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Tonight:

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Hay rides to mark Harvest Saturday at state park September 23, 2004

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

This Saturday isn't just any Saturday. It's Harvest Saturday ... and that means hay rides at Big Spring State Park.

"It's about the biggest event we have at our state park each year. People really enjoy it, especially children," said Ron Alton, park manager.

No reservations are needed, though it's a good idea to show up early, said Alton. The rides, which follow the edge of the 200-foot bluff, are held at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Six or more trailers will be available for each ride.

What: Harvest Saturday hay rides.

Where: Big Spring State Park, off FM 700.

When: Saturday, 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Admission: By donation

"We'd like to have seven because six hasn't always been enough." said Alton.

ALTON

No one will be turned away, but it may be a longer wait if the trailers fill quickly.

Alton recommends participants and specta-

tors bring something to drink. It's good to bring lawn chairs, too. There is some seating at the top of Scenic Mountain, but it's limited and not all of it is in the shade.

Better yet, Alton suggested, families might combine the hay rides with a picnic.

Everyone is invited.

"I guess you'd say our target market is elementary school kids because we always make up enough fliers to get out to the schools," Alton said. "You know, when a kiddo says to his parents 'I wanna go on the hayride' you don't get any better promotion than that.

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Area schools gear up for homecoming

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

Three area schools will be taking football to the maximum Friday, as Sands, Garden City and Coahoma prepare for homecoming festivities.

To help fire up the annual celebration at Garden City High School, the junior class will be holding a hamh

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| prior to | Sands, Garden |
| Friday's big | |
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are to be announced at halftime during the Bearkats' game against El Paso Jesus Chapel, which is set to begin

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Yellow Rose sets Relay fund-raiser

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TONIGHT TOMORROW

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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. Friday the cafe

will offer pancakes or waffles plus junce. bacon or fresh fruit for \$3. Everyone is invited.

Christine's is UW restaurant of week

Christine's in Coahoma is the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County featured restaurant this week.

A portion of Friday's proceeds at Christine's will be donated to United Way, which helps 15 area agencies with funding. For information about the local United Way or to make a donation, call 267-5201.

TMRA II to hold chapter party here

There will be a Texas Motorcycle **Rights Association II** Big Spring chapter birthday party from noon until midnight Saturday at the Cossacks Club House. 1610 N. Birdwell. Cost is \$5 per person at the door. There will be food while it lasts. live music and games. All bikes, all ages welcome.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins

Community Emergency Response Team trainee Jeannette Thomasy, right, puts out a gasoline fire at the Big Spring Fire Department Training Center Tuesday morning while her CERT partner Hollis McCright and Instructor Craig Ferguson look on. CERT training is federally funded through the Citizen Corps.

Area employers are invited to Texas Business Conference

Seminar set all day Saturday at Dora Roberts CC; registration to get under way at 7:30 a.m.

Special to the Herald

Big Spring area employers are invited to the Texas Business Conference, slated Friday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The conference, open to anyone but directed toward employers, owners and managers, will Lehman and his staff will prebe directed by the Texas sent practical, up-to-date infor-

Workforce Commission (TWC). The full-day seminar is \$85 and includes a continental breakfast. Conference registration is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m. Seating is limited.

Employers will learn how to avoid costly pitfalls when operating businesses and learn techniques to more effectively manage employees, according to Ron Lehman, TWC commissioner representing employers.

mation and preview new high tech tools for finding workers. TWC attorneys and staff will discuss employee handbooks, hiring and retention, firing, investigations, workplace unemployment insurance, tax credits, wage and hour laws, employee medical issues and more. Participants will receive a Texas Business Conference handbook, including the latest edition of the popular publication "Especially for Texas

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at 7:30 p.m. Vying for the title of homecoming queen will be seniors Amanda Hirt, Rebecca Cmerek and Krystal Sullivan. The homecoming king will

be chosen from seniors Timothy Schniers, Wade Machicek and Trey Hillger. Junior Angela Hoelscher and seniors Krystal Sullivan and Renee Alavarado will compete for the title of band queen. At Sands High School, the

Mustangs will kick off their homecoming with a red wagon float parade sponsored by the National Honor Society at 6:45 p.m. at Mustang Stadium. Prizes will be awarded for the best floats in prekindergarten through fifth grade and sixth grade through 12th grade. Vying for the title of homecoming

queen will be senior Kandis Carson, the daughter of Doug and Katricia Carson, and escorted by Marcelo Barraza, the son of Robin and Debbie Barraza; junior Mika Peterson, the daughter of Mike and

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Forsan ISD trustees canvass votes from election

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

It's official. After canvassing the the Forsan votes, Independent School Board District of Trustees was able to officially declare the Sept. 11 \$4.9 million bond election passed by a 235-30 margin.

The bonds will enable the district to fund many needed improvements and new items including:

 A new drive for pickup and drop-off with covered lighting behind Elbow Elementary School.

 New playground equipment at the elementary school.

 New carpeting and air-conditioning for all campuses.

 Plumbing, lighting and electrical upgrades as needed.

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Lion's Club teaming with Dr. Seymore to test children's eyes

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer Evening Lion's Club Secretary Bob Noyes uses eye interpretation screenings to help Howard County kindergartners to get a jump-start on a lifetime of good vision.

"At the school we test for vision distance issues, but not all problems are related to distance," said **Big Spring Independent** School District nurse Glenda Low, who has worked with vision screenings for 23 years.

The schools test for visual acuity, which is covering one eye at a time, and reading a chart. These tests can't determine if a child has a lazy eye or astigmatism. This is where the Lion's

photoscreening Club helps. It takes a picture of the child's eyes while dilated (in a dark room) and Dr. Ted Seymore of Eye Associates Inc. interprets the photos to determine if further referrals are necessary.

"The tests are about 90 percent accurate," said Seymore. "They can't diagnose a problem, but they can help parents to know if further testing is needed."

Seymore said the tests are important because after the age of 7, long term damage can be caused if problems such as amblyopia are not detected.

Schools will begin screening all kindergarten students for visual



HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss

Evening Lion's Club member Bob Noyes organizes a box of the many recycled glasses available to adults from 9 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Saturday at the Lion's Event Center, 1607 E. Third Street.

acuity within the next ings available for their few weeks.

Noyes will begin photoscreening at Washington Elementary School on Tuesday. Students in the first or second grades who are new to the district and are exhibiting signs of vision impairments will also be tested. The following schools will also have photoscreen-

students: Bauer Elementary, Sept. 30.; Marcy Elementary, Oct. and 5.; Kentwood Elementary, Oct. 6.

Coahoma students will be tested by the Coahoma Lions Club on Oct. 4. Elbow Elementary and Moss Elementary stu-

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Obituaries

Wayne Houston Woody



Wayne Houston Woody, a longtime farmer and rancher in the Tarzan area, died Monday, Sept. 20, 2004, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church in Stanton with the Rev. Daniel Armstrong, pastor, and Kenzel May officiating. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Houston was born in Stanton to Jess and Inez Woody March 7, 1923. He attended school in Stanton, graduating from Stanton High School in 1940. He was captain of his high school senior football team and president of his senior class.

After graduation from high school, he entered Texas Technological College. In December 1942, he left school and joined the Army Air Corps, where he trained and graduated as a P38 fighter pilot. For the remainder of the war he served as a flight instructor, training both bomber and fighter pilots.

In October of 1945, he left the military and started his life's career, raising cotton and cattle. He actively participated in this business until his death.

Houston was an avid supporter of athletics in both the Stanton and Grady communities, attending the majority of the practices and games of the Stanton Buffalo football team.

He traveled as far as California to support a Stanton graduate who quarterbacked for Rice University. In 1998, he was named Booster of the Year for the state champion Stanton football team.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Kenzel May, of Midland; his daughter-inlaw. Marianne Woody, of Mesquite; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Pete and Marie Woody, of Stanton and Johncal and Ruby Woody, of Midland; two grandsons and a grandson-in-law; three granddaughters; a great granddaughter; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Wayne Houston Woody Jr.

Pallbearers will be Don McMorries, Neil McMorries, Jim Woody, Ken Woody, Marshall May, Michael Clark, Steve Cobb and James Jenkins.

The family suggests memorials to the West Texas Chapter of Parkinsonian Disease, attention Joe Bidwell, P.O. Box 93255, Lubbock 79401 or to a favorite charity of one's choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Online condolences made can be at www.npwelch.com.

Paid obituary

Michael Steadham

Michael Steadham, 41, of Big Spring died at 6:45 a.m. today at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a sudden illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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

LOCAL

Police blotter

• JULIA MUNOZ, 51, of 407.5 E. Eighth Street, was arrested Wednesday on two local warrants.

• PETE GONZALES, 52, of 2501 W. Highway 80, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to identify.

· JESUS MARTINEZ, 24, of 805 Willia, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of assault with intent to cause bodily injury.

• NANNIE SHERIE LYDIA, 20, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 127, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to identify.

• ALICE JOHNNIE LIVINGSTON, 50, of 2911 W. Highway 80 Apt. 127, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of failure to identify and an Ector County warrant.

 BLANCA OTENICIA CALDERON, 20, of 2600 Chanute, was arrested Wednesday on local warrants. CARMARLITA KATHLEEN JOHNSON, 41, of 2536 Langley, was arrested Thursday on charges of criminal mischief - family violence and disorderly conduct - language.

• ANTHONY PAUL MUNOZ, 45, of 107 W. 19th Street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.

• DAVID RIVERA JR., 19, of 4223 Hamilton, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft and local warrants.

• CHRISTOPHER ROBIN LOPEZ, 22, of 1709 Highway 176, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.

- THEFT was reported:
- in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
- in the 4100 block of Dixon.
- in the 1800 block of Gregg Street.
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported:
- in the 2500 block of Langley.
- in the 700 block of Aylesford.
- in the 2500 block of Dow.

• FAILURE TO IDENTIFY/GIVING FALSE OR FICTITIOUS INFORMATION was reported:

- in the 1400 block of W. FM 700.
- in the 700 block of Fourth Street.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 2100 block of Main Street.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

Sheriff's report

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

• ALICE JEAN HANKE, 74, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check. • ROBERT PAUL NEWTON, 26, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a motion to revoke probation for evading arrest or detention.

