#### MONDAY

September 20, 2004

WEATHER

Tonight:



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BRIEFLY

#### Texas student found dead at CU

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr. was just starting to make his place at the University of Colorado. The freshman had joined the club lacrosse team and been accepted as a pledge into the Chi Psi fraternity.

But just hours after the 18-year-old from Dallas excitedly called his mother to update her on his new activities, he died at the fraternity's off-campus home. Police found him, with smudged ink marks on his face, on Friday morning in the first-floor library, after someone called

"He had it all, he was absolutely at the top," his aunt. Lyn Feldman, said from Dallas. "He was thrilled about making the lacrosse team, and he was so excited about joining the fraternity."

An investigation into how he died was to resume today, police spokeswoman Julie Brooks said.

Police said they had not determined whether alcohol was a factor in Bailey's death.

#### Yellow Rose sets Relay fund-raiser

The Yellow Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be serving up waffles and pancakes in a benefit for Relay for Life.

From 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Sept. 24, the cafe will offer pancakes or waffles plus juice, bacon or fresh fruit for \$3. Everyone is invited.

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50 CENTS DAILY/\$1.25 WEEKEND

## Sales tax rebates up 15.23 percent locally

By BILL MCCLELLAN

**News Editor** 

Big Spring was one of four area cities and communities to experience a double-digit increase in sales tax rebates this month compared to September 2003, according to the Texas State Comptroller's Office.

The \$305,819.63 received this month is 15.28 percent more than the \$265,271.95 taken in for September 2003. The rebates also put Big Spring past the \$3 million mark for the year. Now at received an increase of 10.48 percent when compared to a year

In contrast, sales tax rebates for Coahoma dropped 10.36 percent, comparing the \$4,086.26 received this month to the \$4,558.84 received in September 2003. However, Coahoma's \$40,781.02 taken in for the year is still a solid 29.06 percent above that brought in over the same period of time a year ago.

\$3,015,885.51, the city has \$4,146.70 this month, down 6.99 the same month in 2003. For the in a year ago, but has received \$46,231.96 in 2004, up 32.99 percent compared to 2003.

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percent from the \$4,458.64 taken year, Andrews has received \$646,355.65, or 0.33 percent less than a year ago.

Brownfield netted a small Abilene received \$2,089,097.18 increase, 0.23 percent, comparing for September, a 2.75 percent this September's rebates of \$59,069.78 to last September's \$2,148,281.90 the city received in rebates of \$58,931.63. For the September 2003. For the year, year, the community has received received \$612,435.63, a 4.47 per-

Colorado City managed a 6.84 percent increase for the month,

## **United Way** tickets are on sale now Annual event planned for Tuesday, Sept. 28 By KENDRA WISS

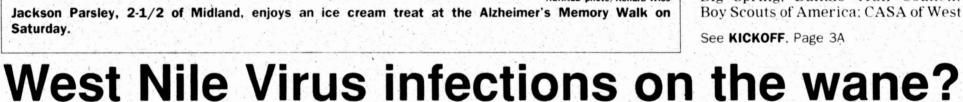
Staff Writer

Officials with the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County are inviting everyone to come to the annual. kickoff luncheon, which will be keynoted by Jerry Traylor.

The luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, in Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church. Al's and Son Bar-B-Q will cater the meal. Tickets are \$10 each and must be purchased in

Cynthia Scott, executive director, for the local United Way, is hoping this event will be a good start to the United Way's fund-raising goal of \$275,000, \$10,000 more than last year.

Money raised during the campaign will go to help the many local United Way agencies: American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter; Boy's Club of Big Spring, Buffalo Trail Council. Boy Scouts of America; CASA of West



By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

With more than 500 cases reported in 51 counties across the Lone Star State since it was first discovered in 2002, it appears the number of West Nile virus infections is beginning to wane, according to Texas Department of Health officials.

More than 400 infections and 38 deaths attributed to West Nile virus were reported in 2003, as the epidemic seemed to reach its peak. According to TDH statistics, 2004 has seen only 33 infections and five deaths.

While the inclination at this point may be breath a sigh of relief, Texas Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez said Texans should continue to minimize their chances of being exposed to the

virus. "Very few mosquitoes carry the virus, and less than 1 percent of the bites from mosquitoes that do have the virus actually cause serious illness," he said. "But we've had West Nile illness in Texas, and it's a good idea to reduce the low risk even further by eliminating mosquito hatching grounds and by minimizing exposure to

mosquitoes." Local physician Dr. Cynthia Rutledge said the number of people complaining of West Nile-type symptoms and showing concern for possible infec-



recovered from it, and never even know it."

tion are down considerably compared to last

year. "Last year there were just so many people that thought they had been infected or had the symptoms," said Rutledge. "This year there aren't as

many. During a recent meeting of the Big Spring City Council, Councilwoman Stephanie expressed concern for the rising mosquito population in her district, a problem Big Spring Director of Public Works Todd Darden said is being addressed as quickly as

possible. "We're currently spraying for mosquitos," said Darden. "We're running the equipment as often as possible. We've had some problems in the past with the 'equipment, and we sort of have to baby it, but it's up and running."

Darden said the city will continue spraying until the first freeze, when the majority of the mosquito population is expected to be killed-off.

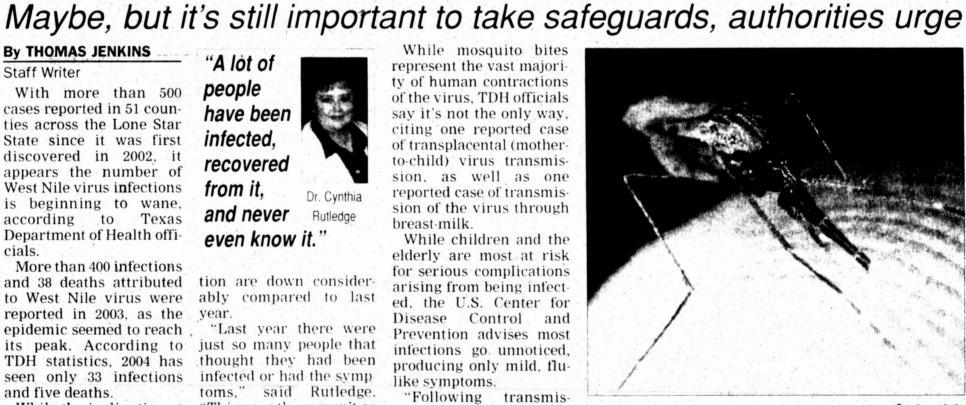
While mosquito bites represent the vast majority of human contractions of the virus, TDH officials say it's not the only way, citing one reported case of transplacental (motherto-child) virus transmission, as well as one reported case of transmission of the virus through breast-milk.

While children and the elderly are most at risk for serious complications arising from being infected, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention advises most infections go unnoticed, producing only mild, flulike symptoms.

"Following transmission by an infected mosquito, West Nile virus multiplies in the person's blood system and crosses the blood-brain barrier to Horton. reach the brain," the CDC advises through their Web site. "The virus interferes with normal central nervous system' functioning and causes inflammation of brain tis-

"Infection with West Nile virus can be asymptomtic, meaning there are no symptoms at all, or can lead to West Nile fever or severe West Nile disease. Most people, about four out of five. who are infected with West Nile virus will not develop any type of illness. However, you can't know ahead of time if you'll get sick or not

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Documented infections are way down from 2003, as are deaths, but that doesn't mean the threat is over.

#### West Nile cases in Texas since 2002

Here's a look at the progression of human cases of West Nile virus through Texas since it was first discovered in 2002. The totals represent all cases identified, which includes virus found in mosquitos, horses, birds and humans:

2004 (as of Sept. 15) Deaths - 5

Cases — 41

Total — 534 cases in 51 of 254 counties

2003

Deaths - 38

Cases — 439

Total — 2,759 in 190 of 254 counties

2002 Deaths - 13 Cases — 202

Total — 2,681 in 213 of 254 counties

BIG SPRING

## **Obituaries**

#### Christina L. "Tina" Bristow Smith



Christina L. "Tina" Bristow Smith, 46, of Big Spring died Friday, Sept. 17, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Janca, pastor for the Big Spring Fire Department, offi-

ciating, and Bob Rumpff, Big Spring Fire Department chaplain, assisting. She was born Nov. 8, 1957, in Houston and married Louie Smith Feb. 14, 1985,

in Coahoma. She graduated from Coahoma High School in 1978 and was manager of the Taco Villa in

Big Spring for the past nine years.

She is survived by her husband, Louie Smith; her mother, Victoria Moore, of Abilene; her father, William Bristow, of Overland Park, Kan.; one sister and brother-in-law, Vikki and Jeff Estes of Tuscola; one stepbrother, Charles Bristow, of Overland Park, Kan.; her grandmother, Lillie Mae Stout, of Rockwood, Tenn.; one niece and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Gary Moore; two sisters, Melody and Darja Moore; and her grandparents, O.C. and Luella Moore and Jesse

Cartwright.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association, Texas Affiliate Inc., Western Regional Office, 2209 N. Big Spring, Suite J, Midland 79701 or the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, Md. 20852-9813.

