

## CRMWD to consider purifying effluent from proposed plant

**What:** Public meeting on water reclamation study, presented by the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

**Where:** Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

**When:** 1 p.m. Tuesday.

### Special to the Herald

More than 10 years into our most recent drought, West Texas reservoirs continue to struggle with low water impounded volumes that adversely impact both quantity and quality, according to the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

To combat this, the water district has sought new ways to continue to supply the area

with adequate water. One solution, CRMWD says, seems obvious. By simply taking — reclaiming — the effluent from wastewater treatment plants, purifying it and reusing it before it can evaporate or run off, the district can potentially provide an additional 13 million gallons per day of bottled-quality water.

For information on the process, the public is invited to attend an informational session at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Dora

Roberts Community Center.

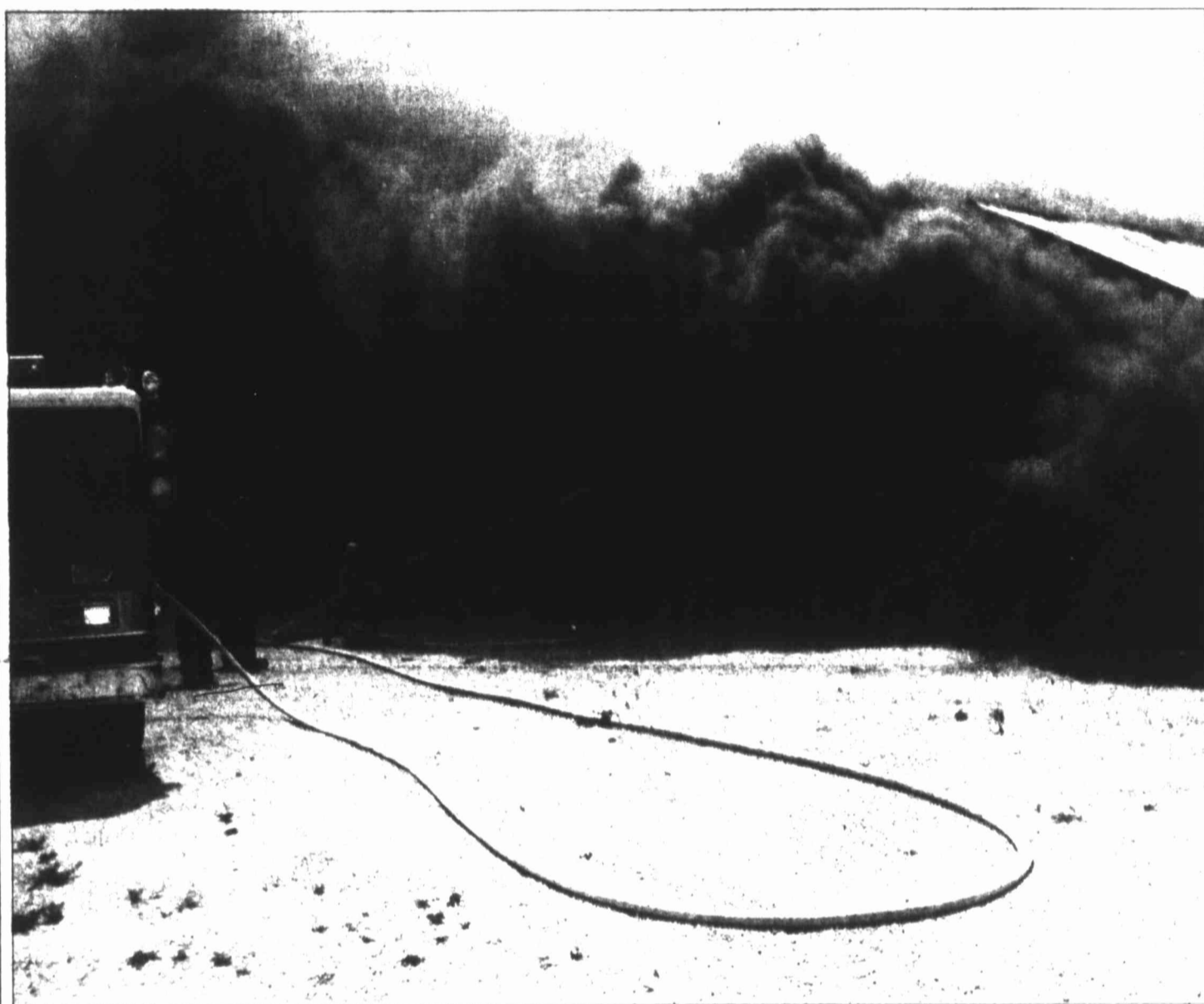
"Let's face it, all water is used water," said Chris Wingert, CRMWD assistant general manager. "Wastewater typically travels through streams where it eventually becomes part of surface water reservoirs to be pumped out and treated for drinking or other potable uses. Alternately, the wastewater may be absorbed into the ground where it is contained in underground aquifers before being pumped out and used for

beneficial purposes. Either way, virtually all water sources are impacted by treated wastewater to one degree or another.

"Current science cannot create new water, and there simply is not enough water to use it as carelessly as we do now. The proposed method of water reclamation, or intentional water reuse, is already working in many places around the world, and makes sense here in

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## NONE INJURED IN BLAZE



A Big Spring Fire Department firefighter battles a barn fire about 17 miles north of Big Spring Friday afternoon. No injuries were reported, but the structure sustained heavy damage, officials said. The cause of the blaze is still under investigation.

Herald photo/Steve Reagan

## Budget time

### Rising expenditures make planning difficult for city

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**

News Editor

Big Spring City Council will meet with city staff Monday and Tuesday to begin work on the 2005-2006 budget.

Both sessions will be held in council chambers at 307 E. Fourth St. Monday's workshop will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday's budget session is set to begin immediately following a special city council meeting and should get under way about 5:45 p.m. The council meeting is set for 5:30 p.m. and being held due to the lack of a quorum a week ago.

City Manager Gary Fuqua said increased costs are making it tough to hammer out a budget for the coming year.

"The big issue at this time is all of our expenditures are going up — gasoline, electricity, natural gas. Even the rock for our seal coat program went up 54 percent compared to last year," he said. "It's making it more and more difficult to keep

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a balanced budget."

So-called "big ticket" items in the budget include the water and waste water treatment plants.

"The last major repairs at the waste water treatment plant were done in 1993, and that's obviously a very caustic environment," the city manager said.

"And of course we want to continue with our water line replacement

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## Forsan ISD trustees slated for budget review Monday

By **STEVE REAGAN**

Staff Writer

The Forsan Independent School District trustees will begin hammering out next year's budget when they hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the administration board room.

District Business Manager Dianna Walker said that, excluding drastic changes in school

finance by the state legislature, no major budgetary changes are forthcoming.

"We're going to try and keep it pretty similar to last year," Walker said, comparing the proposed budget to last year's \$5.15 million financial package.

Barring last-minute property tax relief by the legislature, Forsan ISD's tax rate likely will remain at \$1.50 per \$100

valuation, the maximum permissible by law.

This new fiscal year marks the first in which Forsan will have to begin paying off last year's \$4 million bond issue, which was approved by voters to finance renovations on all district campuses.

Walker said \$449,000 is earmarked this year for repayment on the debt.

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## WTO to present public forum to address community needs

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**

Features Editor

A public forum allowing Howard County residents to name the greatest concerns about their community begins at 6 p.m. Monday in the Howard County library basement meeting room.

Presented by West Texas Opportunities, the forum is part of the Community Needs Assessment Grant procedure and will give those attending an opportunity to name the services and resources lacking in Howard

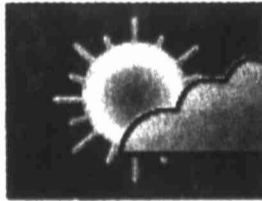
County.

"They do this every five years and what we decide and submit that night will be sent to the state and ultimately Washington, D.C. This is our chance for our voice to be heard, for our concerns to be named and ultimately this will affect funding for our community," said Becky Newmann, director of Big Spring WTO.

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China. Just five years into it, China has become the world's third-largest trader, one of its fastest-growing economies, a rising military power in Northeast Asia and a global player extending its influence in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. See article, Page 6A.



### DUCT TAPE FORMALS

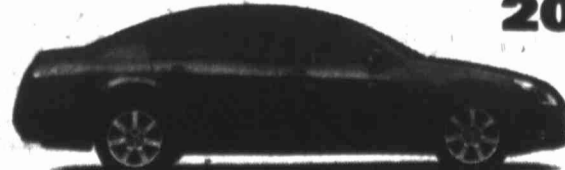
FORREST CITY, Ark. (AP) — It took 25 rolls of duct tape and more than four weeks of work, but two high school students earned \$2,500 college scholarships after donning formal wear made from the adhesive to their prom. Krystal Long and Casey Isringhouse, both 18, won the 2005 Stuck at Prom scholarship contest. "Everyone loved the outfits and couldn't believe they were actually made of duct tape," Long said. The pair was selected from more than 260 couples from 44 states and Canada.

### INSIDE TODAY'S ISSUE



Cover Story: Volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) are not as common as they used to be in rural areas and small towns. Still, they're the first

to respond during medical emergencies in places such as Nowata, Okla. (pop. 3,971) and Browns Valley, Minn. (pop. 690).



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# Lottery paid for goods it never received F1SD

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The embattled Texas Lottery Commission is investigating why the agency paid a Nevada company more than \$300,000 for goods it hasn't received.  
The lottery's purchasing department authorized an advanced payment to JB & Associates in February 2004 to buy promotional items such as umbrellas, coffee mugs and vinyl wallets, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

**JB, based in Reno, Nev.,** received at least \$332,427, but the lottery said it is still owed about \$311,000 in undelivered merchandise. Lottery spokesman Bobby Heith said paying in advance for such goods violates the purchasing policies for state agencies.  
"An internal audit into the matter is ongoing, and we have also asked the state auditor's office to look into it independently," Heith said. "This is

something that causes us a great deal of concern." Heith said it was not a criminal investigation but said any evidence that is found to suggest illegal activity will be turned over to the appropriate authorities.  
Joel Bowen, who owns JB, said the lottery picked his company in 2003 to procure the items. He turned to an importing broker to get the merchandise from China,

where it was to be made. He said the broker wanted to be paid in advance. Bowen said the broker has told him factors such as a typhoon and escalating oil prices worldwide have contributed to the slowdown.  
The purchasing agent who authorized the advance payment has since been dismissed from the commission, said Heith, who declined to say whether her depart-

ure was related to the problem. The revelation is another black eye for an agency that's been sharply criticized for inflating Lotto Texas jackpots.  
Executive Director Reagan Greer resigned last week after signing off on an \$8 million jackpot for the June 8 drawing when estimations showed ticket sales could only cover \$6.5 million.

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which will take 15 years to settle.  
Also, tentative plans call for an across-the-board 3.5 percent pay raise for administrators and other professional staffers. Teacher will receive a "step" raise depending on their place in the state pay scale, Walker said.  
The budget and tax rate will be formalized sometime in August, she added.  
In other business, trustees will consider:  
• Implementation of a district-wide drug-testing policy for students participating in extra-curricular activities.  
• Tax collection contracts.  
• Handbooks and codes of conduct for all district students.  
• Student transfer list for 2005-06.  
• Employment and resignations.

# South Texas readies for Hurricane Emily

**(AP)** — Some South Texas residents were making preparations to weather Hurricane Emily as officials mobilized in case the storm hits the region.  
Emily was expected to hit the Mexican coast by Sunday, possibly somewhere near Cancun. From there it could cross over the Yucatan peninsula,

travel across the Gulf toward Texas and hit land near the U.S. border with Mexico, according to the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami.  
Forecasters in South Texas were advising residents to watch local weather reports in next few days.  
Areas that should evacuate and routes were post-

ed on the Texas Department of Transportation Web site. Emergency management officials also suggested that people who live in low-lying areas that can flood make arrangements to stay outside the area.  
"We're all preparing in a small way, making sure generators are working, gathering necessary sup-

plies. We're most concerned about the coast," said Chano Falcon, district maintenance administrator with the Texas Department of Transportation.  
In Port Isabel, Porfilio Leus had his car inspected and said his family had reserved a hotel room in Brownsville. At a store in Harlingen, dozens

stood in line Friday to buy plywood to protect windows at home and work from flying debris.  
"It's better to be safe than sorry," said Juan Flores.  
The American Red Cross' South Texas chapter was prepared to open shelters, said executive director Michael Huckabee.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

**PUC OKs agreement in AT&T case**  
**AUSTIN (AP)** — State regulators on Friday ordered AT&T to pay a \$195,000 fine for what the Public Utility Commission called an "extensive case involving billing errors and cramming."  
The company also will pay the attorney general's office \$195,000 in legal fees, the PUC said.  
The fine comes on top of the more than \$800,000 AT&T already has refunded its customers in the case.  
The key issue, the PUC said, involved a \$3.95 monthly charge to residential long distance customers.  
AT&T customers said the company failed to tell them about products and services offered and their costs and failed to show that customers agreed to receive the products and services, the PUC said. The PUC

also said it received complaints that after customers called AT&T to report the billing errors, the company refused to address them, misinformed customers and subjected them to repeated sales pitches.  
**Train-truck wreck causes derailment**  
**NATALIA (AP)** — An 18-wheeler collided with a train on Friday, killing a passenger in the truck and causing more than two dozen train cars to derail, authorities said.  
The truck was hit on its passenger side as it turned onto a private road, Natalia City Manager Beth Eonesio said.  
Medina County Sheriff Gilbert Rodriguez said Marta Garcia, 46, of Dilley, died in the impact.  
Her husband, Manuel Ochoa Garcia, 59, was the truck's driver. His condition at a San Antonio hospital was not immediately available.  
Two locomotives and 25 cars derailed in the collision about 30 miles southeast of San

Antonio, Union Pacific spokeswoman Robin Stauber said.  
**Speeding SUV kills 2 children**  
**EL PASO (AP)** — A sport utility vehicle speeding toward a border crossing plowed into a family of street vendors Friday, killing two children and injuring their mother and two sisters, a U.S. customs spokesman said.  
The SUV had blood on a bumper and was dragging a baby stroller underneath when it stopped at a border checkpoint near downtown El Paso, said Roger Maier, spokesman for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.  
Soon after the SUV stopped, Mexican officials reported to U.S. agents that a vehicle had crashed into a family on the Ciudad Juarez side of the Bridge of the Americas, killing the girls, ages 4 and 5, Maier said.  
Rafael Perez Jr., 19, was jailed in El Paso on suspicion of driving while intoxicated, El Paso police said.

