NE at 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday - Mainly sunny. High 82. Winds NE at 5 to 10 mph.

Wednesday night - Clear skies. Low 57. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday - More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.

Friday - More sun than clouds. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 16-17-30-32. Bonus Ball: 19.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$625,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 5-14-17-23-32.
Number matching five of five: 2.
Prize per winner: \$16,777.
Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Palestine.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-1-4

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Sheriff's report

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

- **RICKY WAYNE WASHBURN**, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault/family violence.
- **CALEB ROBERTSON**, 27, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of bondsman off of bond for possession of a controlled substance.
- **KIMBERLY M. BRETZ**, 31, was transferred to the county jail on Friday by the BSPD on charges of driving while license suspended.
- **FRANKLIN EUGENE RODGERS**, 20, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on charges of burglary of a habitation.
- **GARY D. THIGPEN**, 25, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on an attorney general warrant.
- **PHILLIP BRAD CHANDLER**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on charges of unauthorized use of motor vehicle and fugitive warrant.
- **ROBERT JOHN KRIEGER**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.
- **RAWSIE DANELL GAMEL**, 47, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear, "delinquent conduct."
- **COURTNEY FELICIA AUSBIE**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated robbery.
- **JIMMY RAY WILLIS JR.**, 34, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of motion to revoke probation/driving while license suspended.
- **BRENT NEWTON FAGLIE**, 35, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.
- **CHARLIE WAYNE GAMEL**, 45, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of motion to revoke probation.
- **FIDENCIO RODRIGUEZ JR.**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by DPS on a second charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **JAMIE LEONEL SOLIS**, 33, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication with an open container.
- **ROBERT KEITH PARNELL**, 19, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana.
- **ROCKY LEE RODRIGUEZ**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury, family violence and unlawful restraint.
- **LEROY ELMER DOLLEY**, 35, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **BRANDON JOE ROBINSON**, 18, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of motion to revoke probation for burglary of a vehicle.
- **ELI JOHNATHAN FLORES**, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by DPS on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **HENRY CLAY HERNANDEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by DPS on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **JOEL RODRIGUEZ**, 34, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated, second offense.
- **DOMINGO LUIS RODRIGUEZ**, 59, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **TIMOTHY GLENN BRETZ**, 33, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of driving while license suspended, contempt of court and disobedience of court order.
- **TIMOTHY J. CRAWFORD**, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **CONNIE BOOTH**, 30, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **ALICE RIOS GUZMAN**, 31, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.
- **EAN CHARLES COOK**, 28, was transferred to the county jail Monday by DPS on charges of no driver's license and speeding.
- **GENE HERNANDEZ**, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest detention and resisting arrest.
- **LUCAS JUSTIN AGUILAR**, 19, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.

Bulletin board

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

- TODAY**
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.
 - First Tuesday Women's Ministry Craft Night at East Fourth Street Baptist Church meets from 5-9 p.m. Open to all women. Call 267-2291.
 - Special information meeting concerning bees infesting Martin County and surrounding areas is set for 7 p.m. in the Stanton High School auditorium. The public is invited to this free event.
 - VFW Post 2013 meets at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.
 - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. in the clubhouse on the Andrews Highway.
 - Alzheimer's Association, the Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room, 500 S. Main.
 - Gospel Singing in the Kentwood Activity Center at 7 p.m. with special guest singers from Midland and Colorado City. Everyone is welcome.
 - Concerned Citizens for Big Spring meets at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
 - Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
 - Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
 - Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
 - Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
 - Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
 - Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

- THURSDAY**
- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.

Police blotter

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

- **DARRIN LEE WEBB**, 33, of 1203 E. 13th Street, was arrested Monday on charges of violating a protective order.
- **DONNY JUAREZ**, 21, of 634 Caylor, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CONNIE SOLLEY WEBB**, 30, of 2524 Albrook, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while intoxicated.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
 - in the 3700 block of Calvin.
 - in the 3600 block of Dixon.
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 - in the 3800 block of Dixon.
 - in the 3600 block of Hamilton.
 - in the 3800 block of Hamilton.
- **THEFT** was reported:
 - in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
 - in the 1700 block of FM 700.
 - in the 1200 block of Third Street.
- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 200 block of North Johnson.
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported in the 700 block of Second Street.
- **EMERGENCY COMMITMENT** was reported in the 700 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- **ASSAULT** was reported in the 500 block of S. Fifth Street.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 186 mile marker of eastbound Interstate Highway 20.
- **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 1200 block of Third Street.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 2200 block of Cecilia.

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Local groups are the future of the music industry

Are we stuck in a sonic time warp? That's the question I have to ask myself these days when it comes to music. Unless you turn to the Internet or have one heckuva radio antenna, it seems like West Texas is stuck in some strange, Twilight Zone-time-line that keeps regurgitating the same music and musical styles over and over again.



THOMAS JENKINS

I know I'll be criticized heavily for asking this, but isn't anyone in Big Spring, or the Permian Basin for that matter, even a little tired of classic rock? Don't get me wrong — being a musician myself, I grew up with a healthy love and respect for the classics. What guitarist doesn't love Stevie Ray Vaughn, Eric Clapton or Jeff Beck?

Just like every rock guitarist before me, I sat in my room for hours playing "Stairway to Heaven" or "Dust in the Wind" over and over, trying to pick up the various riffs and licks of those classic songs. My first new guitar was even a Gibson SG, which I styled and modified in the image of Angus Young's (AC-DC) historic axe.

But what about today?

Aren't the classics of tomorrow being written and released today?

I can't tell you how many times the band I play with, Big Spring based Rustic Circle, has played shows in West Texas and faced several unavoidable elements. The first, and probably the most disheartening, is the guy that stands in the back of the venue and between ever song yelling, "Play some Skynyrd!"

Just like every band, especially those formed in the south, we've played our share of Lynyrd Skynyrd — not to mention Led Zeppelin, Clapton and every other major musical influence. We've played our cover songs, and while it was a great learning experience none of us would trade for anything, it's time to move on.

During the Fantastic Fourth Festival Battle of the Bands held in July, it was pretty apparent we're still stuck in that time warp I mentioned. When bands did classic songs that most people, whether they were raised in the wild or under a West Texas rock, knew the words to, the crowds really got into the show. They cheered and sang along — some people even danced.

When the same bands, which had seemingly endeared themselves to the crowd, played their original material, however, there was a very distinct change. You could see people walking away

from the stage, turning around to talk to friends and family — basically ignoring the band and their music.

Even if you manage to forget the fact that these bands have put countless hours into writing their own songs, a challenge a cover band will never have to face... if you forget the hours of effort that went into practicing the songs... even if you forget that these artists are struggling to make a name for themselves, you can't forget one thing — they are from Big Spring and the future of the music industry.

Shouldn't we get more excited about a band that's sharing something they've written than one that's simply playing their rendition of something someone else wrote?

In cities like Austin, Dallas, Houston and Columbia, S.C., cover bands only get the bottom of the barrels when it comes to venues and gigs. They're underpaid, overworked and not well respected. When most promoters and club owners in cities such as these hear that a band only plays covers, they're simply not interested. They're looking for hot, new talent — the kind of music that's going to change things. The kind of music you'll probably hear on a major radio station in the near future.

If the struggle I've described sounds familiar in West Texas, it

exists — but in a very different light.

In most West Texas cities, including Big Spring, it's very hard almost impossible at times — for original material bands to find gigs. And when they do find them, there's always that guy in the back, ready to break the spirit of something special and new.

Bands like Crimson Soul and Sour Hand, local bands with their own sounds and songs, are the future of music, whether or not people in Big Spring choose to accept it. In a recent conversation with a fellow writer at the *Herald*, I was told, "all of the bands today just sound the same."

While that just sounds completely insane to me (try telling me Slipknot sounds just like Audioslave and watch me laugh until I cry), it's a sentiment I've heard more than once. It makes me wonder if those people really listened to more than one new band, and did they already have their mind made up ahead of time?

Classic rock is great. It's the bedrock upon which the bands today have based their sounds and styles. But how many times can we hear "Back in Black" before it becomes nothing more than a battle cry for our youth — before it becomes a memory, not music.

It's hard to get your hands on new music in

Big Spring, and I don't deny that. The only rock radio station we have is classic rock, and while KBST is up in front when it comes to new country music, anyone wanting to hear today's rock music has to tune in Midland-Odessa, Lubbock or Abilene. Thanks to technology, however, availability is nothing more than a flimsy excuse.

There are thousands of Internet radio stations you can tune in with any number of jukebox or audio player programs. Real Player (www.real.com), Music Match (www.music.match.com) and the old standby, Windows Media Player all feature free net radio of some type. You can check out stations manned by large companies, or you can surf through some of the user stations, which are run by net users who want to share their favorite bands.

I got the chance to talk to Josey Scott, lead vocalist for the up and coming band Saliva, back in October of 2003. One of the most down-to-earth musicians I've ever met, Josey said something very profound. He told me that if the public doesn't support its local artists — the bands trying to make it at local venues as well as the kids in Mom and Dad's garage — they will simply move on to somewhere where they are appreciated.