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

## Take note

☐ ACKLERY LUNCH BUNCH meets at 10:30 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe. A noon meal of barbecue and fixings will be served for \$5.25 per person. RSVP by Wednesday to Sissy Jones, 267-7732.

☐ THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY CHORUS **REHEARSALS** have changed to 7 p.m. Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church choir room.

→ THE BIG SPRING AREA CHAMBER OF COM-MERCE is seeking vendors to reserve booths for the "Crossroads Cuisine and Business Expo Featuring the Taste of Home Cooking," set for Oct. 21. Contact the chamber at 263-7641 to reserve a booth or to purchase a ticket to the event.

☐ 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.

□ 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.

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

☐ ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

☐ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

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

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

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright. has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

A FUND HAS BEEN established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m.

· MARK DANIEL GONZALES, 22, of 706 Creighton, was arrested Saturday on local warrants.

• BURNEST EUGENE WOOLRIDGE, 21, of 3728 Adams, was arrested Saturday on local warrants.

• BENITO RODRIGUEZ ROMAN, 26, of Hobbs, N.M., was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intox-• MALINDA GONZALES, 43, of 601 Runnels, was

arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication. • IRMA ESTELA MEDRANO, 39, of Coahoma, was

arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication. • HECTOR DUENEZ MARTINEZ, 32, of 1604 Virginia, was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving

while intoxicated - second offense. • CRYSTAL ROSE BEAZA, 18, of 704 San Jacinto, was arrested Sunday on charges of evading arrest and minor in consumption.

• JESSICA MARKGRAF, 17, of San Antonio, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consump-

• KELLI KAY STOLLE, 19, of Round Rock, was arrested Sunday on a charge of minor in consumption. • JAMES BURLIN WILLIAMS JR., 18, of 1002 N. Main Street, was arrested Sunday on a charge of crim-

• ESHA WARD, 20, of 1710 Johnson, was Sunday on a charge of criminal trespass.

• JESSIE BALTAZAR JR., 26, of 808 Abrams, was arrested Monday on Dawson County warrants.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of Abrams.

· CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported: - in the 700 block of Owens.

- in the 1000 block of Birdwell Lane.

- in the 2500 block of Brent.

- in the 1200 block of 17th Street.

- in the 300 block of Owens

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- in the 900 block of Willia.

in the 1800 block of FM 700.

- in the CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL BY A MINOR was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.

EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION was report-

- in the 500 block of Gregg Street. in the 1400 block of Highway 87.

BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the

700 block of Owens. ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1000 block of Stadium.

· BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 3300 block of FM 700.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the fol-

 TINA RAYMOND, 26, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

· MONICA MARQUEZ, 22, was transferred to the

county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of theft. • ERIC MARTIN ZARRAGA, 21, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• LANCE BROCKMAN, 18, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less.

• MOISES LUNA, 32, was arrested Friday by DPS on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid.

· LEANN SIMPSON, 31, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of aggravated robbery

• CLOIS WELDON SHULTZ, 44, was transferred to the county jail Friday by the BSPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

 KEVIN DWAYNE RODGERS, 30, was arrested Friday by the HCSO on a charge of assault - family violence.

• BLAKE RYAN LYLE, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

· MICHAEL STEVEN MARQUEZ, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify.

 JEFFERY DON CATE, 22, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of ride not secured by safety belt - passenger, violation of a promise to appear, minor in consumption of alcoholic beverage and driving while intoxicated - open container.

· JAMES EARL WHITE, 23, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on charges of criminal mischief - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000, and evading arrest or detention.

• BURNEST EUGENE WOOLRIDGE, 21, was transferred to the county jail Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of perjury.

 CRYSTAL ROSE BAEZA, 18, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on charges of evading arrest or detention and consumption of alcohol by a minor.

· HECTOR DUENEZ MARTINEZ, 32, was transferred to the county jail Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - second offense.

 UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 1900 block of W, County Road 32. VEHICLE ON FIRE was reported in the 100 block of Moore Road.

 THEFT was reported near the 183 mile marker of Interstate Highway 20.

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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

· 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 Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third, for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Call 1-800-392-8677 or 263-0391 or 263-1758.

· Take Off Pounds 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 the La Posada Restaurant. · DAV and Auxiliary Chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m.

at 610 Abrams St.

· Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Youth Hall. All singles in the community are invited for an evening of fellowship, food and table games.

#### TUESDAY

 Intermediate Line Dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-

· Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

· A Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

 Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 5:30 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

• Big Spring Chapter 67 Order of the Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

## Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 3-15-21-27-42. Bonus Ball:

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$7 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-6-8-13-19. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$34,687. Winning tickets sold in: Houston. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night:

## Weather

Today - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 90. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the morning, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs near 90. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

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chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 60. Thursday - Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Thursday night — Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows near 60.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Friday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Saturday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

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## Enron trial has Wall Street touch

HOUSTON (AP) — The first criminal trial to involve former Enron Corp. executives also ensnares a bit of Wall Street, and today attorneys aim to select a dozen jurors from a pool of 150 to decide the outcome.

None of the six defendants — four former Merrill Lynch & Co. executives and two former midlevel Enron executives - have the notoriety or name recognition of Enron's former top senior managers like company founder Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffrey Skilling.

But prosecutors contend Merrill's hunger for lucrative banking business from Enron prompted the Merrill defendants to help push through a sham sale of electricity-producing Nigerian barges to the brokerage in late December 1999 to prop up the energy company's earn-

The deal closed nearly two years before Enron crashed in scandal in December 2001. It isn't alleged to be among financial machinations that pushed Enron into bankruptcy, leaving thousands out of work. But prosecutors say it's one of many accounting schemes Enron used to polish a facade

of success.

"It's significant because this calls into question Wall Street practices in dealing with corporate America," said Philip Hilder, a former federal prosecutor who represents several Enron-related clients in Houston. "The ramifications of this are broader than Enron, certainly."

#### Toxic material lingers at site

FORT WORTH (AP) - Lead, arsenic and other toxic chemicals pose a hidden danger at the Fort Worth Federal Center, according to a newspaper

More than a dozen pollutants including a suspected stash of Agent Orange - are spread around the center's 278 acres and beyond, including a preschool and park, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

Federal regulators say they don't believe there's an immediate health risk around the center, which stored raw materials for the military for six decades. But they also acknowledge that they don't know for sure. Additional studies are planned this fall.

The Star-Telegram reviewed more than 5,000 pages of federal, state and city records, finding that environmen-

tal inspectors have warned for years that children and other park users could be at risk from cancer-causing agents.

#### East Texas quintuplets doing well

LONGVIEW (AP) - An East Texas family has grown by five at a Phoenix hospital, where Darcy and Craig Bryant's quintuplets remained in intensive care Sunday.

Through a hospital spokesman, Craig Bryant said that his three new daughters and two sons were all "beautiful" and that the boys have big feet and the girls have long toes.

The babies, born Friday and conceived without the use of fertility drugs, remained in the neonatal intensive care nursery at Arizona's Banner Good Samaritan Medical Center Sunday.

"They are doing fine, all things considered," hospital spokesman John Tucker said of the newborns. "Craig said he is doing well too. He sounded pretty upbeat."

The babies were all born within three minutes of one another Friday, beginning at 6:56 a.m. with the birth of a 3pound, 13-ounce boy named Austin Corley. A minute later, Austin was followed by a sister, who weighed in at 3 \$200,000 investigating the conviction.

pounds, 1 ounce. She was named Mackenzie Jordyn.

#### Advocacy group works for inmate

DALLAS (AP) — A prisoner advocacy group and a former federal prosecutor are working together to exonerate a man who was convicted in the 1987 fatal beating of a North Texas businessman.

Ben Spencer, 39, was convicted of robbing Jeffrey Young, a Dallas clothing firm executive who died of multiple skull fractures hours after the robbery. He is serving a life sentence.

Spencer's innocence hinges on the claims of a paroled thief and drug addict, who says his former partner-incrime confessed at the time to being the real killer. There is no physical evidence linking Spencer to the crime.

Ferrell Scott says he told police about his friend's confession twice within days of the robbery but heard nothing more from detectives. Jurors never heard the alternate theory of Young's

Spencer has made a believer of Jim McCloskey, president of a New Jerseybased nonprofit prisoner advocacy group — Centurion Ministries Inc. – which has spent three years and about

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when infected."

Rutledge said the nonspecific nature of symptoms make it hard to spot at times.

"The symptoms are flulike, but they're hard to spot at times," said Rutledge. "A lot of people have been infected, recovered from it, and never even know it.

According to CDC statistics, less than half of the people infected with the virus will develop the "fever" - but for those that do, the symptoms can be severe.

"It is estimated that about 20 percent of people who become infected with the virus will develop West Nile fever," CDC officials. "Symptoms include fever, headache, tiredness and body aches, occasionally with a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands. While the illness can be as short as a few days, even healthy people have reported being sick for several weeks.