## WTO

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The event will allow community members to select 15 concerns for the community, such as

transportation and child care. These 15 topics will then be compared with 15 topics provided by the Texas Department of Housing, and will then be reduced to the five most important needs within the communi-

ty, she said. "We will be suggesting all types of services to help meet these needs," Newmann said. Everyone, including elected officials and community leaders, is urged to attend to help deter-

mine the needs of the community. "We hope to see everyone there who cares about this community," Newmann said. For more information, contact Newmann at 267-9536.

## WATER

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West Texas." Reclaiming water starts with effluent (water that has been treated) from the wastewater treatment plant — water that ordinarily goes to local streams. For Big Spring, that water is released into Beals Creek, where it runs into the E.V. Spence Reservoir, mixes with natural runoff from the watershed, and is then pumped back to the Big Spring Water Treatment Plant for treatment and distribution to residents.

bottled water plants, officials say. The initial cleaning, membrane filtration, uses a microfiltration or ultrafiltration membrane to screen out any foreign particles that remain from the wastewater plant. The next stage, reverse osmosis, provides several advantages over regular reservoir water, Wingert said.  
By using a semi-permeable membrane that allows only H2O particles to pass through, reverse osmosis works at the molecular level.  
"Not only does this succeed in getting out any potentially unhealthy particles, it also filters out most salts, thereby decreasing the salinity and improving the overall quality of the water, yielding 'softer,' less mineral-saturated drinking water," he explained.  
The final stage exposes

the water to ultraviolet light oxidation, which disinfects the water and breaks down organic compounds. This stage also provides a redundant "safety net" to the R/O treatment, since it is toxic to pathogens and viruses.  
"The water that emerges from the proposed plant not only meets, but exceeds, all primary water standards set by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality," said Wingert. "In addition, the reclaimed water will meet almost all of the recommended, non-mandatory guidelines set by the EPA that focus on health and taste."  
Following these multiple treatments, reclaimed water would be blended with water from local lakes and the mixture would be treated all over again at the existing

water treatment plant, with reclaimed water making up 10 to 30 percent of the supply. "Reclaiming water will reduce the loss from evaporation or runoff and deliver a remarkable amount of additional supplies — potentially two million gallons of high quality water per day for Big Spring alone," said Wingert. "All these benefits come from simply accelerating the natural water cycle in a safe manner."  
Wingert said water reclamation will also prove cheaper in the long run, with an estimated cost to the city of Big Spring running at about \$1.67 per 1,000 gallons. "Moreover, by keeping the reclaimed water out of the streams and having it available virtually at the point of need, cities can pump less water from the lakes, decreasing both the energy and expense of

delivering water," he noted. To ease startup costs, potential funding assistance could come from agencies such as the Texas Water Development Board and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.  
"Water reclamation is already working both worldwide and here in Texas. El Paso has put its reclaimed water back into their aquifers for 30 years. Other success stories include Clearwater, Fla.; Orange County, Calif.; and Tucson, Ariz.," Wingert added.  
"Reclaimed water gives consumers an economical, abundant supply of the cleanest possible water. An obvious solution to a persistent problem, water reclamation signals clear progress for West Texas."  
Tuesday's meeting is free. The public is encouraged to attend.

## CITY

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program. There again, every time the price of gasoline goes up, the price of PVC pipe goes up, so it's really expensive," he added.  
Fuqua said Monday's session will primarily focus on the general fund departments while Tuesday's workshop will touch on utilities, repairs needed and some of the small budgets.  
"The mayor has asked that this year we meet Monday and Tuesday and then take a week or two for the council to think over everything and study, and then hold another workshop again after the Aug. 9 council meeting," said Fuqua.  
The budget will have to pass on two readings and must be in place by Oct. 1.

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# Another suicide bomber thwarted in Iraq

## 11 U.S. soldiers charged with alleged abuse of detainees

By SAMEER N. YACOB  
Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi police arrested a would-be suicide bomber in the capital before he could detonate an explosive belt among a crowd mourning the victims of an attack earlier this week that killed 27 people, mostly children, an official said. It was the second thwarted attack this week.

Meanwhile, 11 U.S. soldiers have been charged with assaulting detainees in Iraq, the military said Saturday, while three British soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb in a rare attack in the relatively stable southern part of the country.

The would-be bomber arrested

Saturday in Baghdad said he was Libyan, according to police Lt. Mohammed Jassim.

Jassim said police grew suspicious of the man, stopped him and discovered the explosives belt.

On Thursday, Iraqi and U.S. forces captured another suicide bomber before he could detonate his explosives belt as part of coordinated assaults just 150 feet from the Green Zone, the site of the U.S. Embassy and major Iraqi government offices.

The U.S. military said in a statement that the charges against the 11 troops, who served in the Baghdad area but were not otherwise identified, were filed Wednesday after another soldier complained about the alleged assaults.

"None of the insurgents required medical treatment for injuries related to the alleged assault," the statement added. "Only one of the suspected terrorists remains in custody of coalition forces at this time."

The soldiers had been assigned to the Army's Task Force Baghdad but were taken off-duty pending the investigation, the military said, adding that the Army's Criminal Investigation Division would determine whether they should face trial by court-martial.

"Allegations of illegal activities will always be thoroughly investigated," said Lt. Col. Clifford Kent, a Task Force Baghdad spokesman.

U.S. commanders have been especially sensitive about

alleged mistreatment of detainees since the abuse of inmates at Abu Ghraib prison resulted in a major scandal involving America's handling of prisoners both here and in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The attack against the British occurred as the troops were on patrol about 2:30 a.m. in the city of Amarah in Maysan province, 180 miles southeast of Baghdad. Three British troops were killed and two wounded, according to Britain's Ministry of Defense.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a staunch U.S. ally, expressed his condolences for the dead soldiers.

"The bravery of our armed forces was yet again underlined as they help Iraq and its people

towards the democracy they so desperately want," Blair said Saturday.

The fatalities brought to 92 the number of British servicemen who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003. Britain has about 8,500 troops in the country, mostly based in the largely Shiite south, where support for the Shiite-led government in Baghdad is stronger.

British losses have been far fewer than those suffered by the larger U.S. force, which is bearing the brunt of the fight against Sunni Arab insurgents in northern, western and central Iraq.

At least 1,763 members of the U.S. military have died since the war started.

## 11-year-old girl faces felony charge for throwing rock at 9-year-old boy

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — An 11-year-old girl who threw a rock to defend herself as neighborhood boys pelted her with water balloons is being prosecuted on a felony charge of assault with a deadly weapon.

Maribel Cuevas says she didn't mean to hurt the 9-year-old boy — who

acknowledged to officers that he started the fight in late April. He was released from the hospital after getting his head stitched up.

Maribel already has spent five days in juvenile hall with one half-hour visit from her parents. She then spent 30 days under house arrest, wear-

ing a GPS ankle bracelet to monitor her whereabouts and is now due back in court early next month.

"They're treating her like she's a violent parole offender," said her lawyer, Richard Beshwate, Jr.

Assistant Fresno County District Attorney

Bob Ellis said he couldn't comment on the case because it involves children.

Police sent three squad cars and a helicopter in response to a 911 call. But authorities deny that their response was influenced by the setting — a low-income, largely minority neighborhood —

or by language difficulties. Maribel's first language is Spanish and she and her family members speak limited English.

"We" responded. We determined a felony assault had taken place and the officers took the actions that were necessary," said Fresno Police Sgt. Anthony Martinez.

The police report said an officer read Maribel her Miranda rights twice, in English.

The 11-year-old said the officers grabbed her by her shirt from behind.

"I was so scared," she said in Spanish. "I didn't know what they were doing."

## Groups question Taser gun safety after suspects' deaths

FORT WORTH (AP) — En route to his Midland home after visiting his sister in Arkansas, architect Eric Hammock seemed fine as he called his wife while passing through North Texas.

But a few hours later, he was dead.

Fort Worth police say Hammock trespassed onto a company's private property and after a chase with an off-duty officer guarding the property, he got out of his car and tried to hit the officer. The officer then shocked the 43-year-old with a Taser gun and placed him in handcuffs; Hammock struggled to breathe and died an hour later, police say.

Tarrant County Medical Examiner Nizam Peerwani said Hammock's April death was from cocaine intoxication but that the Taser may have played a role because he "collapsed within a very, very short time after being tased." Hammock was shocked between three and six times.

"They overdid it," said Kathi Hammock, his wife of 18 years who is suing the gun's manufacturer, Arizona-based Taser International. "I don't care what he did. He didn't deserve the death penalty."

In the past nine months, at least six people in Texas — including three in Fort Worth — have died after authorities shocked them with a Taser gun. Just last week in the Dallas suburb of Euless, a 17-year-old died two days after being shocked three times with a Taser. Police say he was high on drugs and violent.

National statistics on Taser-related deaths vary. The American Civil Liberties Union reports more than 130 deaths in the U.S., while Amnesty International reports more than 120 deaths in the U.S. and Canada —

both figures since June 2001. The groups want Taser use suspended until studies are done on how the device affects people on drugs or with heart conditions.

Taser International, the primary manufacturer of stun guns, did not return several calls seeking comment for this story. The company said in a May interview with The Associated Press that its product is safe, based on independent studies, and in only about 10 percent of deaths cited by Amnesty International did medical examiners list Tasers as a contributing factor. The company also contends Tasers have saved more than 6,000 lives — suspects who otherwise might have been fatally shot by police.

The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Arizona attorney general have said they are examining Taser's safety claims. Amnesty International and the ACLU say studies cited by the company were done on healthy people and only found no significant heart effects immediately after a shock. In one study, Taser's top medical officer was a consultant.

A Taser shoots two

streams of electricity that deliver a 50,000-volt jolt for 5 seconds, temporarily immobilizing a person by over-stimulating the nervous system and causing muscles to lock up. Officers can use the device from 15-35 feet away from a suspect.

A Taser also can be used like cattle prods, affecting only the muscles in the area where it touches someone's skin. However, because a Taser is not a firearm, it is not regulated by the government.

About 100,000 people own a Taser, and about 7,300 law enforcement agencies and military installations worldwide use the stun guns, according to the company.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police says Tasers are effective if used properly but that more studies are needed.

The group's Taser policy urges officers to use it only to subdue suspects who are violent or about to injure someone; not to use it on a handcuffed person unless he is "overtly assaultive"; to use it the least number of times; and to seek medical attention for anyone who has been shocked.

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By TIM JOHNSON

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WUHU, China — If the 20th was the American century, the 21st may belong to China.

Just five years into it, China has become the world's third-largest trader, one of its fastest-growing economies, a rising military power in Northeast Asia and a global player extending its influence in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

Americans and people around the globe can feel the effects of China's voracious appetite for resources and the enormous output of its factories, staffed by an endless stream of migrants who toil for \$2 a day churning out low-cost goods, undercutting foreign competitors and upending the low-end global work force.

The world has never seen a nation as big as China rise as far and as fast as China has in the last 20 years. Its ascent, like those of the United States, Germany and Japan before it, is challenging more established powers. Its continued progress depends on harmony with these and other nations.

Whether China's rise lifts all the world's boats or sinks some of them will depend, first, on whether its rapid economic development continues. There's no certainty. Most of the country is backward and poor. Small-scale rural protests erupt with growing frequency, and leaders fear a spark that could set off wider turmoil. Corruption erodes the credibility of the country's communist rulers. Citizens have huge expecta-

tations about rising standards of living.

It would be unwise, however, to bet against China. With the exception of India, no other country has such enormous scale, including such a huge pool of highly educated people. And in an age of globalization, no country has been better able than China to swallow the innovations of others and leap ahead of them.

In coming months, Knight Ridder will examine important parts of the story of China's rising power, including its mounting demand for energy, its military buildup, the degradation of the environment and the growing political and economic "soft power" it wields abroad. Other stories will describe how China has largely tamed the Internet, and how U.S. companies have succeeded — or failed — at cracking the Chinese market.

China's conglomerates are on the prowl. Following a path Japan once took, Chinese firms are scouring the globe. But instead of buying trophy buildings and movie studios, they've bought IBM's personal computer business, and they're looking at Maytag and Unocal, the oil company.

Economist Nick Lardy, an expert on China, said its economy was likely to grow rapidly over the next five to 10 years because of its openness to foreign business, high savings rate and huge pool of underemployed rural workers who are eager to work in factories, even for low wages.

Although much of China's production is still low-tech, the government is pushing innovation and research into areas that



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Construction work in progress near a new housing development in Wuhu, China. The land used to be all farmland in the area. Wuhu occupies a populous spot near the heart of central China. Some 250 million people live within a 250-mile radius of the city, which is anchored in Anhui province.

have both civilian and military high-tech potential.

American analysts figure it will be years before China's military is on par with America's. But it doesn't have to be an even match to pose a serious threat. China's submarines soon will acquire supersonic missiles that could slow or damage U.S. aircraft carriers if they moved to defend Taiwan.

In its quest, China has extended its influence to Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. Its "see-no-evil" foreign policy sometimes puts it at odds with the U.S. interest in promoting democracy, human rights and nuclear security. With investment and diplomatic support, for example, China bolsters oil-rich Iran and Sudan.