Bulletin board

BIG SPRING HERALD

Thursday, September 23, 2004

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email

editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

· Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479.

Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

 Signal Mountain Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Members bring their own lunch. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281 for more information.

• AMBUCS meet at noon in La Posada Restaurant. Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in

the Howard College Cactus Room. · Spring City Senior Citizen's Center country and western dance from 7:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. All area

seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

• Adult Eyeglass Clinic from 9 a.m.-11:50 a.m. at the Event Center, former Lions bingo building, 1607 E. Third. Sponsored by the Big Spring Evening Lions. Club. 267-6095.

· Ackerly 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.

• Eagles Lodge Dance at 8:30 p.m. at 703 W. Third. · Big Spring Harley Davidson celebrates 75th anniversary.

SUNDAY ...

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

MONDAY

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

• Take 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.

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Take note

□ WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES ARE SPON-SORING COMMUNITY MEETINGS at 10 a.m. Tuesday and Oct. 7 in the Howard County Library Community Room. Tuesday the program will be presented by Victim Services, and Oct. 7 the program will be 2-1-1 by Michael Chase. Call WTO at 267-9536 for more information.

□ FORSAN SCHOOL BAND WILL PERFORM IN WASHINGTON D.C. JULY 4, 2005, by special invitation, representing Texas. Funds are needed to cover the \$145,000 cost of the trip. Donations are being accepted at the First Bank of West Texas, account name Forsan Band Trip. Contact Forsan Superintendent Randy Johnson or band directors Jim Rhodes and Jeremy Higgenbotham at 457-2223.

□ DONATIONS OF GARAGE SALE ITEMS are being accepted for a benefit sale for Cathy Kinman Oct. 1-2. Mrs. Kinman has completed cancer treatment and is cancer free. The sale is to help with continued expenses. Bring donations to the house behind the Knott station or call 353-4417.

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.

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 CODY JAMES TOMLINSON, 19, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• ANTONIO JOE FLORES, 24, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday on charges of bondsman off of bond for driving while intoxicated - open container, evading arrest or detention and violation of parole.

• TONY MONROE GAMBLE, 37, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday on charges of bondsman off of bond for theft surety withdraw and theft.

• AMANDA JEAN ALMAZAN, 28, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check. • DAVID LYNN WHITE, 43, was transferred to the county jail Wednesday on a charge of parole violation and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.

• TRELLA BRUTON, 31, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of theft by check.

Support groups

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

□ All widows and widowers are invited to attend the Encourager's Support group meeting at 6 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels. Enter through the north door. Covered dish dinner. Call 398-5522 for more information.

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| This daylong seminar on employment law is for employers, inanagers and accountants. | |
| Urban Legends of Employment Law and the Basics of Hiring | |
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| The full-day seminar is \$85 and includes a continental breakfast. Continuing Professional Education (6 hrs.) is available for CPA's | Voted |
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Tonight - Generally clear skies. Low 61. Winds E at 5 to 10 mph.

Tomorrow - Partly cloudy. High around 80. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.

Tomorrow night - Clear to partly cloudy skies. Low 58. Winds ENE at 10 to 15 mph.

Saturday – Slight chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Sunday - Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

Monday - Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the mid 50s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-27-30-35-37. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize per winner: \$36,031. Winning ticket sold in: San Antonio. Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-20-25-43-44. Bonus Ball: 22

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$8 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 8-4-3



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LOCAL/NATION

CBS appoints two-person panel to investigate National Guard story

News appointed a former Republican Cabinet member and a retired news executive Wednesday to investigate its discredited "60 Minutes" report on President Bush's National single out what I think Guard service.

ney general in the Reagan going to look and see and first Bush administrations and former itself has said adds up to a Pennsylvania governor, will start work immediately with Louis D. Boccardi, who retired last such job since retirement; year as president and he served on the panel The Associated Press.

deadline on their work, Blair fabricated sources although CBS News and got them into the Andrew President Heyward has said he rather than weeks, months.

Their News said it could not example

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NEW YORK (AP) – CBS authenticate documents Republican bias and CBS before making any perused in the Sept. 8 story that had questioned the president's military service and apologized for airing it.

"It would be unfair to are the biggest problems," Dick Thornburgh, attor- Boccardi said. "We are what they are. What CBS significant number of problems on the way in." It's Boccardi's second chief executive officer of appointed by The New responsive on this," she York Times to probe how said. "But once they The network hasn't set a former reporter Jayson paper.

The appointment of a hoped for answers in prominent Republican is ics, who have already a recognition of how the media scandal has politiappointment cal overtones. GOP critics came two days after CBS considered the story an said he wanted to see the of anti-

reprimanded the story's producer for fulfilling a source's request and setting up a contact with Democrat John Kerry's presidential campaign.

"Investigations like this can help a news organization know who should be held accountable," said Geneva Overholser, a former Des Moines Register editor who's now at the Missouri School of Journalism.

a very long time to be decided to be responsive. they were very responsive. This is quick, decisive and substantial."

It may not satisfy critcalled for anchorman Dan Rather and Heyward to step down. Heyward has panel's investigation

sonnel decisions.

"A strong leader like Dan Rather ought to say the buck stops here and take the fall," said Michael Paranzino, a Washington government affairs consultant who set a Web up site, Boycottcbs.com, to protest CBS' planned airing of a miniseries on Ronald Reagan and has kept it running.

CBS has promised the "Regrettably, CBS took two investigators full access and complete cooperation, and said it will make their final report public.

The CBS report cited documents purported to be from one of Bush's commanders in the Texas Air National Guard. The documents say the commander, Lt. Col. Jerry Killian, ordered Bush to take a medical exam, which he did not, and felt

evaluation of then 1st Lt. Bush.

CBS's source, retired Texas National Guard member Bill Burkett, told USA Today that he agreed to turn over the documents to CBS if the network would help arrange a conversation with John Kerry's campaign.

Mary Mapes, a veteran CBS News producer who did much of the work on the Bush story, passed Burkett's number to the Kerry campaign and adviser Joe Kerry Lockhart said he had spoken to Burkett briefly but did not recall speaking about the National Guard. CBS on Tuesday said it violates news standards to be associated with any political agenda.

Many document experts believe the so-called Killian memos are fake. Republican National

pressured to sugarcoat an Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie said Wednesday he believed a crime was committed by whoever created the documents. Burkett has said he did not fake or forge the documents.

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"Did this producer's own political viewpoint cloud her judgment?' Gillespie asked. "Is CBS News' decision to neither suspend nor release the producer in question a result of judgment clouded by Viacom and CBS owner Sumner Redstone's role as a Kerry fund-raiser, or Viacom President Tom Freston's public support of John Kerry for president?"

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Michael Steadham, 41, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

BARBECUE **Big John's Feed Lot New Hours! Tuesday-Saturday** 11 am-3 pm **Closed Sundays &** Mondays 802 W. 3rd • Big Spring • 263-3178 Catering Available

"As with my own kids, any day outdoors and away from the Xbox is a good day as far as I am concerned," he added with a

laugh. "But we have a lot of adults participate as well. It is a good, fun family activity. And couples can bring a picnic bas-

romantic afternoon."

Academy members will be assisting with the event again this year.

we've been doing this and we couldn't do it without them. With that many vehicles on the mountain at the same time, it's imperative we have them to direct traffic and park cars," Alton said. upkeep of the park.

ket, take a hayride – call it a "That's another thing – space is limited, so the more people who Big Spring Police Citizen's can carpool with a neighbor, the better it is."

There is no gate fee for Harvest Saturday. Admission is on a "They've helped us each year donation basis. All donations go into the Lone Star Legacy Fund, an endowment account that each wildlife area in the state has established. Interest garnered off the funds is used to pay for the

"It's important to us," said Alton. "It helps keep this park

There's another reason to sup-

"In the past 12 years, the government has looked twice at the possibility of letting the park go - getting it out of the state's hands. So the more that people utilize it, the more reason there is for the state to justify keeping control of it," explained Alton.

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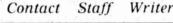
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Penny Peterson, escorted by Trent Rogers, the son of Robin and Allan Herrington and David and Tammy Rogers: Dannon Sophomore Ramey, the daughter of Jeannetta Ramey and Rick Lopez, and escorted by Emmanuel Gomez, the son of Ralph and Flora

The Sands Student and hero, is to begin at 7 p.m. The game starts at Council will host a dance in the high school cafete-7:30 p.m. The 2004 homecoming ria following the game. Admission to the dance is queen will be announced

during halftime. \$3 per person, with the festivities set to continue Six Coahoma seniors will vie for the title, The Coahoma Bulldogs including Sarah Collom, the daughter of Dianah held their annual homecoming parade and pep and Elwin Collom; Ruby rally, complete with bon-Garcia, the daughter of fire, Wednesday evening. Leonor Garcia; Brandi Coahoma will get ready Kilpatrick, the daughter

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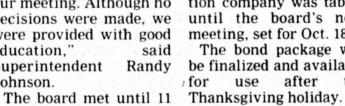
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OUR VIEWS

State park offering

old-fashioned fun

on Saturday rides

that takes place this weekend.

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Sometimes simple pleasures are the best.

That's the case with Harvest Saturday, the

annual event put on by Big Spring State Park

Many of us can remember bumping down

country roads on a hay ride — laughing and

singing as the crisp fall weather touched our

cheeks. This Saturday, there is an opportu-

nity to rekindle those memories and to pro-

vide them for your children or grandchil-

With any luck, the temperatures will be

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I can honestly say the new Saab 9-3 converti up to its billing a

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And the CBS war rages on

BS just doesn't get it. It's not enough to say you're sorry when your network's most prominent and trusted journalists tried to influence the outcome of an election. And make no

mistake, that's what Dan Rather and his associates at "60 Minutes" tried to do on Sept. 8, when they aired a story claiming George W. Bush disobeyed a direct order from his commander in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War. On Monday, the net-

work admitted that "CBS News cannot prove that the documents (alleging Bush's malfeasance) are authentic, which is the only acceptable journalistic standard to justify using them in the report. We should not have used them. That was a mistake, which we deeply regret." Mistakes were made. We're

sorry. But don't worry; we'll investigate what went wrong. Let's move on. Trust us.