"The symptoms of severe disease, also called neuroinvasive disease. include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors. convulsions. muscle weakness and paralysis. It is estimated

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Frequently asked questions about West Nile Virus

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ting West Nile encephalitis; per-

sons older than 50 years of age

have the highest risk of severe dis-

ease. If you are determined to be at

high risk and have symptoms of

West Nile encephalitis, your

provider will draw a blood sample

and send it to a commercial or pub-

lic health laboratory for confirma-

Q. How are human cases of West

A. West Nile virus infection can

be suspected in a person based on

clinical symptoms and patient his-

tory. Laboratory testing is

required for a confirmed diagno-

Q. How is West Nile virus treated?

A. There is no specific treatment

for West Nile virus infection. In

more severe cases, intensive sup-

portive therapy is indicated, often

involving hospitalization, intra-

venous fluids, airway manage-

ment, respiratory support (ventila-

tor), prevention of secondary infec-

Q. Is there a vaccine against West

A. No, but several companies are

etc.), and good nursing care.

Nile virus diagnosed?

CDC and TDH officials say those that have been the virus and it's pesky

virus develop an immunity to the virus believed to be life-long.

To protect yourself from

infected by the West Nile carriers, the CDC advises

Q. What is meant by West Nile

encephalitis, West Nile meningitis,

West Nile poliomyelitis, "neuroinva-

A. The most severe type of dis-

ease due to a person being infected

with West Nile virus is sometimes

called "neuroinvasive disease,"

because it affects a person's ner-

vous system. Specific types of neu-

roinvasive disease include West

Nile encephalitis, West Nile

meningitis, West Nile meningoen-

poliomyelitis. Encephalitis refers

to an inflammation of the brain,

meningitis is an inflammation of

the membrane around the brain

and the spinal cord, meningoen-

cephalitis refers to inflammation

of the brain and the membrane

surrounding it, and poliomyelitis

refers to an inflammation of the

West Nile Fever is another type

of illness that can occur in people

who become infected with the

virus. It is characterized by fever,

headache, tiredness, aches and

sometimes rash. Although the ill-

even healthy people have been sick

Note: Information gathered from

the U.S. Center for Disease Control

and Prevention website located at

spinal cord.

for several weeks.

cephalitis and West

sive disease" and West Nile fever?

the following steps:

· Apply insect repellent sparingly to exposed skin. The more DEET a repellent contains the longer time it can protect you from mosquito bites. A higher percentage of DEET in a repellent does not mean that your protection is better - just that it will last longer. concentrations DEET higher than 50 percent do not increase the length of protection. Choose a repellent that provides protection for the amount of time that you will be outdoors.

 Consider staying indoors at dawn, dusk, and in the early evening, which are peak mosquito biting times.

 Install or repair window and door screens so that mosquitoes cannot get indoors.

· Remove all standing water, often found inside used tires, flower pots and other collection points. Standing water can act as a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

For more information on West Nile virus, visit the CDC Web site at www.cdc.gov, or the TDH Web site at www.tdh.state.tx.us.

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## **REBATES**

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comparing \$34,863.28 for 2004 September \$32,629.10 for September 2003. For the year, Colorado City has taken in \$334,614.17, up 9.99 percent.

Fort Stockton received \$111.741.57 this month, a 6.99 percent decrease when compared to the \$199,183.66 received a year ago. Thus far in 2004, Fort Stockton has received \$1,090,316.32, an increase over last year of 3.33 percent.

in Kermit took \$31,935.16 this month, an increase of 8.86 percent when compared to the \$29,333.80 taken in for September 2003. For the \$1,653,236.08 year, Kermit has received \$1,451,287.19 \$240,871.41, an increase of September 2003. For the 3.1 percent.

received Lamesa \$61,527.50, just 0.38 percent off the pace of the \$61,766.90 received in September of 2003. For the year, the Dawson County has received \$638,414.44, down 1.27 per-

Rebates of \$2,206,582.74 came in to Lubbock this month. That's a 2.55 percent increase compared to received in September of has received \$22,444,894.20, up 5.9 percent over a year ago.

Midland enjoyed an increase of 13.91 percent this month, comparing

Midland year, has increase of 8.09 percent.

Nile virus?

Monahans \$82,000.04, a whopping 30.47 percent increase compared September 2003's rebates of \$62,849.13. For the year, \$1,173,831.38 it received in received \$104.955.02, a \$689,764.19, a strong year, the Tom Green cent compared to 2003. increase of 15.53 percent.

Odessa noted a 3.88 percent increase, comparing cent. the \$2,151,665.79 the city September 2004 numbers \$1,124,235.74 to 2003. This year, Lubbock September 2003 numbers largest decrease in of \$1,082,147.41. For 2004, Odessa has received 11,274,683.71, an increase of 3.91 percent.

> Pecos witnessed a 4.36 percent decrease, compar-

Se tember of this year to \$1,295,133.73, down 4.91 the \$70,533.37 a year ago. Pecos has received received \$16,211,310.02, an \$601,791.41 this year, up 4.6 percent compared to received the same period a year

working towards developing a vac- http://www.cdc.gov

tions (pneumonia, urinary tract, ness can be as short as a few days,

\$1,143,772.68 this month. September 2003. For the 2.56 percent less than the year. Monahans has taken in September 2003. For the bragging rights 40.15 per-County seat has taken in \$10,993,822.19; up 4.27 per-

> The Scurry County seat of Snyder had the area's rebates this month. The community received \$115,207.01, down 21.67 percent when compared to the \$147,081.38 it took in a year ago. So far in

its Friday proceeds to Spring Area Chamber of

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to ing the \$67,457.02 for 2004. Snyder has received percent.

> area's largest increase — 37.13 percent. The Martin County seat pulled in \$11,862.24 this 'month San Angelo received compared to \$8,650.16 in Stanton

Sweetwater took in 167,731.92 for September, up 4.88 percent when compared to the \$159,825.24 it received a year ago. For 2004, the Martin County has received seat \$1,481,285.42. That's 1.3 percent off the pace of a

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OTHER VIEWS

## Commission's findings must receive action

rith less than a month to go in this session of Congress, lawmakers face a critical decision whether to act on 41 recommendations of the 9-11 commission before breaking for the upcoming election.

This newspaper encourages them to put reforming the way the nation manages intelligence ahead of partisan politics and to act swiftly on the 9-11 commission's sweeping recommendations.

The 9-11 commission submitted its remarkable report on July 22. Since then, momentum has been building for action. The eport, which reads more like a spy novel than a droll set of policy recommendations, is a national best seller.

Congress held hearings on the reposition over the summer, and bipartisan support for pas. . . of al. If rec ommendations has been building.

In the Senate, John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., introduced a bill pushing all 41 recommendations. In the House, U.S. Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., introduced similar legislation.

Now is not the time to stall. The recommendations include broad changes, such as reorganizing the nation's intelligence agencies and congressional oversight committees, as well as specific changes, such as introducing national standards for driver's licenses and improving the screening of airline passengers.

A significant obstacle to progress was removed last week when President Bush endorsed giving greater budget and hiring power to a national intelligence director, who would have overall charge of the 15agency U.S. intelligence community. Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry also supports the creation of a national intelligence director.

Congress must tackle the difficult job of deciding exactly what powers will go to the new post. In our view, the director should have the power to hire the heads of the intelligence agencies and to fire the same with the approval of the other 14 agency heads. Without such power, the national intelligence director will not be able to coordinate the best available responses from the various agencies.

The only thing worse than the current outdated system would be to create a position that gives the director no power and no independence. America can't afford to have a toothless tiger in charge of intelli-

For that reason, the new director should not be a member of the Cabinet. The new director of intelligence should have a measure of freedom from politi-

cal pressure from both the president and Congress. The election is important. But reducing the risk of 9-11-style attacks is more important. The time for action is now

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## Double distortion in the media

edia watch alert: a curious double distortion in the media mirror, as the situation in Iraq unravels before our eyes. Iraq gets less media play for two reasons — one an old media fault, and the other politi-

As the story gets worse, it also becomes more familiar. We've heard it before, quite a few times, and consequently it doesn't get as much play. "Seven Marines Killed" or 'Scores Are Dead

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After Violence Spreads in Iraq" would have been HUGE stories a year ago. Now they're just another bad day in Iraq, nothin' new here, no news. Back to the hurricane (which is also becoming unpleasantly old news).

The other factor is the Bush team's decision to drop this misbegotten war down the memory hole. Two parts at play here. The first is Teddy Roosevelt's splendid observation that the presidency is a bully pulpit. It is the single most useful public relations position in the world. When the president calls a press conference to talk about whatever he wants, all hands report for duty. And if the president doesn't mention a certain subject, nor does the veep, nor the secretaries of defense, state, etc., the media have to dig it up on their own, a responsibility at which we have often failed and are steadily getting worse.

The second part is that John Kerra is not in a particularly good to bring up the subject Through some truly

adroupolitical maneuvering (I am d but resolutely resist use of the word genius), every time Kerry opens his mouth about Iraq these days, the Bush camp bursts into a loud, well-trained chorus of "He's changing his position again."

Yoo-hoo, flip-flop!"

One way to deal with that would be for Kerry to hold a press conference and announce he is, finally, at long last, actually changing his mind — but the political way is to step up his opposition without ever admitting he supported this misbegotten mess. Hell, if George W. Bush can't think of a single mistake he's made (not to mention still claiming he got into the Texas Air National Guard all by himself), why should Kerry admit one?