China's Communist Party, authoritarian and pro-business — has had a monopoly on power since it won a civil war in 1949. Opposition is banned. While communist ideology has faded, the party stakes its legitimacy instead on its abili-

ty to meet rising expectations with rapid economic development.

China's global ambitions — and the hopes of many Chinese for a freer society — rest on the prospect of sustained growth. In the long run,

economic openness might lead to greater political freedom, as it has in Taiwan and South Korea. As people get richer, they tend to want to join groups of people with similar interests, they seek to protect their rights in

court and, finally, they want a say in how they're governed.

But China's gap between rich and poor yawns ever wider, fueling frustration and resentment.

Other potential obstacles:

— China's banking and financial systems are in serious need of reform.

— Years of rapid growth with little concern for the environment have taken a heavy toll on the land, the air and the health of many people.

— China needs far more energy than it can supply.

— A protectionist backlash could rise from the United States or other countries. Labor-intensive industries such as textiles have been pressing Washington for protectionist measures. The Commerce Department recently agreed to temporary quotas on some cotton clothing from China after global quotas expired in 2004. In addition, U.S. companies lose millions of dollars to Chinese theft of intellectual property, such as

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  - "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
  - "Without a Trace," CBS.
  - "Dancing With the Stars" (Wednesday, 8 p.m.), ABC.
  - "CSI: NY," CBS. (From Nielsen Media Research)
- Film**
- "Fantastic Four," 20th Century Fox.
  - "War of the Worlds," Paramount.
  - "Batman Begins," Warner Bros.
  - "Dark Water," Disney.
  - "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," 20th Century Fox. (From Exhibitor Relations Co.)
- Hot Five**
- "We Belong Together," Mariah Carey. Island.
  - "Hollaback Girl," Gwen Stefani. Interscope. (Platinum — certified sales of 1 million units)
  - "Don't Phunk With My Heart," The Black Eyed Peas. A&M. (Gold — certified sales of more than 500,000)
  - "Inside Your Heaven," Carrie Underwood. Arista.
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- Bo Bice**. RCA. (From Billboard magazine)
- Albums**
- "Somewhere Down in Texas," George Strait. MCA Nashville.
  - "U.S.A.: United States of Atlanta," Ying Yang Twins. ColliPark.
  - "X&Y," Coldplay. Capitol.
  - "The Emancipation of Mimi," Mariah Carey. Island. (Platinum)
  - "I'm a Hustla," Cassidy. Full Surface. (From Billboard magazine)
- Concert Tours**
- U2.
  - Dave Matthews Band.
  - Kenny Chesney.
  - Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers.
  - Stevie Nicks/Don Henley. (From Pollstar)
- VHS Rentals**
- "Hitch," Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment.
  - "Coach Carter," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  - "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous," Warner Home Video.
  - "Hostage," Miramax

- Home Entertainment**
- "Cursed (Unrated)," Dimension Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)
- VHS Sales**
- "Tarzan II," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
  - "Shrek 2," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
  - "What's New Scooby Doo? Vol. 5 Sports Spooktacular," Warner Home Video.
  - "The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  - "The Incredibles," Walt Disney Home Video. (From Billboard magazine)
- DVD Sales**
- "Hostage," Miramax Home Entertainment.
  - "Coach Carter (Full Screen)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  - "Coach Carter (Widescreen)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
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A settlement has been proposed in a class action lawsuit about the purchase of life insurance on the lives of its employees and retirees who died in Texas by Fina Oil and Chemical Company, American Petrofina Company of Texas, Cosden Oil & Chemical Co., Amdel, Inc. and Amdel Pipeline, Inc. (collectively, "Fina"). The settlement will provide \$4 million, net of attorneys' fees and costs, to pay the estates and heirs of Fina's employees who were insured under the policies without their consent and died in Texas. If you qualify, you may send in a claim form to get benefits, or you may exclude yourself from the settlement, or you may object to the settlement.

The 172nd District Court of Jefferson County, Texas, authorized this notice. The Court will have a hearing to decide whether to approve the settlement so that the benefits may be paid.

**WHO IS INCLUDED?**  
You are a Class Member and could get benefits if you are the representative of an estate or an heir of a Fina employee or retiree who did not consent to the insurance purchased by Fina and who died in Texas. Only persons who were employees of Fina between 1988 and 1990 were insured.

**WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?**  
From 1988 to 1990, Fina bought life insurance policies on some of its employees and retirees. When the employee died, the insurer paid the death benefits to Fina. This lawsuit claims that Fina did not have a right to the insurance proceeds from the death of employees and retirees who did not consent to the coverage; rather, those proceeds belong to the deceased workers' estates. Fina denied that it did anything wrong, and believes that the

insurance program complied with the law. It has agreed to this settlement in order to avoid protracted litigation and court costs.

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?**  
If you believe you may have an interest in this settlement, please immediately contact the Class Counsel and request more information:

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**WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER OPTIONS?**  
If you do not want settlement benefits or do not want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself by September 1, 2005 or you will not be able to sue, or continue to sue, Fina about the claims in this case. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get any benefits from this settlement. If you stay in this settlement, you may object to it by September 1, 2005. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object.

The Court will hold a hearing in this case (Cause Number E 170245; Neal Payne, et al v. Fina Oil and Chemical; In the 172nd District Court of Jefferson County, Texas) on September 26, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. to consider whether to approve the settlement and a request by the Class Counsel representing all Class Members for attorneys' fees and costs. You may appear at the hearing, but you do not have to.

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pirated movies and software. Still, many American companies want an expanded trade relationship.

China's very size — 1.3 billion people — makes questions about its future all the more important.

"China is the largest laboratory of social, economic and political change in modern history," said Zhang Weiwei, a Chinese political scientist who lives in France.

The ripple effects of such rapid, large-scale economic development are being felt in Asia and the rest of the world.

China's growing tensions with Japan, for example, are partly because of disputes over undersea oil deposits in the East China Sea.

But China's economic power isn't only a source of friction; it's also attracted admiration. Australians, who are doing a brisk business selling to China, now view China more positively than they do the United States, an opinion poll by the prestigious Lowy Institute, a research center in Sydney, found in February. Some 69 percent of Australians look positively on China, while only 58 percent do so on the United States, the poll found.

Eventually, the United States could find itself competing with China for dominance in Asia. It would be the first time the United States faced a challenger with so much economic power.

China's leaders have sought smooth relations with the United States while they focus on domestic problems. In the meantime, a growing China has started to help solve global problems, from support for the government of Afghanistan to the fight against AIDS.

"Our children and grandchildren are going to live in a world where China will be a very strong and powerful player on the world scene," veteran U.S. diplomat John Negroponte said during a confirmation hearing for his new job as national intelligence

China's BOOMING economy

Some indicators that show China's rapid economic growth:



Urban, middle-aged Chinese marvel at how much their country has changed since they were young.

For three decades after the 1949 revolution, the state assigned jobs and housing, restricted travel and offered a bare-bones welfare system. Simple belongings, such as wristwatches and bicycles, could take years to acquire.

"Twenty years ago, I dreamed of having a watch. My family was too poor to buy me a watch. So I drew one on my wrist with ink," said Li Tao, a research fellow in Beijing at Tsinghua University, one of China's premier institutions. "Now I have a car."

Billboards and TV ads pitch the latest BMW models, liquors and perfumes. Chinese can move about the country, switch jobs, acquire passports, start businesses, and buy and sell homes.

"I used to live in a very shabby apartment. ... The wooden floor was rotten. There were rats everywhere," said Yi Shoucheng, a deputy manager at a cutlery factory in Wuhu, a city in central inland China.

Yi lives in one of the new apartment blocks that are rising around Wuhu, the last deep-water port along the Yangtze River, where industrial zones throb with activity and bulldozers flatten old homes to make way for apartments.

The farming hamlet of Xiangfengwei is a 40-

minute drive from Wuhu. Running water arrived in 1973, electricity a decade later. Relief from poverty has yet to come. Many people burn straw or coal to cook.

Rural unrest is a potential flash point in China, and the Communist Party keeps close political control.

Urban and rural

dwellers alike are angry over land grabs by corrupt officials. Banking and stock-market scandals simmer. Underground religious sects appear to be expanding. Expectations of rising standards of living could endanger the party's legitimacy if unmet.

"Everything could fall apart. It's not that stable,"

said Wang Gungwu, the director of the East Asian Institute at the National University of Singapore. "It's a single political party with no transparency (and) little accountability."

Officials censor news of unrest, muzzle troublemakers, jail dissidents, clamp down on the Internet and stifle reli-

gion. "Their logic is that everything depends on stability," said Wang Yizhou, the deputy director of the Institute of World Economics and Politics at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. "Development, growth, reform, all of it depends on one condition: stability."

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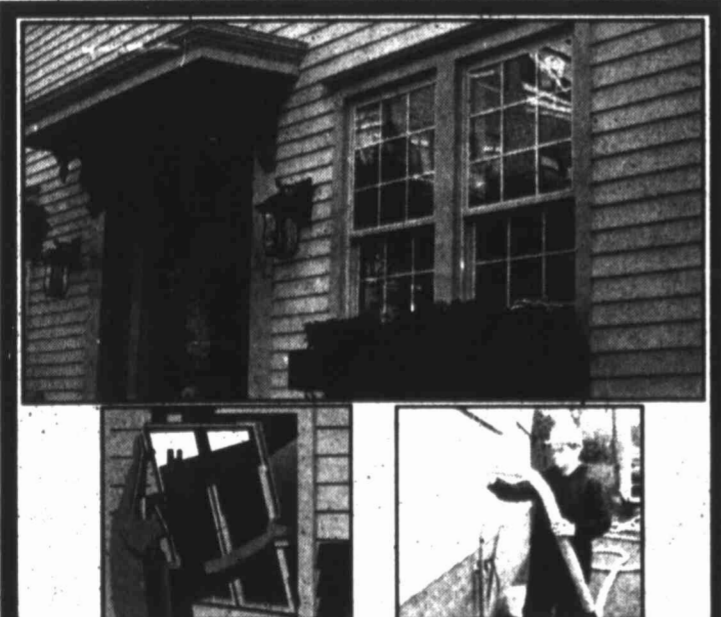
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• Supper Club - Red Mesa - 5:30 pm
- July 6 • Wednesday**  
• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Senior Circle members eat in the hospital cafeteria for \$2.00)  
• Games - 2:00 pm
- July 7 • Thursday**  
• Mall Walking - 8:00 am (Meet at the Mall & walk together)  
• Coffee @ Gale - 10:00 am  
• HARC Bingo - 6:30 pm
- July 8 • Friday**  
• POTLUCK & BINGO - 11:30 am
- July 11 • Monday**  
• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)  
• Lunch Bunch & Birthdays Gale's - 11:30 am
- July 12 • Tuesday**  
• Mall Walking - 8:00 a.m. (Meet at the Mall and walk together)  
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- July 13 • Wednesday**  
• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Senior Circle members eat in the hospital cafeteria for \$2.00)
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• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

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• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm (Chair Exercise)
- July 19 • Tuesday**  
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- July 20 • Wednesday**  
• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am (Senior Circle members eat in the hospital cafeteria for \$2.00)
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### IN BRIEF

#### B.S. Country Club sets junior clinics

The Big Spring Country Club has set up a summer junior clinic and an advanced summer junior clinic.

The clinics run through August 4.

Both clinics will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

The junior clinic costs \$150, while the advanced junior clinic costs \$200.

The fee includes instruction and range club membership for the child for June through August.

For more information, call the golf shop at 267-5354.

#### Howard announces men's basketball camp in mid-July

The Howard College men's basketball staff will host another week-long camp July 24-28.

The camp will cost \$250 per player who wants room and board and \$175 for a commuter. It will take place at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp sign-up will take place July 24 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The first day of the camp will be July 24 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The camp will run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Hawk camp format consists of morning and afternoon sessions.

For more info, contact Howard head coach Mark Adams at 816-6957 or Howard assistant coach Jason Sautter at 816-3200.

#### Howard women's basketball sets three camp dates

The Howard College women's basketball program will be hosting two more camps this summer.

The camps will both take place Monday through Thursday.

The first camp is open for kindergarten through third grade boys and girls. Registration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and costs \$50 per person.

The second camp is for fourth through sixth grade girls. Registration will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. Monday.

The camp runs from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and costs \$60 per person.