I hear a lot of talk

about the need to keep local talent, especially that of our younger generation, in Big Spring. Does music come into play when considering this? Of course it does.

Being from South Carolina and having spent a great deal of time in Columbia, I know all of the Hootie and the Blowfish jokes. I had the unique chance to see them long before they made it big, and it makes me proud that a band from my hometown made it. Do you think they would have succeeded there if the public hadn't supported them and encouraged them? Not likely. We'd probably be talking about Hootie and the Blowfish, from Charlotte or Atlanta.

So the next time you find yourself in a position to hear a new band playing their own material, do yourself a favor and listen. Even if you don't particularly care for the type of music they're playing, have enough respect for someone willing to get up on a stage and give it their best and listen. Encourage them. Like it or not, they are the future of the music industry.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Emma "Daisy" Lamar Lee, 95, died Sunday. Graveside Services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Hattie Gladys Hudgins, 78, died Saturday. Her body will be in state Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside Services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Trinity Memorial Park.

LUNCHEON

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health and mental retardation agency for 23 counties in rural West Texas.

Legislators will be given information on the center and its needs for the next biennium, Cindy Smith said. But the luncheon has a two-fold purpose.

"The luncheon is not only an information-sharing session, but

we also chose to take this opportunity to thank our state leaders for their efforts as they proudly represent the citizens of West Texas," she said.

Twelve state senators and representatives are scheduled to attend the luncheon, as are four CEOs from surrounding MHMR centers in the Panhandle and West Texas.

The first-ever Clyde J. Alsup Community Star Awards will be presented by Shelley Smith and Alsup's widow, Evelyn Alsup, to

members of the community who are responsible for the center's successful operations, Shelley Smith said.

"Clyde was so instrumental in building the Center and deeply believed in our mission and our success," Shelley Smith said. "He also was an integral part of the community and was well-respected by all. We wanted to honor him by naming the Community Star awards after him."

West Texas Centers will pre-

sent awards in three categories: media, community service and volunteer.

The nine-member volunteer board of trustees which governs West Texas Centers also will be recognized.

"We support 'Destination Dignity' and wanted to do our part to recognize our staff, our communities and our Legislators for everything they do to help us achieve our mission in building a higher quality of life for those we serve."



I LOVE LIVING IN A TREE

When I was first born, it was in the springtime. I didn't know what I was. I was a little red thing on a tree branch. I wondered, "What am I? Do you remember seeing me?"



Then, as I got a little older, I turned bright green. I loved that color. I was shiny and much bigger then. I lived in the very tip-top of a big tree. A squirrel and his family built a big squirrel nest right beside me. It was really funny watching those squirrels scampering back and forth. They were gathering nuts for the winter that would surely come. I didn't know anything about winter way back then! The squirrels would go out each morning and gather the nuts. Sometimes they would find more than they could carry and then they

would stuff them in their cheeks. That was another funny thing to see. The little baby squirrel would try to carry as many nuts as his parents, but he couldn't get his little mouth to open far enough. So he could only carry one at a time! But he was trying very hard!

One day I heard the squirrels talking. The father squirrel said to the mother squirrel, "Well, it is about time for winter to come and we are ready. We have our squirrel nest completely full of nuts! We will know when winter comes because when it does, that leaf will change colors!" When the father squirrel said the word, "Leaf", he was pointing right at me. So, that is what I am, a leaf! Did you see me when I was bright and shiny and green?

One day, another family came to visit me. It was a family of bluebirds. They built a nest just under me. They were fun to watch, too. I watched as the father and mother bluebird brought twigs one at a time and slowly built that nest. With both of them working together, it didn't take very long. It was a very nice nest! I loved listening to the bluebirds fill the treetops with their songs. I would sway back and forth with the breeze when they sang. The breeze seemed to love their songs, too.

The hot summer had come and was leaving now. It was getting cooler and cooler each morning. Then one morning, it was really cold. I didn't know what was happening!

I saw the squirrel and his family go into their nest as if they were never coming out again!

I saw the bluebird and his family leaving their home as if they were never coming back. What is wrong? Are they mad at me? I hope that they are not all mad at me!

I didn't know at the time that the squirrels were settling in for the cold weather that was coming soon. I didn't know that the bluebirds were going farther south where it is much warmer. But, I am all alone!

I woke up one morning and the ground was very white. Nothing looked right to me. It was frost! Oh yes, old Jack Frost!

Old Jack Frost said to me, "Don't be afraid, I am here because Mother Nature sent me. I come every year! I do a lot of good things while I am here. Do you remember last spring when you were just a little red thing on a tree branch? Well, I am the one that helped you become that little red thing. You won't be able to remember it, but I was here the year before that and the year before that! And I will be here every year forever and ever! And I will help you each time I come!"

For some reason, I am not afraid anymore. I would like to be a little red thing on a tree branch again. I would like to become a big green leaf and watch the squirrels and the birds build nests next to me again, which they will surely do!

I am turning brown now! I feel myself letting go of the tree that I called home for so long. The tree seems sad that I am leaving, too! But don't worry, tree, for I will come back in the spring and I will help you be pretty once again!

But don't you feel sad for me. For I will be back in the spring, I promise. Do you promise to look for me?

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OUR VIEWS

Forsan ISD residents
don't forget to vote
in this key election

Residents within the Forsan Independent School District have a choice to make this week — do they want to fund improvements to their school campuses to the tune of \$4.9 million? Support for the bond issue is seemingly widespread, but the test will be Saturday, election day.

In brief, the funds are being sought for major renovations and repairs at both the elementary and high school/junior high campuses. Administrators say the multi-million dollar election would finance the construction of an athletic facility and baseball and softball area which would allow the district to offer both programs. Academically, the bonds would finance remodeling of a science lab and auditorium. In addition, funds would be used for new air-conditioning units and the installation of carpeting. On top of that, officials want to address some safety concerns, such as creating a road behind Elbow Elementary for the dropping off and picking up of students.

It's a pretty complex package, and one that no doubt would prove beneficial to students and educators. The question is, of course, is it worth it?

That's for Forsan ISD residents to decide. Early voting, by the way, ends at 4 p.m. today in the FISD administration office, so there may still be time to dash down there if you are planning to be away this weekend.

Regardless, we at the *Herald* encourage everyone who is eligible to vote in this election to cast a ballot. The future of your school — some would say the entire community — may well be at stake. It's not time to sit on the sidelines and watch.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

The importance of you being in our life, Lord, is overwhelming.

Amen

A tale of two cities: Boston and New York

The Bushies have decided to use the Republican National Convention in New York to spotlight

George W. Bush as a solid, regular guy. They saw that Boston didn't get the Democrats a post-convention bounce in the polls. They want a bounce.

My theory: An unexpected consequence of the "John Kerry, reporting for duty" confab is that voters got sick of hearing about how great John Kerry is. They wanted to hear more ideas. They wanted to hear more about America's future (not Kerry's past) and what Kerry could do for them.

Instead, they heard: Vote for John Kerry, he's better than you are.

This is how the Republican and Democratic national conventions differ:

Boston: America meets Teresa Heinz Kerry. John and Teresa's paths crossed because her late husband was a Republican senator. After she became a widow, the two bonded at 1992's Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.

New York: Laura Bush had a less complicated and very American love story. She told the nation Tuesday that she met her husband "at a backyard barbecue in Midland, Texas, and married three months later."

Boston: Delegates did not warm to Heinz Kerry. No surprise. Looks-wise, there was a huge gulf between the would-be first lady and delegates of a certain age and income. I suspect some Democrats thought it wasn't natural for a woman in her mid-60s to look like Teresa Heinz Kerry.

New York: While many pundits panned Laura Bush, GOP delegates hung on her every word. They were so attentive that you could hear a cell phone ring on the convention floor. (A rarity, I assure you.)

Boston: Democrats were better dancers than the rhythm-challenged GOP delegates. No question about it.

New York: The Repubs, overall, dress better than the ruffled Dem delegates. It's not that the Repubs are stylish — they just respected the event enough to wear pressed clothes.

Boston: Delegates cheered video vignettes that saluted Republicans who plan to vote for Kerry. They admired the Republicans' independence on principle.

New York: Delegates cheered Democratic Sen. Zell Miller of Georgia, who plans to vote for Bush. They admired Miller's independence on principle.

Boston: Even though Boston's Democratic Mayor Thomas Menino sharply limited where activists could demonstrate, protesters were low key — they behaved as if they did not want to step on the Kerry message. There were fewer than 10 arrests.

New York: New York's Republican Mayor Michael Bloomberg offered protesters more venues. Activists responded by trespassing, yelling at — even spitting on — conventioners and attempting to block roads; they had few scruples about stepping on other people's rights. The number of arrests was 970, as of my deadline.

Boston: Rich Dems bashed the rich.

New York: Rich Repubs bashed "economic girlie-men."