Meanwhile, back in reality, incredibly enough, the Bush team continues to make things in Iraq

Ignoring the First Rule of Holes (when in one, quit digging), the geniuses in the White House are actually busy making this fiasco worse. According to The Washington Post, it was the White House that decided, against the advice of military commanders on the ground, to order the troops into Fallujah after four American construction workers were killed and their bodies mutilated.

I'm sure Gen. Rove decided we couldn't afford to look weak in the face of such provocation given the poll numbers at the time. Worse, it was the tactical geniuses at the White House who then decided, again against the advice of the military commanders on the ground, to withdraw the troops from Fallujah. Come on, people, if I hear one more person accusing those of us who oppose this war of having "Vietnam flashbacks," I'm going to urp. When will they ever

Of course Bush is entitled to ask Kerry, "So what would you do about the disaster I've created?" Trouble is, the various initiatives and proposals Kerry has come up in the course of the making of this quagmire (known to Republicans as "flip-flops" and "switching positions") would have worked, but those times are gone, wasted by our "steadfast" commander in

chief who can't see anything clear-

There was a time when it would have helped to have more troops on the ground - we could have stopped the looting and actually imposed order. That would have meant following Army Chief of Staff Gen. Erik Shinseki's advice, instead of the military geniuses in the White House. There was a time when we could have seriously gone after more international support and gotten our allies to help pay for this costly botch. But that would have meant admitting our allies had been right about too many things, and the White House was too busy smirking, bowing and crowing to improve its diplomacy after the war one iota over the offensive, unnecessary alienation of allies it worked so hard on before the war.

There was a time when we could have been more sensitive toward the Iraqis themselves — for example, by not moving our headquarters into Saddam Hussein's palace or shutting down their newspaper to them what democracy is all about — or keeping Abu Ghraib

Speaking of Abu Ghraib, what happened there is not the Marshall Plan. Nor is giving billions of dollars to Halliburton and all the jobs to non-Iraqis a

Marshall Plan. The Busies have slowly, one-by-one, destroyed every chance we had to make this occupation work. And then they blame Kerry for not coming up with a plan. Now we have Dick Cheney warn-

ing us that if we don't vote for Bush, we'll all die. Good thing they're not making national security a political issue!

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## Kerry still not helping himself

he guns of August did their work on John F. Kerry. Whatever goodwill and political advantage he had obtained from his convention in Boston — and that was slender enough — it was shredded by a withering attack on his Vietnam record and Kerry's own glacial pace in

ers of the Democratic Party in a cold fury. The Democratic National Committee had spent a record \$36 million on television ads in August, and some now considered that a wasted



effort. Big Democratic donors were howling that Kerry was blowing the chance of a lifetime, and well before the Republican Convention, which placed Kerry even further in the hole, Bill Clinton was on the phone with Kerry and telling him his campaign needed to be "stronger".

Fingers were pointed in several directions, but grumpy staff members, who bore the brunt of the blame, pointed out that the candidate was not helping. A few weeks before the Republican Convention, I asked a senior Kerry aide where Kerry would spend that week. "I don't know where he will be, but I know where he won't be," the aide replied. "He will not be on Nantucket."

The staff got it. Pictures of Kerry windsurfing around an island playground for the wealthy were not helpful. So what happens? Kerry goes to Nantucket, goes windsurfing and, as if to rub it in,

puts on a pair of only-a-rich-guywould-dare-wear-these shorts for the photographers.

And if the Democrats were waiting for Bush to falter at his convention, they were badly disappointed. It was a nearly flawless four-day extravaganza, and virtually every major speech had the same theme: Vote for George Bush or die.

While Kerry's convention looked relentlessly backward to Vietnam, Bush's convention looked insistently ahead to a dangerous world that only Bush, the official line went, could protect us from.

And if anyone needed reminding of that following the convention, Dick Cheney provided it with his statement that if Kerry was elected "the danger is that we'll get hit again" by terrorists.

But then it was September, and a new Kerry campaign was in place. A number of former Clinton aides had been brought on board and, as one told me, "This campaign needs to be more urgent, more aggressive and more in your face." The new people also pointed out that after eight years of working in the Clinton White House.

"rapid response" was stamped on their DNA.

So John Edwards immediately denounced Cheney's statement as "un-American," and when media accounts surfaced that Bush may not have fulfilled all his military obligations during his stint in the Air National Guard, TV-star and Kerry backer James Carville was unleashed to say: "I think the lesson here is President Bush is probably a man of limited personal courage."

The candidate, himself, also seemed a little more emphatic and more willing to focus his speeches on just one or two topics (instead of 16) and present a presidential, if not exactly warm and likeable face, to the public.

But is it all too late? "Our biggest problem in August was that it was an opportunity lost," a top Kerry aide said. "So many things went wrong for Bush bad poverty numbers, the economy, Iraq — and we did not hold him accountable. That was more damaging to us than the Swift Boat stuff.'

But Kerry is known as being a good closer, a candidate who comes to life in the last weeks of the campaign to make up lost ground and win — though his campaign is depending on more than just the candidate.

Senior aides feel they have a

secret weapon: a below-the-radarscreen staff of experts on organizing and getting out the vote. "While there is a lot of drama surrounding the media consultants and the press people, there are people with a ruthless efficiency on this campaign concentrating on the political, targeting and groundgame side," a Democratic strategist said.

Said Democratic Chairman Terry McAuliffe: "I think the second the Republican convention ended, it was a new campaign for us. There is a whole new level of intensity."

Now if someone could just convince the candidate of that.

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Saturday's Memory Walk to raise funds for Alzheimer's research drew a large crowd of supporters, as these photos (above, left, below left) show. Held at Comanche Trail Park, participants enjoyed hot dogs and cold drinks after the morning event concluded.

Friday afternoon.

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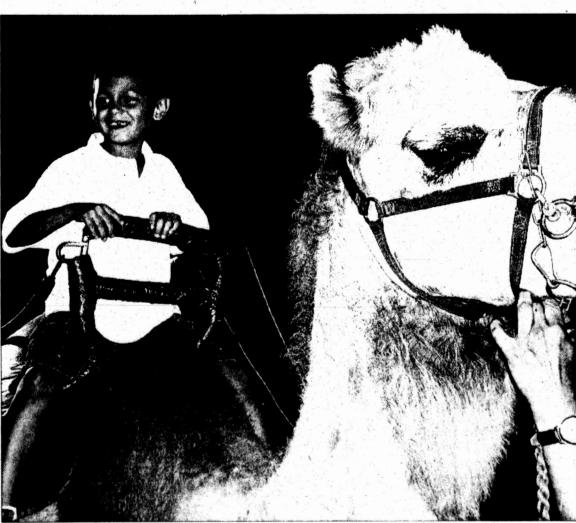


Stanton High School homecoming queen Megan Dotson, left, poses with the 2003 queen, Brianna Pribyla, during halftime ceremonies Friday night.



These Moss Elementary School students are just hanging around the playground on a





Eight-year-old Aaron Calvio, a student at Marcy Elementary, takes a spin on a camel Sunday evening during the Shriner Circus at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

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## Foot strain common but yes, it is treatable

By KAREN SHIDELER

Knight Ridder

WICHITA, Kan. - Some people say it feels like a sharp rock is poking you in the heel with each step.

For Nancy Robinson, it was as if "somebody had taken a hot knife and was twisting it in the bottom of my foot." Orthopedic surgeon Steve Howell has seen plenty of it, as a clinical assistant professor for the University of Kansas School Medicine-Wichita and during a foot and ankle fellowship at Vanderbilt University.

"It" is plantar fasciitis. or inflammation of the plantar fascia, the ligament running from the base of the toes to the bottom of the heel bone.

It's caused mostly by overuse and - wouldn't vou know it? - made worse by excess weight and increasing age. Which means you might someday experience it. even if you've never

heard of it before. The good news is, it will go away, though treatment may take more than a year.

Robinson's pain started about 18 months ago. It was gradual at first but kept getting worse, "so that I noticed sometimes I was really grouchy and I didn't know why, and then I'd realize - my foot hurts really bad.'

She speculates that being on her feet a lot (she owns a gift shop) "and I think maybe old age" (she's 57) contributed to the condition.

That's a possibility. Howell says the blood supply to the ligaments starts declining as we get into our 20s, and the slowing metabolism and increasing weight that often go with getting older add to the stress on ligaments.

He says the best approach to plantar fasciitis is a step-by-step one. But don't start as you

might for a sore muscle. Putting ice on your heel or rolling your foot over a can of frozen juice will numb the pain, he says. Over-the-counter antiinflammatories, such as ibuprofen, might relieve

But that masks the problem.

"You need to curtail the injurious activity or you're not going to get over it," Howell says.

He recommends changing what you do, especially if you're a runner or jogger, because those activities double the stress put on the plantar fascia. Even just walking can be a two-steps-forward, three-steps-back activity. Instead, try an exercise bike, jogging in water or some other non-

impact activity. Then, begin stretching the plantar fascia and the Achilles tendon, which attaches the calf muscles to the heel bone. Stand by the side of a table or with your hands against a wall for support. If your left foot is affected, for example, put it behind your right foot, with the toes on the left foot bent up.