But why should we? Dan Rather can profess he's a "fact-finder" and "truth-teller" 'till armadillos fly, but his actions belie those sentiments. In interviews following his admission that he should not have used the discredited documents - which virtually everyone now agrees are forgeries – Rather still maintains that the thrust of his reporting on Bush's National Guard service was true and accurate.

"We were not right in every detail," he told WCBS reporter Marcia Kramer on Monday, but "We had a wealth of information. We knew the basic information was true."

Knew it was true? How? President Bush has ordered that all records related to his service in the National Guard be released. Although some records may have been lost - they are 30 years old, after all - literally hundreds of pages have been released, and there is nothing in them that even hints that George W. Bush ever disobeyed a direct order or used political influence to secure his place in the Guard. To the contrary, the documentary evidence and most credible contemporary witnesses have contradicted both allegations.

Yet, in the face of the evidence, Rather insists these allegations are true with the kind of zeal only a partisan can muster. He didn't just rush to judgment on the initial "60 Minutes" report. Within one week, he defended the story twice on the "CBS Evening News," charging that the criticisms of the story were coming from "partisan political operatives" even after numerous experts began to raise questions about the documents on which the story was based. Then he aired a subsequent story on "60 Minutes," which maintained that even if the documents in question were forged, "we do feel that it's important to underscore this point: Those who have criticized aspects of our story have never criticized the heart of it, the major thrust of our report, that George Bush received preferential treatment to get into the National Guard and, once accepted, failed to satisfy the requirements of his service. If we uncover any information to the contrary, rest assured we shall report that also.' But information to the contrary

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| | February. As Byron York wrote in |
| | "National Review" in early March, |
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| | charge after serving five years, |
| | four months, and five days of his |
| | original six-year commitment," |
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| | attend Harvard Business School. |
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producer Mary Mapes showed no genuine interest in reporting the truth. Their obvious motive was to discredit a sitting president, to portray him as a shirker unfit to be commander in chief. Mapes has admitted she's been chasing this story for five years. Her eagerness to move the story forward included urging Joe Lockhart, the former Bill Clinton White House spokesman now a top aide in John Kerry's campaign, to talk to Bill Burkett, the man who provided the forged documents to CBS.

Rather and Mapes must go. Anything less makes CBS itself a witting accomplice in this partisan political attack.

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Make plans for a good old-fashioned hay ride this weekend. Plan to take part in Harvest Saturday at Big Spring State Park.

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Inside report: No Bush skeletons

eorge W. Bush has assured his top financial supporters there are no more skeletons in his closet such as the driving-underthe influence conviction that nearly cost him the presidency in 2000. President Bush addressed a clősed-door luncheon

Wednesday at **Stephen Decatur** House in Washington. Answering a question, he said everything negative about him has been

Bush conceded that failure to reveal his DUI conviction was a mistake, adding that its revelation near

the end of the 2000 campaign came close to electing Al Gore. The president said he kept his youthful misadventure secret, because he did not want to set a bad example for his twin, teen-aged daughters.

Sen. John Edwards, departing from the usual pattern of vice presidential candidates appearing regularly on Sunday talk shows, has been turning down all such invitations.

attractive Edwards cannot be explained by fear that he would be a liability on TV. Well-informed Democrats have speculated that John Kerry and Teresa Heinz Kerry have muzzled Edwards because they do not want him to overshadow the presidential candi-

A footnote: While also turning down major television interviews, Sen, Kerry has agreed to appear on non-news venues: Don Imus's radio program, "The Daily Show

with Jon Stewart" and "The Late Show with David Letterman." Kerry has not held a press availability on the campaign trail since Aug. 9.

While the Teamsters Union has come out firmly against President Bush's candidacy for re-election, union President James Hoffa is pursuing his policy of reaching out to Republicans in congressional contests.

Many more Democrats are backed by the Teamsters, but Hoffa has sent contributions to seven Republicans running for the Senate and 22 seeking House seats. That includes an early \$5,000 to former Housing Secretary Mel Martinez, winner of a hard-fought GOP primary and now facing a closely contested Senate race in Florida. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, engaged in a tough election fight in Alaska, also received \$5,000 from the Teamsters.

A footnote: With Teamster officials privately complaining they are being shut out of the Kerry campaign, the union is concentrating on two battleground states where it figures it can most damage Bush: Ohio and Missouri.

Members of Congress from both parties are working behind the scenes to expand multi-billion dollar hurricane relief with pork-barrel spending unrelated to the storms.

The \$2 billion relief bill passed into law was kept clean, but the \$3.1 billion in additional relief requested by President Bush is getting loaded with money irrelevant to hurricanes. "Congress simply has no shame," said Tom Schatz of Citizens Against Government Waste, adding that

the hurricanes have given the lawmakers an extra chance to pass pet projects in this Congress.

Leading the list of extras is home heating assistance for Northern dairy farmers. Also among the add-ons likely to be included are funds for Western firefighters, drought aid for the upper Great Plains and more money for the space program.

Rep. Sherwood Boehlert, one of the most liberal of Republican congressmen, Tuesday won an unexpectedly easy Republican nomination for a 12th term from his upstate New York district after receiving support from abortion rights activists, the White House and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

Boehlert in 2000 defeated conservative Dr. David Walrath by fewer than 3,000 votes but this time won with 58 percent of the vote against the same opponent. Gingrich surprised conservatives by campaigning for his onetime comrade in the House despite Boehlert's 39 percent lifetime American Conservative Union rating. Earlier, presidential senior adviser Karl Rove attended a Boehlert fund-raiser in keeping with White House support for all Republican incumbents.

In 2002, Boehlert received the third largest amount of pro-choice contributions among all House members. The \$33,700 given him this election cycle was \$24,700 more than House Democratic

Leader Nancy Pelosi received. To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns. visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com. © 2004 CREATORS SYNDICATE.

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Depression ·

(NAPSA) The Institute of Ment (NIMH) estimate million men in are affected by de each year and undiagnosed. While women

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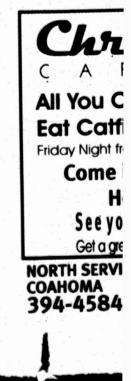
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Going topless

Saab takes the cover off 9-3, reveals impressive convertible

This is an outstanding convertible – even in the rain.

As fate would have it. when my week comes up to test drive one of the hottest new convertibles of the year, it also happens to be "storm of the century" week in my area.

The week was filled with torrential rain, high winds and in general, weather not fit for man nor beast. However,

I can honestly say the new

Saab 9-3 convertible lived up to its billing as a true "four-season, four-seater" automobile.

Yes, it is ideal for sunny, top- down driving (and I did manage to sneak the top down in between squalls), but it is also a great vehicle to drive in any weather conditions.

I can't stop raving about this vehicle, which was introduced earlier

introduced for the 2003 model year. Like the 9-3 Sports Sedan, the convertible is

well-built to provide a high level of structural integrity.

The 9-3 is designed with with a supplementary "ring of steel" reinforcement



also improves ride refinement, handling and crash-impact resistance by incorporating a series of new structural and occupant protection measures.

Safety features include new seat belts that are integrated into the seat frames, adaptive dual front airbags, two-stage side-impact airbags designed to offer protection for both the torso and the head, and Saab **Active Head Restraints** that help prevent neck

Support Alliance (DBSA).

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The 2004 Saab 9-3 convertible.

injury for front-seat occupants during rear-end impacts. Saab has also included the innovative DynaCage protection system, which combines pop-up rear roll bars. front seat-belt pre-tensioning and substantial reinforcement of the Apillars to provide additional protection in the event of a rollover.

The 9-3 also features anti-lock brakes with electronic brake-force distribution, traction con trol and electronic stability program.

This vehicle has more safety systems than Air Force One. That doesn't mean it's not fun to drive. Ride and handling are

exceptional, and I found myself looking for excuses to get out of the office and get behind the wheel.

The 9-3 convertible is powered by a 2.0-liter I-4 **High Output Turbo** engine (210 horsepow

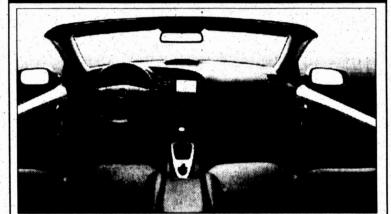
The standard transmission on Arc models is a five-speed manual, with a six-speed manual standard on the Aero. Both are available with the optional five-speed automatic with Sentronic, which allows adaptive shifting.

It's also loaded with a high level of amenities including a power retractable top that can be raised or lowered in about 20 seconds (which came in handy when the clouds opened up).

At the risk of being repetitive, this is a phenomenal vehicle. I highly recommend a test drive for anyone in the market for a convertible.

Neal White has been covering the automotive industry for 15 years and is affiliated with the Texas Auto Writers Association and the Midwest Automotive Media Association.

THE NUTS AND BOLTS



MODEL: 2004 Saab 9-3 convertible Front-wheel drive 4-passenger seating Two-door convertible PRICE RANGE: \$35,000 - \$45,000 ENGINE: 2.0-L turbo 1-4 (210 hp/221 torque) TRANSMISSION: 5-speed manual 6-speed manual 5-speed auto-w/Sentronic EPA: N/A SUSPENSION:

MacPherson struts, gas shocks. anti-roll bar, hydro rack-and-pinion. BRAKES: 4wheel disc. hydraulic, dual circuit with elec tronic brake-force distribution with mechanical brake assist, vacuum booster, anti-lock braking system with traction control and electronic stability program. TURN CIRCLE: 35.4 feet TIRES: 16-, 17-inch WEIGHT .: 3,480 pounds * FUEL TANK: 16.4 gallons CARGO 12.4/8.3 cubic feet (top up/top down)

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this model year as a companion vehicle to the 9-3 Sport Sedan, which was

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Depression — it happens to a lot of guys

(NAPSA) The National Depression and Bipolar Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) estimates that six million men in America are affected by depression each year and many go undiagnosed.