Boston: Kerry running mate John Edwards returned to his primary campaign theme of the "Two

Americas" — invoking the Democratic mantra of rich vs. poor, black vs. white, citizen vs. immigrant.

New York: Wrong, chided California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger Tuesday night. The poor-immigrant-turned-governor noted that he has met U.S. troops fighting abroad and "They believe there is one America, and they're fighting for it."

Boston: Vietnam.

New York: Sept. 11, 2001.

Boston: Kerry talked about Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona as if McCain's good name could rub off.

New York: McCain talked at the RNC. And he wants four more years of Bush.

Boston: Top Dems, like former President Clinton, praised Kerry for being better than they are because Kerry volunteered for combat duty in Vietnam, when they avoided service.

New York: In his Monday night speech, McCain, a former POW, never mentioned Vietnam.

Boston: Kerry daughters Alexandra and Vanessa delivered serious, politically astute speeches. They, of course, spoke at length about Kerry the hero, who even once saved the life of the family's pet hamster, Licorice.

New York: Bush daughters Jenna and Barbara told flat jokes, eschewed partisan issues and also had a hamster. The big dif, said Barbara, "Let's just say, ours didn't make it."

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Inside report: Cheney's applause

Republican convention planners, fearing that Dick Cheney would not be interrupted enough times on Wednesday night to stretch out his relatively brief prepared remarks, underestimated the vice president's popularity with the party faithful.

Because Cheney's uninterrupted text ran only 16 minutes, his staff hoped for at least 25 applause interruptions to stretch out the length of his appearance. In fact, the Madison Square Garden audience applauded, cheered or hooted to stop him 59 times, which extended his performance to 32 minutes.

A footnote: In a convention bereft of hard news, the rumor of the week swept Manhattan Tuesday when well-placed Republicans repeated a report that Cheney would be replaced as vice president at the last moment by Sen. John McCain. Such a shift would not have sat well with the assembled delegates, but the rumor was totally baseless.

The poorly received convention speech of the Bush twins, Barbara and Jenna, Tuesday night was blamed by insiders on the influence and bad judgment of Andrea Ball, chief of staff to Laura Bush. President Bush's staffers regard Ball and her subordinates as the weak link in the White House. They have considered the first lady's operation as a disaster waiting to happen, and it happened

when Ball cleared the twins' inappropriate speech.

Bush insiders say that this is one area where even Karl Rove, the president's powerful adviser, fears to tread. They contend Rove could not have reversed Andy Ball's judgment on what the twins said.

Conservative leader Phyllis Schlafly responded to a conciliatory gesture by Sen. Bill Frist by gently suggesting that he should be as tough in his day job as Senate majority leader as he was in chairing the platform committee at the Republican National Convention.

Schlafly had grumbled that Frist acted like an old-fashioned Soviet Communist in blocking her efforts to modify the immigration and stem-cell research planks. After the platform was wrapped up, Frist approached her to make some friendly remarks. Schlafly responded, with a smile: "I have only one question. Why can't you run the Senate this way?" Frist has been criticized for not being more effective as majority leader.

A footnote: Frist's management of the platform was regarded in Republican circles as the launch of his campaign for the 2008 presidential nomination. While he faithfully executed the White House's wishes, he did not get high marks from many Platform Committee members.

In two of the few platform demands agreed to by the White House, the names of Democratic icons Franklin D. Roosevelt and Lyndon B. Johnson were eliminated from the final version of the

Republican manifesto.

The early platform draft drew criticism for praising the Sarbanes-Oxley Act as "the most far-reaching reform of American business practices since Franklin Roosevelt." This was changed to "since the 1940s."

What really enraged conservatives was the education plank taking credit for the "highest percentage gain (in education spending) since Lyndon Johnson." This was changed to "since the 1960s."

George W. Bush's political managers were relieved Tuesday when former HUD Secretary Mel Martinez easily defeated former Rep. Bill McCollum for the Senate Republican nomination in Florida.

The fear in the Bush camp was that the defeat of Martinez, who emigrated from Cuba as a small boy, would have depressed the Cuban-American vote that is needed by George W. Bush to win Florida's essential electoral votes. The White House recruited Martinez to run against McCollum, who lost a 2000 Senate bid.

A footnote: Some McCollum backers, still angry over Martinez's tough primary campaign, are not reconciled to his nomination. That confirms Democrat Betty Castor, the former state education commissioner, as the early favorite to retain the Senate seat now held by retiring Democratic Sen. Bob Graham.

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Two peas in a pod forge close bonds of sisterhood

My sister and I are two peas in a pod.

We're both equally as apt to wear mismatched shoes to town as we are to put our clothes on wrongside out.

We lock our keys in our car, (or at least think we do), run out of gas, misplace important items like airline and hotel vouchers, leave one roller in the back of our hair and sometimes wear our mu-muu's out in public.

We pack our suitcases, then leave them at home. (Wives, it's a great way to get a new wardrobe.)

My sis can RSVP for a family reunion, drive 4

hours one way only to find out she left on the wrong day and missed the whole thing.

We both balk when the driver's license officers take those humiliating pictures and then have the NERVE to ask us to divulge our weight.

Our throats constrict and our lips snap shut as if superglued.

We love mystic tanning and chick flicks. Chocolate is our biggest weakness and weight gain our biggest fear.

One of us (I won't say who) has even mistakenly worn a pair of black pantyhose wrapped around the neck, thinking it was a scarf.

We've brought embarrassment to new levels.

Granted, we may not look smashing in spandex neck warmers, but we do know how to have fun.

We love trying on clothes, getting manicures and pedicures, shopping for shoes and finding a bargain.

Though 600 miles apart, we invariably end up with the same style of purse.

Although she doesn't always know her correct cell phone number, we've managed to keep in touch.

As siblings go, we've had our share of disagreements, but the sisterly bonds of love and affection have far outweighed any pettiness.

For us, family is everything.

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

Her column appears in Tuesday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.



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Bluebonnet Books

"Lewis and Clark and Me" by Laurie Myers

Great story based on real adventures

By SETH YARBAR

Special to the Herald

This book is based on the real adventures of Meriwether Lewis, his loyal dog, Seaman and William Clark. I really enjoyed this book. In fact, I wish there were more chapters to read.



SETH YARBAR

"Lewis and Clark and Me" is a book you'll want to read over and over.

This book is mainly about all the things Seaman did while Lewis, Clark and he were out on their adventures to the Pacific Ocean. Their trip was about 3,000 miles.

The author made this

book interesting by letting the dog tell the story and telling what the dog was thinking. Louis' thoughts are included at the end of every chapter.

The author could have made this book better by telling more about Clark and the other men.

This book is like "Hank the Cowdog" because the dogs are narrating, which makes the book more interesting.

In chapter tree, "Bear-dog," the Indians think that Seaman is a bear.

No wonder, Seaman was three times the size of the Indians' dog.

In chapter seven, "Buffalo," a rampaging buffalo, tried to trample all of Lewis' men's tents. The buffalo just barely misses their heads!

That was one of my favorite chapters.

In chapter five, Seaman

swims out to fetch a large beaver for supper. The beaver fights back and injures Seaman.

I give this book a 10 because it gets more and more exciting as you keep reading. This is a non-fiction book.

So if you need to write a history report, you must read this great book, "Lewis and Clark and Me" by Laurie Myers.

Seth Yarbar is a student at Marcy elementary.

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

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They are especially looking for easy-to-read, large print books.

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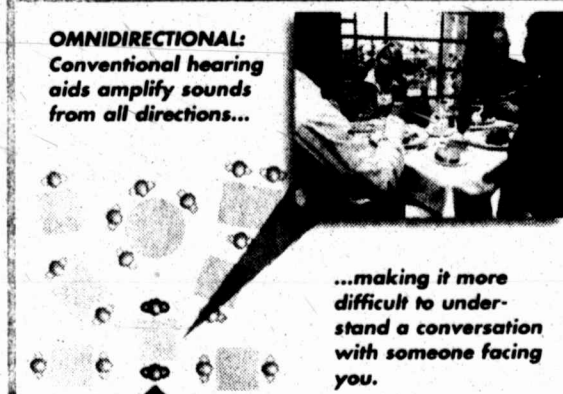
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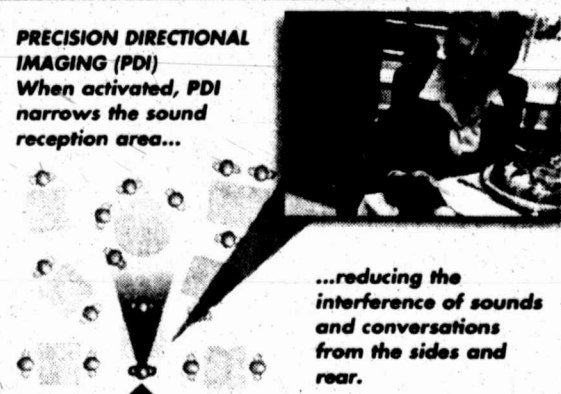
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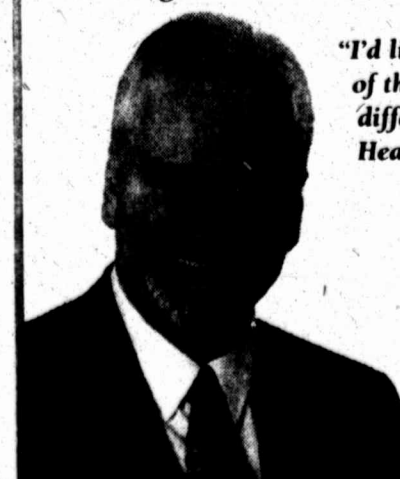
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of overestimates for spending.