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Wichita Eagle photo/Bo Rader Harold Mowery says the plantar fasciitis pain in his right foot "is like having a toothache in your heel."

Lean forward, keeping your left knee straight. Keeping your toes bent stretches the plantar fascia as well as the Achilles tendon, Howell says.

He also suggests changing shoes, choosing one that is rounded on the bottom where your heel sits, so that your heel is cupped as it would be if you put your hand around it. Look also for a shock-absorbing shoe one with springs or coils or spongy material under the heel.

Robinson swears by the i-roc shoes she got online. at the suggestion of a friend who'd used them for plantar fasciitis. The rounded bottom and arch support "really have helped tremendously," she says.

She also borrowed a "night boot" from another friend who'd had plantar fasciitis. It holds her foot in a flexed position overnight, rather than letting it relax.

Such night splints are especially helpful for people whose pain is worst first thing in the morning. Howell says, because they keep the plantar fascia stretched.

If those techniques haven't helped after a couple of months, it's time to check with your doctor. Howell says he often has patients try a shoe insert or moldable heel cup and may put a cast or "moon boot" on someone who is in so much pain that it hurts to take a step.

Night splints and heel cups help about 80 percent of his patients, he says, but it may take nine to 18 months of treatment.

If a patient hasn't shown signs of improvement, Howell will try one cortisone injection; more can cause the heel pad to atrophy, which creates other problems.

Surgery is a last resort, though it sometimes is necessary.

## Testing newborns' blood a lifesaver for wee ones

By MARIE MCCULLOUGH Knight Ridder

**PHILADELPHIA** 

Wendy Nawn began crusading to expand newborn health screening after she saw what happened to her son Alex, who inherited a rare metabolic disorder that can cause brain damage and death.

What happened was wonderful.

An analysis of a few drops of blood taken from Alex's heel soon after birth revealed his faulty gene. An endocrine nurse told his parents that he could not go more than five waking hours without eating because his body cannot break down fat. Today, almost six years later, both Alex and his little brother, who also has the little-known disease, are as healthy as they are precocious.

Most children with medium-chain acyl-CoA dehydrogenase deficiency, or MCAD deficiency, are not so fortunate, Nawn said.

"I cannot tell you how fuming we would be if this had happened to Alex," she said, "and if we had later learned there is an inexpensive test to detect this silent disease presymptomatically."

The damaging effects of many of the diseases can be prevented or reduced through early intervention with tailored diets and, in some cases, drugs. Yet 40 years after the first screening test was developed, detection programs vary wildly.

Pennsylvania mandates screening for only six diseases, although most hospitals in the state voluntarily contract with a company that screens for about 50.

West Virginia requires testing for just four disorders, while states such as New Jersey screen for 20 or more.

Nawn's advocacy group, Save Babies Through Screening, is in the forefront of a parent-driven movement to get every state to screen newborns for an evolving list that now includes more than 50 rare metabolic illness-

While there is continuing debate about checking for metabolic diseases that cannot be effectively treated, a federal initiative may finally turn the nation's screening crazy quilt into some sort of blanket protection.

At a meeting late this month, a federal advisory committee on newborn screening is expected to recommend testing all babies for at least 30 genetic disorders using



One-day-old Saadiq Scruggs is screened at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. Blood from his heel is placed on a card to be tested.

technology, according to lung and liver damage addition, the advisory committee - which reports to the U.S. secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) — will call for federal funding to help states develop comprehensive testing systems, including educating physicians and parents, and tracking children who are diagnosed.

"This is the first advisory committee on newborn screening at the HHS level, and HHS controls the money," said the advisory group's leader R. Rodney Howell, chairman of the pediatrics department at the University of Miami School Medicine. "So I'm optimistic that we can move the agenda ahead."

The first newborn screening test was developed in 1961 for phenylketonuria.

Now, nearly all states screen for PKU and three Genetic Services. other disorders.

screening was becoming a ever-subtler defects in body's metabolism of proteins and enzymes. An ultra-fast analytical instrument called tandem spectrometry enabled screening a blood sample for dozens of molecular disease markers all in a matter of minutes

and for just \$10 or \$20. The problem is that a can cost as much as run it), and there are no can detect. Some experts educate parents. estimate that hundreds defects that fall into this prehensive

new pediatrics textbook. metabolic

the latest rapid-detection, ciency, which can cause committee members. In are expensive to screen for. Other disorders such as arginase deficiency, which can cause quadriplegia, retardation and seizures — has been diagnosed in so few patients that it is not yet clear whether treatment with a supplemental amino acid

Screening also "opens up a Pandora's box of difficult ethics and privacy questions," Emmett writes. States must figure out "how much we should know about each individual's genetic makeup, and who is allowed access to that knowledge.' No wonder screening

programs across the country have become increasingly inconsistent, despite calls for a more orderly system from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the March of Dimes and the Council of Regional Networks for

Some states have argued But by the early 1990s, that inherited metabolic complex issue. More and mon, parents who want more disorders were iden- extra screening tests tified as scientists found should pay out of pocket - \$25 to \$90 - to one of genes that regulate the the nation's four commercial newborn-screening labs.

But because the diseases are uncommon - altogether, about 4,000 of the 4 million babies born each year are affected — few parents know about supplemental screening unless doctors inform them.

Families who learn tandem mass machine about these horrible disorders — sometimes too \$500,000 (plus the staff to late to save their children have pressured state effective treatments for legislatures and hospitals some of the disorders it to expand screening and

Hospitals in Pennsylvamore metabolic genetic nia quickly adopted comscreening gray area may be identi- after two hospitals were sued - one in 1998 and There are other dilem- the other in 2000 - by mas, as Thomas Jefferson parents who blamed the University pediatrician hospitals for failing to Gary Emmett writes in a diagnose their babies' disorders. Some congenital metabol. About 95 percent of hospiic defects - such as tals in the state now send

Pittsburgh-based born-screening lab.

If the federal advisory committee recommends national screening for 30 disorders, it may force all states to accept this as the minimum "standard of care," experts say.

The 30 disorders were selected by a team of doctors from the American College of Medical Genetics, said Mike Watson, executive director of the college and head of the team. The team analyzed 84 rare diseases, Watson said, but chose only those that met key criteria, including: the screening test is reliable; the disorder causes serious harm and has an effective treatment; and intervention at birth is better than after symptoms develop.

MCAD deficiency, diagnosed in Nawn's sons, is a disorder that clearly meets the criteria. MCAD deficiency interferes with an enzyme needed to break down fat. The main treatment is to make sure the child does not go more than five or six waking hours without eating, so his or her blood sugar is not depleted. That is simple enough — until a child gets sick, vomits and won't eat.

"Brain damage or seizures can occur within hours," Nawn said. If MCAD deficiency has not been diagnosed, "there isn't even enough time for doctors to run tests.

Fortunately, Alex has been sick only twice. Both times. Nawn said, he was rushed to Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Hospital, where he immediately received the necessary intravenous fluids.

Numerous studies have shown that newborn screening for treatable metabolic diseases makes economic sense because it improves the outcomes for children — although the degree of improvement is not always dra-

But even if federal recommendations lead to uniform national screening, debate is sure to continue, particularly about expanding screening to include untreatable dis-

Nawn and other parent advocates argue that families need early diagnosis, not only to understand why a child is sick or dying, but to make informed decisions about future childbearing.

"People are mistaken when they say the worst thing in the world is to bury a child," Nawn said. "The worst thing is burying two children."

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For more information, call Howard at 264-5155.

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The 12th annual DiscOver Big Spring Golf Tournament has been set for Oct. 3 at Birdwell Park.

Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m. A players meeting

and tee times start at 9

There will be an ace pot, CTP's, \$100 added to the purse and 100% payout in all divisions.

Entry fees — depending on level - range from \$15-\$35. Juniors get a free disc

and each division must have four players. . . For more informa-

tion, call Greg Brooks at 915-267-6335 or 915-267-1465.

#### **Big Spring Shrine** Club sets fund-raiser

The Big Spring Shrine Club is sponsoring a golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Big Spring Country Club and Sunday, Sept 26, at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Both days will have 8 a.m. tee times and will breakfast served.

For more information, contact James Hughes at 267-9942.

#### Fifty-yard field goal stuns No.11 Florida

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.

James Wilhoit kicked a 50-yard field goal with 6 seconds left to give No. 13 Tennessee a 30-28 victory over the No. 11 Florida Gators Saturday night.

Wilhoit redeemed himself after missing an extra-point try less than five minutes earlier that would have tied the game.

The Tennessee Volunteers were trailing 28-21 in the fourth quarter, when freshman Erik Ainge completed a 13-yard touchdown pass to Jayson Swain with 4:17 left. But Wilhoit, a sophomore who had never missed a PAT in his career, was wide right on the kick.

All Florida had to do was run out the clock, but the Gators (1-1, 0-1 Southeastern Conference). had to punt with 55 seconds left.

It was enough time for the Volunteers (2-0, 1-0) to rally for their first win over the Florida Gators at home since 1998, the year they won the national championship.