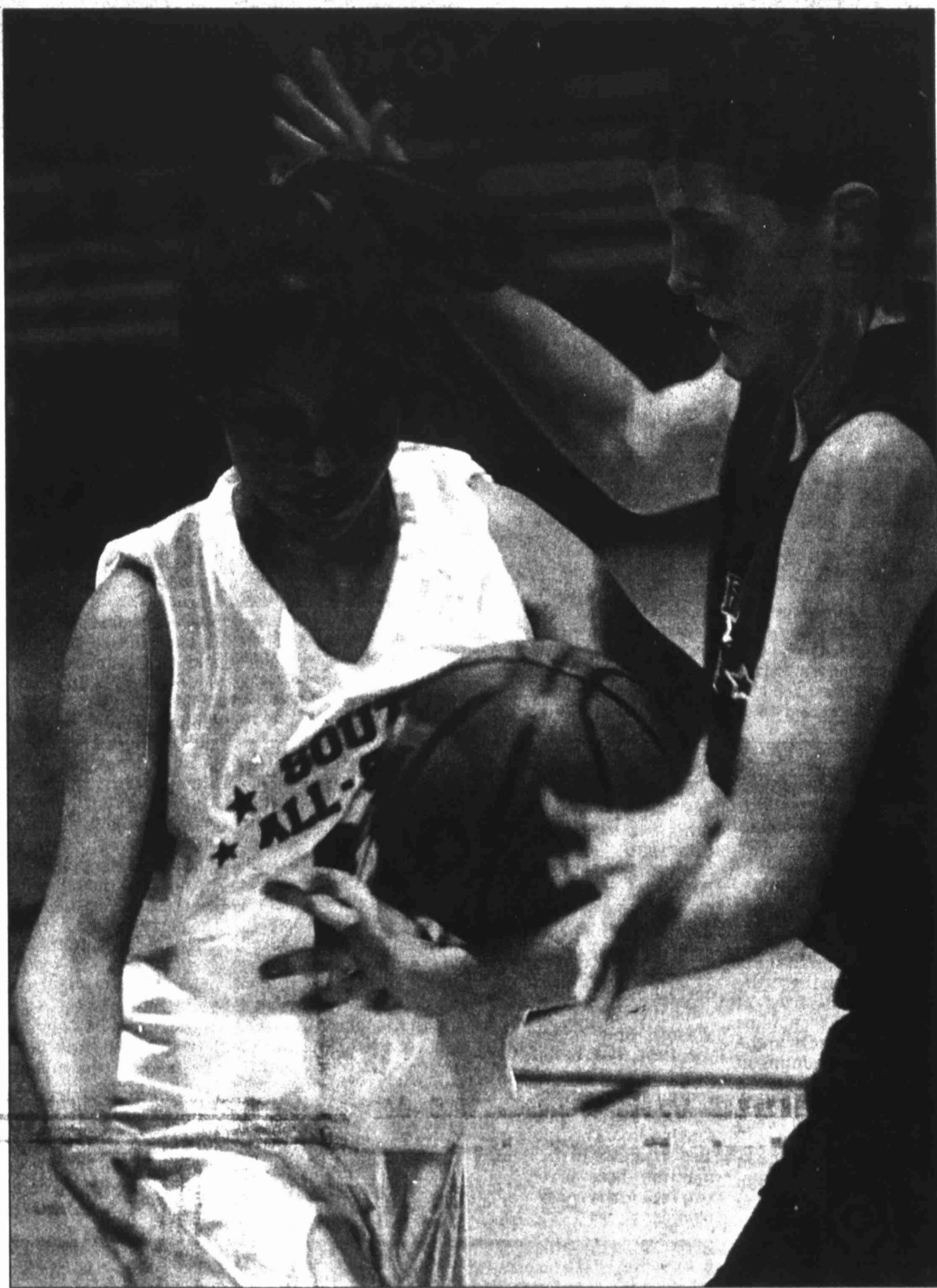
For more information, call Earl Diddle at 264-5043 or Eric Rodewald at 816-4327.

#### B.S. sets second quarterback meeting

The Big Spring football booster club has set a quarterback club meeting for Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring ATC.

All parents of athletes in the football program are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.



Forsan's Cynthia Becerra, left, battles for a loose ball Friday night in Garden City at the girl's fourth annual All-Americas small school basketball game. Becerra scored 10 points for the South team, but the North team won the game 60-45.

## Feelin' the blues

### Local athletes show off talents at All-Americas games

By TROY HYDE  
Sports Editor

If you were wearing blue on the basketball court at Garden City High School Friday, then you were most likely happy when the game ended.

The girl's North team and the boy's West team, both of which wore blue jerseys during the game, came away victors at the fourth annual All-Americas small school basketball games.

Several local athletes participated and one came away as the Most Valuable Player of her team.

North all-stars 60  
South all-stars 45

The opening game of the night featured high school girl's basketball players from schools such as Highland, Klondike, Happy, Whitharral, Robert Lee, Trent and Water Valley. And local players from Garden City, Coahoma, Forsan and Grady also participated in what started out to be a very tight game.

The offense was hard to come by early as fans could tell the players

were a bit rusty since ending their basketball seasons last March.

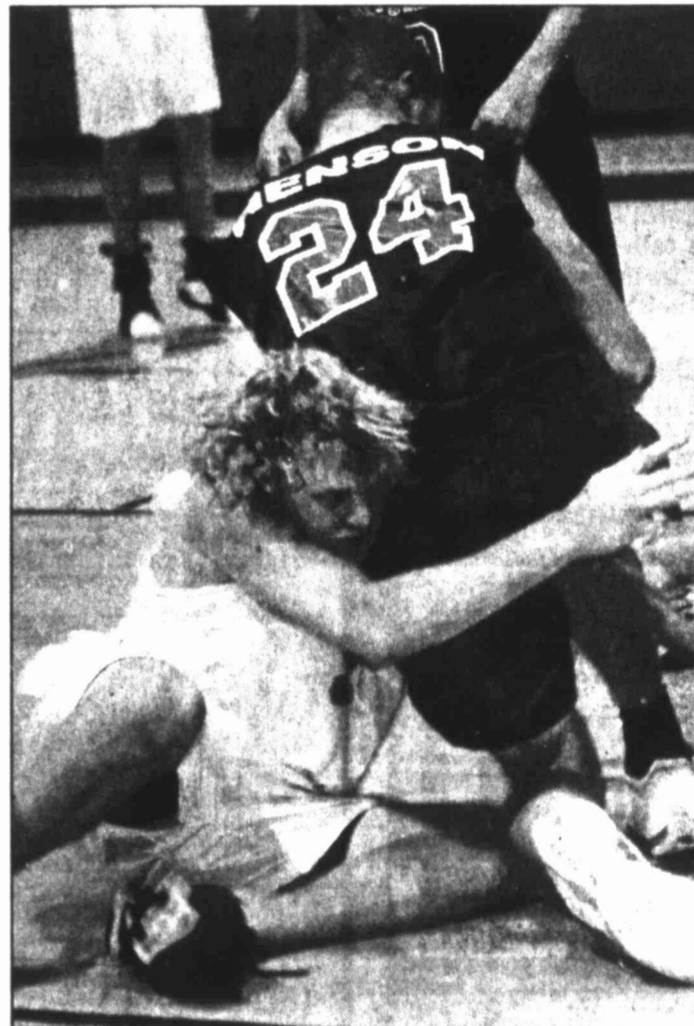
The South team jumped out the gates early in the game and built a 6-0 lead after Coahoma standout Mendy Morgan, who will play basketball this next year at Howard College, hit two jump shots and Forsan's Cynthia Becerra scored a layup off a steal.

However, the North all-stars battled back to cut the South lead to 8-6 and then tied the game at 9-9 before hitting a 3-pointer as time winded down in the opening quarter. The North led after one quarter, 12-9.

Both teams went back-and-forth in the second quarter. Garden City's Megan Niehues scored the first basket of the period and cut her team's deficit to one and then an Ashley James (Robert Lee) putback tied the score at 13-13.

Becerra connected on two free throws shortly after that to give the South the advantage. The South maintained a three point lead moments later after Alison Brown (Water Valley) hit the basket and got fouled.

The game was close until the very last seconds of the second quar-



Garden City's Chals Goodwin gets on the floor for a loose ball Friday in Garden City at the boy's fourth annual All-Americas small school basketball game. Goodwin scored 13 points in the game.

ter. Grady's Lynsey Pinkerton hit two free throws with 32 seconds to play to give the North team a two point advantage and then Morgan connected on a free throw of her own with

two seconds left. The North led at half-time, 22-21.

The third quarter was nothing like the first two as the North took control

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## Athletics flirt with another no-hitter

### Rangers struggle at plate against former Cy Young winner Zito

By GREG BEACHAM

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — As far as Jay Payton knows, life with the Oakland Athletics is one long dreamscape of unhit-able pitching, landmark homers and convincing wins for one of the most dynamic teams in baseball.

Barry Zito and the rest of the A's are hoping to keep this fantasy going for as long as possible.

Zito took a no-hitter into the eighth inning, and Payton hit a two-run homer on his first swing for the surging A's in their fifth straight victory, 7-2 over the Texas Rangers on Friday night.

After Rich Harden took a perfect game into the eighth inning of an 81-pitch two-hitter Thursday, Zito (7-8) was nearly flawless until Kevin Mench homered with one out in the eighth — the same spot where Harden's perfection ended.

But after Zito finished up eight innings of two-hit ball, Payton had an incredible memory of his two days with the A's.

"I'm (thinking), if they do this every night, we're going to be in pretty good shape the rest of the way," said Payton, who made his first start after arriving in a trade with Boston Wednesday. "It's pretty amazing."

The two games since the All-Star break have been practically perfect for the A's, who have won 15 of 18 to move a season-high three games over .500 — and just a half-game behind the Rangers for second place in the AL West standings.

Eric Chavez hit a three-run homer and Nick Swisher also connected as the A's kept charging back into the playoff race — but the night was dominated by Zito, whose resurgence reached its highest point yet.

Zito, who struggled with hard-luck losses early in his first season as Oakland's ace following the departures of Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder, struck out five while winning his fourth straight start. Since making a few mechanical adjustments eight weeks ago, he believes he's pitching even better than in 2002, when he won the AL Cy Young Award.

Zito walked leadoff hitter Gary Matthews Jr., but he was erased on Michael Young's double-play grounder. With all his pitches working splendidly, including his famously nasty curveball, Zito faced the minimum 17 batters until Mark DeRosa's two-out walk in the sixth.

"You always know how many hits you give up," Zito said. "You know whether guys are on base or not. ... (A no-hitter) is up there with all the things every pitcher wants to achieve. You've got to expect one every time. If you don't shoot

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**IN BRIEF**

**Knights of Columbus announces first-ever softball tournament**

The Knights of Columbus has set up its first-ever Council 8744 Softball Tournament for July 22-24 at Tommy Walker Field in Stanton.

The tournament is for Class D and E teams and costs \$150 per team.

For more information, call Eddy at 756-2502 or Sonny at 756-3216.

**Signups for football to begin July 22**

The Crossroads Youth Football Association will begin its annual signup session July 22.

Signups will take place at the Big Spring Mall Fridays from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost to play football is \$70. Flag football costs \$30, while cheerleaders should expect to pay \$75.

For more information, call Daphne Castlaw at 714-4688.

**Baltimore's Palmeiro reaches unique feat**

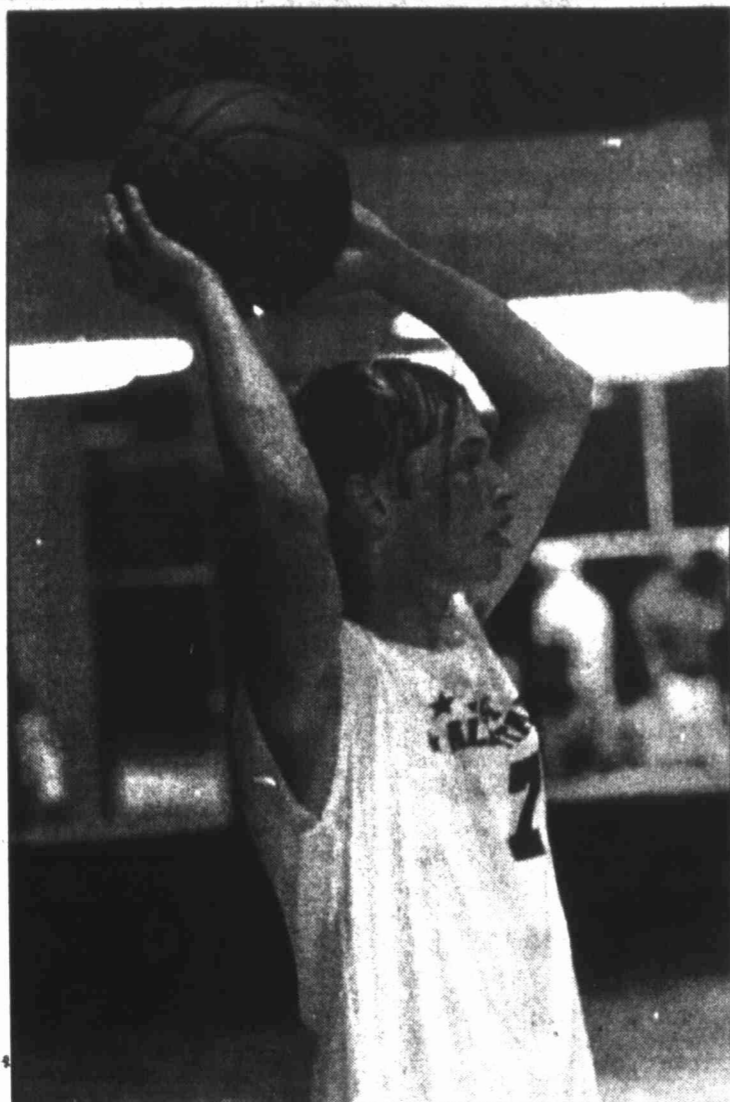
SEATTLE (AP) — Baltimore Orioles slugger Rafael Palmeiro became the 26th player to reach 3,000 career hits, curling an RBI double into the left field corner in the fifth inning of a 6-3 win over Seattle.

Palmeiro also has 566 home runs over his 20-year career, joining Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Eddie Murray as the only players with 3,000 hits and 500 homers.

**BALCO founder Conte pleads guilty in steroids case**

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — BALCO founder Victor Conte pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute steroids and money laundering in a deal with federal prosecutors, making it much less likely that top athletes such as Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi will be forced to testify.

Greg Anderson pleaded guilty to the same charges in exchange for a sentence of up to six months. BALCO vice president James Valente pleaded guilty to distributing illegal steroids.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Westbrook's Jared Matlock looks for an opening inside during action at the boy's fourth annual All Americas small school basketball game at Garden City Friday. Matlock was named MVP of his East team after scoring 17 points. However, the West and MVP Jacob Henson won the game, 82-62. Henson scored 16 points.

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for the moon, you're never going to get there. That's what my dad always says."

Zito didn't even have a real scare in the first six innings, retiring the Rangers on a series of grounders and popups without a single fly to the outfield. Dan Johnson and Mark Kotsay made exceptional catches in the seventh inning to keep the no-hitter alive.