After a fleeting four-year return to annual budget surpluses under President Clinton, deficits have returned with a vengeance under Bush.

Republicans who spent the 1980s and 1990s railing against budget shortfalls have argued that fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, battling terrorism and righting the economy are higher priorities.

They also argue that today's deficits are no reason for panic because as a percentage of the overall economy, they are smaller than the largest shortfalls under President Reagan. Many economists consider that ratio the most significant measure of the harm deficits can cause.

Democrats say the shortfalls are forcing policy-makers to restrain spending for schools, domestic security and other priorities, while driving up the government's borrowing costs. And they say deficits have worsened because of the price tag of the tax cuts that Bush and his GOP allies have pushed through Congress.

Whatever the short-term deficits, most analysts agree the budget picture will worsen considerably within the coming decade. That is when the huge baby boom generation will begin relying increasingly on Social Security and Medicare, driving those programs' costs upward.

Fierce clashes between U.S. forces and Shiite militants in Iraq's Sadr City leave at least 34 dead

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces battled insurgents loyal to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City on Tuesday, in clashes that killed 34 people, including one American soldier, and wounded 193, U.S. and Iraqi authorities said.

U.S. tanks moved into the neighborhood and armored personnel carriers and Bradley fighting vehicles were deployed at key intersections. Ambulances with sirens wailing rushed the wounded to hospitals as plumes of black smoke rose into the sky.

Several warplanes flew over the sprawling neighborhood of more than 2 million.

In another part of the Iraqi capital, a roadside bomb targeted the Baghdad governor's convoy, killing two people but leaving him uninjured, the Interior Ministry said. Three of Gov. Ali al-Haidri's bodyguards were also

hurt in the attack Tuesday in the western neighborhood of Hay al-Adel.

The fighting in Sadr City erupted when militants attacked U.S. forces carrying out routine patrols, said U.S. Army Capt. Brian O'Malley.

"We just kept coming under fire," he said. O'Malley said the American soldier was killed by small-arms fire and that several others were wounded.

A senior Health Ministry official, Saad al-Amili, said 33 Iraqis have been killed and 193 injured in the Sadr City clashes in the past 24 hours.

At least 14 Palestinian militants killed in Israeli air strike in Gaza City

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli helicopters attacked a Hamas training field in Gaza City early Tuesday, killing at least 14 militants and wounding 30 others in one of the deadliest air strikes on militants in

four years of violence.

The attack came a week after Hamas suicide bombers blew up two buses in the Israeli city of Beersheba, killing 16 people.

Hamas vowed revenge for Tuesday's air strike. Hours later, Palestinian militants fired rounds of mortars and homemade rockets at Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip and Israeli towns bordering the coastal area. One Israeli in the border town of Sderot was lightly wounded in a rocket attack, rescue officials said.

The army said it struck a field Hamas used to train militants for firing mortars and rockets. In the past month, Hamas assembled a large bomb and a suicide bomber's explosives belt at the training camp, the army added.

In Gaza, children stayed home from school Tuesday and shops remained closed in a sign of mourning. Black smoke billowed over the city as students burned tires at spontaneous demonstrations.

Frances leaves behind flooding and long lines in Florida

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Frances wound up a two-day assault on Florida that pounded both the central part of the state and the Panhandle, leaving storm-weary residents Tuesday with flooding, frayed nerves and shortages of everyday items such as gas, ice and water. At least 10 deaths were blamed on the storm in Florida and Georgia.

About 3 million people had no power in Florida and at least 400,000 more were without electricity in Georgia. Florida officials said Tuesday that power wouldn't be fully restored for a week. The one-time hurricane had weakened to a tropical depression early Tuesday as it moved northward across Georgia at about 10 mph, according to the Hydrometeorological Prediction Center, which took over reporting on the weather system from the National Hurricane

Center.

By midmorning, rain was falling across Georgia and South Carolina, and parts of North Carolina, Alabama, northern Florida, eastern Tennessee and southeastern Kentucky. Up to 8 inches fell on south-central Georgia and a few areas got as much as 10 to 12 inches, the National Weather Service said.

The storm had flooded parts of Tampa, forcing police to close about a mile of a busy thorough-

fare. More than 100 residents of a retirement home were evacuated in wheelchairs as water sloshed against their feet.

"I'm not scared," said Heather Downs, who moved into the home two weeks ago after her apartment was badly damaged by Hurricane Charley. "I've been through a lot."

Residents of the Florida Panhandle withstood the tropical storm's heavy rain and wind of 65 mph that ruined the Labor Day holiday weekend.

Along the Atlantic coast, motorists waited for gasoline in lines stretching for miles, and there was heavy demand for water, ice and basic supplies. About 1,500 people gathered at a Walmart in Palm Beach County, while up the coast in Fort Pierce hundreds of people stood in a line with buckets and ice chests on a sunny, steamy afternoon.

"This has been a long haul," said 64-year-old Duffy, of Fort

Pierce, who searched with her husband for ice and water but drove away from a distribution line with an empty cooler. "It's tested my patience. I'm not a nice person today — I haven't had my coffee."

At a Florida's Turnpike rest stop in West Palm Beach, a five-mile line of motorists waited for fuel. "It took a little while, but I'm glad to be here," said Greg McCourt, who waited an hour to get gas for a trip to Georgia.

NURSES

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Elementary; Karen McCormic, RN, is employed at Moss Elementary; and Karen

Ward, LVN, works at Goliad Elementary.

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

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The Big Spring Area Community Foundation, seeking to make its first grant, is accepting applications now for a \$500 grant. Applicants should state how this money would be spent, some of the more significant projects you or your organization have completed in the past, and agree to show evidence of what this grant produced.

Applications will be received until November 1, 2004 and the grant will be awarded by December 1, 2004. The Grants Committee is composed of the following people, who may be contacted for additional information: Jane Jones (263-3078), Drew Mouton (263-7676), Bobby McDonald (263-1234), Billye McLaughlin (267-5159) and Jerry Worthy (267-1997).

This is the first of many grants that your Community Foundation expects to award for the benefit of this area as the Community increases its understanding and support of the Community Foundation.

The Big Spring Area Community Foundation
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IN BRIEF

C.G.A. announces monthly tournament

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has set up a golf tournament for Sunday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament is the ninth annual Father Delaney tournament, which is in conjunction with Knights of Columbus.

It will be a four person scramble (pick your own team) and teams must be registered by 9:45 a.m. Sunday for the 10 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information, call 267-7977.

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 and drop it off at the athletic office with attention Tana Howard.

For more information, call Howard at 264-5155.

Henin-Hardenne falls, Agassi advances

NEW YORK (AP) — Lindsay Davenport pulled out a 7-5, 6-4 victory in a stirring match against Venus Williams to reach the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open.

She and Amelie Mauresmo both have a chance to replace Henin-Hardenne at No. 1, because of the Belgian's 6-3, 6-2 loss to No. 14 Nadia Petrova.

Henin-Hardenne, who returned from nearly three months off with a viral infection to win an Olympic gold medal, totaled 30 unforced errors.

Another big-name showdown is looming in the men's quarterfinals: Andre Agassi vs. Roger Federer. Agassi advanced Monday with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over pal and occasional practice partner Sargis Sargsian, who was on court for nearly 10 hours in his previous two outings. This one took 90 minutes.

Federer's opponent, No. 16 Andrei Pavel, pulled out with a bad back.

Singh takes over as World's No. 1 golfer

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — Vijay Singh finished his long climb to the top of golf's ultimate leaderboard by beating Woods in a head-to-head matchup, shooting a 69 to win the Deutsche Bank Championship by three strokes and claim Tiger Woods' spot as the top-ranked player in the world.

It was Singh's sixth victory of the year, enough to convince the computers what many have known for months. Woods had had the No. 1 ranking since Aug. 8, 1999.

ON THE AIR

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Harrier teams run wild at Micro-Graphics Invite

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

A trip to the West Texas Micro-Graphics Invitational in Lubbock Saturday resulted in a first and second place finish for the boys and girls cross country team at Big Spring.

Backed by a first and third place finish by sophomores Michael Rodriguez and Chris Martinez, respectively, the boys team captured first overall, while freshman Esther Tobar's seventh place finish led the

girls team to second overall.