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## Big Spring netters dominate rival Lake View

By TROY HYDE Sports Editor

A dominating performance against rival Lake View at the Figure 7 Tennis Center inside Comanche Trail Park Saturday got the Big Spring tennis team off to a good start in district

play as the Steers

whipped San Angelo Lake View, 15-4. The boy's team went 9-0 on the day, while the girl's team finished 6-3. The other loss by Big Spring came during the

mixed doubles match. "The boys played excellent and I couldn't have asked for more," said Big Spring head coach Sarah Corse. "The girl's team played well, but it wasn't as good as I had hoped.

"But, if we are going to play and get our feet wet then this is the match to do it."

Five out the boys six singles matches were won in straight sets.

Steers win

home meet

with five in

After placing five of the

top eight runners at the

Big Spring Invitational

Saturday, the Steers boy's

cross country team took

the overall team title by a

The Steers scored 26

points in the victory,

while Midland High (68)

and Midland Lee (81) took

second and third, respec-

tively. Big Spring's dis-

trict rivals - Andrews

and Lake View - took

fourth and fifth, respec-

tively, while Snyder

Rodriguez led the way for

the Steers as he crossed

the finish line in 18:05.

Rodriguez only trailed

Midland Lee's Billy

Giano, who finished the

Daniel Leos and sopho-

more Jesse Sanchez also

finished in the top-five.

Leos was fourth with a

time of 18:51 and Sanchez

took fifth with a run of

Freshman Zack Dawson

and sophomore Chris

Salazar kept the back-to-

back finishes in tact as

they finished in seventh

and eighth, respectively.

Dawson crossed in 19:12,

while Chris Salazar came

The final scorer of the

Chris

day for the Steers was

Martinez, who crossed

the line in 26th with a

Andrews' Ryan Roberts

came in third with a time.

Eighth-grader Jordan

Valle led Big Spring's

junior varsity team to a

victory, as well. Valle

won the race in 19:20.

Dylan Yarbrough and

Michael Salazar took

third and fourth, respec-

tively, while freshmen

Mark Salazar and Kevin

Porras came across in

ninth and 11th, respec-

Also, freshman Abel

The junior varsity team

Diaz finished 35th with a

in seven seconds later.

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Michael

top eight

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

wide margin.

came in sixth.

Sophomore

race in 17:15.

18:57.

Sophomore Roshan Shroff took care of his opponent 6-3/6-0, while seniors Nick Rivera, Nick Paredez and Jason Vela all won, as well.

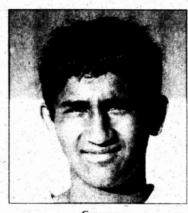
Rivera won 6-2/6-2, Paredez dominated his match 6-2/6-1 and Vela defeated his opponent 6-3/6-0. Sophomore Bryan Juan also won in straight sets, 6-1/6-2.

Freshman Ryan Gonzales won his match, but needed three sets. He won 1-6/6-3/6-2. "The boys took care of

business (Saturday)," said Corse. The boys doubles teams

were equally as impres-The Nick's .- Rivera victory.

and Paredez — won their doubles match 6-2/6-2. Vela and Shroff lost five games, but still won the match 6-1/6-4. The best performance came from Gonzales and Juan, who won their match 6-2/6-0.



six wins of its own. No. 1 seeded senior Veronica Villarreal hardly broke a sweat in her 6-0/6-0 win.

Three-seeded senior Jessica Rodriguez also won in straight sets as J-Rod completed the 6-0/6-3

The other victory in girls singles was captured by fifth-seeded junior Natasha Neighbors. She won in straight sets easily 6 - 1/6 - 2.

The girl's team added very pleased with her per- lost their match 6-0/6-3.

Senior Alex Gariepy, Reinhilde sophomore

singles action, as well. were perfect Saturday.

Jamie Jordan all lost in

Villarreal Rodriguez won their match in straight sets 6-0/6-1, while Gariepy and Robinson needed a second set tiebreaker, but still came out with the win 6-3/7-6(7-2).

Also winning in straight sets was the team of Jordan and Neighbors. They won 6-3/6-3.

"The girls didn't have much intensity, but you could put some of that blame on me," said Corse. "It was our first district match and I didn't want the team to be nervous. I just thought they needed more excitement.'

The mixed doubles team "She had a really good of Robert Andrade and day," said Corse. "I was freshman Allison Ward

"Overall, I was pleased with the win," said Corse. "Now we have to get our Robinson and junior focus set on Plainview next Saturday.

"Midland will also be a The girls doubles team tough match for us Tuesday."

> Big Spring also took part in some extra practice matches Saturday and picked up wins in two of them. Rosie Alcantar and Jeremy Landin won a mixed doubles match 8-6, while Jessica Barker and Ashli Islas took care of their girls doubles opponent 8-

> Big Spring's next match will take place in Midland against Midland High Tuesday.

Then the team continues with district play Saturday at Plainview.

"The Midland match is important, but we need to be ready to go at Plainview Saturday because that is a district match," said Corse.

## **Big Spring** girls take second at home meet

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

The Big Spring girls cross country team settled for second at the Big Invitational Spring Saturday, getting outscored by only district rival Andrews. The Lady Steers scored 72 points, but the Mustangs out Big Spring with 59.

Midland Lee took third and district rival San Angelo Lake View came in fourth.

Leading the way for the Lady Steers Saturday was freshmen Esther Tobar and Mistie Aguilar. Tobar was the first team member to cross as she placed sixth overall with a run of 14:14 and Aguilar crossed eighth in 14:19.

Sophomore Larissa Rodriguez and senior Tasha Rios came in 12th and 18th, respectively. Rodriguez crossed in 14:46, while Rios put together a run of 15:16.

Senior Patricia Franco and Priscilla Bustamentes finished one second apart and took 28th and 29th, respective-

## **Bulldogettes** take second in Division II

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

With three runners in the top-10, the Coahoma girls cross country team place second overall Saturday at the Big Invitational's Spring. Division 2 race. The only school which outscored the Bulldogettes was Seminole.

Coahoma's district rival Colorado City came in third with 86 points. Monica Morelion, Sini

Laurikkala and Callie Paige all finished in the top-10 for Coahoma. Morelion finished fourth, while Laurikkala and Paige took sixth and ninth, respectively.

Krista Kerby Chelsea Gonzales each ran under 16:30' and placed in the top-20.

Coahoma's lone boys varsity runner was Stephen Ewing. Ewing came in eighth.

## team was crowned course champions. Lake View takes out spikers

Members of the Big Spring girls cross country stay in a pack at the start of the race

Saturday at the Big Spring invitational. The girls team took second overall, while the boys

#### By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Another undefeated run of district matches will not happen this season after the Big Spring volleyball team dropped its District 4-4A opener to San Angelo Lake View Saturday inside the Steer

Lake View won the match in three games 25-21/26-24/25-17.

The Maidens led the entire way in game one. They led by as many as seven points before eventually winning the first stanza by four.

Big Spring led early in game two, but Lake View (19-7) battled back to tie the score at 11-11 before rolling off four straight points and taking the 15-11 lead. The Lady Steers continued to battle, however, and were able to get the score tied again, this time at 20-20. The lead then shifted back-andforth before the Maidens closed out Big Spring after scoring the game's

The Maidens' controlled forced ties at 13-13 and Angelo. 1-141-14, but could not do

final two points.



Big Spring senior Stefani Scott gets up high for the kill during the Lady Steers' three-game loss to district rival San Angelo Lake View Saturday at the Steer gym.

scored the final six points district loss in 11 matchof game three.

Lake View also defeated ry. Big Spring led 2-1 and at a tournament in San

match. The Maidens es and suffered its first District 4-4A favorite.

The Lady Steers finthe Steers in a best two ished 10-0 and won the much of game three and out of three match Aug. district championship closed out the Lady Steers 28 during the quarterfi- last season in head coach with an eight point victo- nals of the gold division Revis Daggett's first year. Big Spring must now

travel to Andrews Big Spring (15-15) has Tuesday to face another enough late to extend the lost three straight match- district rival and possible

scored 28 points and defeated second place Seminole by 32. Colorado City, Midland Lee JV and Midland High JV finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

BIG SPRIN

Monday,



**HERALD photo/Troy Hyde** Members of Big Spring High School perform "the wave" during a break at the Lady Steers volleyball team's district opener Saturday at the Steer Gym. Big lost the match to San Angelo Lake View in three games.

## Hopkins knocks out De La Hoya

By TIM DAHLBERG

**AP Boxing Writer** 

LAS VEGAS — Bernard Hopkins suddenly ended a close fight with two left hooks to the body in the ninth round Saturday night to stop Oscar De La Hoya and ruin his bid to become the undisputed middleweight champion.

The punches put De La Hova on the canvas on his hands and knees in obvious pain. When De La Hova rolled over on his back, referee Kenny Bayless stopped the fight at 1:38 of the ninth.

While Hopkins celebrat ed, De La Hoya remained on his knees, his face buried in his gloves. He repeatedly pounded the canvas in frustration after being stopped for the first time in his brilliant career.

"I felt a sense of urgency." Hopkins said. "I wasn't sure if I was winning or not."