While women may be more likely to say they feel depressed or sad, men are taught from childhood that talking about feelings is a sign of weakness.

As a result, men may not be as likely to get the help they need if they feel depressed.

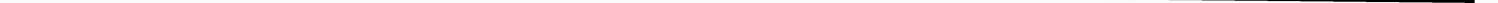
Men may not even recognize symptoms of the illness — they often experience symptoms of depression differently than women do and have different ways of coping.

They may report feeling tired and irritable, loss of interest in hobbies and difficulty sleeping rather than feelings of sadness, worthlessness and excessive guilt.

Men also are more likely to self-medicate with drugs and alcohol or bury themselves in work.

"Men think they need to put on a false bravado when they're not feeling well," says Lydia Lewis, the president of





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Book Review

etective Sergeant **Roan Griffin has** been on leave following an emotional breakdown.

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A convicted rapist is murdered on his way into a courthouse, and on the day Griffin returns to his office, he is assigned to head the task force to find the shooter.

One woman is dead, two have survived rape and a third was beaten by the rapist. There seems to be no doubt

WILLIAMS the murdered man

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is guilty of the crimes: after all, they have his DNA.

But wait — another rape occurs and the DNA from that offense was that of the dead man.

Public outcry blames inept police work, and the arguments become heated as the survivors are constantly interviewed by the press.

As the investigation continues, the more complicated it becomes, and the more Griffin longs to vent his own anger and frustration. Months earlier Griffin had been the investigating detective for a series of pedophiliac murders. Even though the perpetrator had been captured, found guilty, and was now spending his life in prison. Griffin felt as if he had failed in the process due to his prior acquaintance with the criminal, as well as his inability to recognize the evil so close to home. Now this man was sending messages from his jail cell to Griffin and the survivors about the rapes, raising a myriad of questions concerning the true identity of the rapist; even more disconcerting was how a man in maximum confinement could have such intimate details about a series of crimes presently being committed.

other, but each individual has personal concerns that have only been exacerbated by the crimes.

Since each person's situation is unique, it is necessary for them to work out these problems alone, and the results are not always productive.

"The Survivors Club," Lisa Gardner's sixth book, is a more tightly woven and convoluted suspense tale than most.

As part of the story, Gardner writes about various police and prison protocol. Because DNA is such an integral part of the story, the police receiving immediate results from testing seemed unrealistic in light of the delays that occur in today's real life investigations.

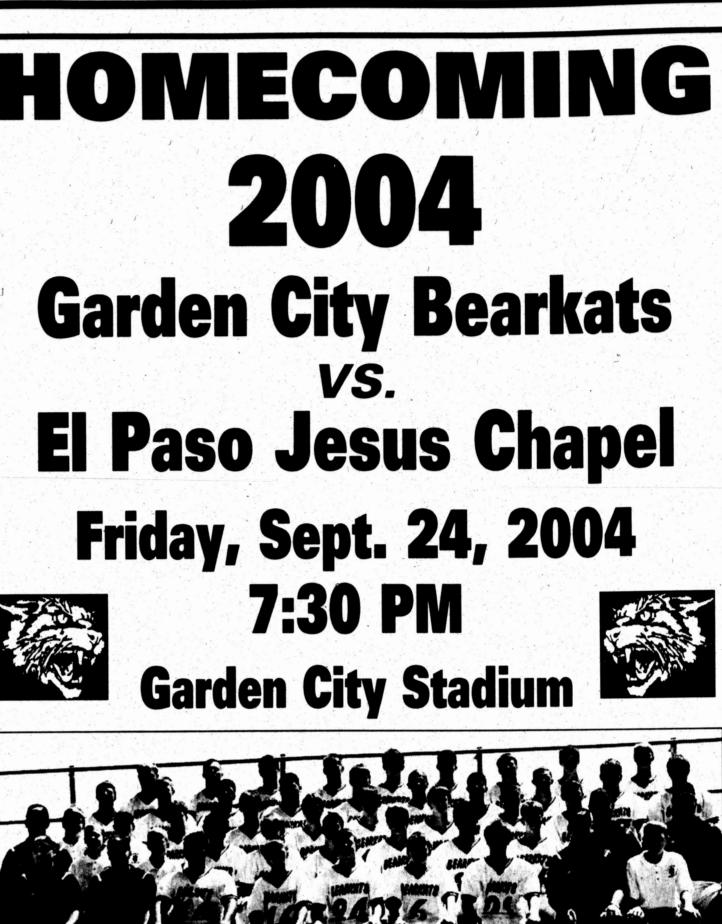
The author also subtly points out the possibilities of inequities and injustices in our legal system.

The author gives each character a unique perspective in relationship to the crime, yet draws concentric circles in creating the plot so that each person is interdependent upon another.

She also allows the reader to examine solution strategies as the characters brainstorm various possibilities dealing with the everchanging situation.

Gardner cleverly uses an aphasic woman's ability to tap out communication which aids in unraveling the mystery.

"The Survivors Club" is very intense reading. and would not be recommended for late-night solo reading. The story



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"The Survivors Club" by Lisa Gardner. Bantam Books, New York, New York. 2003 paperback. Pat Williams is the wife of former "Big Spring Herald" publisher, Chuck Williams. She writes this column for

the Big Spring Herald.

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'We are succeeding in Iraq,' Allawi tells U.S. Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) - Offering a simple, "Thank you America," Iraqi interim prime minister Avad Allawi declared Thursday that his country is moving successfully past the war that ousted Saddam Hussein and vowed that elections will take place next year as scheduled.

"Elections will occur in Iraq on time in January because Iraqis want elections on time," Allawi told a joint meeting of Congress, an appearance that President Bush's advisers hoped would ease American voters' doubts about the troubled campaign in Iraq.

Despite struggles and setbacks, "the values of liberty and democracy" are taking hold in his country, Allawi proudly exclaimed. "We could hold elections tomorrow" in 15 of 18 provinces, he said, even though terror operatives hope to disrupt them.

"The insurgency in Iraq is destructive but small, and it has not and will never resonate with the Iraqi people," Allawi said.

He cautioned, however, that the election may not come off perfectly. But he assured it will be free and fair, "a giant step" in Iraq's political evolution.

"Today, we are better off, you are better off, the world is better off without Saddam Hussein," Allawi said. He added: "Your decision to go into Iraq was not an easy one, but it was the right one."

Kerry says Bush's 'blunders' on Iraq show he is avoiding reality

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - President Bush's statement that a "handful" of people are willing to kill to stop progress in Iraq is another blunder that shows he's avoiding reality, Democrat John Kerry told The Associated Press.

"George Bush let Osama bin Laden escape at Tora Bora," Kerry said in a brief interview Wednesday. "George Bush retreated from Fallujah and other communities in Iraq which are now overrun with terrorists and threaten our troops. And George Bush said on the record we can't win the war on terror.

"And even today, he blundered again saying there are only a handful of ter-

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he's living in a make believe world." Bush, campaigning in Pennsylvania on Wednesday, said: "It's hard to help a country go from tyranny to elections to peace when there are a handful of people who are willing to kill in order to stop the process. And that's what you're seeing on the TV screens. You know, these people cannot beat us militarily." Kerry said if he were president, he

also would not negotiate with the terrorists who threaten to decapitate hostages.

"You never negotiate with terrorists ever," Kerry said. "You never negotiate with terrorists. You win the war and you take the steps necessary, which the president has simply not taken."

Bush "missed a huge opportunity" at the United Nations this week to try to persuade leaders of other nations to join the United States in Iraq and the broader anti-terror war, Kerry said.

"I don't think he's providing the leadership we need," Kerry said. "I will do a better job of dealing with Iraq and winning the war and fighting the war on terror, period.'

Number of dead from Haiti floods tops 1,070; 1,250 others missing

GONAIVES. Haiti (AP) - Trucks dumped scores of bodies into a mass grave in this flood-ravaged city still littered with corpses, as officials said the death toll from Tropical Storm Jeanne rose to more than 1,070 and could double again.

There was no funeral ceremony when the bodies were dumped into a 14-footdeep hole at sunset Wednesday. Dozens of bystanders shrieked, held their noses against the stench and demanded officials collect bodies in nearby waterlogged fields.

The confirmed death toll rose to 1,072, with 1,013 bodies recovered in Gonaives alone, according to Dieufort Deslorges, spokesman for the government's civil protection agency.

He said the number of people missing in the floods rose to 1,250.

Only a couple dozen bodies have been identified, and nobody was taking count at the site of the mass grave.

Hurricane experts said Wednesday that Jeanne - now over the open Atlantic as a hurricane - could loop around and head toward the Bahamas rorists in Iraq," Kerry said. "I think then threaten the storm-weary south-

eastern United States as early as this weekend.

Money no guarantee of satisfaction, but it helps

WASHINGTON (AP) - Money may not buy happiness, but for many people it apparently puts a down payment on satisfaction.

People who make more than \$75,000 a year are far more likely than those who make \$25,000 or less to say are "very satisfied" with their lives -56 percent of the higher-income group compared with 24 percent of the lower-income group, according to Associated Press polling.

Money alone doesn't equal satisfaction, however. People who are married and have college degrees were more likely to be "very satisfied" than others who had equal incomes, the polling found. 11

British hostage pleads for life as U.S. rules out prisoner release

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Authorities insisted they won't give in to militants' demands to free female Iraqi prisoners despite the broadcast of a videotape that showed a tearful British hostage begging Britain to save his life.

The captive, Kenneth Bigley, appealed to British Prime Minister Tony Blair to intervene. "I think this is possibly my last chance," he said. "I don't want to die."

Also Wednesday, an Internet statement purportedly by a group which claimed to have kidnapped two Italian aid workers in Iraq said it had killed the women. The Web site posting could not be immediately verified. The pair worked for "Un Ponte Per ..." ("A Bridge to ...") when they were seized Sept. 7.

Simona Pari and Simona Torretta, both 29, were seized from their Baghdad offices by armed militants on Sept. 7. They worked for "Un Ponte Per ..." ("A Bridge to ...") and were involved in school and water projects in Iraq.