The Steers finished with 39 points as a team, which turned out to be 75 points ahead of second place Frenship. Lubbock Monterrey and Lubbock Coronado took third and fourth, respectively.

Rodriguez's winning time was clocked at 16:46, while Martinez crossed

the line in 17:16. Daniel Leos and sophomores Jessie Sanchez and Chris Salazar came across in 10th, 12th and 13th, respectively, and were only separated by 14 seconds.

Sundown took first overall in the girl's team race with 30 points.

The Lady Steers finished in second with 65 points, while Big Spring's

district rival Frenship took third. Frenship was 66 points behind Sundown and 31 points behind Big Spring. Lubbock Monterrey and Lubbock Coronado came in fourth and fifth, respectively.

Tobar crossed the line in the girl's race in 13:28. Freshman Mistie Aguilar and senior Tasha Rios finished back-to-back at 10th and 11th in times of 13:40 and 13:42, respectively.

Sophomore Larissa Rodriguez and senior Patricia Franco rounded out the girls scoring.

Rodriguez came in 16th after running a 14:00 race, while Franco took 21st with a 14:35.

Several runners took part in the junior varsity boy's race, as well.

Jordan Valle won the race in 17:45, while freshman Zack Dawson took second, crossing in 18:02.

Dylan Yarbrough, Mike Salazar and Mark Salazar came across in back-to-back fashion as the three runners were separated by 45 seconds.

Freshman Kevin Porras also ran in the JV race, finishing 11th in 19:57.



TOBAR



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring senior co-captain Kendal Adams sets the ball to a teammate against Midland High last Tuesday. The Lady Steers tied for seventh this weekend at the Seminole Tournament.

Spikers settle for seventh

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

After a fantastic Friday last week where the Big Spring volleyball team amassed three wins at the Seminole Tournament, the Lady Steers ran into trouble Saturday and lost both matches in the gold bracket of the tourney.

The two losses Saturday gave Big Spring a tie for seventh overall.

There were 16 teams participating in the tournament.

The Lady Steers solved their problems with Midland High Friday, but couldn't figure out a way to close out Midland Lee Saturday. Big Spring lost to Lee in three games 25-18, 23-25 and 24-26.

"We just couldn't finish things out," said Big Spring coach Revis Daggett.

The Lady Steers were up 21-14 in game three, but just couldn't come away with the win, added Daggett.

Senior Shannon Higgins led Big Spring with nine kills and 11 set assists, while junior Carmen Lewis added six kills and 20 digs. Junior Raegan Ritchey pitched in nicely, as well, finishing the match with four kills, one

assisted block, two aces and 21 digs.

Senior Stefani Scott finished with five points on five kills. Junior Brenn Swinney and sophomore Katy Abner contributed 32 and 25 digs, respectively, while senior Kendal Adams finished with 15 set assists.

The Lady Steers also got a big lift off the bench from junior Heather Policky, who had a strong service run from her back row position, said Daggett.

Big Spring defeated Hereford Friday afternoon, but ran into trouble with them Saturday, losing in two games by the score of 20-25 and 20-25.

"I just think our wind was taken from our sails after the loss to Midland Lee," said Daggett. "We made some errors and just couldn't close it out."

The team again had problems finishing the games.

Both games were tied at 20-20, but Hereford was able to score the final five points in each game.

"We had some huge wins Friday, but just couldn't get things together Saturday," said Daggett. "The lineup is good and I am pleased with that. I am going to put the girls in drills during practice that will help us come out on top in those situations."

Ritchey led the Lady Steers with 11 points on eight kills, two aces and two assisted blocks. She also had 17 digs.

Abner had a team-high 26 digs. The varsity team is off tonight, but the freshman team will host Sweetwater at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The junior varsity team travels to Lamesa Friday and Saturday, while the varsity and freshman teams travel to Monahan Saturday for two matches against Wink and the host team.

The freshman will play at 12 noon, while the varsity squad challenges Wink and Monahan at 1:15 p.m. and 3:45 p.m., respectively.



RITCHEY

Adams takes over as Howard College AD

Special to the HERALD

Howard College officials have announced that head men's basketball coach Mark Adams will now take over the reigns of athletics director in addition to his coaching duties.

Adams replaces Jim Lewis, who recently resigned the position to pursue other interests.

Adams, a Brownfield native, began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Howard College under former head coach Harold Wilder in 1979.

"Howard College has a long history of successful athletic programs," said Adams. "In my new role as Athletic Director I look forward to working with all of the coaches to continue this success."

Adams was an assistant coach at Howard College from 1979-1981. In addition to his basketball duties Mark also served as Assistant Dean of Students and was a Recruiter for Howard College. His career has taken him to head coach

ing positions at Clarendon College, Wayland Baptist University, West Texas State University and the University of Texas Pan American. Adams was in coaching until 1997.

He soon became General Manager of the Amarillo Rattlers Hockey Club — now the Amarillo Gorillas. Adams left after 1998 to become owner and general manager of the Lubbock Cotton Kings Hockey Club.

In total, Adams has 18 years on the professional level, 16 years as head coach and a record of 298-188 (.613).

"I've known Mark since he first worked here," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks. "I noticed from the very beginning that Mark has a strong work ethic and strives to make a difference in whatever he is involved in. He believes in young people and wants them to accomplish their goals."



ADAMS

Big 12 coaches find job to be 24/7 duty

By DOUG TUCKER

AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Some rely on their wives to tell them what's going on. Some try to watch an all-news channel a few minutes before falling into bed for a few hours of sleep.

But most Big 12 coaches agree that this time of year when jobs are 24/7 propositions, keeping up with things like wars, hurricanes and political campaigns can be tough.

They try, however. It's a subject that hits close to home this week as the third anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks draws near.

At first, the Big 12 office said games that weekend would be played. But when the Pac-10 and NFL canceled their games, the Big 12 decided it would catch too much criticism by not following suit.

"I just remember the shock of it all," said Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops. "(The cancellations) took us out of our normal routine. But it was necessary for all the people who had to deal with the tragedy."

Stoops tries to stay current with events in the real world.

"It's a conscious effort to. I was thinking today, all the hurricanes and all that's happening with the elections, I have to

remind myself not to be so engrossed in what I'm doing — make sure you're reading the front page and check headline news to make sure you're up with what's happening."

Missouri's Gary Pinkel is probably as absorbed with football as any coach in the country this time of year. But he tries to scan the newspapers and spend at least a few minutes watching news channels.

"I always try to keep in touch with what's going on," he said. But my focus is trying to win football games. It's very difficult for me to get my mind off what's important. I wish I could let things go and get more involved.

"I do realize there are things — the war, the suffering in Florida — those are more important than what we do. Nevertheless, we still have a responsibility to win, and that's where my focus is."

Coincidentally, Iowa State is scheduled to play Iowa this Saturday, the same team it was to play after the attacks. Since then, coach Dan McCarney does not find it so difficult to pay attention to news events.

"You can't help but be sensitive to these things," he said. "We live in these small

worlds of football games and football families. But you do an injustice to your football fans and family if you don't."

Texas coach Mack Brown counts on his wife to make sure he's at least partially informed about the world outside his football team.

"My wife keeps me posted when I get home late," he said. "The other thing I do is try to turn on CNN and catch world and national events before I go to bed."

"Other than that, every now and then I turn on the Weather Channel to make sure the hurricanes aren't tearing us up too badly."

Colorado's Gary Barnett also counts on his wife to help.

"Every night when I go home I try to watch the news," Barnett said. "I don't get anything during the day. From 7 in the morning 'til 10 at night, I don't hear anything. But I try to catch up in the evening."

Colorado, more than any other team in the nation, spent the offseason making headlines in the news pages.

A narrow victory over archrival Colorado State on Saturday helped the Buffs put the sex and scandal behind them at least for a while.

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Red-hot Astros continue wild card surge

By JOEL ANDERSON
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The crowd was on its feet, beckoning the latest slugging surprise in the Houston Astros' vaunted offense to re-emerge from the dugout.

Already seated and oblivious to the cheers, Brandon Backe didn't stir from his daze until his teammates nudged him back outside.

"I was just excited thinking about the home run," said the 26-year-old pitcher, who was making only his fourth career start.

Backe hit his first career homer, a two-run shot, and allowed one run in seven innings to keep the Astros in the thick of

the NL wild-card chase with an 11-5 win over the Cincinnati Reds Monday — their season-high 10th straight victory.

Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent also homered for Houston, on its longest win streak in five years. The Astros have won 18 of 21 since Aug. 15, the best record in the majors during that stretch.

The Astros closed with in a game of NL wild-card leaders Chicago and San Francisco. Houston, a season-high 11 games over .500 at 74-63, hasn't been within striking range of the Cubs and Giants in more than three months.

"They are not missing anything at the plate," Reds manager Dave Miley

said.

Backe (3-2) virtually shut down the Reds after giving up three hits and a run-scoring single to D'Angelo Jimenez in the first. He gave up only four singles from there, finishing with a career-high eight strikeouts and a walk.