Hopkins (45-2-1, 32 knockouts) was ahead on scorecards behind on a third in a cautiously fought bout when he suddenly landed the punches just below De La Hoya's rib cage to retain his undisputed middleweight title in his 19th title defense.

"A well-placed body shot," De La Hoya said.

De La Hoya (37-4, 29 knockouts) was a 2-1 underdog in only his second fight as a middleweight and was taking on a champion who hadn't lost in 11 years.

"I tried to do the impossible on paper — beat the middleweight champ

ANAHEIM, Calif. -

Rookie Chris Young

helped the Texas Rangers

hang on in the AL West

race and drop back the

Young allowed five hits

in six innings, Kevin

Mench hit a run-scoring

single and the Rangers

shut out Anaheim for the

second straight day, 1-0

Anaheim leads the

major leagues in batting

at .285 but has been

blanked three times in

five games, including a 2-

0 loss Saturday. It is the

first time since Sept. 28-

29, 1992, against Kansas

City that the Angels were

shut out by the same

team in consecutive home

By KEN PETERS

**AP Sports Writer** 

Anaheim Angels.

Sunday.

games.

coming up from 130 pounds," De La Hoya

Hopkins fought cautiously the first half of the fight, giving both De La Hoya and the sold-out crowd at the MGM Grand arena some cause for optimism. De La Hoya, who many thought would box and move, was the aggressor in many of the early exchanges as he moved forward against Hopkins.

"He came to fight," Hopkins said. "He didn't come to run or look for a gift from the judges."

crowd cheered their fighter from the opening bell, screaming every time he landed a punch. Hopkins fought patiently, but as the rounds went on, his corner told him to pick up the pace and pressure De La Hoya more.

Still, De La Hoya was holding his own until the the first time since turnfight came to a stunning climax that quieted the shocked crowd as De La 1992. Hoya stayed on the can-

"He caught me right on the button," De La Hoya said. "Believe me, I tried getting up but I couldn't. I have what it takes, but he hit me right on the but-

De La Hoya, who weighed 155 pounds to 156 for Hopkins, had fought only once as a middleweight, but his opponent this time was a big upgrade from little known Felix Sturm. Hopkins had not lost since Roy Jones Jr. beat him 11 years ago, and he was primed for the payday of his lifetime.

Texas blanks Anaheim...again

games behind AL West-

leading Oakland and the

Rangers stayed five

games back of the

which has lost four of six

overall, remained 5 1/2

games behind Boston in

Jarrod Washburn (11-8)

held the Rangers to an

unearned run in eight

Mench's single in the

fourth after right fielder

dropped Hank Blalock's

leadoff fly ball for a two-

Guerrero had difficulty

spotting fly balls with the

son in his face. He had to

shift at the last second to

catch a routine fly by

Mench in the second,

then appeared to lose

Brian Jordan's drive to

the wild-card race.

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Guerrero

es to repair a cut on his left hand suffered three days before the fight. In his dressing room just before the fight, he said the cut on the fleshy part of his hand just beneath the ring finger was slightly swollen and asked that he be allowed not to have the usual tape on it. But he said the hand

De La Hoya fought

despite needing 11 stitch-

didn't bother him, only the punches from a bigger and stronger fighter who wasn't going to be denied.

"It was a great shot, a The pro-De La Hoya great left hook," De La Hoya said.

The fight was eagerly anticipated and expected to be the richest nonheavyweight fight in boxing history. De La Hoya made at least \$30 million, but the cost to his career might be greater.

He was knocked out for ing pro after winning an Olympic gold medal in

Hopkins, who made only \$300,000 in a fight just nine months ago, got a minimum \$10 million, the biggest payday of his career, for fighting De La Hoya.

He came into the ring to a recording of Frank Sinatra's "My Way," fitting for a boxer who stubbornly set his own course, even when it cost him millions of dollars.

After stopping De La Hoya, the 39-year-old Hopkins climbed on the ropes to celebrate his biggest win.

"It was Hopkins sauce with chopped liver," he

inning, a ball that fell for

Young (2-2), making just

his fifth major league

start, struck out four and

walked none in six-plus

innings. In his previous

start, he gave up six runs

and seven hits in 4 1-3

innings during a 7-3 loss

to the Chicago White Sox.

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arms and yelled at plate

umpire Ed Rapuano after

falling behind 3-0 in the

count against David

mound. Almanzar contin-

ued to jaw at him, and the

pitched the ninth for his

46th save in 50 chances,

his second in as many

umpire tossed him.

Francisco

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Rapuano

Cordero

With two outs and none

The Angels fell three the wall later in the

a double.

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walked

## **Defense leads Dallas to win**

By JAIME ARON

**AP Sports Writer** 

IRVING - Bill Parcells is always toughest on his teams after they win, especially when they win ugly. That means the next eight days could be excruciating for the Dallas Cowboys.

Vinny Testaverde threw for 322 yards and Eddié George ran for 61 yards and a touchdown in a 19-12 victory over the Cleveland Browns that had all the makings of a blowout - if not for mistake after mistake by the Cowboys.

Dallas (1-1) reached at least the Cleveland 43yard line on 10 of its 11 drives, but turned them into only two touchdowns and a field goal. The rest were squandered by four turnovers (including three late interceptions by Testaverde), a missed field goal and two punts.

Add in some silly and ill-timed penalties and the Browns (1-1) were in the game to the end. Yet quarterback Jeff Garcia couldn't muster the spark he showed in winning his Cleveland debut, throwing three interceptions, including two in the fourth quarter after his defense picked Testaverde.

Garcia was 8-of-28 for just 71 yards and had a rating of 0.0. The Browns had just 202 total yards, with their only points coming on four field goals by Phil Dawson.

Testaverde was 23-of-35 and threw for a touchdown.

He looked great early, driving 90 yards on the first series against a defense coached by Dave Campo, who was the Cowboys' coach before Parcells. Dallas' drive included a flea-flicker to Keyshawn Johnson for 38 yards and a 1-yard TD pass to third-string tight end Jeff Robinson.

But the problems followed quickly. The ensuing kickoff went out of bounds and the next drive ended with a fumble by rookie Julius Jones.

The Cowboys kept alive another drive with a 33yard run by Dexter Coakley on a fake punt. They got only a field goal, though, partly because of an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against Johnson.

After Cleveland's Earl Little was flagged for unnecessary roughness on receiver Terry Glenn, Johnson ran in and kneed Little, producing offsetting penalties. Dallas would've had a first down inside the 10.

Testaverde underthrew Johnson on what certainly would've been a touchdown on the opening drive of the second half. The series ended when Billy Cundiff's 49-yard field goal attempt hit the right upright.

Linebacker Dat Nguyen intercepted Garcia soon after and it led to George's 3-yard touchdown.

Then the game dissolved into the back-andforth interceptions — five in a span of six drives.



Houston Texans running back Domanick Davis (37) cuts outside to avoid Detroit Lions' Shaun Rogers (92) during a second quarter run of their game at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan, Sunday.

## Williams reaches end zone

By LARRY LAGE

AP Sports Writer

DETROIT Harrington was the happiest guy in Detroit when the Lions drafted Roy Williams.

It's easy to see why.

Harrington threw three touchdown passes, two thanks to Williams' spectacular catches, to lead the Lions past the Houston Texans 28-16 on Sunday for their first 2-0 start since 2000.

Williams, the seventh pick overall in April, had four receptions for

73 yards. "He is a natural receiver who uses his hands as well or better than any receiver I've seen," Harrington said. "When you combine his size and speed, there aren't many 5-10, 180-pound defensive backs that can cover him."

The 6-foot-3, 212-pound receiver, who once ran the 100-meter dash in 10.48 seconds, made up for the loss of Charles Rogers, whose second straight season is over because of a broken collarbone.

same plays if he was out ferent." there," Williams said.

The Texans are 0-2 for the first time in their three seasons.

Coach Dom Capers blamed turnovers on their two losses. The Texans gave the ball away three times against the Lions after having four turnovers in a 27-20 loss to San Diego last week.

The Lions, with one playoff victory since winning the 1957 NFL title, and the expansion Texans have tried to build their teams in similar ways.

In 2002, Houston took quarterback David Carr with the No. 1 overall pick and the Lions drafted Harrington two picks

The next year, Detroit drafted Rogers second overall and the Texans took receiver Andre Johnson with the next selection.

"It's an obvious comparison because we were the top QBs taken two years ago," Carr said. "But like I said to him before the game, 'I can't do anything to stop you, "I just had to step up, and you can't do anybut I know that Charles thing to stop me.' If I was would have made the a safety, it would be dif-

Harrington was 18-of-25 for 176 yards with one interception in Detroit's home opener.

Carr overcame an awful start to complete 23 of 34 passes for 313 yards with two TDs and one interception.

Harrington put the game away with a 14yard TD pass to Williams, whose fingertip catch and dragging feet in the near corner of the end zone put the Lions ahead 28-16 with 4:41 left.

"Joey put it in a spot where only I could catch it," Williams said.