The claim they were killed was unusual because it appeared on a Web site not regularly used by Iraqi militants to relay their statements. A source close to Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi said the government suspected the claim might not be credible. "Un Ponte Per...' did not have any comment.

Bigley was being held by a militant group led by Jordanian-born terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. The group has already beheaded Americans Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley. whom it abducted along with Bigley from the Westerners' Baghdad home last week. The militants demanded the release of all female prisoners in Iraq.

On Wednesday, the group also posted a video of Hensley's killing on the Internet, as it had two days earlier of Armstrong's beheading.

The gruesome hostage drama played out as fighting raged on in Iraq. At least 20 people — including three U.S. soldiers - were killed and more than 100 wounded.

Committee clears legislation to extend middle class tax cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) - Legislation to extend several popular middle class tax cuts cleared a House-Senate conference and could be on President Bush's desk within days, handing him a major legislative victory in the closing weeks of the presidential campaign.

The \$145.9 billion package marked the fourth significant tax cut package that the president has championed since taking office.

The bill was considered must-pass legislation by Republicans because without it provisions dealing with the child tax credit, relieving the marriage penalty and providing an expanded 10 percent tax bracket would have expired at the end of this year.

The House was expected to take up the measure as early as Thursday. Republican leaders predicted it would win Senate passage either Friday or early next week.

"President Bush has made it a priority to make sure that families keep more of their own money, and we intend to deliver on that priority," House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas, R-Calif., said after a joint House-Senate conference committee completed work on the bill late Wednesday.

While Democrats has originally argued that the government could not afford the price tag of extending the tax cuts in light of soaring budget deficits, leaders of both parties expected the legislation to pass easily in both chambers.

Feds give \$31.2 million for border truck safety

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EL PASO (AP) — Texas over the next 20 years. and New Mexico will receive \$31.2 million for in June ruled against Mexican trucks were nine new truck safety delays to a North allowed only within an inspection stations as bor- American Free Trade approximately 20-mile der states brace for a Agreement provision that zone north of the border. surge in traffic from allows Mexican and U.S. Mexican trucks, a federal official said Wednesday.

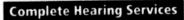
Texas will receive \$28.8 million for stations in Laredo, El Paso, Los Indios, Eagle Pass, Pharr and Brownsville, said Martin Whitmer, U.S. Department of Transportation deputy chief of staff. Two stations each will be built in El Paso and Laredo.

New Mexico gets \$2.4 million to build a commercial vehicle enforcement station in Santa Teresa and make improvements on the station in Columbus.

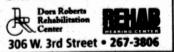
"Our truck inspection stations here at the border are so important to our future growth," said Whitmer, who had to yell to be heard over the roar of tractor-trailer rigs streaming through an El Paso inspection station. "Yet we have to be mindful of safety and security concerns and the need to hold motor carriers and drivers ... from Mexico to our high standards.'

The new stations will focus on truck safety. Before going 'to truck inspection stations, vehicles go through a U.S. Customs inspection where agents look for national security threats and smuggling.

Whitmer said the stations are designed to deal with an expected 50 percent increase in freight volumes created by growing trade with Mexico



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"These new facilities modernizing our border, creating a more efficient our roads," said U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas.



FOUNDATION Cash Now To Organizations for Enhancing the Area The BSACF is accepting applications to improve our Community. Perhaps it will be something to improve approaches to our City, park improvements, a fountain

The Big Spring Area Community Foundation, seeking to make its first grant, is accepting applications now for a make its first grant, is accepting applications its money \$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,

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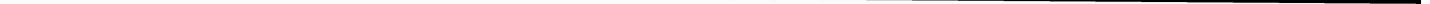
Applications will be received until November 1, 2004 and the grant will be awarded by December 1, 2004. The Grants Committee is composed of the following people, who may be contacted for additional information. Jane Jones (263-3078), Drew Mouton (263-7676), Bobby McDonald (263-1234), Billye McLaughlin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

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even when you're instructed to tone it down, you'll shine brighter. Anyone who can't deal with the attention you're receiving will just have to get over it, because this could continue for the next 48 hours! Enjoy it while it lasts.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're bound to get to the bottom of things! What is the truth and what is a lie are the big questions that will be answered before the end of the day. Friction between friends is finally put to rest, too, which frees up your ener-

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're in a kind of time warp in regards to one area of your life. This will be pointed out to you, and you'll have the chance to learn more so you can rectify the situation if you choose — which, being a Gemini, you probably will.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in the mood to be comfortable and low key, but being out in the general public requires that you make more of an effort. If not, you'll miss out on the best opportunities life has to offer. You could run into old friends tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If wishful thinking could make it so, you'd make it so today. Your head is filled with wistful dreams. and it seems everything. you read, watch on television or see in your environment only makes these dreams more vivid.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The world is populated with people with vastly varying strengths and talents, and you'll be taking advantage of that fact today. Hire someone to handle something you really know nothing about. A sweetheart sur-

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your power of suggestion holds real weight - it's almost like you can hypnotize people into doing your bidding. If you're in sales (and who isn't in one way or another?), you can practically demand that customers buy from you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can almost read the minds of your loved ones and friends. This ability should help you maneuver smoothly. This afternoon, the tendency might be to overindulge, and dealing with this tendency is no easy task.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Make some big plans. It takes something nearly impossible to get you up on your feet. Friends have so many wonderful opinions, none of which you'll care the least bit about today, since you'll be doing your own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Put your experience to work for you. Mischievous or possibly even devious people are near and will probably be testing you in some way. Swift and firm action lets the world know that you're nobody's fool.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Some people need a reason to smile, but you smile first and then look for a reason. This quality will keep your surroundings stocked with amusing and pleasant opportunities. You truly feel that you're part of the world family.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Be generous. You get more back than you give - so much more 'that you're almost annoyed, thinking, "How will I ever repay this kindness?" You can cross that bridge when you come to it. Tonight, you breathe a sigh of relief.

HOMECOMING 2004**Sands Mustangs** VS. **Loraine Bulldogs** Friday, Sept. 24, 2004 7:30 PM **Mustang Stadium**



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Sports Editor The Mustang first win of th week against l and with sor getting healt Sands head co Henderson ho are moving in direction.

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Annie's Mailbox •

transferred schools to be Arbor, Mich. closer to my boyfriend in Michigan. When I for providing an opportuarrived, I was in emotion- nity once again to menal turmoil. Then, my grandmother was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Being away from home and dealing with work, school and my grandmother's illness became a lot more than I could handle. When my grandmother died, I sank into a deep depression. My boyfriend didn't understand what was going on, and I felt worthless.

I noticed a flyer that was posted all over campus about National Depression Screening Day, and I went. My depression was diagnosed, and I began counseling right away. Later, I was put on a minimal dose of an anti-depressant, and soon after, my life was much more manageable. I was pleasant to be around, and my depression was something I could deal with, not something that was dealing with me.

I'm so thankful the screening was available. I now help administer and score the screens and feel a great sense of pride in being able to tell people that this test was quite beneficial in making me who I am today. Please remind your readers about this wonderful ser-

Dear Annie: In 1996, I vice. – Angela in Ann

Dear Angela: Thank you tion National Depression Screening Day, which will take place on Thursday, Oct. 7.

All screenings are free and confidential. You will be invited to fill out a one-page questionnaire assessing the likelihood that you are suffering from depression, bipolar disorder. generalized anxiety disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder. You also will have the opportunity to hear an educational presentation, receive pamphlets and brochures, and follow up privately with a mental health professional if necessary.

Screenings will be held across the country at approximately 7,000 screening sites, including hospitals, mental health clinics, colleges and primary care offices. To find a screening site, our readers can call 1-800-437-1200 oŕ visit www.MentalHealthScree ning.org. The lines are open right now, so please call today if you or someone you love is suffering from depression.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column.



"Remember...you deserve the best!

Gameday

Mustang defense must come ready against Bulldogs

By TROY HYDE Sports Editor

The Mustangs got their first win of the year last week against New Home, and with some players getting healthy again, Sands head coach Wayne Henderson hopes things are moving in the right direction.

This the week, Mustangs take on Loraine (2-1) in Ackerly at 7:30 p.m. for homecoming. The Bulldogs are coming off a 106-point effort on the road against Sands' district rival Dawson last Friday. The final score in that game was 106-77.

So Lorraine can score points, but they can also give them up. In game two, Loraine defeated Water Valley, but gave up 58 points.

The Bulldogs' only loss this year came at the hands of a 52-0 shutout by Midland Trinity. They are 2-0 on the road this season despite giving up an average of nearly 67 points per game.

"We know they are 7:15 p.m.

Starters return for Buffs as blizzard hits Forsan

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor Although winter is still gun," said Forsan head a few months away, the coach

going to score points, but we can hopefully force some stops and turnovers at times," said Henderson. "Offensively, we are going to have to control the ball and keep it in our possession."

Besides a very fast Loraine team, Sands will also have to deal with the distractions of homecoming.

"I don't like homecomings because they are distractions," said Henderson. "We have a young team as it is and don't really need anymore distractions.'

Trent Rogers, who has been sidelined since the team's second scrimmage this year, will miss this week's game, and is expected to be out for at least two more weeks.

The school's homecoming festivities will take place before the game as opposed to the traditional halftime slot. The parade will start at 6:45 p.m. and the crowning of the queen will take place around SPRING HERALD

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Coahoma looks for team-first mentality

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor There has been a pattern this season to Clyde's wins and losses and the Coahoma football team hopes the pattern does not continue this Friday at Bulldog Stadium for the Bulldogs homecoming.

Class 3A Clyde is 2-2 this season and has traded wins and losses during its first four contests. And the pattern this week for the Clyde, which are also the Bulldogs, calls for a win. "We have to find 11 players that want to play together," said Coahoma head coach Robert Wood. "And they must care more about the team then they care about themselves.

Clyde's pattern started with a win in week one over Ballinger, then a one-point loss came in week two at home against Breckenridge.

They followed up those two games with a win over Bangs in week three and then were defeated by Brady, 27-14, last Friday. They are 1-1 on the road this season, while Coahoma is 0-3 inside Bulldog Stadium.