But it was Backe's performance at the plate that was the biggest surprise.

Backe went 2-for-2 with a walk, including the two-run shot in the fourth that gave Houston a 5-1 lead.

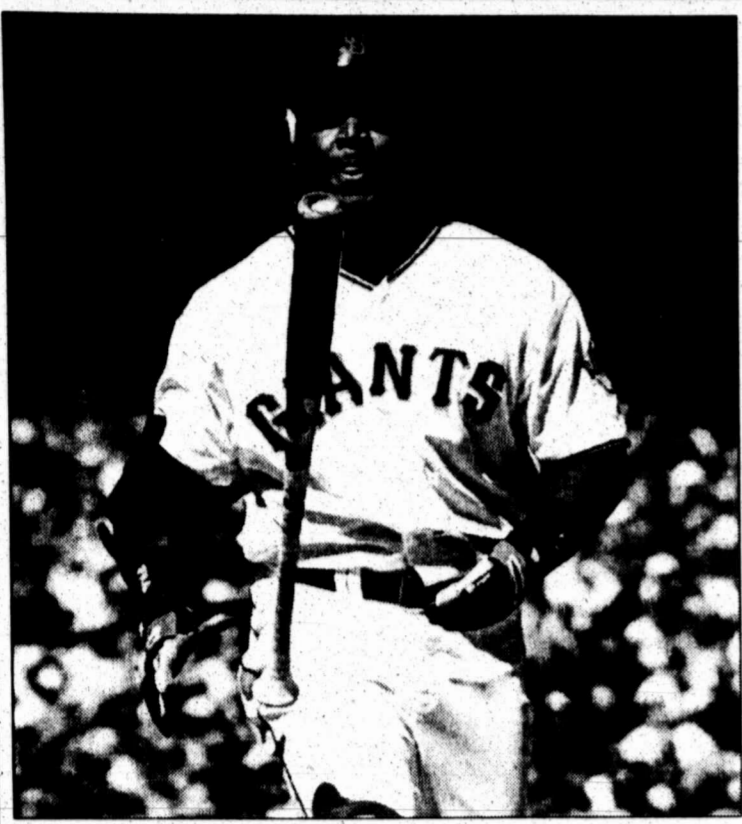
"It was my big dream to be a hitter in the major leagues," said Backe, who was drafted by Tampa Bay in 1998 as a second baseman. "I never thought I'd be a pitcher.

My hitting skills are still there, I practice all the time behind closed doors."

The crowd of 40,581 gave Backe a standing ovation as rounded the bases and didn't stop the cheers until he came out from the dugout to doff his cap. It was the first homer by an Astros pitcher since Ron Villone did it against the Reds on Aug. 15, 2003.

"I asked (manager Phil) Garner, 'Did we just win the World Series or what?'" Berkman said.

Said catcher Brad Ausmus: "I just wanted to make sure he didn't get too full of himself after that home run. I've played for over 11 years and I've never had a curtain call."



KRT photo/Bob Pepping, Contra Costa Times
It was another frustrating day for Barry Bonds who went 1 for 2 with two walks, one intentional, during his team's game with Arizona Sunday at SBC Park in San Francisco.

Rangers drop close one to Chi-Sox, have climb to postseason

ARLINGTON (AP) — The Chicago White Sox face long odds, but they're not ready to concede the AL Central title to the Minnesota Twins just yet.

Carl Everett homered and the White Sox took advantage of Texas' season-high five errors in a 7-4 victory over the fading Rangers Monday. The White Sox won their fourth straight to move 7 1/2 games behind the first-place Twins.

"We're trying to put together some wins and finish on a strong note," White Sox first baseman Paul Konerko said. "We're not out of it, but I'd be hesitant to say we're in it, either — not 7 1/2 out."

Chicago has six games left against Minnesota, three at the end of a 10-game road trip that began Monday.

"We've got to be around four or five back going into Minnesota," Konerko said. "But we're playing better."

In the first two innings, White Sox starter Jason Grilli (1-1) allowed three hits, walked three, committed an error and threw two wild pitches.

But the Rangers were only able to come up with one run during that stretch as they lost for the seventh time in eight games.

Grilli, who earned his first major league win since April 20, 2001, for the Florida Marlins, gave up three runs and eight hits in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out three and walked three.

"I definitely don't want to start off in a hole," Grilli said. "The positive thing was that I battled through it. I was just trying to minimize the damage. To get out of that situation with one run, that's what I'm trying to do — to keep the team in the ballgame."

Shingo Takatsu got two outs for his 17th save in 18 chances.

Michael Young homered for the fourth time in his last three games for Texas.

David Dellucci and Kevin Mench also homered for the Rangers, opening a seven-game homestand after a 1-5 road trip.

Second baseman Alfonso Soriano and starter Chan Ho Park (3-5) had two errors each, and catcher Rod Barajas had

one for the Rangers. It was the Rangers' most errors in a game since they had five on Aug. 22, 1998.

"This is the time of year when the guys in this clubhouse need to look at themselves in the mirror and find out what's wrong," said Young, batting .333 with five homers and 11 RBIs during his nine-game hitting streak.

Park allowed seven runs — five earned — and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Grilli got out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the first inning.

He had one walk, two wild pitches and failed to field an easy grounder for an error, but worked out of trouble when he got Soriano to ground into a forceout at the plate and then retired Mench on a pop up.

Grilli walked Hank Blalock with the bases loaded in the second for the game's first run.

The White Sox took a 2-1 lead in the fourth. One run scored when Konerko grounded into a double play and Everett followed with his solo homer.

Young tied it at 2 in the fourth with his 19th homer.

But three Rangers errors in the fifth set up the White Sox for a two-run inning and a 4-2 lead.

Dellucci's solo homer in the sixth pulled Texas within 4-3.

Chicago had runners on first and third in the seventh when Park made another throwing error. Park faked to first and threw to third, where the ball beat Harris, but the throw was wild and Harris scored.

Konerko's RBI single later in the seventh chased Park, and Jose Valentin's RBI double off Ron Mahay made it 7-3.

Mench's 19th homer in the seventh cut the deficit to 7-4.

Soriano, who has 22 errors and went 1-for-5 with two strikeouts, was booed when he came to the plate in the seventh. He had the seventh two-error game of his career, the third this season.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON
The morning brings a torrent of activity, but it's exceedingly fun. You could find yourself saying "yes" to more responsibility since the first wave was no big deal. Friends are a valuable resource to business, and the reverse is also true. Bosses, beware: Many call in sick today as the moon shifts from fun-loving Gemini into home-loving Cancer.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Play to win! If you make the sale (and this is especially true if you're "selling" yourself), then your bank account reflects a new level of affluence by this time next month. In general, be gentler with others than you are with yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The less you try to impress, the more you succeed. Stop worrying what someone thinks of you, and just ask. For many of you, an ex returns. Alimony payments and financial obligations are reduced through better communication.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're gracious even when you don't feel like being gracious. As a direct result, good things happen for you down the line. It will mean more because you had to wait. You'd do well to have a little more faith.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Constant interruptions keep you from being

as productive as you would like. But your relationships are the true value in your life. Do what it takes to connect. Visit, and share all that you'd like to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Progress in love is linked to tough choices. But you are brave and ready to do what it takes. Rely on your instincts. Negotiation and renegotiations are favored. Better arrangements are had with very little effort.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). True friendship — one of your specialties — brings financial opportunities. Be consistent; those around you are reassured by dependability. Hidden costs are discovered. Rectify this now, and you'll save hundreds in the long run.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Keep trying to connect with that person who is hard to reach. This one has a dire need for help, acknowledgment and love (don't we all?). But it takes a special person (like you) to respond to the needs of others under these stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Now that you're resilient about the changes you want to make in your life, it's a perfect time to share your dreams and goals. If you can get

someone to keep you accountable for what you said you would do, you'll stay ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Cut yourself some slack. Your every move is not being evaluated — that is, except by you. Prospective romantic companions will come on strong. You'll make headway with your creative project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Each contact you make with another person gives you a chance to test out your social skills. Perfecting these will help you go far in any area of life on which you focus. Asking in the right way brings instant results.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In order to create success in your financial realm, you must first believe it can be done. Lately, you've been thinking a little too small. Be open to more input, especially from the people you don't think will be helpful.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This is the perfect day to shape up your ideas into something viable. This is best done on paper — you'll see the errors and illogical aspects of your plan and be able to fix them before you even embark.