Rod Barajas doubled moments later, but Zito escaped the jam, earning another standing ovation.

Zito was five outs away from the 11th no-hitter in the franchise history of the Athletics, who had five in Philadelphia and five more in Oakland, including Catfish Hunter's perfect game in 1968. Dave Stewart threw the A's last no-hitter, blanking Toronto 5-0 on June 29, 1990.

After 108 pitches by Zito, new A's reliever Jay Witasick couldn't get an out in the ninth. He allowed Young's RBI double, but Kiko Calero struck out Alfonso Soriano and Mench to end it.

Payton put John Wasdin's 0-1 curve over the tall fence in left-center in the second inning, immediately endearing himself to fans who miss traded outfielder Eric Byrnes. Payton, who seethed as a backup in Boston, was playing for

the first time since July 1. Wasdin (0-1) couldn't get an out in the third inning, finishing with six hits and seven runs allowed. It was the second straight awful spot start for the right-hander, who otherwise has been a solid reliever since the Rangers recalled him in early June.

Joaquin Benoit relieved Wasdin and struck out the first four batters he faced on the way to 4 1-3 scoreless innings, but Texas' hitters couldn't touch Zito. The Rangers also struggled in the field, making three errors — two on fairly easy foul popups.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Garden City girl's head coach Brent Kirkland draws up a play for the South team Friday during action at the girl's fourth annual All-Americas small school basketball game in Garden City. Kirkland coached the South all-stars, but the North all-stars won the game, 60-45.

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of the game for good, outscoring the South 21-8 in the period and taking a 43-29 lead after three quarters.

The South all-stars kept within striking distance in the fourth, but the North stars and Jeannie Kirkland were too good in the end.

The North went on to win by 15 as Kirkland, who is from Witharral, scored 22 of her 24 points in the second half on her way to earning MVP honors.

The South all-stars made a small run late in the game. They scored five straight points from the foul line, but also missed six free throws late in the fourth quarter.

Morgan led her team in scoring with 17 points and won MVP honors for the South. Becerra scored 10 points, while Niehues added eight. Garden City's Krystal Sullivan and Grady's Brianna Pribyla also played in

game.

**West all-stars 82  
East all-stars 62**

The boy's game was not as close as the fans would have liked. The West all-stars took control from the opening tap and never looked back as they cruised to a 20-point win and had four players in double figures on offense.

Westbrook's Jared Matlock kept the East all-stars close early, but the West still took a 20-10 lead after the first quarter. A Matlock layup cut the West's lead to 10-6, but the West then went on a 10-4 run to end the period.

And that pretty much set the tone for the rest of the game.

The East did outscore the West in the quarter by one point, but still trailed by nine at the half. Matlock hit a 3-pointer late in the period to cut the lead to seven, but a layup by Dawson's Derek Young pushed it back to nine.

The East again outscored the West in the third quarter, but the advantage was still too

much to overcome as the West led by eight heading into the final frame. Garden City's Chais Goodwin, who got into early foul trouble and sat out most of the first half, scored seven straight points for the East to cut the lead to six, but the West scored right before the end of the quarter to push its advantage back to eight.

The East did not get any closer in the fourth quarter as the West outscored them 23-11 in the period and went on to win by 20.

Matlock went on to win MVP honors for the East squad as he scored 17 points and Goodwin finished with 13 points, as well.

The West was led by Taylor Wilson of Ropes who finished with 18 points. Young scored 17 points and Jacob Henson of Ropes scored 16 points on his way to MVP honors. Dawson's Kanyon Brown also reached double figures with 10.

Grady's Andrew Villa also played in the game. He hit a 3-pointer early in the game.

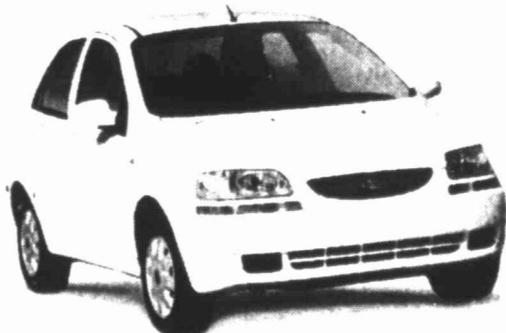
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## Recreation improved at district reservoirs

### Special to the Herald

With slightly higher levels, recreation activities have increased at Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) reservoirs and the District expects a busy fall as hunting season will crank up activities at the Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs).

Hunting permits for WMAs near the O.H. Ivie Reservoir are selected by drawing, and applications must be received between July 15 and August 15 for deer, turkey and quail hunts.

Buckshot is prohibited and all hunting must be done with bows, shotguns using slugs or shot no larger than No. 4 (unless hunting for quail only), or muzzleloaders that are .50 caliber or larger.

Contact the District offices at 432-267-6341 or request an application by mail at CRMWD, Attn: Public Hunting, P.O. Box 869, Big Spring, 79721.

Good winter rainfall brought wildflower visitors to the lakes, and raised Lake J.B. Thomas significantly. Always a good fishing attraction, the lake has seen an increase in visitors and fish catches. Catches of black bass around 10 pounds, white bass, blue

cats and crappie account for most of the activity. District crews have added a fire pit to the South Side Park pavilion and cleared brush and opened the boat ramp at White Island Park.

They also opened Bull Creek Park for bank fishing but the boat ramp needs a few more feet of water to be operational.

Although the E.V. Spence Reservoir is still under 14 percent, it covers a lot of surface area and the fish populations seem to be recovering from the golden alga kills of several years ago.

The O.H. Ivie Reservoir remains a mainstay for recreation, hosting at least four bass tournaments already this year. Passing cool fronts have periodically produced excellent conditions, with less luck when persistent hot weather prevails, according to Ivie fishing and hunting guide Kevin Burleson of Ballinger, who writes an outdoor column.

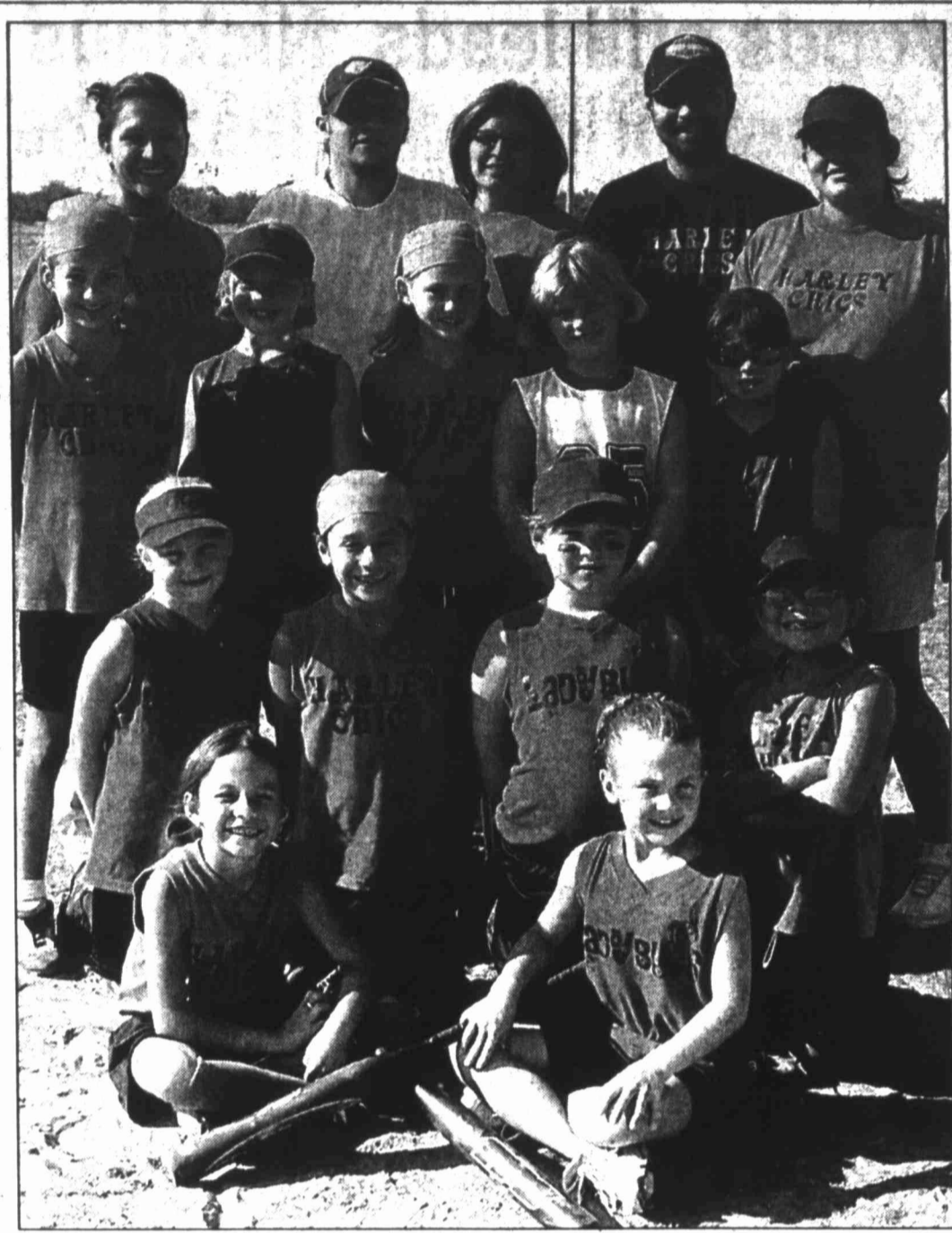
"The best activity has been on the white bass in several areas of the lake," says Burleson, adding that the whites are schooling around open water in the main lake or hanging over the main channels of the rivers from two miles up or

between the mouths of the rivers. "Casting anything from top water to tail spinners and rattletraps to trolling the shad imitation crank baits are all working when you locate the feeding whites but the majority are probably being taken with minnows at night," he said.

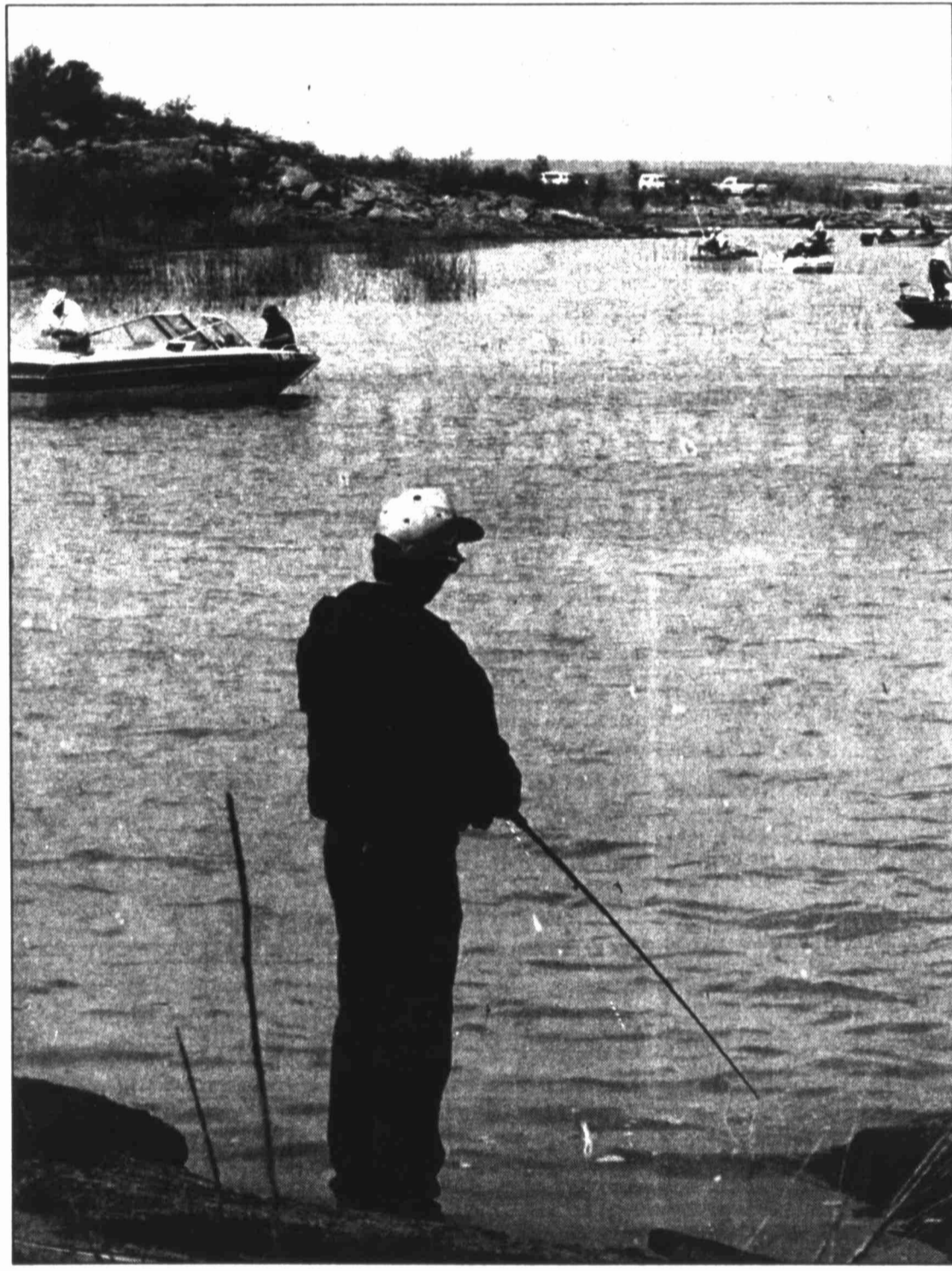
Burleson noted that some crappie fishermen are also doing well at night under the lights near the big trees along the main channel.