Houston's slim hopes for a comeback faded when Carr's run up the middle was stopped at the Detroit 1 on fourth down with 36 seconds

Johnson caught three passes for 86 yards and a

Detroit's other firstround pick this year, Jones, Kevin Detroit just enough of a running game with 57 yards on 12 carries.

Domanick Davis led Houston with 78 yards rushing and 95 yards receiving.

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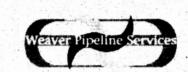
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BY JOYCE JILLSON

The moon passes mysterious Pluto. The unknown is usually less scary under the Sagittarius moon, but this is not

the case now. It seems scarier and therefore compelling Emotionally, huddle like an anxious crowd of teenagers buying tick-

ets for the horror film. latest Ultimately, we realize what we were afraid of was something altogether fake!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). That mellow vibe you're feeling won't last long. In a couple of days, you'll be back to business as usual, with too many things on your plate. In 22). Clear out any clutter the meantime, why not just curl up with your hottie of the moment and ductive emotional bagride it out?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A woman in your life -- probably a family member -- requires your famous dependability and strength. Try to resist telling her what to do.

she needs.

Instead, just listen, and be

that calming influence

strong, particularly with regard to figuring out what makes people tick. With your natural gift for gab, you'll probably be able to talk anyone into anything. Close a deal over lunch.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Emotional crab that you are, you may be tempted to crawl into your shell and hide from the world. If you do, be aware that you may miss a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in a truly meaningful and nurturing way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't be surprised if you find yourself at the center of some emotional turmoil at home. Everyone around you seems rather uppity, and as usual, you're the center of attention. Rise above it all by resisting the urge to play the martyr.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. at your home or office -and this includes unprogage that's weighing you down! You'll be able to zero in on the heart of the matter and extract the problem with surgical precision.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all? You are, of course! Today is perfect GEMINI (May 21-June for beautifying your per-21). Go with your best sonal space - be it your tle time! You've overhunch. Your intuition is home, your cubicle or booked yourself again.

your body. Tonight, wear You can't help it - saying something nice, and don't hold back.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Hot! That's you, Scorpio. If you're in a relationship, unfolding events are deliciously memorable. Work is another story entirely, as you're likely to spark some sort of argument. Try not to sting anyone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may feel pulled in two different directions. You're itching for a change of scenery, but a lack of funds or a family situation has got you temporarily grounded. A mysterious, sexy stranger crosses your

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Not much work gets accomplished this morning, which frustrates your carefully laid plans." On the other hand, this gives you more time to scope out that cute coworker and plant the seeds for something deep-

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Feeling patriotic? Your natural inclination toward political activism is in high gear right now. No sign is better at rousing the troops for a good cause. At work, it's probably best to keep unpopu-

lar opinions to yourself. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). So much to do, so litno is just not in your nature. Intuition's strong, so if your gut tells you to blow off one appointment in favor of another, you'll be OK.

ASTROLOGICAL QUES-TIONS: "I'm in charge of hiring a sales force of 150 people, and I'm overwhelmed by the prospect. Do you have any guidelines that might help me assemble a top-notch crew? The product we're selling is very hard to

Salespeople of every sign have their strengths, but Aries and Sagittarius tend to turn in the biggest numbers. Here's a brief guide:

ARIES: Enthusiastic and forceful but not necessarily a team player.

TAURUS: Can only sell what he or she believes in 100 percent.

GEMINI: Adept at getting people to loosen up. but someone else should come in for the close.

CANCER: Soft-sells with ease but is uncomfortable with cold situations.

LEO: Would rather manage the sales force than sell.

VIRGO: Inconsistent at first, but proper training unleashes unlimited potential.

LIBRA: Can sell in a way that the buyer hardly realizes he or she has just been sold. SCORPIO: Truthful to the extent that . INC.

some sales would be hurt. SAGITTARIUS: Can talk a bear out of its skin.

CAPRICORN: Driven to close and won't rest until

the deal is done. AQUARIUS: Not a hard seller but wonderful at

generating leads. PISCES: Intuitively knows who needs the product or service.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Champion cyclist Lance Armstrong's name has become synonymous with the word "winner." His tenacity in the face of impossible odds makes him a hero and an inspiration to others facing difficulties in life. Virgo is a champion for causes that have to do with training. nurturing and healing. Armstrong will continue to make a difference as he campaigns for reforms in medical research and health care.

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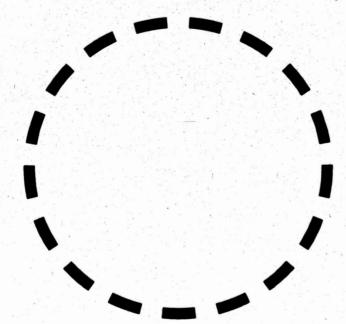
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## Annie's Mailbox •

Dear Annie: My daughter, a high school senior. returned a book last May, at the end of her junior year. While the book had her name inside, the bar code on the book said it actually belonged to her locker mate, "Renee." Apparently, the books accidentally switched. Unfortunately, Renee feels no obligation to turn in my daughter's book and says she no longer has it.

Renee's mother searched for the book at home but didn't find it. Within the first three weeks after school, a \$10 fine had been imposed, and the remaining \$83 charge was turned over to a collection agency. I wrote a letter of appeal to the principal, but he was away for the summer. The school district's position is that they do not get involved in matters

between students. I had to pay the charge because otherwise my excellent credit record would be tarnished, and my daughter would have been dropped from her schedule of classes and forced to re-enroll. If the classes she wanted were full, it could have interfered with graduation. She also would have been barred from senior activities throughout this coming year. Obviously, I had no choice.

This week I am taking a day off work to look through 500 books for the one that has Renee's signature on the inside. If I can find it, the school will refund my money (although not the fine). I think we are being unfairly punished, and all these punitive measures smack of extortion. What do you think? - Modesto, Calif., Mom

Dear Mom: Your daughter has learned two valuable lessons: A person is responsible for her own things, and life isn't fair. Although it would have been nice if the administration had been more understanding, the school is not at fault here. If you cannot find your daughter's book, you should ask Renee (or her mother) to reimburse you for the cost or, as a compromise. split the difference. It's time Renee learned a lesson about responsibility, DICATE, INC.



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

Dear Annie: My husband is forever correcting me publicly and privately. Not only does he correct, but he keeps making comments about it to embarrass me. Now that my children are older, they act just like my hus-

band. They all think it is funny to humiliate me this way. I can't seem to get it

through their thick heads that these comments are hurtful and no one is perfect. This has become such a source of anxiety for me that I don't say much around my family, and I rarely visit my children and grandchildren because I can't handle the criticism anymore. How can I get them to stop? --

Please, No Names Dear No Names: What a charming family you have. The need to humiliate you through constant criticism allows them to feel superior. Call them on it. Tell them their comments are hurtful and abusive, and if they cannot control their hostility, you will remove yourself from the premises -which you already are doing.

The difference, however, is attitude. You are hiding. Hold your head up, honey. It's THEIR character flaw, not yours. You deserve to be treated with respect.

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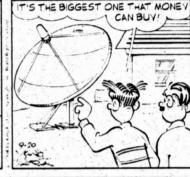
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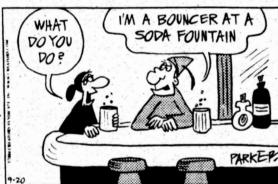


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## This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 20, the 264th day of 2004. There are 102 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 20, 1519, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan set out from Spain on a voyage to find a western passage to the Spice Islands in Indonesia. (Magellan was killed en route, but one of his ships eventually circled the world.)

In 1881, Chester A. Arthur was sworn in as the 21st president of the United States, succeeding the assassinated James

On this date:

Garfield.

In 1947, former New York City Mayor Fiorello La Guardia died.

In 1954, the live T.V. drama "Twelve Angry

In 1977, the first wave of Southeast Asian "boat people" arrived in San Francisco under a new U.S.

La.; he was 30.

resettlement program. In 1979, Jean-Bedel Bokassa, self-styled head of the Central African Empire, was overthrown in a French-supported while on a visit to Libya.

In 1984, a suicide car bomber attacked the U.S. Embassy annex in north Beirut, killing a dozen people.

In 1989, F.W. de Klerk was sworn in as president of South Africa.

Today's Basketball Hall of Fame coach Red Auerbach is 87. Singer Gogi Grant is 80. Actress-comedian Anne Meara is 75. Actress Sophia Loren is 70. Rock musician Chuck Panozzo is 57. Hockey player Guy LaFleur is 53. Jazz musician Peter White is 50. Actress Betsy Brantley is 49. Actor Gary Cole is 48. Actress Kristen

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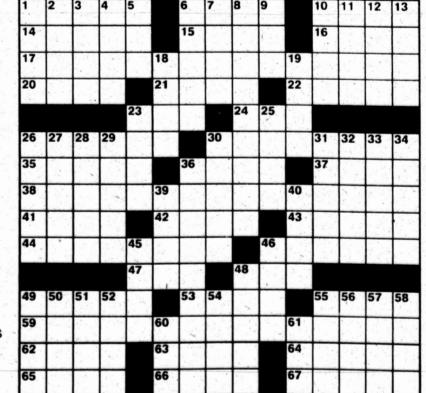
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