"I think we can play with these guys," said Wood, "but we are going to have to execute on offense and not leave our now is have a pep rally defense in such a bind." Besides facing a versa-The game Friday will tile Clyde offense, which features both-the I-formation and the shotgun, Coahoma must also find a way to win without some key players in the lineup. Padron, Adam Joe Holguin, Kevin Grove and Cody Griffith will all miss the game Friday and senior wide receiver Lance Roberts will play with a hand injury. And then you must figure in the always distracting homecoming. "It is always a distraction, but I don't know if it is going to hurt or help this team," said Wood. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and homecoming queen will be announced at halftime.

"I have never seen them not in the shot-Tommy up a lot, too. 'Offensively, I like

Grady senior Ben Hirth reaches out for the ball last Friday in Lenorah during the

Wildcats' homecoming matchup with rival Borden County. This week, Grady (1-3) hosts

Garden City hosts Jesus Chapel

where our team is at," Garden City continues said Hoskins. "I would the homecoming theme hope we play a little bet-Friday night as the ter defense than Chapel's Bearkats take on an hisother opponents. torically good El Paso "We just need to stop Jesus Chapel team which them and become more

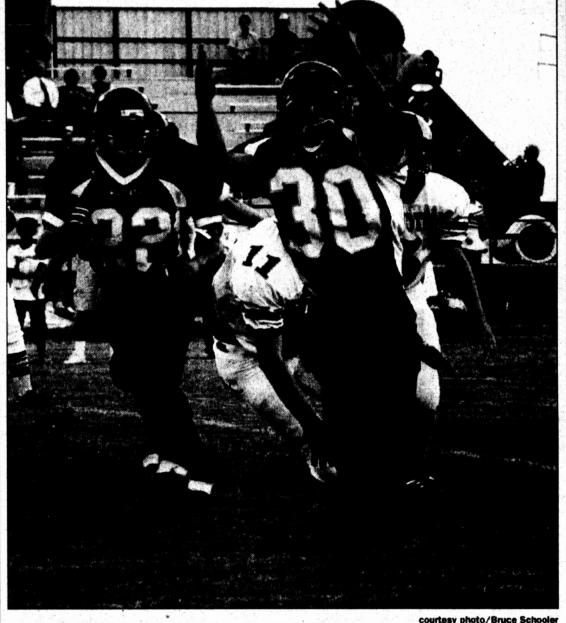
Highland at 7:30 p.m. in hopes of getting back on winning track.

Hoskins. "The seniors here want to get a homecoming win in their final year and I think they will come out ready to play.

"We had the bonfire Tuesday so I think that got most of the distracting parts out of the way. The only thing we have to do

and play the game."

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Forsan football team must find a way to get past a blizzard Friday the Blizzards from Winters.

Winters brings its 3-1 record into Forsan to face the 0-4 Buffaloes in the District 10-A opener.

The Blizzards, who defeated Hawley last week, 29-14, has been victorious in both of their road games this season. Besides the road win at Hawley, Winters has also defeated Menard and Cross Plains and lost to Eden, 20-14.

Winters will try to defeat Forsan with size up front and a spread offense featuring the shotgun and four — and maybe five — wide receiver sets.

Thompson. "We are going to need good play in the secondary and we must put some pressure on the quarterback.

'We are going to have to get after them and be tenacious."

Junior quarterback Tye Baker missed last week's game due to an injury, but Thompson said he is probable for Friday. The Buffaloes will also get the services of Steven Chavez this week. Chavez injured his neck against Hawley in Sweetwater Sept. 11, and missed last week's game, as well.

"We are now starting to get up to full speed and hoping to stay that way," said Thompson. The game Friday will start at 7:30 p.m.

playoffs each year. Jesus Chapel comes into the contest 2-2, while the 11th-ranked Bearkats are 2-1, undefeated at home and coming off a bye week.

consistently makes the

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

"I don't believe in a killing our kids during the off week so we pretty much just worked on the kicking game and fined tuned our offense," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "We did, however, work on our defense becoming more aggressive." They worked on their

defense because Jesus Chapel has scored a lot of points with their big quarterback and two good running backs, added Hoskins.

"We must contain the quarterback," he added. Jesus Chapel has scored points, but has also given he added. Hoskins, unlike other area coaches, does not

think the homecoming

aggressive on defense."

start at 7:30 p.m. The factor will be a problem at homecoming festivities Bearkat Stadium Friday. will take place at half-"I don't see the game as distraction." said time, as well.

This Week

At Home:

Coahoma vs. Clyde, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming) Sands vs. Loraine, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming) Garden City vs. El Paso Jesus Chapel, 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)

Grady vs. Highland, 7:30 p.m. Forsan vs. Winters, 7:30 p.m.

On the Road: Stanton @ Alpine, 7:30 p.m.

Bye: Big Spring (Next: vs. San Angelo Central)





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IN BRIEF

Howard College is seeking singers

Howard College's Athletic Department is National seeking Anthem singers for the upcoming basketball seasons.

If interested, make a tape and drop it off at the athletic offices at Howard College with attention to Tana Howard.

For more information, call Howard at 264-5155.

DiscOver tournament set at Birdwell Park

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 a.m.

There will be an ace pot. CTP's. \$100 added to the purse and 100 percent 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 information call Greg Brooks at 267-6335 or 267-1465.

Big Spring Shrine Club sets fund-raiser

The Big Spring Shrine Club is sponsoring a golf tournament Saturday at the Big Special to the HERALD The 'Lil Steers flag football team played hard and never gave up, but found themselves on the short

end of a 32-0 loss to the Forsan 'Lil Buffs. The younger, smaller Hendricks, and A.J. from Steers team had a difficult time stopping the Forsan quarterback, who scored most of the Buff's points.

not score, running back Isaiah Ontiveros and Tevin quarterback

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

ARLINGTON - Eric

Young picked the perfect

time to hit his first home

run for the Texas

Rangers, who are making

the most of their last

Young's three-run shot

was a tiebreaker, pushing

Texas to a 5-3 win over

Athletics

Wednesday night and

three games back of the

have been better." manag-

er Buck Showalter said. "He told us he'd been sav-

"E-Y's timing couldn't

AL West leaders.

chance against Oakland.

AP Sports Writer

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ing one.

Rangers keep playoff hopes alive with win

on

two outs in the fourth off The teams' split four

Crossroads split in first action of new season Buffs stingy defense.

> and Chase Williams, Hødnett. The 'Lil Steers' counter-

parts, the Division I Steers, fared a little better in their season opening Although the Steers did game by beating the Division I Cowboys 28-6. The first score of the game came very quickly

got the chance, we really

need to win to make the

The Rangers have 10

games left after that, six

against Seattle and four at

home against Anaheim.

which remained 2 1/2

but the Rangers haven't

died off," center fielder

Mark Kotsay said. "They

still have an opportunity.

We knew we'd be beating

each other up in the divi-

Texas has won nine of

sion and it's come true."

"We've been leading.

games back of Oakland.

first two days worth it."

Rogers said.

nice runs against the recovering a Cowboys right side on a quarter- their fumble on the opening The Steers defensive kickoff, Ty Ral Menefield standouts were, Chance went around the right Menefield's second score side for a 32-yard touch-Mike Rodriguez, Dylan down run on the first play scrimmage. Quarterback Mark Torres's two-point conversion try came up short, giving the Steers a 6-0 lead.

> After limiting the Cowboys to just a few first downs, the Steer offense took over again.

back keeper for a long gain, setting up of the game.

Robert Baeza scored the two-point conversion, making the score 14-0 at the end of the first half. With quick scoring being the theme of the game. Menefield took the second half kickoff to pay dirt, giving the steers a 20-0 lead.

After giving up a kickoff and Michael Peterson.

Decker provided some in the first quarter. After Torres went around the return to the Cowboys for lone score. Menefield scored yet another touchdown for the Steers.

> Defensively for the Steers, Devin Heffington and Jordan Stokes were in the Cowboy backfield all afternoon. Also playing well for the Steer defense were Blaise Shaiem Rorick, Tristan Menefield, Ramirez, Diamond Bailey

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KRT photo/Paul Moseley, Fort Worth Star-Telegram Rangers pitcher Francisco Cordero bumps chests with catcher Rod Barajas after the Rangers defeated the A's, 5-3, at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Wednesday.

its last 12 games, with still 13-2 with a 2.97 ERA four wins against the in 21 career starts against Young connected with Athletics in that span, the Rangers,

The left-hander gave up



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Nightmare to host softball tournament

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Benefit basketball tournament set

A men's open basketball tournament to benefit Madison Herrera has been set for Saturday and Sunday in San Angelo.

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Barry Zito (11-11 lead.

That was in his 305th atbat - the most this season by any player in the majors without a homer. It was his 95th game, his fifth straight start at second base in place of injured Alfonso Soriano.

"He said he's going to get one. The importance of that one was huge." catcher Rod Barajas said. "I've definitely been

saving one for a lot of my teammates. They've been ragging me all year." Young said. "It was just good to come at a good time for the team."

Kenny Rogers matched a career high with his 17th win for the Rangers. who will try to complete a three-game sweep Thursday in their last against the meeting Athletics.

nice, but now that we've - both this season. He is left, made it 5.3.

games in Oakland week.

Rogers (17-8) was pulled after giving up a walk and single to start the sixth. but allowed just three runs and matched the 17 wins he had for Texas in 1995.

The 39-year-old left-hander returned this season for his third Rangers stint. Rogers has spent 11 of his 16 major league seasons with the team that drafted him in the 39th round in 1982.

Francisco Cordero put runners on first and second with one out in the ninth before extending his team record with his 47th save in 51 chances. A quartet of relievers combined for three scoreless innings before that.

: Zito lost for the first time in 11 career starts in

five runs on seven hits and four walks while throwing 117 pitches in five innings.

In the same inning that Young homered. Zito got three of his six strikeouts. The called third strike against Michael Young that ended the fourth was his 100th pitch.

Eric Young hit a firstpitch changeup, sending it over the 14-foot wall in left field.

That's a fluke. It's not going to happen again." Zito said. "It was down below his knees. He was either sitting on it or it hit his bat.