"With the continued hot conditions, we're finding the bass patterns revolving around extremely shady conditions, like around the grass beds or in the deeper water near drop offs or fishing under the low light levels of early morning or late evening," Burleson writes. "I usually have to visit several different areas and fish a number of different lures and techniques to pound out a productive day during the heat." Burleson advises keeping the lure wet and the bait moving into enough places until you bump into a lucrative area and pattern.

*This article was contributed by the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD).*



Courtesy photo  
The Big Spring softball all-stars will be competing in the West Texas All-Star Tournament this weekend in San Angelo. Four different age groups will try for the championship in their respective divisions. There will be more than 80 teams competing in the annual tournament. The 8-and-under all-stars are shown above. Front row, from left: Mariah Sarmiento and Skye Rule. Second: Makenzie Roberts, Danie Ortega, Kaylee Kemper and Alicia Hernandez. Third: Nadya Vlasana, Leksey Yarber, Baylee Howell, Shloh Creswell and Alicia Redwine. Back: Coaches Monica Hull, Tony and Jennifer Sarmiento and Chris and Liz Vlasana. Not pictured: Devon Maddox.



Courtesy photo  
Lake J.B. Thomas has always been a popular spot for fishermen, and inflows during 2004 increased the surface acres it covers.

### Major League Baseball - current league-wide standings (as of 7-15)

American League - East		American League - West		National League - Central	
Boston	50-39 —	L.A. Angels	54-36 —	St. Louis	57-32 —
Baltimore	49-40 -1	<b>Texas</b>	<b>46-42 -7</b>	Chicago Cubs	45-44 -12
N.Y. Yankees	47-41 -2.5	Oakland	46-43 -7.5	<b>Houston</b>	<b>44-44 -12.5</b>
Toronto	45-45 -5.5	Seattle	39-50 -14.5	Milwaukee	44-46 -13.5
Tampa Bay	29-62 -22			Pittsburgh	39-50 -18
				Cincinnati	36-53 -21
American League - Central		National League - East		National League - West	
Chicago Sox	59-29 —	Washington	52-38 —	San Diego	49-42 —
Minnesota	48-40 -11	Atlanta	51-40 -1.5	Arizona	44-48 -5.5
Cleveland	47-43 -13	Florida	45-43 -6	L.A. Dodgers	40-50 -8.5
Detroit	43-45 -16	Philadelphia	46-45 -6.5	San Francisco	39-50 -9
Kansas City	31-58 -28.5	N.Y. Mets	45-45 -7	Colorado	31-57 -16.5

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HENRY BACKES

# Woods still leads, Nicklaus crosses bridge for last time

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP Sports Writer

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Jack Nicklaus had to go out this way, the ball curling into the cup for a birdie, the putter thrust skyward with his left hand one last time at the birthplace of golf.

Farewell, Golden Bear. While Tiger Woods threatened to turn another British Open into a rout Friday, Nicklaus faded into retirement on an stirring, tear-filled day at St. Andrews, making birdie on the final hole of his competitive career.

"I knew the hole would move wherever I hit it," Nicklaus quipped.

The last stroke of the ball didn't matter on the scoreboard — the 14-footer gave Nicklaus an even-par 72 and a 3-over 147 for the two rounds, not nearly good enough to make the cut.

But it meant everything to the fans who jammed every nook and cranny of the historic 18th hole, straining to get a look at the greatest championship player in the sport's history. Even some of his fellow players came out on the porch of the Royal & Ancient Club, clapping for Nicklaus every step of the way.

Nicklaus propped up his left leg on the famed Swilcan Bridge in the middle of the 18th fairway, blowing kisses and waving to an adoring crowd. Then he called up son Steve, his caddie, and playing partners Tom

Watson and Luke Donald — and their caddies — for a group shot.

Once that was done, Nicklaus walked the rest of the fairway all alone, wiping away the inevitable tears as he approached his ball, just short of the green.

Nicklaus putted through the "Valley of Sin," the ball skidding past the flag. After watching Watson — a fierce rival in the 1970s — and Donald putt out, Nicklaus leaned over to study the green, crouched over the ball facing left of the cup and calmly knocked in the sort of putt that helped define some of the signature moments of his career.

Woods arrived at the 18th a half-hour later, ready to pick up the torch that Nicklaus left behind.

Woods cruised to a 67 for an 11-under 133 at the midway point of a tournament that is his to lose. Don't count on that happening. At this rate, Woods is more likely to eclipse his record-setting performance in 2000, when his 19-under total was the lowest score in relation to par in major tournament history. He ran away from the field for an eight-stroke win.

A few big names attempted to make a run at him. Ernie Els and Phil Mickelson shot 67 and still find themselves eight strokes behind. Vijay Singh posted his second straight 69 and faced a daunting five-shot deficit.

No one in the clubhouse was within five strokes of

the lead when Woods finished. But his quest for a second major title this year and 10th in his career took a backseat until the weekend.

This day was for saying goodbye to the 65-year-old Nicklaus.

"You have to admire everything," Woods said. "No one played the majors as well. No one was so consistent for so long. He's the greatest who's ever lived in our sport."

Later, the two crossed paths in the interview room.

"Nice playing," Nicklaus said, extending his right hand.

"Thank you, sir," Woods replied as they shook hands.

"You know, that's my best round of the year!" Nicklaus said proudly.

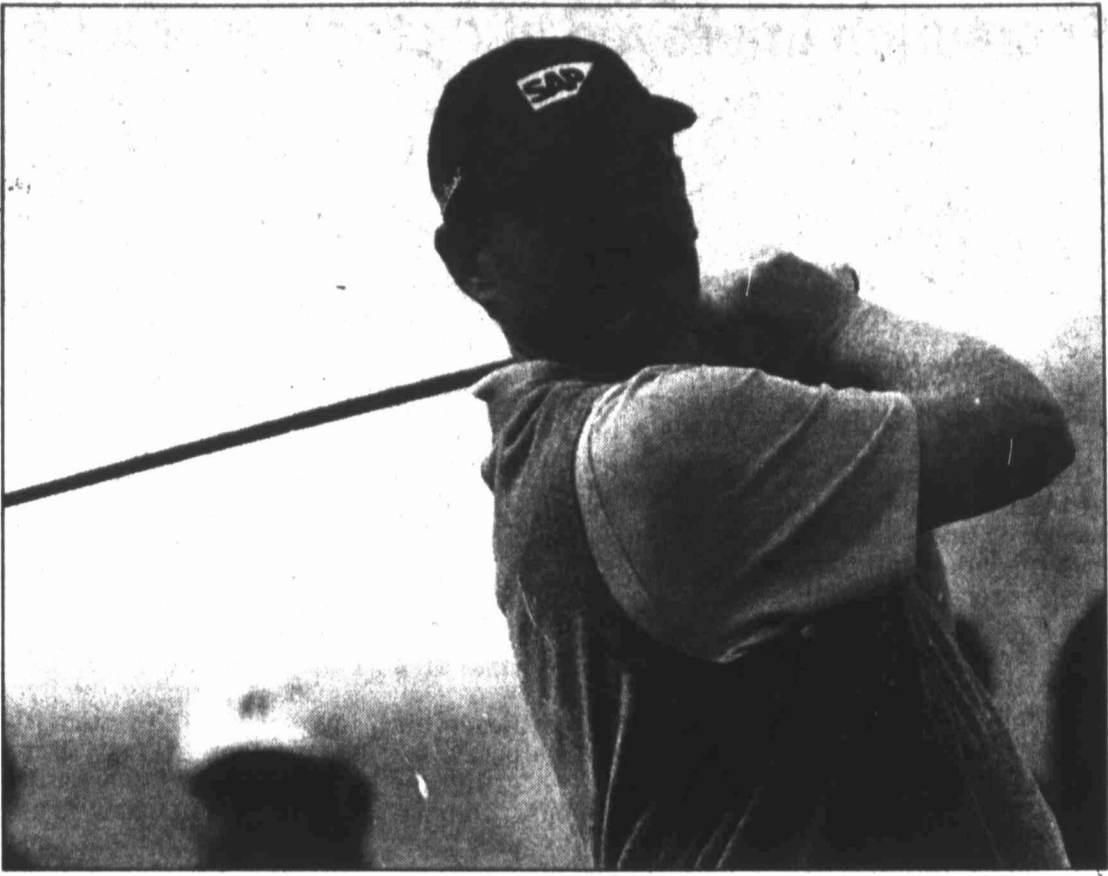
"Really?" Woods said.

They exchanged a few more words, then Nicklaus left the podium.

"Good luck to you," he said, patting Woods on the shoulder as he walked away.

Nicklaus had hoped to put off his exit until Sunday, arriving at St. Andrews intent on making the cut. But the booming drives, precise irons and clutch putting that led the way to 18 major titles had deserted him with each passing year.

Nicklaus rolled an approach at No. 2 into one of the Old Course's 112 bunkers, leading to a bogey, and knew by the penultimate hole that his tournament — and career — were over.



KRT photo/Stuart Robinson, Express Syndication  
Ernie Els tees off during the second round of the British Open at St. Andrews, Scotland, Friday. Els struggled in the first round, but played better in round two. He is still a long ways back of leader Tiger Woods.

# Armstrong extends overall lead, tour scales Pyrenees

• Six-time tour champion takes second in stage

AX-3 DOMAINES, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong extended his overall lead as the Tour de France scaled the Pyrenees Saturday in the 14th stage, won by George Totschnig of Austria.

Armstrong placed second, ahead of Italy's Ivan Basso, with Jan Ullrich fourth.

The six-time champion's overall lead over Mickael Rasmussen of

Denmark grew to 1 minute, 41 seconds. Rasmussen, who had been just 38 seconds behind at the start of the stage that ends at the ski station of Ax-3 Domaines.

Armstrong's lead over Basso grew to 2:46. Basso managed to stay with the Texan up the punishing final climb but couldn't follow his sprint for the finish line.

Ullrich fell away toward the top of the ascent, when Armstrong started to pile on speed. The German dropped 4:34

behind his archrival. Totschnig was part of a group of riders that escaped from the main pack shortly after the start in the Mediterranean town of Agde. He managed to shake off the other members of the group on the day's hardest ascent, and rode from there up the final climb alone to win.

He finished 56 seconds ahead of Armstrong and broke into tears.

"An extraordinary day," Totschnig said. "I didn't think it was possible to win a stage like that."

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A fierce, friendly game of keep the mammals away, above, was one of the activities at Frontier Camp last week. Ridge runners, top left, and water battles were other activities. Mellodie Williams, below, talks with speaker Steve Chesney.

## YoungLife Frontier Camp

*A life-changing experience*

YoungLife, a national, non-profit Christian organization for high school students, claims a trip to camp will be "the best week of your life or your money back."

And after spending a week just outside Buena Vista, Colo., at Frontier Ranch, a YoungLife camp, I agree that the experience is one I will never forget.

Matt and Shelly Warren and I gathered nine Big Spring High School students — Travis Callaway, Cassie Garcia, James Hammonds, Michael Loftis, Jeremy Mills, Kristina Moorhead, Brandon Pierce, Amy Smith and Mellodie Williams — at 6 a.m. July 2, loaded into two vehicles, and headed for Colorado.

Once we reached Frontier Ranch, the week spiraled into fast action with an unrelenting pace packed with activities, physical challenges and an opportunity to make friends.

The girls and I were placed into a dorm room, called Deer Foot, in Black Elk Lodge, a three-story log cabin. We each had our own set of bunk beds, and I encouraged the girls to sleep in either or both of the beds, since we had so much space.

Our first night at dinner we were introduced to Billy and Bo Wingo, two brothers headed for the national horseshoe pitching tournament who "misread a

map." Their motto, "you've got to sling 'em to ring 'em" became so popular, the 500 teen-agers attending camp that week shouted the motto along with the program leaders.

The program team continued the horseshoe theme throughout the week, bringing every camper to squeals of laughter at mealtime with some of their antics, including a pantomime of the song "Total Eclipse of the Heart," by Bonnie Tyler.

Conflict reupted when bad guy, Tex Hold'em tricked the brothers out of the deed to Frontier Ranch. The entire saga was resolved when Tex found true love.

Other characters presented throughout the week were Ty Fro and Richard Slimmons, who were there to give exercise advice to the campers. Their BAM — Be the man, Anticipate success and Move like you mean it — was another phrase the teen-agers joined.

The two Tonys were disco dudes and Stonehenge was an English rock and roll rip off performer. In fact, the music, both popular and Christian, was one of the bonds that united the campers.

In fact, of all the experiences I had at the ranch, where every destination was uphill, no matter where we were headed, the program leaders and the

presentations at Round Up by YoungLife director Steve Chesney were by far my favorite.

I have never heard the Christ story the way Chesney presented it each night. The teen-agers were enthralled by the week's end, with more than 200 making life-changing decisions.

Chesney told the teen-agers that Christ was a volunteer, not a victim, and that the gift of forgiveness is absolutely free. However, choosing to follow Christ will cost everything, he said.

Chesney said God loves each and every one of us, just as we are, not as we want or could be. His delivery of each night's message was punctuated with personal stories and animated speech that drew his listeners into and along for a journey from acceptance of sin and separation from God to salvation through the gift of Jesus Christ.

He spent the entire week getting to know many of the 500-plus campers by name, having conversations and developing relationships. He made a difference with more than one of our campers.

In between lavish meals, Round Up and program, campers were challenged by feats and activities that stretched their courage and perseverance.



Two of my girls, Amy and Cassie, overcame their fear of heights and rappelled from 110 feet. Cassie and Kristina braved the ropes course, which had the girls sailing through the trees like Tarzan on a zip line. Mellodie received a Wingo Award for firing the most people in one day.

YoungLife camp works so well because the events all have an element of surprise. The campers are only told what's occurring within the next few minutes or hours and they greet each day wondering what will happen next.