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My friend, "Michele," thinks nothing of making out with her boyfriend, "Eddie," in front of people. They baby-talk and giggle, hug passionately and kiss constantly, while the rest of us sit there in uncomfortable silence. Michele thinks if you don't like it, tough.
Mind you, these two are in their early 40s and old enough to know better. I'm by no means a prude, but I certainly don't want to see such intimate behavior at the dinner table. It's rude, disrespectful and pretty gross.
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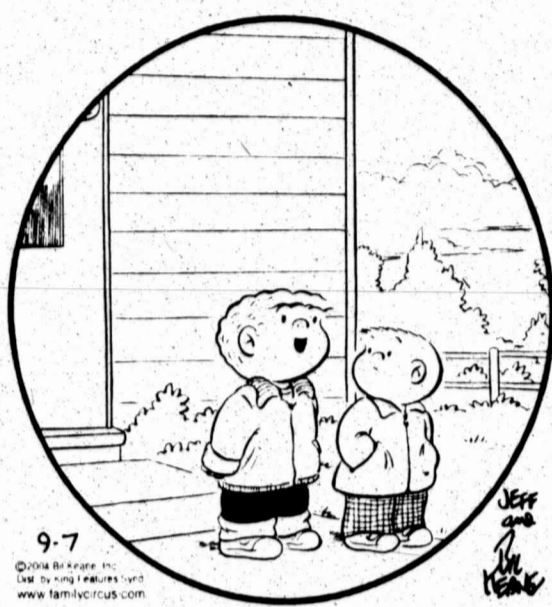
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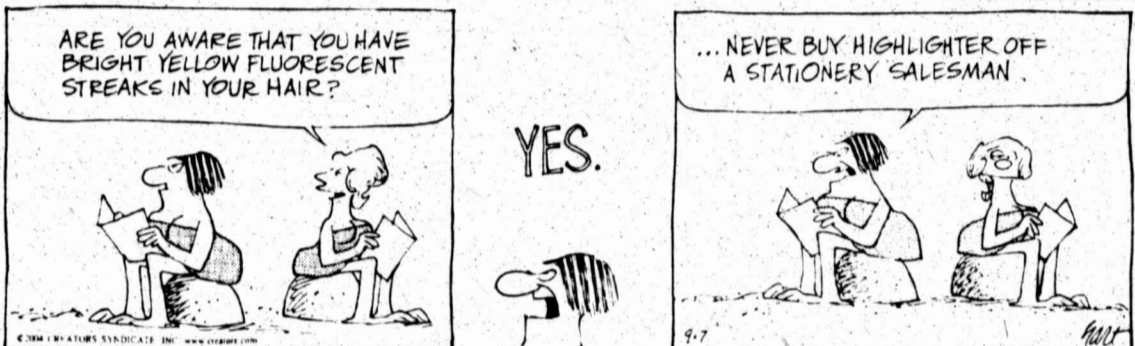
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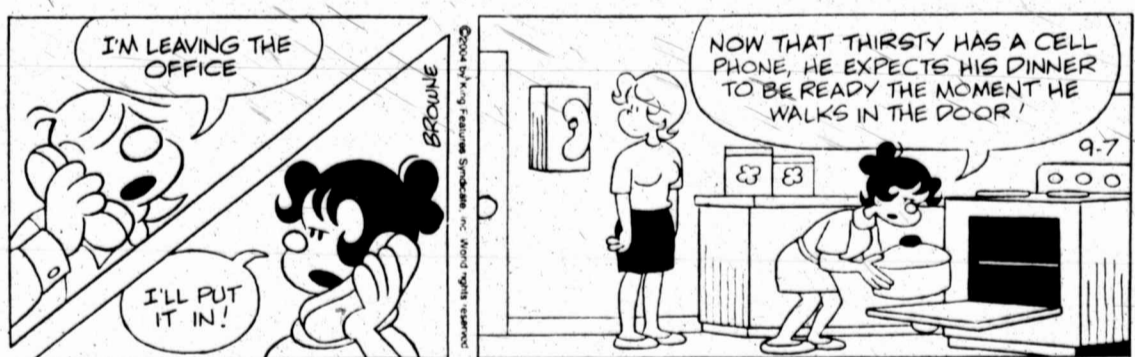
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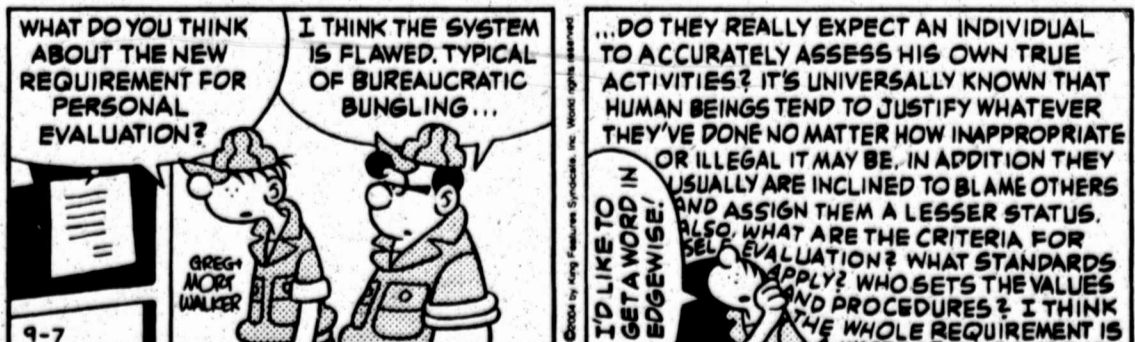
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 7, the 251st day of 2004. There are 115 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: Twenty-five years ago, on Sept. 7, 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network, ESPN, made its debut. On this date: In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House. In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China. In 1936, rock legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas. In 1940, Nazi Germany began its initial blitz on London during World War II.

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio. In 1969, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen died in Washington, D.C. In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the United States to eventually turn over control of the waterway to Panama, were signed in Washington. In 1977, convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more than four years. In 1986, Desmond Tutu was installed as the first black to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa. In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot and mortally wounded on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later. Ten years ago: After a brief meeting, the United States and Cuba temporarily suspended talks on stemming the Cuban refugee exodus. U.S. Marines assigned to a potential Haiti

invasion force began training on a Puerto Rican island amid talk in Washington of a U.S.-led intervention. Today's Birthdays: Heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey is 96. Pianist Arthur Ferrante is 83. Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, is 80. Jazz musician Sonny Rollins is 74. Blues singer Little Milton is 70. Actor John Philip Law is 67. Singer Alfa Anderson (Chic) is 58. Singer Gloria Gaynor is 55. Rock singer Chrissie Hynde (The Pretenders) is 53. Actress Julie Kavner is 53. Actor Corbin Bernsen is 50.

Answer to previous puzzle

Grid of words for the crossword puzzle: ODDS, LALAW, TWIN, PERU, OHARA, DARE, EMIR, NAVAL, UTAR, COFFEE, TABLE, END, STAGS, SEVER, COOLS, TARGET, GAME, MITT, DRANO, ARI, TEAROSE, TIN, RELEE, RUDE, CEDE, YAKED, MONTH, GENOA, TRASH, PAL, SODACRACKER, ALAS, DALAI, HIDE, LOSE, AGAPE, ALDA, MESA, DENTS, SLAM

Newsday Crossword

JUST KIDDING by Sally R. Stein, Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Behaves, 5 Corp. leaders, 9 'Santa ___ Is Coming to Town', 14 Actress Elisabeth, 15 Syringe, for short, 16 Wall-calendar page, 17 Sailors, slangily, 18 Biblical paradise, 19 Not very specific, 20 Children, 23 Caveman discovery, 24 Remnant, 25 Lawyer's customer, 27 Racetrack alternative: Abbr., 28 Do an usher's job, 30 One of the Redgrave sisters, 33 Children, 37 Ghost exclamation, 38 Meara's partner, 40 ___ de Janeiro, 41 Children, 43 Change for a twenty, 44 Window parts, 45 "So long!", 47 Quit, as one's job, 50 Long-necked beast, 54 Aussie birds, 55 Children, 58 The Odd Couple playwright, 60 Hoity-toity one, 61 Some nest eggs: Abbr., 62 Escape the pursuit of, 63 Citrus fruit, 64 Horse's hair, 65 Used a word processor, 66 Kitchen appliance, 67 Moose relatives. DOWN: 1 Fur magnate John Jacob, 2 Rub the wrong way, 3 Gangs' domains, 4 Legislative meeting, 5 Sweet kid, 6 Chanteuse Gorme, 7 Unbolt, 8 Selection for 6 Down, 9 905, in old Rome, 10 Doing nothing, 11 Actress Harmon, 12 Road-test maneuver, 13 Piece of paper, 21 Summer clock setting in L.A., 22 Act 1, ___, 26 Untrustworthy sort, 28 Tennis star Monica, 29 Electrified fish, 30 JFK successor, 31 ___ Are My Sunshine, 32 Election Day mo., 33 Linoleum alternative, 34 Poetic "before", 35 ___ Tin Tin, 36 Distress signal, 38 Unexpected impediment, 39 Like a honky-tonk piano, 42 TV series segment, 43 4 p.m., in Britain, 45 British Parliament tower bell, 46 Decade parts: Abbr., 47 Move back to 0, perhaps, 48 Poet Dickinson, 49 Give a recap of, 50 Grimm character, 51 Not tame, 52 Candid, 53 Tee precursors, 56 Capital of Norway, 57 Center of higher educ., 59 Beatty of Superman

13x13 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting points for words.