Oakland had tied the game 2-all in the third when No. 9 hitter Marco Scutaro had an RBl triple and Kotsay followed with a double.

Bobby Crosby's sacri-Texas, and to the Rangers fice fly in the sixth, the "Two out of three is for only the second time first batter after Rogers



KRT photo/Paul Moseley. Fort Worth Star-Telegram,

Second baseman Eric Young (center) is mobbed by teammates in the Ranger's dugout after blasting a 3-run homer in the bottom of the fourth inning to give the Ranger's a 5-2 lead at Ameriquest Field in Arlington Wednesday.

tour times, still fall

By JANIE McCAULEY AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO -Noah Lowry takes a lesson out of every outing. and the baseball world is quickly learning that this kid is pitching nothing like a 23-year-old rookie. "Oh nooo," teammate Ray Durham said, shaking his head. "He has composure and mound presence well beyond his vears.

Lowry is a big reason the San Francisco Giants are in the thick of the playoff race despite many writing them off months ago.

Lowry won his sixth straight decision and remained unbeaten in 13 major league starts, and Durham hit a two-run double among his three hits to lead the Giants to a 5-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Lowry (6-0) limited the Astros to five hits in his second career complete. game, helping the Giants win for the ninth time in 10 games behind a balanced offense to remain a half-game ahead of the Cubs in the NL wild-card race. Chicago won 1-0 at Pittsburgh. Houston dropped three games back.

San Francisco also pulled within a half-game of the first-place Dodgers in the NL West after Los Diego.

Right now, the energy in the clubhouse is really high," Lowry said. "We're catching fire and all coming together.'

Barry Bonds hit an RBI right-center in the first, but the slugger didn't get was intentionally walked time he's been issued four free passes in a game this season, which equals his

own major league record for a nine-inning game.

Roy Oswalt (18-10), who failed to become the National League's first 19game winner, walked Bonds intentionally in the third and fifth innings. Mike Gallo did the same in the sixth when San Francisco batted around and Dan Miceli walked Bonds in the eighth – giving the six-time NL MVP 213 total walks and 111 free passes

this season. But Bonds has been getting sufficient help lately. Seven of the nine San Francisco starters got hits. The Giants also are getting longer outings from their starting pitch-

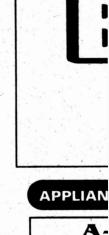
ers. "For a while, Barry carried us, and then (Pedro) Feliz carried us. Then J.T. (Snow) carried us," Durham said. "It's extremely nice to know on any given night any different guy can beat you and they have to worry about the other eight in the lineup. That makes us more dangerous.'

San Francisco won the opener of this key threegame series 9-2 Tuesday night, and will try to complete a sweep Thursday with ace Jason Schmidt on the mound.

"Tomorrow's a must win, no doubt about it," Houston's Jeff Bagwell said. "This is not the sce-Angeles lost 4-0 to San nario we expected when we walked in here."

> Lowry owns the secondlongest career-opening winning streak by a rookie starter in Giants franchise history.

The only pitcher to start triple off the fence in his career with more victories without a loss was Hooks Wiltse, who went any chances after that. He 12-0 to begin the 1904 season for New York – a four times - the fourth major league record. Giants left-hander Kirk **Kueter** began 10-0 with Montreal.



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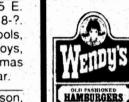
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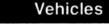
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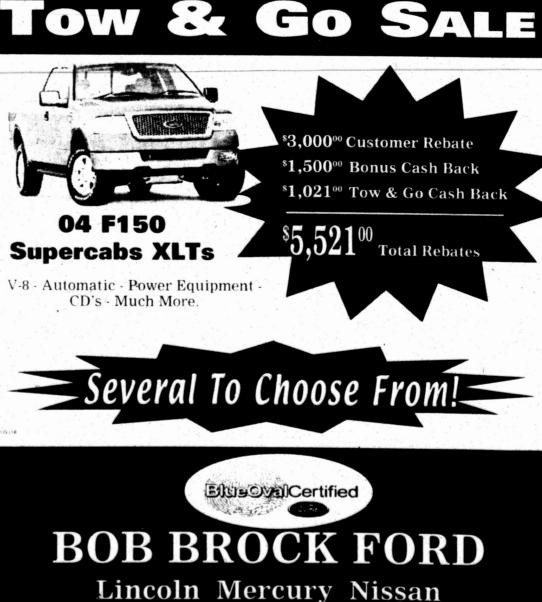




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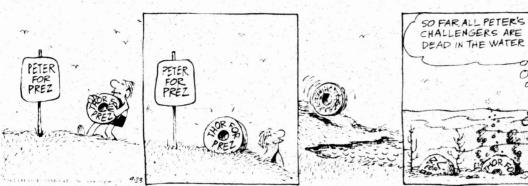
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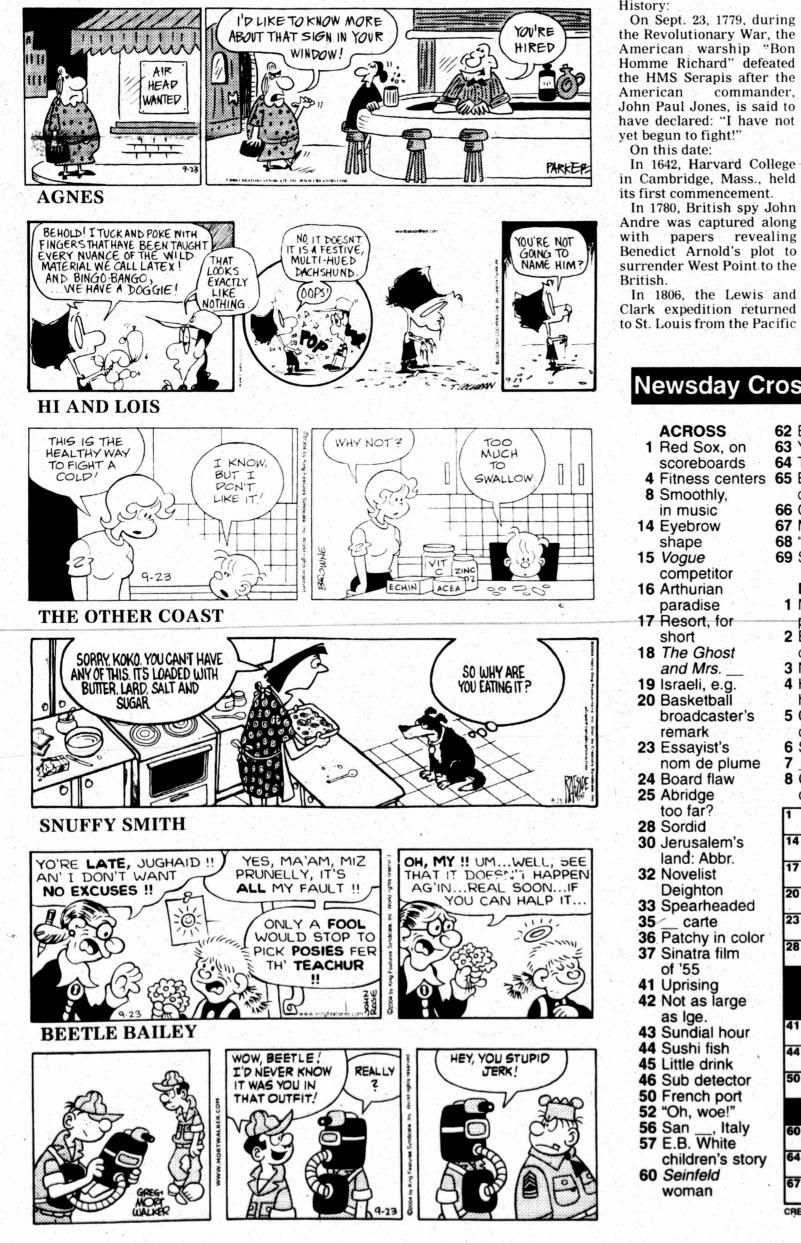
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 23, the 267th day of 2004. There are 99 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 23, 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship "Bon Homme Richard" defeated the HMS Serapis after the American commander, John Paul Jones, is said to have declared: "I have not yet begun to fight!"

Northwest. In 1846, the planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

In 1938, a time capsule, to be opened in the year 6939. was buried on the grounds of the World's Fair in New York City.

An 1939, Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, died in London.

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returned to power.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Mickey Rooney is 84. Singer Julio Iglesias is 61. Actor Paul Petersen ("The Donna Reed Show") is 59. Actresssinger Mary Kay Place is 57. Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 55. Actor Jason Alexander is 45. Actor Chi McBride ("Boston Public") is 43. Actress Elizabeth Pena is 43. Country musician Don executive S

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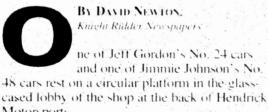
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Motorsports. They are side by side. Neither is a nose, much less an inch, ahead

of the other. Inscribed in the platform are the words:

Teams No. 24 and No. 48 find success by working

Employees often don't realize whose car they are working on until the bright colors are painted over the factory gray. The engine shop doesn't produce different engines for Gordon than Johnson. The process of keeping

everything equal goes all the way to the photographs on the wall. Not once are there consecutive pictures of one car or driver.

-11% Kasey Kahne **Dale Jarrett** · 10% **Bobby Labonte**

the most points in the final 10 races? Number of votes: 8,307

> · 13% **Jamie McMurray**

> > - 12%

Kevin Harvick

Teamwork is the fuel that allows people to produce uncommon results.

They are words everyone in the shop lives by, and the results thus far have been uncommon, if not spectacular

Gordon and Johnson have combined for nine victories - five by Gordon and four by Johnson -- 26 top fives, 35 top 40s and seven poles in 27 Nextel Cup races this season. They have claimed more than \$10 million in prize money and led the point standings a combined 12 weeks

They have done this by sharing every nut. . bolt and idea that comes out of this multimillion. dollar complex in the rolling hills near Lowe's Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

They don't plan to change during the Chase, even if that means sharing an advantage going. into the final race of this 10-race playoff at Homestead-Miami (Fla.) Speedway,

"That open-book policy is what got us here and it's what's going. I think, to get one of us to a championship this year." Gordon said. "I think we both understand that."