Unfortunately, as a first time leader, I was equally surprised, and made several mistakes. For instance, there was no maid coming to make up all those beds we slept in, as we discovered our last day when we were handed fresh sheets and told we would be inspected

for our proper use of hospital corners.

It was with tears in our eyes that we left Frontier Ranch and returned to Big Spring July 10. We separated from friends we made from Greenwich, Conn., Atlanta, Ga., Charlotte, N.C., Tennessee and Houston.

And while I might not describe my week at camp as fun — I've never worked so hard in my life — there was no maid service, no room service, no television or radio, no chairs — my week at YoungLife camp was one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences of my life.

Photos and story by Marsha Sturdivant, YoungLife adult volunteer and features editor for the Big Spring Herald. Contact her at 263-7331 or e-mail life@bigspringherald.com.



Amy Smith, above, poses with Billy and Bo Wingo, who are Scott Caldwell and Devon Accardi; and dressed up for one special night are Mike Loftis, left, holding Blaise Warren, Cassie Garcia, Brandon Pierce, Jeremy Mills, Travis Callaway and Kristina Moorhead.



Big Spring campers ready for cabin competition above, are, Matt Warren, left, James Hammonds, Mike Loftis, Jeremy Mills, Brandon Pierce, Travis Callaway, Kristina Moorhead, Amy Smith, Cassie Garcia and Mellodie Williams in front. Travis Callaway, below left, lost a game of farkle to his cabin mates and was saran-wrapped to a frisbee golf tee, and below right, girls in the swimming pool.



## Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lee McFarden

### Harp, McFarden wed

Kimberly June Harp and Steven Lee McFarden, both of San Angelo, were married at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Southland Baptist Church in San Angelo.

The Rev. Kevin McSpadden officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Larry Harp of Odessa and Beverly Harp of San Angelo. She is the granddaughter of Virginia Hartley and the late Jack Hartley of Garden City and Dorothy Harp of Sherman.

The groom is the son of Donnie and Jodi McFarden of Greenwood and the grandson of Mary Evans and the late Joe Don Evans of Greenwood and Jack McFarden and the late Nancy McFarden of Clovis, N.M.

Given in marriage by

her mother and father, the bride wore a gown of white satin with an embroidered organza overlay, designed by Mon Cheri.

It featured a strapless soft sweetheart neckline. The satin bodice was intricately beaded and embroidered with rhinestones, seed pearls and sequins. The defined waist was complimented with an organza, A-line shirt. The back was highlighted with a partial corset that extended to a full cathedral train.

The bouquet was made of more than a dozen white roses with a hint of bright red, pink and orange roses tied with white satin ribbon.

Soloists for the ceremony were Cathy McEntire and Monica Peters. Organist was Diane Deatherage.

Tiffany Walts of Midland served as maid of honor and bridesmaids were Genny Meyer of Lubbock, Christie Dyer of Baird, Lindsay McSpadden of Midland, Lola Fuentes of Rowena, Jamie Bradford, Becca Emert and Kerri Brake, all of San Angelo.

Flower girls were Kayla McFarden of San Angelo and Faithlynn Meyer of Lubbock. Matthew Pando of Arlington served as the ring bearer.

Candle lighters for the ceremony were Misti Batla of Big Spring and Dusti Murphy of Midland.

Lyndal Watkins of Midland served as best man and groomsmen were Evan McFarden of Greenwood, Bruce Evans of Arlington, David Meyer of Lubbock, Bryan Harp, Calef Montes, Angel Valles and Cody Walts, all of Midland.

Ushers for the ceremony were Jimmy Fine of

Midland, Mark Halfmann of Garden City and John Dyer of Baird.

Kimberly is a 1997 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2001 graduate of Angelo State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in education/kinesiology. She is currently pursuing a master's of physical therapy degree and is employed by Shannon Hospital as a fitness specialist.

Steven is a 1998 graduate of Greenwood High School and a 2000 graduate of the Midland Fire Academy. He is currently employed as a firefighter for the city of Midland.

The couple's honeymoon included a seven-night cruise to Key West, Grand Caymen and Cozumel, and a stay at a historical bed and breakfast in Fredericksburg.

They have made their home in Veribest.

### O'Bryan, Brackeen wed

Jennifer Marie O'Bryan and Richard Earl Brackeen II, both of Ingleside, exchanged wedding vows July 16, 2005, in Ingleside with the Rev. Larry Johnson of Bethel Baptist Church officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary O'Bryan of San Angelo and Ms. Nancy Crisp of Menard.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Haire of Ingleside and Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Brackeen of Springbranch. He is the

grandson of Mrs. Alice Churchwell of Big Spring and the late Virgil Churchwell of Big Spring.

Vocalist for the ceremony was Michael Peterson.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an A-Line strapless, McClintok, off-white gown and carried a pink and black hand-tied circle bouquet with pink roses and daisies black and white streamers made by Wanda Rudinger of Big Spring.

Betsy Lipe, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and bridesmaids

were Kristi Wise, and Jacque Ramon, friends of the bride.

Kiley Davis served as flower girl and ring bearers were Trea Brackeen, son of the groom, and Liam Espinosa, son of the bride.

Jonathon Reed, friend of the groom, served as best man and groomsmen were Mickey Amos and Ronnie Crisp, friends of the groom.

Ushers for the ceremony were Brian Rey and Jeff Wright, U.S. Navy servicemen.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Ingleside Beach Club.

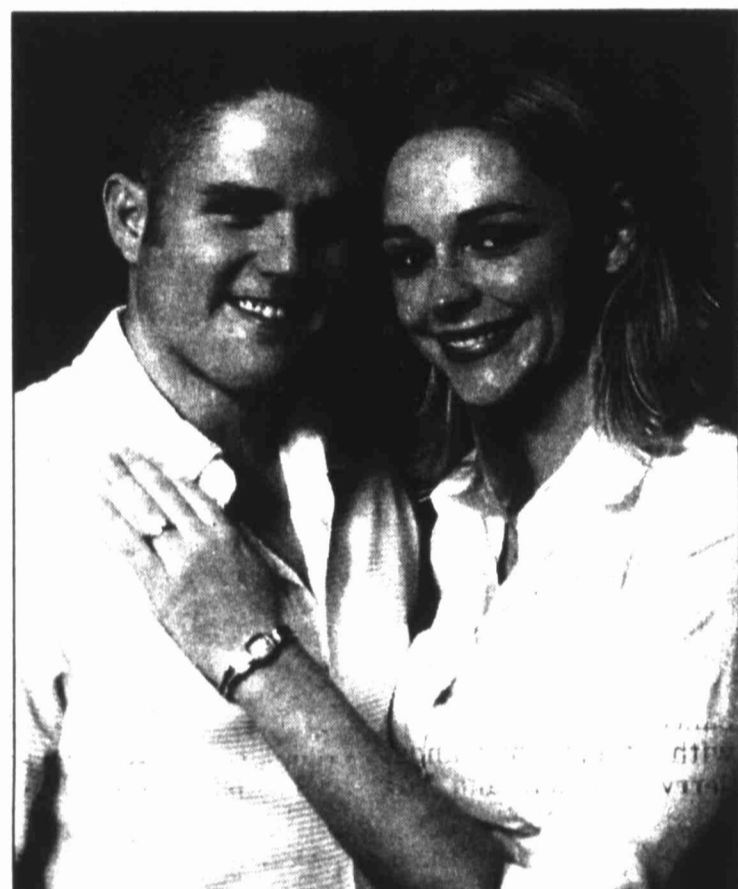
The bride had a three-tiered white Italian cream cake with pink accents with a castle cake topper.

The groom's cake was a 21-inch red fish German chocolate cake.

The bride is 2001 Menard High School graduate and works for the Ingleside Police Department.

The groom is a 1999 Big Spring High School graduate, a Permian Basin Law Enforcement Academy graduate and currently works for the Ingleside Police Department.

The couple reside in Ingleside.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Earl Brackeen II

## Engagement



Seth William Stovall and Megan Marie Earhart

### Earhart, Stovall to wed

Megan Marie Earhart and Seth William Stovall will exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. Aug. 13, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Big Spring. The Rev. Dennis Teeters will officiate.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Dick and Diane Earhart of Big Spring and she is the granddaughter of Dorothy Earhart, also of Big Spring.

The future groom is the son of Gary Stovall of Big Spring and Toni Stovall of Odessa. He is the grandson of Jack and

Dorothy Stovall of Big Spring and Bonnie and Jay Cushing of Saginaw.

Megan is a 2001 graduate of Coahoma. She will graduate in August of 2005 from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin with a degree in child and family studies and will also receive a teacher's certificate. She is currently employed with Permian Pump and Supply of Odessa.

Seth is a 2003 graduate of Coahoma and is attending Midland College. He is currently employed at Trifecta of Odessa.



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Earl Edwards

### Toman, Edwards wed

Betsy Lynn Toman and Jimmy Earl Edwards, both of Big Spring, were married at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2005, at Kokepellis with John Cockerham officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Joe and Lynn Toman of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Joe and Evelyn Toman and Betty and the late Joe Bradle of Ashland, Wis.

The groom is the son of Gary and Devona Edwards of Andrews and the grandson of Dorothy

and the late G.C. Edwards of Ardmore, Okla., and the late Ressie Bridges of Little Rock, Ark.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown with long, sheer sleeves. The gown had a laced back and rhinestones throughout the dress. She carried a beautiful bouquet of a variety of lavender, blue and white.

Brian Michaelz was the vocalist, instrumentalist. Chris Handova was the candle lighter.



Mrs. John Arrick

### Anderson, Arrick wed

Lacey Dawn Anderson of Lubbock and John "Jay" Andrew Arrick of Odessa exchanged wedding vows Saturday, July 9, 2005, at St. Paul the Apostle Chapel in Horseshoe Bay.

She is the daughter of Donny and Lori Anderson of Corpus Christi and Rita Anderson of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Colleen Anderson of Cross Plains and Leta Pruitt and the late Robert Pruitt of Big Spring.

He is the son of John and Sidney Arrick of Odessa and the grandson of Edwinna Carr and the late Fred Carr of Odessa and the late Jewell Arrick of Big Spring.

The bride was given away by her father, Donny Anderson.

The ceremony was performed by Colleen Anderson, the grandmother of the bride. Adrian Calvio of Big Spring was the guitarist and vocalist.

The bride wore a white silk halter dress by Lazaro. She carried a bouquet of white roses and crystals.

Attendants included

matron of honor Janssen Anderson of Mansfield, friend of the bride, Jamie Anderson of Odessa, sister of the groom; Heather Anderson of Portland, Ore., sister of the bride and Brooke Everett of Big Spring, sister of the groom.

The best man was John Arrick of Odessa, father of the groom; Buddy Everett of Big Spring, brother-in-law of the groom, Heath Anderson of Odessa, brother of the bride and Lars Takla of Norway, friend of the groom.

The reception was held at the Horseshoe Bay Resort Marriott Whitewater Gardens.

Lacey is currently working on a master's degree in educational counseling and will graduate in December.

She is currently employed by TD-MHMR in Lubbock.

Jay recently completed his master's degree in finance and is currently employed by Raymond James Financial Services Inc., in Odessa.

After a surprise honeymoon, the couple will reside in Midland.

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## Quinceañera

### Malle Carrasco celebrates

Miss Malle F. Carrasco celebrated her 15th birthday accompanied by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Manuel R. Carrasco, her sister Karla, grandmother Rosa Rivas and close friends and family with a Caribbean cruise visiting Miami, Grand Cayman, Roatan Island, Belize and Cozumel.

Malle joined 24 other birthday girls on the cruise. Her friends Meredith Nieto and her mother, Eve Nieto of Big Spring, Gabriela Bello of Odessa, Laura de Jesus of Dominican Republic, Yeter Reyes, Maria Cid and Grace Martin, along with their families, also joined the celebration.

Before boarding the newest Ship Valor in the Ivanhoe Theater June 27, the girls visited San Antonio, Houston, New Orleans and Tallahassee, Fla., accompanied by Malle's mother, Rina Carrasco.

During the seven-day cruise, they celebrated a

different event daily including games, videos and pictures in different port beaches.

Following a candle lighting ceremony with prayer for each girl celebrating her 15th birthday, they joined the captain for the Grand Gala dance and dinner.

Escorted by her parents, Miss Carrasco wore a full-length, strapless white satin gown beautifully beaded with crystal and pearls. Her hair was adorned with a jeweled tiara embellished with crystal.

After she presented her mother with a beautiful rose, her father pinned her with her first corsage and placed a diamond ring on her finger. She then danced with her dad.

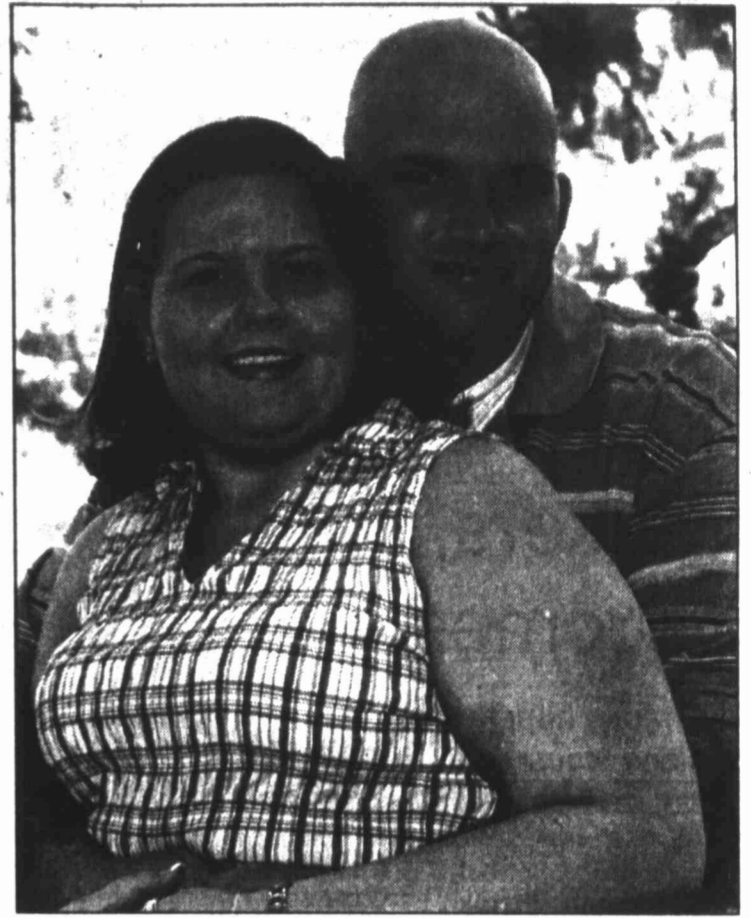
The girls also enjoyed a pageant during the cruise.