SEP 7 2004



By BETTY DEBNAM

Every Vote Counts...

Counting the Votes

Nov. 2 is the day we will elect our president for the next four years.

The leading candidates are:



Democrat John Kerry



Republican George W. Bush

Our Constitution

Our U.S. Constitution leaves the way to handle elections up to each state. There have been several amendments, or changes to the Constitution, to give more people, such as blacks and women, the right to vote. There also have been laws added that protect minorities' voting rights. Congress has also lowered the age at which people can vote to 18.

Please sign up

Before people can vote, they must register, or sign up and get on a list of qualified voters. Voters usually register at special places in their neighborhoods.

Voters can also register when they get their driver's license. Those who are going to be absent on Election Day, such as members of the military, can send in their absentee ballots.

The close election of 2000



Not only does every vote count, but it is very important to count every vote.



Republican Bush



Democrat Gore

In 2000, George W. Bush ran against Al Gore.

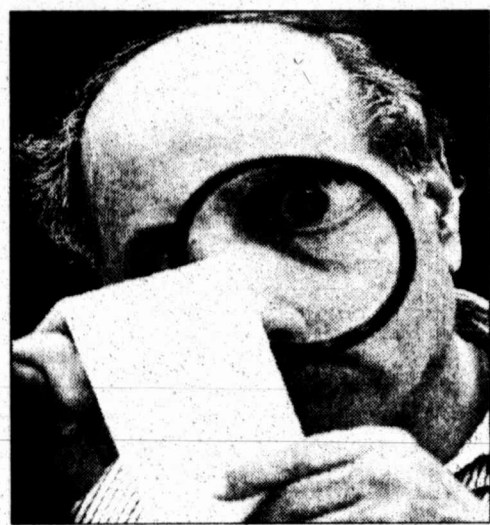
One of the closest elections ever held was the 2000 presidential election.

After all of the states had turned in their results, the outcome depended on which candidate won the state of Florida. When the counting was over, Bush led by only 537 votes.

Al Gore demanded a recount of the ballots in some of the counties or areas where he had many supporters.

It took 36 days to determine that George Bush had won.

When Election Day gets closer, The Mini Page will run an issue about the Electoral College and electoral votes, explaining how our presidential elections work.



A judge examines a ballot as some votes are recounted by hand. Those that were not punched correctly were not counted.

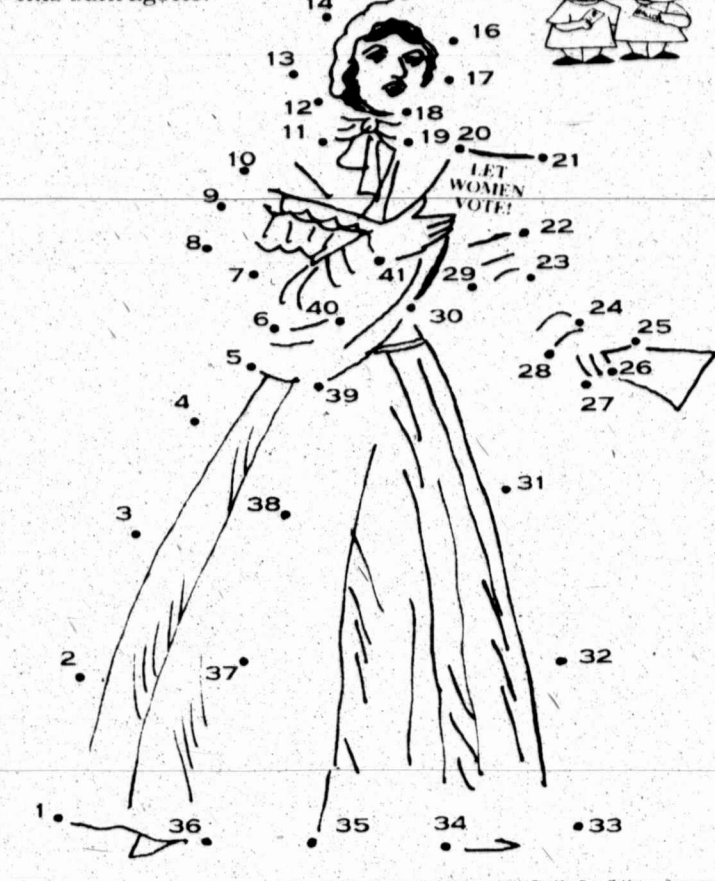


The ballot was put on two pages and confused many voters.

The voters had used "punch card" ballots where they punched a hole to vote for the candidate of their choice. The ballots were also called "butterfly ballots" because they opened like butterfly wings.

Congress passed the Help America Act of 2002 to offer the states money to get new voting machines so that they can better count the votes.

Go dot to dot and color this suffragette.



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Rookie Cookie's Recipe After-School Oat Squares

These are good with a cold glass of milk.

- You'll need:**
- 1 cup butter
 - 3 tablespoons honey
 - 1/2 cup powdered sugar
 - 3 cups uncooked oatmeal (not instant)
 - 1/2 cup raisins
 - 1/8 teaspoon salt
- What to do:**
1. Melt the butter, honey and sugar in a medium saucepan on the stove over low heat.
 2. Remove the saucepan from the heat and add oatmeal, raisins and salt. Mix well.
 3. Place mixture in a 8-by-8-inch baking dish and press until flat and even.
 4. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 25 minutes until slightly brown.
 5. Remove from oven and let cool.
 6. Cut into squares and serve. Makes 16 squares.
- Note: You will need an adult's help with this recipe.

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Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Lance Armstrong

Hometown: Austin, Texas Age: 32

It was a familiar sight: Lance Armstrong pedaling up the hills, sprinting on the straightaways, and finally speeding across the finish line, arms raised in triumph. For a record sixth straight year, the 32-year-old Texan won the Tour de France, a grueling cycling race stretching more than 2,000 miles. The Tour de France, some call it now, so dominant has this biking phenom been.

Armstrong just keeps defying the odds, pedaling past all challengers. His is an amazing feat by an amazing athlete, who made a remarkable recovery from cancer eight years ago. Lance, father of three children, is grateful to be alive and continues to help raise money to help fight the disease. He also wants to keep on racing and winning.

Meet Terri Clark

When Terri Clark was a girl, what she enjoyed most was listening to music on her clock radio, writing songs and playing her guitar. She always found comfort in music and dreamed of one day becoming a country music singer.

Terri grew up in Canada but later moved to Nashville, Tenn., to follow her dream. She used to play her guitar for tips at restaurants. She liked the way music made her feel, and wanted to touch the lives of others with her talents as Reba McEntire had touched her life.

At 36, Terri is living her dream as a country music star. The Academy of Country Music nominated her for Female Vocalist of the Year. The Canadian Special Olympics Committee liked her song "No Fear" so much that the committee requested to use it as its theme song.

Terri lives in Nashville. She enjoys gardening, cooking, and spending time with her dogs.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

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

Erin: Why are elephants' knees so wrinkled?
Cathy: Their tennis shoes are too tight!

Maurice: Why do elephants wear trunks?
Seymour: So they won't be embarrassed!

Maureen: How can you tell if an elephant is in your refrigerator?
Toby: The door won't shut!

The History of U.S. Voting

1 Voting by voice: This painting, done in the middle 1800s, shows a gathering of those qualified to vote at that time. The group consisted of white, male property owners. They announced out loud the name of their candidate.

2 Voting by paper ballot: A ballot is a sheet of paper on which choices are noted and then put in a box for counting later.

3 Voting by Australian ballot: A new type of ballot, one that listed all of the candidates of every party, was used in Australia in the 1850s. Voters marked the ballot in private. It was used in America in the 1880s.

4 Voting behind a curtain and pulling a lever: This machine was invented in the 1890s. It was the first where a voter would enter, pull a large lever to close a curtain, and also to unlock smaller levers that could be pulled down when voting for each candidate.

5 Voting by punching a hole next to the name of the candidate of your choice: This became a popular way to vote and was the method used in Florida in 2000. In other cases, voters marked their ballot using a special pen or pencil to cast their vote. The votes were counted by computers. This type of voting was called the "optical scan."

6 Types of touch-screen voting machines

Some of the new machines will be computers that use touch-screen voting.

An election official loads a special card into a computer. The card activates the screen so that a voter can vote.

The Mini Page thanks Larry Bird, curator of political history at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of American History, for help with this issue.

Basset Brown The News Hound's VOTES TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of voting are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find: CANDIDATES, CONSTITUTION, AMERICAN, CAST, ELECTION, CURTAIN, BALLOT, CHOICES, VOTE, PAPER, PRIVATE, MACHINE, LEVER, POLITICAL, REGISTER, MARK, PRESIDENT, COUNT.

COUNT EVERY VOTE!

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are going to use a voting machine. See if you can find: • man in the moon • word MINI

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