They have no choice. That's the way team owner Rick Hendrick, who also owns the teams of Terry Labonte and Brian Vickers that will be housed in the building being built behind this one, wants it

"When we started rebuilding back in 2000, we told everybody we're going to win together. and we're going to lose together, but we're

RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

1. Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8): Gets off the best start among those who can most realistically expect to be champion. Last week: 3.

2. Jeff Gordon (car No. 24): He finished seventh at Loudon and wasn't pleased with that. This team ought together

going to be together." Hendrick said. "And every crew chief and every driver that's come into the organization since then ... we've had the goal of working together, sharing information and making it work.

It has worked. Since Johnson's team evolved in 2002 with Gordon as an equity owner, neither team has finished outside the top five in the season standings. Gordon, who is seeking his fifth championship, has consecutive fourthplace finishes. Johnson finished fifth in 2002 and second last season

They've been ranked in the top five for 18 of the past 19 weeks this season and one-two forseven consecutive weeks.

Most other drivers make them favorites to win the championship. But inside the Hendrick shop, where all but a couple of employees have shirts bearing Gordon's DuPont sponsor and Johnson's Lowe's sponsor, there are no favorites.

There's only one.

"There is no division between the two teams," said Johnson's crew chief. Chad Knaus. "All the guys work on each other's cars. All the cars are side by side.

"You go to a lot of race shops, and there'll be a line straight down the shop. It's not like that here."

tory. Last week: 8.

schedule. Last week: 5.

in handy. Last week: 7.

6. Mark Martin (car No. 6):

Loudon's out of the way. He's won at

seven of nine tracks remaining on the

7. Elliott Sadler (car No. 38): He

made up four spots with late pit stop

at Loudon. Those points could come

8. Tony Stewart (car No. 20):

Handled himself well after getting

caught up in a silly mess he didn't

Even the bonuses from both teams are shared

Knaus

"A lot of times it's those little things that starts setting the dividing lines," said Gordon's crew chief, Robbie Loomis. "We had a party not long ago and one of the sponsors wanted to just have it for the 24 team.

"We said we can't have a party that way. It's got to be the 24 and the 48 guys.

The only separation comes at the track, where each team has its own pit crew and support staff.

"(In the Chase races) it's not going to change," Knaus said. "We worked very, very hard to make sure it was established that way.

Loomis compares being a Hendrick employee to being the parents of tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams when they were ranked No. 1 and 2 in the world. "They want both daughters

to win, but they know only one Hendrick of them can be No. 1," he said.

Nobody feels that more than Hendrick. "A lot of people told me, 'You can't do that,

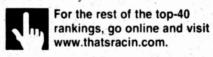
the drivers and crew chiefs won't share what they know and it will cause problems," he said. "It didn't work out overnight, but I was pretty confident we had the right approach."

cause at Loudon. Last week: 4.

9. Ryan Newman (car No. 12):

Down, but not out, after Loudon engine failure. He can't afford another bad day, though. Last week: 9.

10. Jeremy Mayfield (car No. 19): After getting wrecked at Loudon, now he can really go for broke the rest of the way. Last week: 10.



INSIDE DOVER

STOP 'N' GO

Trends to be aware of as the Nextel Cup circuit makes its way to Dover International Speedway for the MBNA America 400:

SUCCESSES

54%

Joe Gibbs Racing (three) and Hendrick Motorsports (three) have won six of the last 11 Nextel Cup races at Dover.

Mark Martin, Jeff Gordon, Bill Elliott and Ricky Rudd lead all active drivers in victories at the track with four wins apiece.

STRUGGLES

Kurt Busch has finished 12th or worse in his past three races at Dover.

■ Jimmie Johnson has finished 32nd and 38th (both DNFs) in two of his past three Dover races.

- Jim Utter



NEXTEL CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Sept. 19:

| Rank/Driver Points | Rank/Driver Points |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8) | 21. G. Biffle (16) 2828 |
| 5210 | 22. R. Gordon (31) . 2781 |
| 2. K. Busch (97) 5210 | 23. T. Labonte (5) 2765 |
| 3. J. Gordon (24) 5201 | 24. J. Nemechek (01)2730 |
| 4. M. Kenseth (17) 5200 | 25. B. Vickers (25) 2722 |
| 5. J. Johnson (48) . 5180 | 26. S. Wimmer (22) 2485 |
| 6. E. Sadler (38) 5172 | 27. R. Rudd (21) 2464 |
| 7. M. Martin (6) 5139 | 28. W. Burton (0) 2364 |
| 8. T. Stewart (20) 5086 | 29. S. Riggs (10) 2339. |
| 9. R. Newman (12) 5074 | 30. J. Green (43) 2261 |
| 10. J. Mayfield (19). 5068 | 31. K. Schrader (49) 2221 |
| 11. J. McMurray (42)3331 | 32. B. Gaughan (77). 2200 |
| 12. K. Kahne (9) 3323 | 33. K. Petty (45) 2182 |
| 13. K. Harvick (29) . 3268 | 34. R. Craven (32) 2013 |
| 14. B. Labonte (18). 3246 | 35. J. Spencer (4) 1614 |
| 15. D. Jarrett (88) 3182 | 36. D. Blaney 1295 |
| 16. M. Waltrip (15) . 2941 | 37. J. Sauter 1217 |
| 17. R. Wallace (2) 2896 | 38. D. Cope (50) 1058 |
| 18. S. Marlin (40) 2879 | 39. M. Shepherd (89) 790 |
| 19. J. Burton (30) 2864 | 40. T. Bodine (50) 780 |
| 20. C. Mears (41) 2843 | |

Craven shows class while Gordon shows crass

n the one hand, there's Ricky Craven. On the other finger...er...hand, there's Robby Gordon.

Craven went into Sunday's Sylvania 300 at New Hampshire International Speedway knowing it could very well be his final Nextel Cup race.

Craven, a Maine native, has been replaced in the No. 32 Chevrolets by Bobby Hamilton Jr. But car owner Cal Wells gave Craven a farewell ride at Loudon because this track means so much to him and because Craven means so much to fans in New England.

Craven finished a lap down in 17th. but virtually every newspaper within 100 miles, including the venerable Boston Globe, wrote about his potential swan song.

And then there's Robby Gordon. Gordon got hit by Greg Biffle on Lap 17 and slid into the wall. "I will get him." Gordon promised over his

radio, the first dumb thing he did on a long list to follow

to have high standards. Last week: I

Team still getting its sea legs back

under it, but the ship seems to be

steadying again. Last week: 2.

3. Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):

4. Matt Kenseth (car No. 17): One

5. Kurt Busch (car No. 97): Holds

serve impressively, backing "regular-

season" Loudon win with Chase vic-

relatively quiet top-five finish down.

nine more to go for the defending

champ. Last week: 6.

On Lap 65, he did get Biffle, popping the No. 16 Ford in the rear in turns 1 and 2

But Gordon didn't notice that Jeremy Mayfield was beside Biffle, nor did he piece together the fact that if he knocked Biffle up the track he'd wreck Mayfield, one of the Chase for the Championship contenders: He also didn't know Biffle would

come back down the track and get hit by Tony Stewart, another title contender who also would have his day ruined.

All Gordon saw was Biffle -- and the chance to get even.

Now let's be clear. The fact that . Mayfield and Stewart are in the Chase doesn't change how wrong Gordon

was. It magnifies the attention being paid to the incident, but if Gordon's payback bump had taken out Ken Schrader and Brian Vickers, for

instance, it still would have been just as asinine. Anyway, after the race ended, reporters went to get Gordon's side, but Gordon says he chose not to stop to talk because all he could say was "I'm sorry. That would have been an

excellent start Instead, his only recordable "comment" was an obscene gesture Gordon says he meant for one spe-

cific reporter who said something Gordon thought was inappropriate as though someone who flips off a group of people qualifies as an expert on propriety.

On Monday, Gordon issued an apology

"I allowed my frustration with the

16 car (Biffle) to affect two other teams, both of which have great shots to win a championship, and for that I am sorry." it read, in part

As for the postrace gesture, he said: "That, too, was poor judgment and, in hindsight, I should have just walked away, so I also apologize to any media members and bystanders I offended."

Which takes us back to Craven. How do you think it was for him to be there at the track he considers home, facing the doubts that he'd ever get another chance to do what he dearly loves to do? Do you think his life has been all cherries jubilee in recent weeks?

All Craven did, though, was to go out and drive a very solid race. He then got out of the car and thanked the fans for their support and his former team for the one last ride.

What Craven showed was class.

And what Gordon showed was two letters short of that.

BUSCH SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Sept. 10:

| Rank/Driver | Points | Rank/Driver Points |
|--------------------|--------|----------------------|
| 1. M. Truex Jr. | . 3954 | 11. K. Wallace 2858 |
| 2. K. Busch | . 3849 | 12. C. Atwood 2839 |
| 3. J. Leffler | .3501 | 13. K. Kahne 2820 |
| 4. G. Biffle | . 3436 | 14. D. Stremme 2812 |
| 5. D. Green | . 3332 | 15. S. Compton 2773 |
| 6. R. Hornaday . | . 3236 | 16. T. Fedewa 2749 |
| 7. J. Keller | .3219 | 17. M. Waltrip 2745 |
| 8. M. Bliss | . 3094 | 18. J. Sauter 2728 |
| 9. B. Hamilton Jr. | 2896 | 19. R. Pressley 2721 |
| 10. A. Lewis | . 2870 | 20. M. Wallace 2693 |

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Stacker 200, Dover, Del.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Sept. 18:

| Rank/Driver | Points | Rank/Driver | Points |
|------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| 1. B. Hamilton | 2623 | 6. T. Kvapil | |
| 2. D. Setzer | | 7. C. Chaffin. | 2380 |
| 3. C. Edwards | | 8. D. Starr | |
| 4. M. Crafton | | 9. M. Skinner. | |
| 5. T. Musgrave . | 2461 | 10. J. Sprague . | 2262 |

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Las Vegas 350, Las Vegas