Miss Carrasco won Most Beautiful Eyes and her sister, Miss Karla won first place for Miss Hawaiian Petite.



Malle F. Carrasco

## Engagement



Lyndsey Nicole Smith and Joshua Aaron Thomas

### Smith, Thomas to wed

Lyndsey Nicole Smith of Midland and Joshua Aaron Thomas of Harker Heights are announcing their intention to be united in marriage at 7 p.m. July 30, 2005, at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

Lyndsey is the daughter of Lonnie Smith and Carla Smith of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Dorthy and Charles Bailey, the late Wayne Nichols, the late Homer Smith and late Ethel "Jackie" King.

Joshua is the son of Mary Thomas of Harker Heights and the grandson

of the late Marguerite Olive Zink and the late Marion Thomas.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Texas Permian Basin, where she received a bachelor of business administration in management degree.

The future groom has been serving in the United States Army since May of 2001. He is currently stationed at Fort Hood, assigned to the 1st Calvary 13th Signal Battalion.

### Alexander family celebrates

July 2-3 was a reunion for the Alexander family at Marylou and Alva Alexander's house. Seventy-one relatives attended, traveling from New Jersey, California, Florida, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. They gathered in the house and backyard. A 2006 reunion is planned.

## Birthday

### Manuel celebrates 80th birthday

Ruth Manuel recently celebrated her 80th birthday with a weekend of activities shared with family and friends in Arlington.

Family members gathered on the evening of June 24 for swimming and homemade ice-cream at the home of her daughter, Sandra McElreath.

June 25, a birthday dinner was hosted by daughters, Sherry Mitchell and Sandra McElreath, along with their husbands, Jerry Mitchell and HD

McElreath, at Springcreek BBQ in Mansfield for 37 family members and friends.

Five of Mrs. Manuel's six grandchildren and seven of her 13 great-grandchildren were in attendance.

Mrs. Manuel is an active volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and a long-time member of Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring.

She is retired from Energas.

She also has another daughter, Sara Mott of Midland and is the wife of the late Kenneth Manuel.



Ruth Manuel

## Menu

### Spring City Senior Citizens Center

Monday: hamburger steak, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls and fruit.

Tuesday: chicken spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, milk, cake.

Wednesday: beef tips and rice, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, rolls, fruited gelatin.

Thursday: steak fingers, seasoned rice, beans, salad, milk, rolls pie.

Friday: meat loaf, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

## Births



Autumn Skye Holguin

Autumn Skye Holguin, a girl, was born July 3, 2005, at 1:41 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 1/2 inches long.

She is the daughter of Brandi and Ruben Holguin of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Jim and Betty Nelson of Big Spring and Ramon and Sue Holguin of Forsan. Autumn was welcomed home by big brother, Raven.

length. Her parents are Heidi Dotey and Victor Hernandez of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Sharon K. Dotey of Big Spring, Esmeralda Velez of Long Beach, Calif., and Victor Hernandez of San Angelo. Heather was welcomed home by siblings, Alex and Darren James Hernandez.



Christain Andrew Ferguson

John Dee Lawrance Baker Jr., a boy, was born July 3, 2005, at 10:44 weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches in length. His parents are Margarita Muniz and John Baker. His grandparents are Juan and Juanita Muniz and Kenney and Audrey Alfano. His great-grandparents are Cirilda Mata and Fran and Mike Mathie of Big Spring.

Christain Andrew Ferguson, a boy, was born July 1, 2005, at 8:28 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 20 inches in length. He is the son of Donna Ferguson-Rigdon of Big Spring. His grandparents are Frances and the late Austin Ferguson. Christain was welcomed home by siblings Matthew, Trey and Brandi.

Dominic D' Anthony Porter, a boy, was born July 6, 2005, at 3:15 p.m., weighing 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Robin McClinton and Otis Porter of Big Spring. His grandparents are Joe and Debra Wooldridge of Big Spring, Otis Porter of Big Spring and Linda Coleman of Riverside, Calif. Dominic was welcomed home by siblings, Alexis Gaitman and Alexandria Porter.

Heather Hernandez, a girl, was born July 8, 2005, at 8:29 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches in

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# The aging of a workforce

## As more Gen Xers supervise older workers, conflict becomes inevitable

By JORDAN ROBERTSON and BOB MOOS  
The Dallas Morning News

Visitors to Starwood Montessori School in Frisco might mistake 27-year-old Anita Khandpur for one of its energetic, young teachers.

But her youthful appearance belies her credentials. Khandpur is the entrepreneur who founded the school five years ago and now directs its 40-member staff and 300 students.

"The hardest thing about working with so many people and being so young is that you always need to prove yourself," she said. "In my mind, I'm 40."

An axiom of business has been that authority comes with age. But that's changing.

Employees too young for wrinkles or midlife bulges are joining the

management ranks and supervising workers who may have been born decades before them.

Demographics and cost-cutting are at the heart of the role reversal.

As the first of 76 million baby boomers leave the

***It's imperative that companies understand these generational differences so they can be bridged. Businesses that get it will flourish — those that don't will flounder.***

work force, either because they retire or are laid off in favor of younger and cheaper employees, businesses are beginning to stem the brain drain by grooming younger workers for management.

Other boomers have no plans to settle into rocking chairs and are launching second careers. When they do, they may find themselves reporting to someone as young as their children.

"Demographic changes are the biggest employee-relations issue today, and generational issues are very high on the list," said Keith Greene, a spokesman for the Society



Owner Anita Khandpur, left, and teacher Maria Sheikh help students, from left, Dylan Becker and Austin Anderson with their lunches at Starwood Montessori School in Frisco.

for Human Resource Management.

Experts say workplace conflict is almost unavoidable.

"It's going to be hard for older workers to adjust," said Alex Ramsey, president of LodeStar Universal, a Dallas-based management consulting company. "They truck along for years. Then suddenly, someone younger is over them. They worry they'll be tossed aside."

Younger bosses may feel frustrated and anxious.

Many young people are entering the work force with high expectations about how quickly they will reach the top of an organization.

Flush with ambition

and opportunities, some start their own businesses. Others job-hop until they get the promotion they believe they deserve.

When they reach the corner office, they worry older workers won't take them seriously, Ramsey said.

Yet few companies are coaching younger bosses on managing older workers, says Mel Fugate, an assistant professor of management at Southern Methodist University's Cox School of Business.

"They're horribly behind on this," he said.

Fugate teaches professional MBA students in their late 20s and early 30s who are already supervising older work-

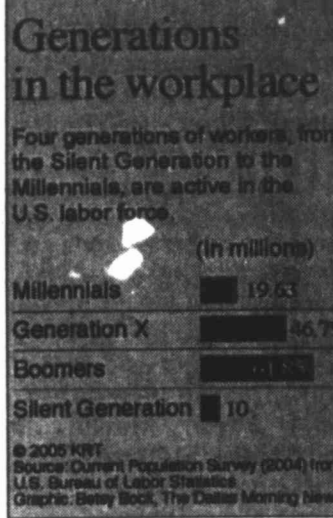
ers. He also speaks from personal experience, having been a manager in his 20s.

"Working for someone younger will become quite common," he said. "The trends are clear."

Experts say some companies shy away from the topic out of concern they'll appear to be discriminating based on age. Other businesses don't see a need yet for formal training programs.

Terry Howard, Texas Instruments' diversity director, said that he sees "more evidence" of younger bosses managing older workers but that it's not a pressing issue at the company.

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generational issues only in casual conversations, he said.

Still, a cottage industry of generational consultants is betting just the opposite.

"This is as white hot as a business topic can get," said Chuck Underwood, president of the Generational Imperative, which counsels companies on managing age differences.

For the first time, he says, four generations are active and critical to the American work force — the Silent Generation (ages 60 to 72), baby boomers (ages 40 to 59), Generation Xers (ages 25 to 39) and Millennials (24 and under).

Each brings its own values to the job that employees need to recognize and account for, he said.

"It's imperative that companies understand these generational differences so they can be bridged," Underwood said. "Businesses that get it will flourish — those

## Miller sworn in as State Bar director

Special to the Herald

Big Spring attorney Robert D. Miller was one of three people sworn in as directors of the State Bar of Texas in Dallas June 23.

Miller will represent District 16 for a three-year term.

He was joined for the ceremony by Elizabeth Rogers, an assistant federal public defender with the Western District of Texas, and Rodolfo Garcia, a retired geologist. Rogers, of Alpine, will represent District 17; Garcia, of Marfa, will serve as a public member. Both will serve three-year terms.

The State Bar of Texas is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of Texas.



Rodolfo (Rudy) Garcia of Marfa, Elizabeth Rogers of Alpine and Bob Miller of Big Spring were sworn in as directors on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors June 23 in Dallas.

## Enron agrees to settle price-gouging claims with three states for \$47.5 million

By JENNIFER COLEMAN  
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Bankrupt energy company Enron Corp. has agreed to pay \$47.5 million in cash in a settlement that could eventually top \$1.5 billion to resolve claims that it gouged California and other western states during the 2000-2001 energy crisis.

The settlement will end market manipulation and price gouging claims against the once high-flying Houston-based company, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said

Friday. The agreement requires approval by the bankruptcy court and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

In addition to the cash payment, Enron will provide California with an unsecured claim for \$875 million in the energy company's bankruptcy proceedings. Oregon and Washington would be entitled to \$22.5 million each from that unsecured settlement.

The settlement also calls for the company to pay a \$600 million penalty to the three states.

All the payments except for the cash settlement

represent unsecured claims, which often generate payments of only a fraction of the face value. The final payment amounts will depend on what is left after Enron's secured creditors are repaid as part of the bankruptcy proceedings.

The deal will allow California to "squeeze justice from this corporate turnip," Lockyer said. "All things considered, this is a good resolution for the state's ratepayers."

The settlement helps Enron move forward to resolve its bankruptcy "so that we can accelerate

distributions to all other creditors," Enron's interim chief executive officer, Stephen Cooper, said in a statement Friday.

About \$65 billion in claims are awaiting settlement in Enron's bankruptcy case, company officials said.

Lockyer has painted Enron as the mastermind of California's energy crisis, which was marked by blackouts and soaring consumer energy prices. He said the company of using trading schemes to drive up the cost of electricity in the state's newly

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## Cooperative Extension to train tomorrow's top agricultural producers

**T**exas Cooperative Extension will lead the team training and mentoring agricultural producers through the Tomorrow's Top Agricultural Producer program.

Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist in San Angelo, said participants will receive business management training, individualized business plans, and follow-up advice and guidance.

"Business succession is a critical issue facing many Texas agricultural operations," Johnson said. "The TTAP program is an ideal approach for producers preparing to take over the reins of a family operation, desiring to improve their business skills, or those relatively new to agriculture. This curriculum is for profit-motivated farmers and ranchers who are career-oriented with less than 10 years of operational experience. Enrollment is limited to 25 operations (maximum of two participants per operation) due to the intensive, hands-on nature of the training."

Extension educators, university instructors and industry professionals will conduct the four, four-day sessions, which will take place over a two-year period. Topics, dates and locations for the courses are: — Basics of Business Management in

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Amarillo, Nov. 15-18;  
— Production and Financial Planning in College Station, Jan. 17-20, 2006;  
— Agricultural Marketing in Dallas, Nov. 14-17, 2006; and  
— Wrap-up and mentor introductions in Kerrville, Jan. 15-17, 2007.

The training is integrated into a complete business plan that graduates can maintain and use to navigate their operations, Johnson said. "What differentiates the TTAP program from other executive training programs is the innovative follow-up program," Johnson said. "After completing the entire training, graduates will be assigned a mentor committee comprised of two experienced agricultural producers and one other agricultural professional. The mentors will provide an objective sounding board to enable graduates to adapt their business plans over time in response to changing conditions and opportunities.

"The interaction between TTAP graduates and mentors will also involve at least one site-visit to the TTAP graduate's operation."

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Saturn visits each sign in the zodiac for a period of over two years and has just arrived in the realm of Leo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll find your way through a sort of maze. You're a bit of a detective and more cleverly observant than anyone around.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your compassion radiates, and you attract all kinds of people who need your help.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Matching your pace to what is going on around you will be your key to success.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). So many people expect wonders from a relationship when the most wonderful thing of all might be just having a relationship in the first place.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Hold on tight! The twists and turns in your personal life put you on a virtual roller coaster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you feel like you're out on a limb by yourself, inch your way back to the tree trunk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There's so much to do, and you're successful at getting it done for one reason: Though you're not sure if it's work or play, you know it's fun.

The chance to transcend social boundaries is featured tonight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're the problem solver of your group. Difficult, complex behavior might be rewarded by difficult, complex people.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Others will be available when you need them most.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you're doing may be unpopular now, but keep believing and moving in the direction of that belief.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your dreams are big, but that doesn't mean you have to overcome crazy odds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships are cyclical. You are coming into a cycle that features new and perhaps very surprising information.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The solar passage from Cancer to Leo on Friday begins an empowering phase.

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